

St. James Lutheran Church

9:00 A.M. Worship Service – 10:30 A.M. Sunday School

The Rev. Darcy M. Reis, Pastor

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April, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year beginning Ash Wednesday and through the season of Lent, we worship without using the word “alleluia” in our services. The following information helps to explain the reason this is done. According to “Frequently Asked Questions: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources*” from the section located on the ELCA Website:

Based on the Hebrew word, *hallelu yah*, meaning “Praise the Lord,” alleluia has been a word of great praise to God in the life of the church and was prominent in early Christian liturgies.

Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent in the Western church, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days. This period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life suggests that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice.

The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. The custom of actually bidding it farewell, however, developed in the Middle Ages. The hymn "Alleluia, song of gladness" (Evangelical Lutheran Worship #318) contains a translation of an 11th century Latin text that compares an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. The text then anticipates the joy of Easter when glad alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor.

Along with a sung farewell to alleluia, some congregations have embraced the practice of physically "burying" the alleluia. A banner or other visual presentation of the alleluia is crafted and then "buried". This ritual practice is can be especially delightful and meaningful for children.

When do we bury the alleluia? Alleluia is appropriately bid farewell on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday (the Transfiguration of Our Lord, also called the last Sunday after the Epiphany in the Lutheran liturgical calendar). This is the last Sunday when alleluia will be used until the Vigil of Easter, or Easter Sunday for those congregations not holding a Vigil. *Revised January 2013 Copyright © 2013 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. www.elca.org/worshipfaq.*

This month, as we continue through the season of Lent and Holy Week 'alleluia-less' I pray that we can all continue with courage and faith the remainder of these 40 days to penitently reflect upon our baptismal faith and life, looking forward with hope and joy for Easter Sunday, April 21st, when we gather to celebrate the risen Christ and our shouts of "alleluia" will reverberate throughout the sanctuary!

Blessings, *Pr. Dee*

THANK YOU and GREAT JOB to the confirmation students and parents who researched and organized the confirmation outreach project! Also, a big thank you to everyone who supported the confirmation class service project in donating items, money, and gift cards for the SPCA. It was a terrific experience to see the congregation respond to this ministry in such a positive way! ~ Pastor Dee

+CHRISTIAN EDUCATION+

**THE ROCK, THE ROAD, AND THE RABBI
Mid-Week Lenten Study**

Wednesday evenings, March 13th – April 10th.

SOUP SUPPER 6:30 p.m. LENTEN STUDY begins at 7:00 p.m.

March 27th – Galilee: Ministry Grounds

April 3 - Mount of Olives: The Triumphal Entry

April 10- Jerusalem: Crucifixion and Resurrection



Sunday School for ALL

continues on Sundays, at 10:30 a.m.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 21st.



BIBLE STUDY will be held on Wednesday morning beginning at 11:00 a.m.

April 3rd, 10th, & 24th

All are welcome to join with us. Hope to see you there.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES at ST. JAMES



April 14th 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

April 18th 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

April 19th 12-3:00 p.m. Good Friday Prayer Vigil

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship



The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 21st

Worship/Holy Communion

9:00 a.m.



Fellowship Time --- No Sunday School

“COMMITTEE NEWS”



St James Lutheran Church Dutch Haven Pie Sale –

Sponsored by Hospitality/Evangelism Comm.

Pies made by Dutch Haven. Sign up on the bulletin board by March 31st to order your pies for Easter. Orders and money are due by March 31st with checks made payable to St. James Lutheran Church. Additional order forms on the table in the social room for outside orders. Please put your name and phone number on the top of the form and return to Cindy Rutkowski or Nancy Laird. Any question please ask Nancy or Cindy. **Let’s see if we can sell 100 or more of these delicious pies.** Pies will be available for pickup at church April 18th or 19th from 5:30pm-6:30pm.



HOSPITALITY/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE and SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE are working together to ‘HAM’ it Up at church on Sunday, April 7th to help York County Food Bank provide 200 Easter meals to those in need in our community. Bring any size **frozen ham** to church on April 7th. Food Bank volunteers will be here to collect the hams that day. Let’s feed 200 families for Easter!

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

AUXILIARY TO SPIRITRUST (LSS) – “In Love We Serve” - Share the riches that the Lord has provided and be a part of this exciting ministry. Renew your membership or join as a new member. Sunday, April 7th through Sunday, May 5th. Each Sunday a member of the Social Ministry Committee will be in the Social Room after the church service to receive or renew your membership. Contributions are appreciated in any dollar amount. Membership drive benefits residents of Kelly and Sprenkle Villages and outreach programs to the York Community.

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Next Sandwich Sale, May 15th
Deadline to order May 5th
Order forms on pamphlet rack.



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2019 Social Hour Hosts

Please help us continue this ENJOYABLE SOCIAL TIME by signing up to host a week or two. Check the Adams Street bulletin board for available dates.



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“GROUP NEWS”

SUNSHINE WORKERS CLASS EVENTS:

Monday, April 1st – 12 Noon – Class Meeting - Social Room.

SUNSHINE WORKERS BREAKFAST

At PANERA - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 11th

Please come out and start your day with us.

SUNSHINE WORKERS continue to sell Weis & Giant Grocery Gift cards each week in the social room during coffee social time. Please stop by and purchase a card or two to use for your weekly groceries, prescriptions or gas purchases.

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS

St. James Seniors will be meeting on **Thursday, April 4th** at 11:30 a.m. in the social room. Bring your own sandwich, dessert & beverage will be provided. The afternoon’s entertainment will be music by Ron & Josie. No dues to pay; we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.

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THE PEACEMAKERS

Quilt making for Lutheran World Relief

Next scheduled workday:

Wednesday, April 10th, 3:00-6:00 P.M. – Social Room

Please contact Sue Martin for additional details.



BREAKFAST BLESSINGS

Saturday: 8:00-9:30 a.m.

May 4th



The Breakfast Blessings continue to serve a hot breakfast to our community on the first Saturday of the month. Our numbers are up and down depending on the weather but we usually average 85 people. Thank you to Weis Market, Sunshine Workers and the congregation for your support. For the month of May we are in need of **body wash, bar soap, men's and women's deodorant, pop tarts** and **individual snack foods**. We also collect non-perishable foods to distribute to a families in need.

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M.O.M's Ministry of Meals – A ministry for those returning home from the hospital, rehab, outpatient surgery, etc., or have had a death in the family, or birth of a new baby, etc. Anyone in need of having a meal provided is asked to please call the church office, 717-854-7198, or Barb Rhodes 717-698-7128.

H When you find yourself in the hospital either unexpectedly or for a planned stay, please let us know by contacting **Pastor Reis at 570-516-4282** the **church office at 717-854-7198**, or Council President, **Rod Drawbaugh, 717-880-8728**. At the present time York Hospital does not have the volunteer staff to contact churches and/or Pastors with member admissions. To ensure that you will receive pastoral care while in any hospital (York, UPMC Memorial, OSS, etc.) we ask that you please inform the church office, the Pastor, or Rod.

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Due to Holy Week and Easter being the week when the newsletter is usually prepared the deadline for the May edition has been moved up a few days. Deadline for submitting articles for inclusion in the MAY NEWSLETTER will be **Wednesday, April 10th**.

TREASURER'S REPORT – February, 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Current Receipts –	\$11,208	\$24,483
Current Expenses	<u>\$18,127</u>	<u>\$37,874</u>
	[-\$6,919]	[-\$13,391]
<i>(Does not include Building Fund.)</i>		
Bene. Receipts	\$ 408.45	\$1,176.45
Bene. Disbursements	\$ 408.45	\$1,176.45

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NICKEL'S THE LAMB – 2019 receipts will be donated to Wellspan Patient Help Fund.

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A SPECIAL LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPE is included in this edition. If you did not receive a Lenten envelope in your Sunday bulletin on March 3rd please use this envelope for your 2019 LENTEN Offering. Church Council has designated offerings received will be donated to the Cancer Care Patient Fund. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate anytime during the Lenten season.

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REMINDER:

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE! St. James is now offering another way to give to your church! If you are interested in participating in this program, you can log on to our church website and click the link for the online giving option and the computer will prompt you for every step of the process. To reduce, but not eliminate, the fees that VANCO charges we encourage you to use checking account withdrawals (ACH) instead of your credit card account (MS). **Not to worry, those who prefer to give their offering to the church using envelopes can still do so.** We are not getting rid of envelopes, just adding another way for people to give to St. James.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!

THANK YOU NOTE as received:

St. James Lutheran Church, Thank you for the flowers. They were beautiful and I enjoyed them. I miss going to church! Again, thanks for the flowers. *Nancy Hoachlander*

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UPCOMING BUS TRIPS:

*Sponsored by Sunshine Workers Class &
St. James Seniors*

Wednesday, May 8th – American Music Theater - \$72.00

“Ovation” a musical journey / lunch at an Amish home

Tuesday, June 4th – Rainbow’s Comedy Playhouse - \$60

“Nana Does Vegas”

Nana is back making costumes for the hottest show in Vegas.

Thursday, June 20th – The Mercersburg Jubilee - \$80

“A spring spectacular and a grand ole summer time show”

Lunch - Keystone Diner for a family style meal

Wednesday, July 24th - Timbers Restaurant & Theater - \$50

“Summer of Song”

Musical revue delights with song, dance, and lively comedy.

Thursday, August 22nd - Mt. Gretna Playhouse – \$55

USO American Heathland Tribute

Today’s top 40, Broadway, Big Band, and some patriotic tunes

Lunch – Hearth Family Restaurant (cost on your own)

For reservations contact Rosemary Rafferty

717-767-2536 or 717-424-1776

**Additional trips and flyers for all
are posted at Adams Street entrance.**

APRIL, 2019



Apr. 02	Scott Hake
Apr. 02	Viola Palmer
Apr. 03	Angelene Myers
Apr. 04	Wes Ashton
Apr. 04	Henrietta Boyer
Apr. 05	Leonard Zemaitis
Apr. 06	Sam Hoover
Apr. 07	John Besore, Jr.
Apr. 08	Julie Reeder
Apr. 09	Ruth Hoover
Apr. 12	Helen Drawbaugh
Apr. 13	Vicki J. Besore
Apr. 13	Michele Cooper
Apr. 13	Joyce Gilbert
Apr. 15	Helen C. Stahley
Apr. 16	Stephanie Laird
Apr. 17	Grace Young
Apr. 18	June Yeager
Apr. 21	Scott Wilhelm
Apr. 22	Cindy Werking
Apr. 24	Sophia Hoover
Apr. 26	Benjamin Brodbeck
Apr. 30	Gloria Marley



CELEBRATING YORK'S UNITY THROUGH 10,000 ACTS OF KINDNESS

Celebrating York's Unity through 10,000 Acts of Kindness will be a multi-cultured, multi-faith, nonpartisan and all-inclusive unity festival celebrating the progress York has made over the past 50 years. The celebration will be held on June 30, 2019, in Penn Park, with one-and a half miles of tables attempting to earn the Guinness book of Records' title for the longest table in the world. Residents will break bread together to celebrate the kindnesses that have been gifted throughout the year and brought us over 10,000 steps closer to full unity.

To be one of 10,000 people seated at the table a person will have performed a recognized act of kindness that benefits others in a meaningful or tangible way. Ten thousand Kindness coins have been minted and will be awarded through local community organizations, faith groups, schools, businesses etc.

You can become a part of the celebration and York's future through your support. Leigh Lauer is a Kindness Ambassador for St. James. Members can email Leigh (leighlauer@gmail.com.) with their name and what act of kindness they performed or tell Cindy Rutkowski at church and she will pass along to Leigh.

Additional information is available by contacting tenthousandactsofkindness@gmail.com



DEFINITION OF AN ACT OF KINDNESS:
A recognized act of kindness is an impulsive or planned action that takes time and effort and benefits others in a meaningful or tangible way.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



This year the Worship and Music Committee is offering tulips to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday April 21st. Please use this order form to purchase a 6" pot of tulips (approx. 5 blooms per pot) in honor or in memory of a loved one. Our florist will be providing a variety of colors but is unable to accept individual orders for specific colors.

DEADLINE for ordering -Sunday, April 7th - \$9.00 each

Please order early, the florist is unable to take any orders after this date!!

Completed order form and payment may be placed in an envelope marked EASTER FLOWERS and put in the offering plate or mailed to church office.

Indicate whether the announcement is:

IN MEMORY OF or **IN HONOR OF**

I desire the announcement to read as follows:

by _____



Flowers may be picked up following the 9:00 A.M. service on Easter Sunday.

NUMBER OF PLANTS _____ @ \$9.00 each = _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: _____

Please return form as is; do not tear in half. Thank you