

# 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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*May 2019*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
I bring you greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior!

If you take a look around various places throughout the church building, you might take notice of the signs recently posted titled, “HOLY MANNERS FOR ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH.” Church council and staff are striving to make St. James an even more welcoming place as we move into our future as a vibrant, compassionate congregation and place of worship. Please take the time to read over them, and, as we work together to live out our calling as children of God, join in with us to continue the ministries of this place for many years to come!

In Christ,  
*Pr. Reis*

## **HOLY MANNERS FOR ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*We believe that these promises will enable us to better serve God, our church family and each other as we practice Holy Manners. The promises to our church family let every person at St. James know what to expect as we are striving to make the following promises a grand reality as God continues to fill us with His Holy Spirit and love in this congregation.*

## **OUR PROMISES TO GOD**

We promise to pray, alone and together, thanking God and asking for God’s help in our lives and in our work for our church.

We promise to seek and follow God’s direction through worship and Bible Study.

**OUR PROMISES TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

We promise to care for, respect, and support every person and ministry of St. James.

We promise to listen with an open, nonjudgmental mind to the words and ideas of congregation members, lay leaders, staff members, the pastor, and people in our community.

We promise to manage conflict in a constructive way, by taking concerns to the appropriate person and encouraging others to do the same, realizing that conflict can be a positive experience when handled respectfully and courteously at all times.

We promise to respect and learn from the past and always move forward in a positive direction.

We promise to practice love and forgiveness.

**OUR PROMISES TO EACH OTHER**

We promise to maintain a “safe place” atmosphere at all times.

We promise to create a caring environment at all times, where people, ideas and opinions are respected, valued and shared, and continual improvement is desired.

As individuals we promise to invest time and energy to find the best solutions.

We promise to explain clearly to people who bring complaints that those complaints need to be directed to the person at issue to avoid becoming a third party.

We promise to accept the fact that disagreements are expected and are to be worked out in conversation with the person(s) with whom we disagree so as to promote a healthy church environment.

We promise to love one another and practice the Fruit of the Spirit.

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**+CHRISTIAN EDUCATION+**

**Sunday School for ALL** through Sunday May 19th, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School discontinued during summer months, will resume on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletins and newsletters for more details.

Hospitality/Evangelism Committee will host a **WELCOME SPRING LUNCH** on May 5<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up sheet is on the Adams Street bulletin board. All are welcome, please sign-up by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**BIBLE STUDY** will be held on the following Wednesday mornings beginning at 11:00 a.m.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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**SOCIAL HOUR – FELLOWSHIP TIME;** May 12<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday for social/coffee time after church. Social time will resume in the fall. A sincere “thank you” to all of the

individuals, families and groups who volunteered to bring goodies and make coffee. Without your willingness to help, we would not be able to offer this enjoyable fellowship time. Watch for a new signup sheet on the Adams Street bulletin board later in the summer so we can resume social time in September.

**Sign-up to Serve for Coffee Fellowship**

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**“COMMITTEE NEWS”**



The Central PA Blood Bank will be here on Saturday, **May 4th from 10:00 am–2:00 pm** for our **spring blood drive**. Sign-up sheets are on the Adams Street bulletin board. Contact Deb Meckley for more information. If you are unable to donate on this date, please contact Apple Hill Blood Donation Center to donate and give the church’s ID #1098 so we can be credited with your donation.

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***LADIES, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!***

Our annual Mother & Daughter Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.** Tickets are on sale in the Social Room each Sunday, until April 28<sup>th</sup>, also available by calling the church office, Sonja Hoke or Nancy Laird.



Adults - \$11.00 - Children (5-10) \$5.00 - Under 5 – FREE

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**FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY**



**Next Sandwich Sale, May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Deadline to order May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Order forms on pamphlet rack.**



**March 13<sup>th</sup> Pretzel Sandwich sale profit and distribution:**

Receipts	\$1,555.75
Ham & Cheese	- 591.30
Pretzels	<u>-328.02</u>
Profit	+636.43
10% to St. James	<u>- 63.43</u>
To be distributed	\$573.00
Health Kit supplies & Shut-in Card Ministry	-\$209.00
St. James Quilters	<u>-\$364.00</u>
Balance	\$ 0

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**“GROUP NEWS”**

**ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS**

St. James Seniors will be meeting on **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. in the social room. Bring your own sandwich, dessert & beverage will be provided. The afternoon’s entertainment will be provided by the York County Gospel Choir. No dues to pay; we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.

**SUNSHINE WORKERS CLASS EVENTS:**

Monday, May 6, 2019, Class Meeting – 12 Noon – Social Room

***SUNSHINE WORKERS BREAKFAST***

*at PANERA - 8:30 a.m.*

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

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.

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**THE PEACEMAKERS**

Quilt making for Lutheran World Relief

Next scheduled workday:

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00-7:30 P.M. – Social Room

Please contact Sue Martin for additional details.



## BREAKFAST BLESSINGS

**Saturdays: 8:00-9:30 a.m.**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>**



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 but we usually average 85 people. Thank you to Weis Market, Sunshine Workers and the congregation for your support. For the months of May & June 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 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.

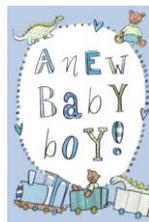
**H** When you find yourself in the hospital either unexpectedly or for a planned stay, please let us know by contacting **Pastor Reis at 570-516-4282 the church office at 717-854-7198**. At the present time our local hospitals do not have the volunteer staff to contact churches and/or Pastors with member 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 Pastor or the church office.

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Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

JUNE – JULY- AUGUST EDITION

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for submitting articles for inclusion in the summer edition of the newsletter. Please submit all information for June, July and August events.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jackie (Scott) & Kyle Ryer on the birth of their son, Nolan Allan Ryer, on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:14 pm., 7 lb 7 oz., 19 -3/4 inches. Proud St. James grandparents are Kelly & Dave Scott, and great-grandparents, Judy & Mike Cooper.

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***IN SYMPATHY:*** *Our Lord says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted,"* [Matthew 5:4], we join in prayer and mourning for the loss of:

***Delores R. Bailey – 3/19/2019***

***Treva Hovis – 4/8/2019***

We keep their loved ones, family, and friends in our prayers and ask that members please update your congregational directories.



We also extend our condolences and sympathy to Steve Ferree at the recent death of his brother, ***Scott Ferree***.

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ON SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup> – we will be honoring those students who will be graduating this year. This includes all levels of education. Please notify the office by May 6<sup>th</sup> with student's full name, school and degree and future plans if available.



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**DAY OF PENTECOST – Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** –

Again this year we will be decorating the sanctuary with red geraniums on the Day of Pentecost. Order forms will be available on the pamphlet rack. At time of printing newsletter florist did not have cost and deadline for ordering available. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT – March 2019**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual Current Receipts –	\$15,600	\$40,083
Actual Current Expenses	<u>\$15,901</u>	<u>\$53,775</u>
	[- \$301]	[-\$13,692]

*(Does not include Building Fund or Lenten Special Envelope receipts)*

Actual Benevolence Receipts        \$ 607        \$1,783

Actual Benevolence Disbursements   \$ 607        \$1,783

*(Transferred \$3,500 from Savings to Checking Account to keep checking account solvent.)*

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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!

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**HAPPY SPRINGTIME (MAY) BIRTHDAY to:**



- May 04        Pat Mummert
- May 04        Karen Snyder
- May 05        Ronald Herman
- May 05        Carolyn Levisky
- May 07        Carol Knaub
- May 11        Ryan Kramer
- May 14        Glenn Shirey, Jr.
- May 16        Madeline Brodbeck
- May 17        David Scott
- May 19        Norma Smith
- May 21        John W. Besore, III,
- May 21        Emory Ferree
- May 21        Alexandria Laird
- May 22        Shirley Neibert
- May 23        Emily Kramer
- May 23        Jan Lehman
- May 24        Dorothy Tyndall
- May 27        Floranna Nicholson
- May 28        William Rice
- May 29        Tracey Bitting
- May 30        Tammy Loucks

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**STAMP OUT HUNGER:** The National Assoc. of Letter Carriers will hold its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Please leave some non-perishable food items at your mailbox that morning. Eighteen York County food pantries will receive this food. Your participation will be appreciated. Thank you!!

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**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**



# **ST. JAMES' ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

The picnic this year will be held at

**Sunset Lane Park Pavilion  
at 12 noon on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Worship Service will be at the church at 9:00 a.m.*

**Enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship!**

Picnic ticket cost is \$8.00 for Chicken BBQ meal and \$4.00 for hot dog meal. Tickets will be on sale in the social room after the service on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. May 26<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day holiday weekend, if you plan to be away, please get your picnic tickets early.

If you'd like to contribute a dessert, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the Adams St. bulletin board.



There will be **BINGO**, so please bring a small bingo gift (about \$3.00).

Any questions, call Nancy Laird at 717.848.5673 or the church office 717.854.7198.



## **UPCOMING BUS TRIPS:**

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

**Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Rainbow’s Comedy Playhouse - \$60  
“Nana Does Vegas”

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

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – The Mercersburg Jubilee - \$80  
“A spring spectacular and a grand ole summer time show”  
Lunch - Keystone Diner for a family style meal

**Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** - Timbers Restaurant & Theater - \$50  
“Summer of Song”

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

**Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Mt. Gretna Playhouse – \$55  
USO American Heartland Tribute

Today’s top 40, Broadway, Big Band, and some patriotic tunes  
Lunch – Hearth Family Restaurant (cost on your own)

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**For reservations contact Rosemary Rafferty  
717-767-2536 or 717-424-1776**

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

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