

# 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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*June, July, August 2019*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*“Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.” (Acts 2:1-4)*

This passage is from the Sunday of Pentecost, which happens 50 days after Easter (June 9<sup>th</sup> this year). Every time I see news reports about communities that experience tornadoes, I think about this verse. Personally I have only experienced the aftermath of tornadoes: seeing the trees down, the pieces of homes/buildings torn from the frame structures etc., the mess of vehicles turned sideways or upside down, yard items and items from inside people’s homes strewn hither and dither. The devastating effects that tornado storms have on people is what makes my heart ache the most. Somehow those people forge on into the future with the memory of that violent storm etched into their very beings.

Similarly, what must it have meant for the people in the scripture passage who experienced *this sound like the rush of violent wind filling the entire house?* Their lives must have changed in both large and small ways because of this experience expressed in scripture. Indeed, the Holy Spirit does find ways of impacting us as well.

How often do we take the time to consider the impact the Holy Spirit has on our lives as it moves in and through us? Sometimes, this happens without our knowing ...much like the breaths we take automatically, without realizing it is happening each moment of our life. Other times, we are aware of the Holy Spirit moving through us in the ministries we carry out, the love we share with others and them with us, and in our worship and fellowship. We are blessed to be in community with one another gathered into one body of Christ, near and far across the globe.

If you are so inclined and would like to donate to the ELCA Disaster Response and want to help bring newness of life to those across the globe who are trying to survive in an area devastated by the powers of tornadoes and/or other natural disasters, here is the information below. Hopefully we can help those folks experience the Holy Spirit in a positive way in their time of great need.

Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:

**ELCA Disaster Response,  
39330 Treasury Center,  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300**

Write "U.S. Severe Storms" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Dee*

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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. Thank you to all who have sponsored flowers for the Pentecost celebration.

**Members are reminded to wear RED  
on the Day of Pentecost–June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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**SOCIAL HOUR – FELLOWSHIP TIME – VOLUNTEERS**

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

Later in the summer please watch for a new signup sheet on the Adams Street bulletin board. Volunteers are needed to host the social hour each week, beginning in September when Sunday School resumes.



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**+CHRISTIAN EDUCATION+**



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

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>**

**August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**Upcoming Activities and Events sponsored by Christian Ed.**

August 25- St. James Family Carnival

September 15- Sunday School Kickoff

October 27- Reformation Faire & skit by Sunday School

December 8- Advent Fair

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**ANNOUNCING ST. JAMES FAMILY CARNIVAL!**



.....Yes, you read that right..... ☺

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**from 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

Family Carnival filled with games, prizes, carnival food/beverages, activities, and LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL!!!

Mark your calendars, look for further updates, and plan to bring a friend!

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**YOU ARE INVITED – Please RSVP by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **Faith Community Breakfast**

### **Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders**

*You are cordially invited to this complimentary breakfast to learn about*

### **Advance Care Planning**

*Honoring health care wishes at the end of life.*

*Wednesday, June 5, 2019*

*8:00-10:00 a.m.*

*Wyndham Garden Hotel,  
2000 Loucks Rd, York, PA 17408*

Faith communities offer a comfortable setting for discussing Advance Care Planning (ACP), which stresses the importance of discussing what kind of care would be wanted (or not wanted) in the face of very serious illness or traumatic injury. Adults of all ages should have this conversation, since none of us know what the future holds.

ACP encourages people to express their wishes for end of life care BEFORE a health crisis. There may come a time when a family and health care team will need to discuss medical interventions for a loved one. If the patient is unable to communicate, how will families know what is wanted? Confusion about a loved one's wishes can result in anxiety and depression, increased grief, conflict and possibly lasting damage to family relations.

*“As faith leaders we are trusted with the most personal and vulnerable information including feelings and questions about dying and death. We can be facilitators for this important conversation.”*

Chaplain Peter Kuhn, Director of  
Spiritual Care & Education, WellSpan Health

All participants will receive a packet of information which includes advance directive forms that can be completed without incurring any expense. This is a free program with no commercial message or intent.

**Register Today:** Please join us for breakfast to learn how an Advance Care Planning program could serve you. Call or email to register:

Deb Gogniat (717) 851-2333 or [dgogniat@wellspan.org](mailto:dgogniat@wellspan.org)

*This breakfast is provided by Your Life Your Wishes Task Force, an initiative of the Healthy York County Coalition, with financial support from the following organizations:*

*AseraCare Hospice  
Hospice & Community Care  
OSS Health  
SpiriTrust Lutheran  
WellSpan Health*

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### **“GROUP NEWS”**

#### **BREAKFAST BLESSINGS**

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

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**



Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. Each month we serve a hot breakfast to approx.100 people. Through the summer months we will be looking for donations of body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, men's and women's deodorant, pop tarts and individual snack items. We also collect non-perishable foods to distribute to families in need.

*Thank you everyone, Breakfast Blessings*

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ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS

St. James Seniors will be meeting in the social room at 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** for lunch, strawberries & ice cream and entertainment. Bring your own sandwich, dessert & beverage will be provided. The afternoon’s entertainment will be the Belmont Theater Group.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** – St. James Seniors Summer Picnic – 11:30 a.m. - social room. Bring a covered dish to share and a “BINGO” prize or two.

No meeting in August.

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**. Corn Roast & “BINGO” beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the social room. Bring a “BINGO” prize or two.

No dues to pay; we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.

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SUNSHINE WORKERS CLASS EVENTS:

**Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Covered Dish Picnic and Class Meeting  
12 Noon – Social Room

NO meeting in July

**Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** – Covered Dish Picnic and Class Meeting  
12 Noon – Social Room

SUNSHINE WORKERS “BINGO” at Kelly – 2PM  
**Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

*SUNSHINE WORKERS BREAKFAST at PANERA - 8:30 a.m.*  
**Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and August 8<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 following worship time. Please stop by and purchase a card or two to use for your weekly groceries, prescriptions or gas purchases.

THE PEACEMAKERS

Quilt making for Lutheran World Relief  
Next scheduled workdays:



**Wednesdays, June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

3:00-7:30 P.M. – Social Room

Please contact Sue Martin for additional details.

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FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY

Next Sandwich Sale, September 18<sup>th</sup>

**Deadline to order September 8<sup>th</sup>**



Order forms will be available on pamphlet rack.

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SEPTEMBER EDITION

Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for submitting articles for inclusion in the September edition of the newsletter. Please submit all information for fall events by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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.



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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**TREASURER'S REPORT – April 2019**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual Current Receipts –	\$16,971	\$57,054
Actual Current Expenses	<u>\$21,087</u>	<u>\$74,862</u>
	[-\$4,116]	[-\$17,808]

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

Actual Benevolence Receipts	\$ 1,014	\$2,797
Actual Benevolence Disbursements	\$ 1,014	\$2,797

*(Transferred \$2,000 from Savings to Checking Account to keep checking account solvent.*

*Year to Date total transfer from Savings to Checking - \$5,500)*

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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!

**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 worship services through Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Any questions or request for tickets, please call Nancy Laird at 717.848.5673 or the church office 717.854.7198.

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).



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**UPCOMING BUS TRIPS:**

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

**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)

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** - Enjoy a day at the 2019 York Fair.  
Bailey bus leaves St. James at 12:45 and returns approx. 5:15 p.m.  
**Free admission – no parking fees.** Cost - \$0.00

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Pines Dinner Theater - \$80  
“CLUE” the musical  
Internationally popular game is now a fun-filled musical. Who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon?  
A hilarious show sure to please everyone.  
Lunch is served at your table – included.

**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - “Jesus” at Sight & Sound - \$80  
Jesus is an action-packed musical stage adventure. A journey alongside the most important person to ever walk the earth.  
**Lunch will be on your own at Cracker Barrel,**  
cost is **not included** with \$80 cost of bus and show.

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

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

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*Allie Laird* recently graduated from Clarion University with a Master’s Degree in Accounting. Since December 2018 Allie has been working as an accountant with Stambaugh Ness Accounting Firm.  
*Congratulations Allie!!!*



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*Tara Reis* recently graduated from Penn State University with 2 degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Tara will be returning to Penn State, Harrisburg, for her Master’s degree in Criminal Justice. *Congratulations, Tara!!!*



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*Bryce Starnner* recently graduated from Penn State, Main Campus, with 3 degrees. He was a triple major and had worked hard to accomplish this goal! He received one degree from the Smeal College of Business in Corporate Innovation/Entrepreneurship and also received 2 degrees from the Liberal Arts College in Spanish and Comparative Literature.



Upon graduation Bryce has embarked on his newest journey of working for the Baltimore Orioles as a Baseball Operations Fellow for the 2019 season. He is currently in the Dominican Republic to help train their Dominican Academy staff on international operations. *Congratulations Bryce!!!*

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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:

***Sara M. Elicker – May 2, 2019***

***Phyllis Markey – May 4, 2019***

***Viola Palmer – May 7, 2019***

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

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**HAPPY SUMMERTIME BIRTHDAY TO:**



- June 01** John Blessing  
Leah Strathmeyer
- June 02 Brady Ross
- June 05 Faith Wittig
- June 07 Cindy Rutkowski
- June 13 Bradley Rinehart
- June 17 Deborah Dar
- June 18 Christle Wittig
- June 19 Robert Koller
- June 20 Michael Boyer
- June 21 James Schroyer
- June 23 Ann Bridge
- June 24 Michael Zinn, Jr.
- June 26 Dorothy Koller
- June 29 Janice Sewell
- June 30 Rodney Drawbaugh
- June 30 Jacob Drawbaugh
- July 03** Chad Starner
- July 04 Barbara Keeney
- July 06 Andrew Kramer
- July 09 Sherri Jennings

**JULY continued**

- July 15 Kenneth Gerrick
- July 15 Bethany Drawbaugh
- July 15 Tim Strathmeyer
- July 17 Jean Ashton
- July 21 Barbara Eline
- July 23 Charlotte Hoke
- July 24 Debra Meckley
- July 24 Donna Orris
- July 24 Colleen Snyder
- July 25 Brandon Sheffer
- July 27 Kelly Scott
- July 28 Matthew Ensor
- July 29 Shirley Trout

- Aug. 02** Mark Hoover
- Aug. 06 Jackie Ryer
- Aug. 09 Michael Cooper
- Aug. 09 Taylor Hoke
- Aug. 09 Linda Kern
- Aug. 11 Ben Hoover
- Aug. 12 Rodney Lentz
- Aug. 13 Lindsey Keeney
- Aug. 13 Richard Laird
- Aug. 14 Natalie Hoke
- Aug. 14 Christine Ross
- Aug. 16 Ava Boyer
- Aug. 17 Jean Wetzel
- Aug. 20 Brendan Ross
- Aug. 21 Anita Ashton
- Aug. 22 Beverly Ensor
- Aug. 29 Scott Rutkowski



# Membership

During the summer months we will continue to work on updating our membership records, correcting, adding or deleting phone numbers, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses etc. Also, at this time we will continue working on eliminating those who have not been active for quite some time.

According to our constitution MEMBERSHIP IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Baptized** members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or affirmation of faith.

**Confirmed** members are persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.

**Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.

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## **INFORMATION NEEDED TO UPDATE RECORDS**

*Please complete, tear off, and return to church office. If you returned your form last year (2018) and information has not changed there is no need to complete and return this year.*

Please complete form below and return to the church office by e-mail, [secretary@stjamesyork.org](mailto:secretary@stjamesyork.org) , regular USPS mail or drop in offering plate or on church office desk.

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#1 NAME \_\_\_\_\_

#2 NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

#1 E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

#2 E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

#1 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL \_\_\_\_\_

#2 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Many have dropped their landline phones and only use cell phones, please let us know if you are no longer using your landline phone.

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Please check:

\_\_\_\_\_ I (WE) HAVE BEEN INACTIVE AND WISH TO  
HAVE NAME(S) REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP LIST.

*Thank you!* 