

# the Spirit of St. James



St. James Lutheran Church, 1101 High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, 19464 • (610) 326-2810 • AUGUST 2011

## OUR MISSION FOR ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

***“We welcome all to receive God's love through Christ and  
to share it with the world.”***

### *Pastor's Message*

Last month the nation celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, or what is also known as 'Independence Day'. It's a day on which we remember the freedoms that we have and to honor those who helped make them possible.

The Christian church, while not marking the day formally, can nonetheless recognize Independence Day for the benefits that such freedoms give to us as followers of Jesus Christ.

I recently read an article about the lack of freedom that many Christians suffer from in China. There, the Communist government says that any religious activity must be authorized or sanctioned by the state. It is an overt combination of church and state that very much works to the *disadvantage* of the church. The government has deemed that churches must adhere to the rules of the State Administration for Religious Affairs, which oversees all state-authorized churches. Churches that refuse to cooperate with those dictates and who pledge their foremost allegiance to Jesus Christ, often suffer hardship and persecution. In fact, some have had their leaders arrested, abused, and held for long periods of time without rights.

So as a leader in a Christian church, I am glad that I live in "the land of the free". For one thing, I don't worry about being arrested or oppressed because of the practice of my religion. When Martin Luther spoke of the 'freedom of a Christian' he said it was not that we are free to do as we please, but that we are free to do as God pleases with the assurance of forgiveness instead of having to fear for our souls when we do not. Yet we only know this 'good news' of the gospel message

because we can gather to receive it and worship freely, without state interference or oppression. So, here in this nation, we are free *both* ways to be Christians. To be free and Christ-like in how we live our lives, but also to be free in how we receive Christ's grace within our churches.

The celebration of our national freedoms may have been a month ago, but it might be wise to give thanks every month (every day) of the year for our freedoms to worship and be Christian where we live. It also might be good if we said prayers now and then for our fellow Christians in lands who do not, as of yet, know such freedom to be for and to worship Jesus Christ.

#### **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Worship

9 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

10 a.m.

Holy Communion  
Weekly



## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday**  
9 a.m. – noon  
**Friday**  
CLOSED

**TELEPHONE**  
610-326-2810

[www.stjamespottstown.org](http://www.stjamespottstown.org)

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## OFFICE NOTES

### **Newsletter Deadline for September 2011 Edition: August 15, 2011**

Article submissions can be sent by e-mail to [newsletterstj@stjamespottstown.org](mailto:newsletterstj@stjamespottstown.org) or placed in the "newsletter" mailbox the Sunday before the deadline. Also please note that articles may be edited for clarity and space conservation.

### **Master Calendar / Room Scheduling**

All room reservations, including committee meetings and private gatherings, should be made with Secretary Pat Baer by calling the office. Please indicate to her any need for room rearrangement (extra chairs, tables) so proper preparations can be made.

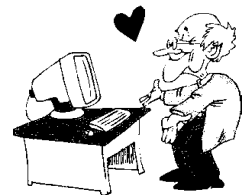
### **Altar Flowers, Eternal Light, Bulletin Sponsorships**

The cost of each sponsorship is \$15 for eternal light, \$30 for altar flowers, and \$15 for bulletins. Cash or check payments can be placed in the offering or turned in to the office. Sign-up sheets are posted in Horn Hall for anyone interested. **Also anyone who sponsors flowers is encouraged to take a vase of flowers with him or her.** Please pick up your flowers after worship in the flower room (located on the right of our worship space.)

### **Useful Information on our Website**

Along with descriptions of our ministry and mission, one can find the following information on our website:

**Weekly announcements** (under News), parts of the **Guide to Daily Prayer** (under the Prayers/Daily Devotions), **Assisting Ministers' Schedule** (under Worship/servants), and the **Newsletter** (under News). Also if you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail instead of U.S. mail, please send an e-mail to [newsletterstj@stjamespottstown.org](mailto:newsletterstj@stjamespottstown.org) requesting the change.



### **Shine On With Hope - Capital Campaign Update (6/2007-6/2011)**

Total cost of improvements- \$855,000  
Funds received in June - \$4,296  
Principal balance - \$292,647.02  
(as of June 28, 2011)

# WORSHIP NOTES

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## Rejoicing Spirits Cookout August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Worship at 7 p.m.

Come join us for food and fellowship as we enjoy time together with members of our Rejoicing Spirits community. We will have hot dogs off the grill, root beer floats and other munchies. **Please sign up in Horn Hall by August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Rejoicing Spirits is dedicated to sharing God's Word and spreading his love to our brothers and sisters with developmental disabilities and it is also open to everyone in the community. If you have not had a chance to come and worship with us, give it a try and see for yourself the love and joy that is shared among all who attend.

## Confirmation Class Starting in September



Suzanne will be starting confirmation classes in September. Classes will **meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** Any parents of children who are entering **sixth grade or older** who want their child to participate in Confirmation Class should notify Suzanne or Pastor Hutchinson so that they may be included in this year's class.

**The confirmation process is a three-year obligation** in which students learn more about the Christian faith through instruction following an outline designed by Martin Luther. It covers study of the Old and New Testaments, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion as well as a look at liturgy and worship throughout the church year. Lots of fun activities are planned for the year!

## Third Sunday Offering

### August Recipient Manatawny Manor

In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries will demonstrate God's command to love thy neighbor through acts of service. Manatawny Manor is a part of Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries and does the following work:

Manatawny Manor offers a range of retirement services such as assisted living, skilled nursing and rehabilitative care. Manatawny Manor also cares for residents with dementia-related illnesses in two secure settings: The Horizons Community in the Assisted Living Center and The Milestones Community in the Nursing Care Center.

The facility also offers Adult Day Services and St. James connections to Manatawny Manor are varied. We have members who currently are residents there. We also have members who are employed there or who volunteer their time to assist and connect with the residents or in the operating of Manatawny Manor.

Your gift will help Manatawny Manor to provide the extras that make life more enjoyable and fulfilling for their residents. Please consider giving this month to our third Sunday offering benefiting Manatawny Manor.

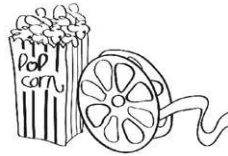
### 2011 Third Sunday Offering Schedule

- AUGUST – Manatawny Manor, Pottstown
- SEPTEMBER – Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia
- OCTOBER – SPCA of Perkiomenville
- NOVEMBER – Operation Holiday
- DECEMBER – ELCA World Hunger

# DISCIPLESHIP and FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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## Movie Night



Once again we will host Summer Movie Nights at St. James. Each week we watch a film and then briefly discuss it afterwards. These are never overtly religious or Christian films, but the idea is for us to look for reflections of God's word, the Jesus story, and acts of faith in 'normal' movies and everyday life.

This year we will be viewing films on **Thursday nights** and show time begins promptly at 6:30. Scheduled dates are: August 4, 11, 18, and 25. As always, popcorn, other snacks and refreshments are provided for free.

Finally, this year's last film (Aug. 25) will be a family night movie and parents with children are invited to attend. The movie lineup is as follows.

**August 4: *GLORY* (1989)** - This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War and this Academy award winning film is based on the true story of an all black war unit who fought admirably and bravely, after overcoming racism and skepticism about their ability to be good soldiers. Matthew Broderick, Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington star in this gritty, yet inspiring film about sacrifice for a greater good. The film is rated 'R' due to some violent battle scenes.

**August 11: *TENDER MERCIES* (1983)** – Filmed in the flatlands of Texas, this beautiful film is beautifully acted and tells a beautiful story. Robert Duvall (in one of his earliest parts) plays an alcoholic former country western singer who crosses paths with a single mother (Tess Harper) and her son. The new encounter causes all of them to reconsider their lives, to seek forgiveness and forget their painful pasts, as they forge new relationships and bonds and their lives move into an uncertain future Duvall writes and sings some really good country music, but you will be more touched by the grace that we see in the story. This film is rated PG.

**August 18: *12 ANGRY MEN* (1957)** – A star-studded cast, led by Henry Fonda, makes for a jury that considers the death penalty for a young man accused of murdering his own father. Each of the jurors has their own biases, indifferences, and even prejudices that affect their consideration of the "facts" in the case. But Fonda leads a lonely crusade for the truth and justice that begins to sway them, one by one. This is a dramatic and often gripping film that is still considered a 'classic' today.

**August 25, *Family Night Film: SHREK* (2001)**– A great film about a smelly and 'unattractive' Ogre who, with his faithful side-kick donkey, rescues a "princess" from a castle guarded by a fire-breathing dragon. But the supposed 'fairy tale' story is turned on its head and the rules of what we've always read and seen of how things turn out in such fables are radically altered. We learn that it's what's inside the heart of someone that matters most. While this film is rated PG, it is full of laughs for adults as well as kids.

## Children Church Leaders Needed

The fall is soon approaching when we will be returning to our normal schedule of two services and Children's Church. With the return of Children's Church in the fall we could use a few more individuals who would be willing to lead our Children's Church during the 10:45 service. **Individuals can either lead our preschool-kindergarten group of children or our elementary children who are in grades 1- 5.**

Children's Church leaders present a brief lesson and lead the children through an activity (game, craft, worksheet, etc.) that reinforces the lesson. Lesson plans and materials are provided. **Leaders teach approximately 6 times a year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Suzanne at 610-326-2810.**

## Salvation Army Community Lunch August 10, 2010



Each second Wednesday of the month a group of volunteers from St. James prepares and serves the community lunch at the Salvation Army. Help is needed at different times between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Contact Jean Drauschak at 610-323-1792.

### Relay For Life

On behalf of the St. James Relay for Life team and auxiliary, I am pleased to report that as of July 15th, we have raised \$13,404. We had very good weather for the entire Relay weekend and raised over \$1000 during that time. The hot air balloon rides, donated by Bob Rheel, were a big part of that money.

We also collectively lost over 90 pounds and as a result of that, our team was credited with \$2281 from corporate sponsors. The Lose for Life event was so successful that they are planning on it for next year, and a healthy eating cookbook is in the works to help us eat better, feel better and raise money, too!

Peanut butter cups and nutrolls combined added up to \$2496.80. The Berks Co. Legion contributed \$400.00 to our team in memory of Barry Trate. Amy and Mike Pence contributed \$150.00 in celebration of their wedding. The team raised over \$2000.00 on their own efforts.

Much gratitude goes to our congregation for your loyal support in this annual event. You all help by buying our delicious foods and baked goods, buying luminaries and raffles. We thank you one and all. Stay tuned for details of our next fundraiser, coming in the fall - a Madison Handbag show - back by popular demand!

Pat Baer

## Blood Pressure Checks

### *Second Sunday of the month*

Stay well! Blood Pressure checks will be on **August 14<sup>th</sup>** after the 9 a.m. service.

## News from the Pottstown Cluster

### Current needs for the clothes closet and housewares include:

- Diapers (sizes 3,4,5)
- Toiletries - personal hygiene wipes, toothbrush toothpaste, soap, deodorants, comb, shampoo/cream rinse
- Cleaning Products: Clothes detergent, dish detergent, toilet cleaners, multi-purpose cleaners (Mr. Clean or Spic/Span)
- Paper Products: paper towels and toilet paper
- WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHING OR HOUSEWARES AT THIS TIME



***The Pottstown Cluster Outreach is now open in their new location.*** Donations for the Cluster can be brought to St. James and placed in the basket by the lower level mailboxes located at the bottom of the stairs closest to the parking lot. Donations can also be taken directly to the Cluster.

### **Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities**

57 North Franklin Street

Pottstown, PA 19464

(610) 970-5995

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday,  
9 AM-12 Noon

## “Shine On With Hope” Update 2010-2011

Support for the capital campaign remained strong during the first year of the continuation campaign “Shine On, With Hope”. When the campaign year began in mid-June of 2010, the principal balance on the loan was approximately \$450,000.00. **Through consistent support of members and a significant testamentary gift, the principal balance stands at \$292,647.02 as of June 28, 2011.** This dramatic reduction in principal translates to eliminating seven years from the pay back term. Steady contributions over the past year and the generous gift from the late Bill Heil (\$100,000.00 applied against the mortgage) demonstrate that the congregation is committed to retiring this debt as soon as possible.

We are grateful to all who made formal commitments to the campaign during the appeal period in September of 2010. We are just as appreciative of those who have supported the campaign either through regular payments or one time gifts. Contributions of all types have made it possible to substantially reduce the debt since the capital campaign began four years ago.

We encourage members to consider including St. James as a beneficiary in their estate plan. There is a variety of ways to make charitable gifts and over the years and St. James has benefited greatly from them. If you have questions about this opportunity please contact the church office.

We also want to thank all congregants who are Thrivent members. The Thrivent Choice program enables these folks to direct fraternal dollars to St. James. In 2011, over \$5,000.00 has been already been received. Consistent with action taken by Church Council a few years ago, all unbudgeted monies that come into the church without a specific designation are applied to the capital campaign. Memorial gifts are also treated this way.

We encourage you to continue your support by using the Shine on With Hope envelopes which are in the pews or by enrolling in the Simply Giving program and allocating a portion of your offering to the “capital campaign.”

The total cost of all the projects included in the capital campaign and the chancel reconfiguration was approximately \$855,000. As a reminder of all of the work that was completed, we have included a summary list of the projects:

Roof (Sanctuary) Replace  
Stone-exterior Pointing Sealing  
Bell Tower  
Roof replacement  
Stone pointing and sealing  
Louvers replacement  
Doors (High Street/Price Street) Panic Hardware  
Sanctuary Repair Plaster  
Paint  
Upgrade Sound System  
New Elevator Add at Rear of Building  
Stained Glass Re-lead Windows as needed Fix  
Wood Frames as needed  
Install Protective Covers  
Parking Lot Remove and replace trees  
Replace lights  
Create planting strip  
Oil Tanks Install New Tanks  
Disable Old Tank  
Office & SS RM New Windows  
Horn Hall A/C Improvements  
Replace lights  
Front Sidewalks Repair Slates and some  
sections of sidewalk  
Chancel-(reconfiguration) Pews re-located  
Baptismal Font relocated  
Woodwork-molding Carpet removed and Floors  
refinished  
Nursery Add Air Conditioning  
Kitchen Replace Refrigerator and Dishwasher  
New hot water heater



If anyone has any questions about the capital campaign, please contact Dave Garner, campaign chairman at [ruren@cavtel.net](mailto:ruren@cavtel.net) or 610-970-7560.

## Grand Piano Fund Gets \$10,000

At the June Council meeting, \$10,000 was given to the grand piano fund. The money, which is from the Bill Heil trust/gift, will help “jump start” the process of purchasing a seven foot Boston grand piano for the church sanctuary. The cost of the piano is \$40,000 and at this point ***we are looking for some major contributors*** who would help get us much closer to the \$40,000 goal, before we start a campaign in the Fall to raise the full amount. ***Please contact Pastor Hutchinson or Bruce Tonkin if you would be able to help us get over the halfway mark and give a substantial monetary gift towards the piano.***

Our present baby grand piano in the Chancel, is a 5’ 2” piano, meant for home use and would not provide the adequate sound needed to fill the sanctuary and support congregational singing. This piano will be used downstairs in the large room for the Children’s Choirs and other activities. The upright piano (in the blue room) will be moved to Horn Hall, and the brown upright in front of the sanctuary may be moved to the chancel area for the choir.

The main reasons for the grand piano are:

1. The 7’ Boston grand piano is being recommended because it will provide the maximum support for congregational singing. The entire worship space would be filled with a full sound that would carry to the back of the sanctuary so everyone could hear and be encouraged to sing out more.
2. The grand piano gives us the opportunity to teach new “upbeat” hymns and liturgy that need the piano sound to emphasize the rhythm and the style of the music (this is difficult to do on the organ). The placement of the piano on the front right-hand side of the sanctuary makes it easier to teach new music and encourage singing, since it is close to people and allows the sound to carry throughout the sanctuary.

3. The grand piano adds a new dynamic to the worship service and gives us a different sound and style for hymns, liturgy and preludes. It would add a nice contrast to the organ sound, which is used almost all the time and would help the flow of the Service by using the piano instead of the organ for some of our music.

4. Since there are more families with young children, who may be familiar with and may feel a closer connection with the sound of a piano rather than an organ, it is important for us to have an instrument that would help build upon this connection, so it may give these families a better understanding of how the music relates to the worship service and to the theme of the day.

Music plays a vital role in the Lutheran worship service. It is our hope that this new instrument will be used to the glory of God as it enhances our worship service through diverse musical styles and keeps our traditional worship format fresh and uplifting. Any further questions or comments, please talk to Bruce or Pastor.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Bruce

## BINGO Survey Update

As a result of surveying the congregation (through email and paper forms) we have found that there is insufficient support to begin a bingo program to help raise funds to pay off what is still owed for our Capital Campaign of a few years ago.

We appreciate all who have helped to reduce that debt so far, and still welcome any other creative ideas to move us further in that direction.

In the meanwhile, thank you for your continued support to alleviate that debt.

## Ministries Needing Some Attention

**Thank you** to all who have responded that they would like to help with the following ministries: **We are still looking** for some individuals to help form teams around these ministries or to take responsibility for them. Please let Pastor or Suzanne know of your interest by contacting them at 610-326-2810 or [pastorh@stjamespottstown.org](mailto:pastorh@stjamespottstown.org) or [srigg@stjamespottstown.org](mailto:srigg@stjamespottstown.org).

**Coffee Fellowship** – Prepare a schedule assigning individuals responsible for providing hospitality for Sunday morning fellowship.

**CROP Walk** – Organize St. James' involvement in the Pottstown CROP WALK which helps raise money to stop hunger here in our community, and around the world.

**Cluster Delivery Team** – Prepare a monthly schedule assigning individuals to deliver food and other items to the Cluster Outreach Center.

**Rejoicing Spirits Worship Team** – Aid in the organizing and planning of our monthly worship service for individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Christmas Angel Tree Program**-- Help organize St. James' participation in the annual Christmas Angel Program sponsored by The Pottstown Salvation Army. St. James members purchase gifts for local children to make their Christmas more special.

**Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins** Help spread some holiday cheer by organizing Christmas caroling to the shut-in members.

**Easter Pot Luck Breakfast** – Help organize this annual favorite of providing a potluck breakfast on Easter Sunday.

**Fair Trade Items** - Maintain our fair trade display to advocate and promote fair trade and promote it to the congregation.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – Organize St. James' involvement in helping the Salvation Army holiday bell ringing and bucket collection.

**Welcome/Information Table** - Help welcome and greet newcomers and visitors before and after worship and assist them with any questions and pass out information on St. James. And help people sign up for events.

**Media Team** - Help with the current ways St. James communicates who we are and what we do through printed media and electronic media (such as the newsletter, the website, e-mail and photography), but also to help us make use of video and social media outlets, such as Facebook or YouTube.



### **FAIR TRADE at St. James Taste and Learn Sunday, August 28, 2011**

Refresh yourself with sweet, mellow, fairly traded organic mint green tea by stopping by the Welcome/Information Table in Horn Hall during coffee fellowship on Sunday, August 28 to **sample Moroccan Mint Iced Tea.**

While you are there you can **watch a video** to watch what it takes to create a great cup of Fair Trade Coffee and pick up literature on the importance of supporting fair trade. By using fair trade coffee and other products, Lutherans help farmers earn the income they need to feed their families, educate their children, seek medical care and improve their communities.

Organic mint green tea and other **fairly traded items will be available to purchase.** Come check it out and see how your morning cup of coffee can really make a difference.

**MUHLENBERG 300th CELEBRATION  
At Augustus Lutheran Church**

September 6, 2011, will mark the 300th anniversary of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's birth. A German immigrant and Lutheran minister, Muhlenberg resided in Trappe for much of his life, and is known as the Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America.

Augustus Lutheran Church, as one of the original congregations to call Henry Melchior Muhlenberg to America, is commemorating this occasion with a yearlong series of special events. Additional activities, including plays, concerts, and lectures, will be added to the calendar as soon as they have been confirmed.

Please join us in celebrating Muhlenberg's life, work, and legacy!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
September 2011**

***Saturday, September 10: Old Church  
Tours***

Tours of the historic Old Trappe Church and Cemetery, including Muhlenberg's final resting place, will be offered. Tours will run in parallel with Trappe Community Day at Waterworks Park, organized by the Borough of Trappe.

***Sunday, September 11: Muhlenberg  
Birthday Service***

Dr. Philip Krey from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia will join Pastor Weleck in officiating this special service commemorating the 300th anniversary of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's birth. Refreshments will be served following the service.

***Saturday, September 17: Old Church Tours***

Tours of the historic Old Trappe Church and Cemetery, including Muhlenberg's final resting place, will be offered. Tours will run in parallel with Heritage Day, sponsored by the Historical Society of Trappe.

***Saturday, September 24: Oktoberfest &  
Muhlenberg Festival***

An annual Augustus tradition will be expanded to include children's games, inflatable rides, period crafters, raffles, German music and food, minstrel singers, and tours of the Historic Old Trappe Church. A fun time for the entire family!

For additional information about these and other events marking the 300th anniversary of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's birth, please contact the organizations listed below:

**Augustus Lutheran Church:** visit  
[www.oldaugustus.org](http://www.oldaugustus.org) or call 610-489-9625

**The Henry Muhlenberg House,** operated by the Historical Society of Trappe: visit  
[www.trappehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.trappehistoricalsociety.org)  
or call 610-489-7560

**The Speaker's House,** home of Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg: visit  
[www.speakershouse.org](http://www.speakershouse.org) or call 610-489-2105

**Berman Museum of Art:** visit  
[www.ursinus.edu/berman](http://www.ursinus.edu/berman) or call 610-409-3500

**Trappe Borough:** visit [www.trappeborough.com](http://www.trappeborough.com)  
or call 610-489-7181

**Lutheran Theological Seminary in  
Philadelphia:** visit [www.ltsp.edu/muhjenberg300](http://www.ltsp.edu/muhjenberg300)  
Or call 215-248-4616

**Muhlenberg College:** visit [www.muhlenberg.edu](http://www.muhlenberg.edu)  
or call 484-664-3100

# MEMBER NEWS

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## August Birthdays

2- Conner Horger; 4 – Warren Emery, Judy Kochel; 7- Melissa Taylor; 8- Ava Fusco; 10 – Kyle Kirsten, Michele Horger; 12 – Paul Eshbach; 13 – Dave Brewer, Taylor Rothenberger, Scott Strichik; 15 – Aaron Hoehne, Hank Hoehne, Josephine O’Neill, Alyson Taylor; 16 – Eleanor Hetrick, Cassandra Groff, Isabel DuBois, Carsen Suchta, Ron Schafer; 19 – Deb Geesey, Bob Yoder; 20 – Ruth Neiffer; 21 – Jackie Klaus; 22 – William Degler, Donald Erb, Ryan Hall; 23 – Cheryl Detweiler; 24 – Alisha Sandoe; 26 – Eva Kehler; 28 – Michele Hoffman, David Rothenberger; 29 – Chad Widmann; 30 – Rick Geesey, Noelle Hartzman; 31 – Herbert Kenney

*Happy belated birthday to **Doris Saltzer** who’s birthday was missed in July. Her birthday was July 16.*

## Baptism

We welcome to the Lord’s family:  
**Riley Dallas-Lawrence Kehler and Madison Marie-Eva Kehler**, son and daughter of Paula and Charles Kehler.

## YARN NEEDED

Donations of any kind of yarn are needed to make 50 lap blankets for the residents at Colonnade Senior Living. A collection box will be in Horn Hall to collect the yarn donations. If you have questions, please see Annette Renn or call her at 610-970-7499.

## Thank You Notes

Dear Pastor Hutchinson, Suzanne, and my Saint James Family,  
Thank you everyone for my wonderful confirmation day! I am truly blessed to be a part of such a caring establishment! Also thank you for the beautiful cake and confirmation gifts.  
Love always,  
*Emily Weaver*

To the congregation of St. James Lutheran Church:  
Thank you so much for recognizing me for my 25 years of service as an Associate in Ministry in the ELCA at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Worship Service. I am very thankful to be here as your Director of Music Ministries and look forward to our future musical experiences in worship and at concerts. I certainly want to express my thanks for the gift certificate to our favorite nursery and to one of our favorite restaurants – how very thoughtful. Your kindness is appreciated!  
Sincerely,  
*Bruce*

Thank you everyone for the flowers, cards, visits, and prayers during my hospitalization and therapy following my resent surgery. My new knee feels pretty good and I hope to be out and about in a few more weeks.  
*Jeanette Wert*

Dear Pastor and congregation,  
Thank you for being a part of and making Tyler's Baptism such a wonderful event. Our family and friends could not tell us enough how impressed they were with the service and everyone around them. We are truly blessed to be part of St. James.  
*Kim, Caleb and Tyler Weaner*

# COUNCIL NOTES

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## Council Member Contact

If at any time you have a question, concern, or suggestion that might help the church, contact one of the following elected Council members.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Jun-11</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
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Income	\$22,245.24	\$137,759.49
Expenses	<u>30,301.05</u>	<u>159,473.80</u>
Net Income	(\$8,055.81)	(\$21,714.31)
<b><u>Regular Envelopes</u></b>		
Received	\$20,091.50	\$105,335.00
Needed*	<u>20,244.01</u>	<u>121,464.44</u>
Over (Under)	(\$152.51)	(\$16,129.44)
<b><u>Third Sunday Offering</u></b>		
		Volunteer Home Care
Collected	\$409.00	
<b><u>Capital Campaign</u></b>		
		<u>Total Campaign</u>
Income	<u>Jun-2011</u>	\$529,158.44
Principle	\$4,296.00	
Owed	\$292,647.02	as of 6/28/11

\*Amount required to balance the budget.

*Worship  
is the correct  
response to the  
presence of God.*

## Assisting Ministers' Schedule

*A reminder: If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute.  
Then call the office to let Suzanne know so that the correct names are in the bulletin.*

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ACOLYTE:** Jeremy Wagner

**SOUNDBOARD:** Glenn Yerger

**LECTOR:** Laurie O'Connell

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Willard Bickel

**CHALICE BEARERS:** Charles and Immy Moore

**USHERS:** Anita & Terry Arner and Peggy & Hans Thomsen

**GREETERS:** Delores Mauger, Gloria Skora, Donna Rose

**WELCOME CENTER:** Sara Jane Silver

**MONDAY COUNTERS:** Pat Baer\*, Sara Jane Silver, Barb Ungerman, Mary Vickerman

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Debbie Hutchinson and Tracie Rheel

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ACOLYTE:** Hailey Krasley

**SOUNDBOARD:** Glenn Yerger

**LECTOR:** Leslie Stott

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** David Hartzman

**CHALICE BEARERS:** Larry Wert and Nancy Bergstresser

**USHERS:** Mike & Janis Lunn and Robert & Mindy DuVal

**GREETERS:** Fay Saylor, Ellen Jameson, Mindy Catagnus

**WELCOME CENTER:** Janis and Mike Lunn

**COUNTERS:** Hans Thomsen\*, Ron and Grace Schafer, Melinda Mace

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Nancy and David Garner

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ACOLYTE:** Lara Goins

**SOUNDBOARD:** Glenn Yerger

**LECTOR:** Betty Johnson

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Cyndi Krasley

**CHALICE BEARERS:** Rob Krasley and Debbie Hutchinson

**USHERS:** Charles & Immy Moore and Sandra & Paul Eshbach

**GREETERS:** Marge McElroy, Barbara & David Updegrove

**WELCOME CENTER:** Sara Jane Silver

**COUNTERS:** Tracie Rheel\*, Olga Christman, Dottie Smith, Sandy Meadowcroft

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Pat Baer and Fay Saylor

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ACOLYTE:** Megan Mace

**SOUNDBOARD:** Glenn Yerger

**LECTOR:** Drew Taylor

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** David Garner

**CHALICE BEARERS:** Leslie Stott and Pat Baer

**USHERS:** Bob and Donna Yoder, Bob Rheel, Debbie Fisher

**GREETERS:** Ruby Starling, Pat Weber, Jane Trate

**WELCOME CENTER:** Ellen and Bob Ibach

**COUNTERS:** Cindy Kehler\*, Dave Hartzman, Julie Hauck, Pat Weber

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Ron and Grace Schafer

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ACOLYTE:** Nathan Strichik

**SOUNDBOARD:** Glenn Yerger

**LECTOR:** Ron Schafer

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Suzanne Rigg

**CHALICE BEARERS:** Dottie Smith and Melinda Mace

**USHERS:** Ted Baer, Mike Mace, Sara Jane Silver, Dave French

**GREETERS:** Debbie Fisher, Marge Fegley, Merle Pace

**WELCOME CENTER:** Mike and Janis Lunn

**COUNTERS:** Hans Thomsen\*, Ron and Grace Schafer, Melinda Mace

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** TBD

**August Altar Guild:** Margaret Bickel\*, Millie Casner

**September Altar Guild:** Deb Geesey\*, Rick Geesey, Tracy Lapreziosa and Gladys Evans

**THANK YOU**

# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Senior Vacation Bible School – 9:30 a.m. – Noon followed by lunch.					
	7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR		6:30 pm – Movie Night – Blue Room		
7 8 Pentecost	8	9	10	11	12	13
7 pm – A.A.	9:30 am – CWU - BR 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR	Community Meal at Salvation Army 6 pm – RS Cookout 7 pm –Rejoicing Spirits	6:30 p.m. – Movie Night - BR	8 am - Men’s Bible Study – BR	9:00 am – Noon Property Committee Work Day
14 9 Pentecost <i>Blood Pressure Checks</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
Horn Hall Rented 2-4 pm 7 pm – A.A.	Newsletter Deadline Community Meal at Christ Episcopal 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR	9:30 a.m.-Mom’s Club – HH 7 p.m. - Council - BR	6:30 p.m. – Movie Night - BR	8 am - Men’s Bible Study – BR	Horn Hall Rented 2-4 pm
21 10 Pentecost <i>Third Sunday Offering</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
7 pm – A.A.	7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR		6:30 p.m. – Movie Night - BR	8 am - Men’s Bible Study – BR	Wedding 2 pm
28 11 Pentecost	29	30	31	<b><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></b> Worship at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion		
7 pm – A.A.	7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR				