

the Spirit of St. James



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OUR MISSION FOR ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Sunday Schedule

Worship

8 and 10:45 a.m.

* One worship on October 25 at 10 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

9 a.m.

Adult Education Classes

9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

10 a.m.

Children's Church

10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion Weekly



OFFICE HOURS

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

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OFFICE NOTES

Newsletter Deadline for November 2009 Edition: October 15, 2009

Article submissions can be sent by e-mail to 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 Suzanne 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. Sign up sheets are posted in Horn Hall for anyone interested. Envelopes are available in Horn Hall on the resource table. Cash or check payment can be placed in offering or turned in to the office.



New Secretary

St. James recently hired a new secretary! Her name is **Karen Orchard**. She has considerable clerical/office management experience prior to coming to be with us. Karen is a relatively new resident of Pottstown and lives in the Rosedale section with husband, David. She is active in her church and participates in helping the Cluster and community meals, as well as other areas of the community.

She is very happy to be with us and to greet and meet you when you call or come to the office. Please greet her with a gracious St. James welcome when you see or speak to her. **Her office hours will be Monday through Thursday, from 9 AM until noon.**

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

It's pretty obvious to all pastors that lots of Christian folks think there are better things to do on a Sunday morning than come to worship God. So it wouldn't surprise me if you also have something better to do on Sundays in October than come to the adult class offered in the Blue Room in the 9:30 to 10:30 time between our two worship services.

In the next few weeks ahead I will be showing a video by Walter Wangerin, Jr., the famous Lutheran pastor and award winning author of thirty-five books. And maybe you have something better to do than listen to him (and others) as he speaks of his own experience of living with life-threatening cancer for the last several years; to hear him speak from the heart about how cancer has changed his life and how his faith has sustained him and enabled him to meet death itself.

Maybe you have something better to do than take part in the discussion that follows the video presentation each week about how a Christian person can look forward to the world to come without dismissing our responsibilities here and now to those around us. As Wangerin says *"You and I sooner or later are going to experience what comes to all people, we are going to experience dying. But there is a difference between us and the world – the world looks away from that fact and tries to hide it as much as possible – but we as faithful people have the power and ability to look death straight in the eye and understand it"*.

The month of October includes a Sunday that honors the Gospel writer named Luke, who recorded much of what Jesus did in terms of healing. One of the primary things that we need healing for is our dealing with death....both our own and that of loved ones. So as I said, maybe you have something better to do than come to this presentation and discussion (and I realize that some people DO). But for most of us,...I doubt it.

PASTOR

Bible Study



with Pastor

Bible Study will continue on **Tuesday nights 7 p.m. at St. James** and **Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. at Sanatoga Ridge Retirement Community**.

The bible study will be on the Gospel of Luke and aspects of healing that are part of Jesus' ministry within that book. This seemed an appropriate topic since the feast of St. Luke ("the physician") is on Sunday, October 18. All are invited and encouraged to invite others to attend!

WORSHIP NOTES



The Next Rejoicing Spirits worship at St. James will be **Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. Pre-worship music begins at 6:55 p.m.** We will be learning some new music this month. All are welcome!

Remember that even though Rejoicing Spirits is dedicated to sharing God's Word and spreading his love to our brothers and sisters with developmental disabilities 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.



Feast of St. Luke October 18, 2009

In recognition of the Feast of St. Luke ("the physician") Day, on Sunday, October 18th, we **will have a short healing service at the conclusion of both worship services** on that day. Worshippers who would like to stay for a quiet time of prayer for healing for themselves and/or others in need of healing will be invited to remain in the Sanctuary.

Please remember that healing is not restricted to only physical, but also mental, emotional and spiritual needs as well. Others who do not wish to participate may leave at the end of the regular worship service that day.



Reformation Sunday October 25

One Worship Time
10 a.m.

*German-Style Potluck Dinner
following worship*

Every year, in Lutheran churches across the land, the last Sunday of October is marked and celebrated as Reformation Sunday. This is done to honor and remember when Martin Luther posted his arguments against the Church of Rome at the time (The 95 Theses they were called).

To help us celebrate that day, we will once again have one worship service at 10:00 AM. We will have some special music that day and some other exciting things are being planned to make this a special day.

After worship we invite everyone to come and dine together at a German-style Potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring in their favorite or best German dish (other types of food are also welcomed to make the meal excellent and filling!) **Please sign up in Horn Hall if you plan to attend the potluck dinner** so we can plan for the meal. **If you can help with the set up or clean up**, please let Suzanne by contacting her at 610-326-2810 or srigg@stjamespottstown.org.



Come and enjoy a time of meaningful worship and fun fellowship for all and don't forget to wear red, the liturgical color of the day!

Reformation/Lutheran Trivia Contest

On the Sundays preceding Reformation Sunday you will have a chance to play Reformation/Lutheran Trivia. Each week there will be a new question to answer. On Reformation Sunday we will announce the winners. Prizes include being first in line for the German-Style Potluck Dinner buffet and other small surprises. Contest begins October 4.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities

Starting on September 13, 2009 there will be two adult education opportunities on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Walter Wangerin Video - Pastor Hutchinson will be showing and discussing a video by Walter Wangerin, Jr., the famous Lutheran pastor and award winning author of thirty-five books. Wangerin speaks of his own experience of living with life-threatening cancer for the last several years. He speaks from the heart about how cancer has changed his life and how his faith has sustained him and enabled him to meet death itself. This class begins on October 4, 2009 in the Blue Room.

Seasons of the Spirit – This is a lectionary-based Bible study that shapes and transforms lives. Each week as a class the group will take an in-depth look at the Bible readings heard that week in worship while discovering and learning to share God's Word. The class teaches, inspires and involves its members in prayer and spiritual growth. The class will meet weekly in the Adult Study classroom on the ground floor. Individuals can join this class anytime throughout the year.

St. Gabriel's Labyrinth

St Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Douglassville (1180 Franklin Highway) has a labyrinth available to anyone who would like to use it. A labyrinth is a prayer path where one can do a walking meditation. There is no fee to use their labyrinth and it is open all the time. Parking is available in the grassy field in front of the labyrinth.



Third Sunday Offering OCTOBER Recipient The Cluster Outreach Center

This month's Third Sunday Offering will benefit the Cluster Outreach Center. The Cluster Outreach Center is a ministry of The Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, which represents over 60 congregations in an interfaith effort to provide for the needs of the community. The Outreach Center is a tangible expression of God's love in our world today.

The Cluster Outreach is blessed with abundant donations of food, clothing and household items from many benefactors. However, as with many non-profit organizations it feels the crunch when it comes to financial contributions. Without the financial support of the faith communities of Pottstown their mission of providing for the needy in the Greater Pottstown area would not be possible. Please consider giving to this month's third Sunday offering to support The Cluster.

Third Sunday Offering Schedule
NOVEMBER – Homeless Ministries
DECEMBER - ELCA World Hunger

Women of the ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference

Bible Study

The next WELCA Upper Montgomery Conference Bible Study will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, Limerick, on **Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 10 a.m. with coffee at 9:30.** The leader will be Bobbi Hoffman presenting *The Obedience of Faith*.

The November Bible Study will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Pottstown, on **Tuesday, November 3, 2009**, with Kitty Pell presenting *Hope Does Not Disappoint*.

All women are invited to participate in these Bible Studies based on the theme *To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans*. Study materials are found in Lutheran Women Today magazine. Subscriptions are available for \$12 per year. This is the 25th year of meeting and sharing together. Bring your friends. We welcome inter-denominational viewpoints. If you would like to attend, please contact Grace Schafer or Mary Arnt for carpooling.

Fall Gathering



Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 9 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
3104 Main Street, Sumneystown, PA

Theme: Matthew 28:18-20 – "Mission, Ministry, Mentoring, Message"

Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Program: The Mustard Seed Puppeteers from Jerusalem Church

Coffee and breakfast goodies will be available. Bring canned goods for Jerusalem's Lutheran food pantry.

Lutheran Charities and the United Way

It's time for the United Way fall campaign. If you contribute to the United Way you can specify you support to Lutheran Charities or one of the specific agencies that belong to Lutheran Charities. Below are donor choice numbers for each:

Lutheran Charities United Way Donor Choice #00390

KenCrest Centers #00839

Artman Lutheran Home #00514

Lutheran Settlement House #00079

Silver Springs-Martin Luther School #03544

Mary J. Drexel Home #00617

Paul's Run Retirement Center #02628

Manatawny Manor #00390

Lutheran & Children Family Service #04020

SNOW WHITE – On Stage in Trappe

Family Stages will present three performances of ***Snow White*** at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe on Sunday, October 4 (2:00 PM) and Monday and Tuesday, October 5 & 6 (10:00 AM) Two actors play all the characters in this fun-filled version designed for family audiences of all ages. Tickets are \$8. They can be reserved by calling 215-886-9341 or online at www.familystages.org. The email address is duetpros@aol.com. Group rates are available.

Augustus Lutheran Church is located at 717 Main St. (Ridge Pike) Trappe, PA 19426.

Family Stages will return to Trappe with Little Goldie and the 3 Riding Bears in February and *Puss in Boots* in March.

DISCIPLESHIP and FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Blessing of the Animals October 4, 2009



In celebration of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of the animals at the home of Ted and Pat Baer on Rambler Avenue, across from the church parking lot, on **Sunday, October 4, at 2 p.m.** You are welcome to bring pets and animals of all sizes and varieties to receive a blessing.

WELCA Rummage Sale

The **WELCA FALL Rummage Sale** here at the "Red Door Boutique" is coming **October 5th and 6th** so get ready now!!! Have your **CLEAN**, ready-to-use items gathered to **bring to the church on Sunday, October 4th**. Place them in Horn Hall, in the marked area, and plan to shop!!

Remember, as you clean and gather your special items, if there are tags or tickets still attached, do **NOT** remove those! It's helpful if you place those items in a separate bag. We add these new tagged items to our annual In-Gathering.

Shopping for St. James members will be Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. The sale opens for the public Tuesday from 9 to noon and then 12:30 to 1:30.

Tell your friends about this event! They, in turn, tell all their friends and co-workers they shop at the "Red Door Boutique" and find **WONDERFUL** items two times a year!!



Blood Pressure Checks *Now on the Second Sunday of the month*

Stay well! Blood Pressure checks will be on **October 11th** after both services.

Salvation Army Community Lunch

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.

Community Meal

This month, volunteers are needed on **October 22nd** to provide desserts, cook, set up and clean up. For more information, please call Susan Cameron at 610-718-9926.

Spaghetti Dinner November 6, 2009

Mark your calendar. The next great spaghetti dinner has been set for **Friday, November 6**. We will again be in Horn Hall from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The price remains at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Children under 2 are free. **Tickets will be on sale starting October 18th** after each service. Please see Ted Baer or other sales people. Matching funds will again be provided by Upper Montgomery County Chapter #31392 of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Hope to see everyone there.

The Work Mission Committee

WELCA News

The next WELCA meetings are on **Monday, October 19th at 7 p.m. and on November 16th at 7 p.m.** We will be packing the holiday gift bags, for the families at the YWCA in November. Hope you can help us on that evening.

Donations Needed for WELCA's "YW" PARENT NETWORK GROUP HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS

Personal care gift bag items:

Shampoo Q-Tips Throw Away Razors Tablets
Comb Pens Toothpaste Small pack of
Tissues Small Tablets Powder Toothbrush
Small calendars Costume Jewelry Caps for guys
Small Mirror Dental Floss Nail Polish Small
Plastic toothpicks or any personal care item

Small personal sizes of the above are used.

Relay for Life News

Just as the final day for turning in money passed, the St. James Relay team received a check in the mail for **\$950.00**. The Berks County Junior Legion League holds All-Star games every year. Part of the money earned from those games was given to the American Cancer Society in the memory of longtime Boyertown coach, and member of St. James, **Barry Trate**. The money has been deposited into our Relay bank account and we will have \$950.00 to start off next year's Relay. A thank you note has been sent to the Berks County Junior Legion League to express our appreciation.

Please check out the Relay bulletin board in Horn Hall.

Don't Miss It!!!!

St. James Auction Night October 16, 2009



**Live Auction, Silent Auction
and Country Store**

Benefiting the Capital Campaign

5:00-7:00 pm - **Food in Horn Hall** - We will offer a "St. James' Dollar Value Menu" at the auction. The menu includes: \$1 Barbecue, \$1 hot dog, \$1 bowl of soup, \$1 bowl of Chili, \$1 Dessert (slice of pie, cake, etc.), \$1 drink (Iced tea, bottle water, coffee). \$1 tickets will be on sale in Horn Hall after each service preceding the auction. Tickets will also be on sale in the General Store the night of the Auction.

5:00 pm - **Country Store in Blue Room** - Shop for homemade crafts and goodies. The store is open the entire night.

5:00-7:00 pm - **Silent Auction in Main Sunday School Room** - Compete for bargains as a warm up to the main event. Winners announced during a break in the Live Auction.

7:15 pm - **Live Auction in Main Sunday School Room** - Bid for treasures and win door prizes.

**Invite your friends to this night
of food and fun for a worthy cause!**

CROP Walk October 11, 2009

Come rain or shine, many individuals in the area are gearing up to join in the Pottstown **CROP WALK, on Sunday, October 11, 2009. The WALK will begin and end at First Presbyterian Church located at 750 N. Evans Street.** Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the walk at 2 pm.

Organized by the Cluster Outreach Center, the Pottstown CROP WALK's goal is to help stop hunger here in our community and around the world, through self-help development initiatives. A portion of the funds raised here in Pottstown will go to the Cluster Outreach Center.

If you are interested in walking or would like to sponsor someone who is walking, please stop by the CROP WALK table in Horn Hall or contact Suzanne Rigg at 610-326-2810.

News from the Pottstown Cluster

Current needs for the food pantry include: **new born and sizes 5 and 6 diapers, baby wipes, Pull-Ups, laundry and dish detergent, tampons, jelly and Good start formula, any type including soy, all size Depends, Ensure** and for the clothing closet: **any children's clothing, socks and underwear for adults and children, blankets, sheets and kitchenware.**

Donations for the Cluster can be brought to St. James and placed in the basket located in Horn Hall or 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

137 Walnut Street Pottstown, PA 19464
(610) 970-5995

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

Free Monthly Forum on Needs and Care of the Aging

Grace Lutheran Church in Royersford will host a monthly meeting/forum for people to gather, receive access to information and to ask questions of professionals to help them with the challenges of providing care for themselves or others. Presenters will include social workers, visiting nurses, doctors, lawyers, and hospice workers.

All sessions are free and will be held at **Grace Lutheran Church (6th and Main Sts. Royersford)** on the third Monday of the month, **from 7- 8:30 p.m. Registration** is appreciated and **can be done by calling the church office at 610-948-3684.**

Below are the dates and session topics for the next two months:

October 19 – Navigating the system to receive in-home services or nursing facility care. What do I need to complete a nursing home or aging waiver application?
Presenter – Darrell Lewis

November 16 – Alzheimer's Dementia, Parkinson's disease, stroke and the need for 24 hour supervision/Adult day care service
Presenter – Ann Short

MEMBER NEWS



October Birthdays

1 – George Clements, Corrine Drauschak, Vickie Kirsten; **2** – Barb Ungerman; **3** – Amanda Kulp; **4** – Devon Byers, Frank Klaus; **7** – Mary Louise Hartzman, David Updegrove; **8** – Olga Christman; **9** – Paul Saltzer; **10** – Sandra Drauschak; **12** – Robbie Taylor; **13** – Mary Koenig; **14** – Eugene Hoehne; **16** – Nancy Bergstresser, Kathy Geiger; **17** – Betty Kirkhoff; **18** – Jennifer DuVal; **19** – Carol Mittura; **20** – Andrew Morris; **21** – Barbara Thornton; **22** – Max Drauschak; **24** – Fritz Drauschak; **25** – Jeremy Wagner; **26** – Stephanie Groff; **27** – Mary Arnt, Greg Smith; **29** – Joel Swanson; **31** – Linda Clouser, Mike Lunn

Memorial Gift

A memorial gift was given to the church nursery by June Smale, Kathleen Paup, William Zink and Albert Zink in memory of their mother, Eleanor Daub.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Dot Nagy.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Marge McElroy and Barb & Dave Updegrove for picking up the communion bread each week from Thriftway.

I want to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards and flowers. Special thanks to Rev. Hutchinson for his visits and prayers.

Sincerely,
Jean Smith

More Thank You Notes

You don't know what you missed the week of August 3rd! VBS for Seniors was wonderful - devotions, bible study, coffee break, crafts/games, music and lunch. Thank you Suzanne for organizing the event and your devotions were perfect and the games/crafts were so much fun . . . great job! Thank you Pastor Hutchinson for the Bible Study on Grace Happens . . . as always your Bible studies are motivating, and easy to understand and learn from. Thank you Michael Ruhl for the piano recitals everyday. Thank you so much to David Hartzman, Darlene Jackson, and Debbie Hutchinson and Suzanne for serving our delicious and filling lunches provided by PMMC. And as a added benefit we met and enjoyed fellowship with people from other churches. God bless all of you.

VBS Seniors

Thanks to all who donated blood on August 17th and August 31st. We had 23 whole blood donors and 4 donors who did the aphaeresis (where the donor provides 2 unit of red blood cells during one donation process.), making for a total of 31 units. This made for a very successful blood drive. The next blood drive is scheduled for January 11. Thanks also to the many who help set up for the 17th and also to Marge Fegley, Janis Lunn, Merle Pace, Glenn Yerger and Ted Baer for their continued support.

Ellen Ibach

Dear Pastor Hutchinson,

Thank you very sincerely for the beautiful service you gave for our mother. Your visits and communion meant a lot to her. You helped to make her very happy.

Also thank you to the members who helped with the luncheon and who baked all the delicious desserts. Thank you for your prayers, strength and support.

With love,
Judy and the Nagy Family

New Staff Position Financial Administrator

We welcome to the staff Sherry Clancy who is our new Financial Administrator. What were previously the financial responsibilities of the secretary's position will now be the responsibilities of this new paid position. Sherry is quite familiar with the finances of St. James as she has served as our treasurer for several years. We are excited to have her apart of our staff. When you see Sherry, please wish her well in her new role.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Aug-09</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Income	\$ 21,409.50	\$ 180,626.99	
Expenses	<u>19,977.56</u>	<u>201,081.31</u>	
Net Income	\$1,431.94	(\$20,454.32)	

Regular Envelopes

Received	\$18,823.50	\$145,279.65
Needed*	<u>19,739.69</u>	<u>157,917.88</u>
Over (Under)	(\$916.19)	(\$12,638.23)

Third Sunday Offering

GlobalMission	
Collected	\$247.00

Capital Campaign

	<u>Aug-2009</u>	<u>Total Campaign</u>
Income	\$7,665.50	\$374,892.74

*Amount required to balance the budget.

Council Member Contact

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

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