

the Spirit of St. James



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

This month, in all Lutheran churches, we celebrate what we call 'Reformation Sunday' on October 30th. It is generally the last Sunday in October that is closest to the day on which Martin Luther tacked his arguments against many practices and teachings of the official church at that time. He did this on October 31st, right before All Saints Day and his arguments were not few; but totaled 95 in all!

However, his primary issue was over the question of just who is saved by God in Christ. And while it might seem to us today that the answer is pretty simple and even stated in the question (i.e. WE are saved by God in Christ), it still seems to be an issue within Christianity.

I continue to be surprised and disappointed when Christians or Christian churches are fond of declaring who is "saved" and who is not; of declaring who they allow 'in' and who remains 'out'. I'm sure many of us have heard what I would call 'today's Pharisees' speak of those who are not saved. They offer this assumption even though they speak of people who we believe to be Christians. Many of us have also experienced an unwelcome environment to the stranger or visitor at churches that exclude people from Holy Communion. Again, this happens to those who think of themselves as loving 'Christians'.

Let me now just quote Martin Luther on what he says about salvation:

“Since God has taken my salvation out of my hands into his, making it depend on his choice and not mine, and has promised to save me, not by my own work or exertion but by his grace and mercy, I am assured and certain both that he is faithful and will not lie to me, and also that he is too great and powerful for any demons or any adversaries to be able to break him or snatch me from him.”

By God's grace and mercy we belong to God, and Christ has done that for us. Please remember this and pray for those who want to try to 'play God' and to say 'who is in and who is out'. Pray that they rely less on their specific theology or denominational restrictions, and rely more on and believe more in that grace and mercy of Christ that Luther spoke of.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. – noon
Friday
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OFFICE NOTES

Newsletter Deadline for November 2011 Edition: October 15, 2011

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 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.)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship

8 and 10:45 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

9 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

9 a.m.

Adult Education Classes

9:30 a.m.

Youth Gathering

9:30 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal

10 a.m.

Children's Church

10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP NOTES

Blessing of the Animals October 2, 2011

In celebration of the feast 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 2nd at 1 p.m.** You are invited to bring pets and animals of all sizes and varieties to receive a blessing.



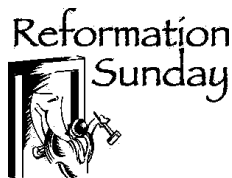
Coordinator of Rejoicing Spirits – New Position

At the September Council meeting, Council approved **David Hartzman as the Coordinator of Rejoicing Spirits for St. James.** David will be responsible for all aspects of our Rejoicing Spirits ministry, including overseeing our Rejoicing Spirits worship and volunteers and publicizing our Rejoicing Spirits ministry to agencies, other churches and the media. This paid position will be re-evaluated at the end of the year to determine the feasibility of continuing the position as it is currently defined. Current funding for this position is coming from the unused portion of the budget for evangelism.

Weekly Youth Gathering Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room

Youth in **grades 6-12** are invited to come together for some fun, fellowship, service, and learning at every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the youth room. We will use this time to get to know each other, play games, work on service projects, talk about topics important to youth,

do some bible study, eat, and take a field trip or two. We will all be together in one group most weeks, with some weeks splitting into two groups - one for confirmation students, and the other for non-confirmation youth. All youth are encouraged to attend and feel free to invite your friends too!



Reformation Sunday October 30th One Worship at 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 a.m. As always we will have some **special music** that day, along with other exciting things being planned.

After worship we invite everyone to come and dine together at a German-style Potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring in a 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 Melinda Mace know by contacting her at 610-970-6438 or msmace3@verizon.net. 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!

Bible Study with Pastor

Can there be good in Affluence?

Pastor's Bible Study continues this month and **meets in the Adult Sunday school room downstairs at the church on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** and in the Community Room at **Sanatoga Ridge Retirement Community on Thursday at 10 a.m.** This study will conclude on Tuesday October 11 and Thursday October 13.

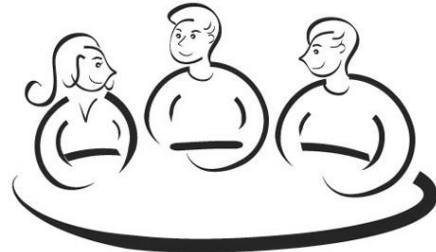
Bible Study for November

How Did Isaiah foretell the coming of Jesus?

Each year during the Season of Advent, we hear passages from the prophet Isaiah read in worship. That is because the earliest followers of Jesus understood the words that he wrote hundreds of years before, to be about Jesus! They saw in Isaiah, clear prophecy of Jesus the Christ (or Messiah) as foretold by God's prophet from long ago. But what did Isaiah say that so convinced them of this? How did his words match up with what Jesus said and did and what happened with him?

We'll look at these passages and discuss this in **a three week study that will begin on Tuesday, November 1st and Thursday, November 3rd** as we approach the Season of Advent. The study will conclude the week before Thanksgiving, on November 15 and 17.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities



There are two adult education opportunities on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

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 at any time throughout the year.

Study with Pastor - For the first three weeks of October (2, 9, 16) we will be in the Book of Amos. Come and hear what the prophet says on behalf of God about prosperity amidst decay, people's inhumanity towards each other, and the practice of mindless and meaningless religion. Such was the case in ancient Israel when he wrote, but might it also be just as true today?

We meet in the Blue Room downstairs at 9:30 with no class on October 23 and 30.



Simply Giving Update

In June of 2010 we began a focused effort to increase the number of members using electronic giving for their offering. At that point we had 12 giving units. Fifteen months later we are pleased to report that 41 giving units now make their contributions in this way. Be assured it is safe and convenient for both the giver and for St. James. If you have questions check out the bulletin board in Horn Hall or contact Sherry Clancy, Finance Administrator at stjamespottstownfinance@gmail.com.

Third Sunday Offering October Recipient



New to our Third Sunday Offering giving is The Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The Montgomery County SPCA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for unwanted, lost and abused domestic animals.

Established in 1909 and chartered in 1916, the Montgomery County SPCA has three locations, the closest to us being that in Perkiomenville, which includes a pet cemetery and horse farm along with facilities for small animals. Our offering will go directly to this facility.

The roles of the Montgomery County SPCA are many. They provide services in the following areas:

- Adoption** - There are many animals at each shelter facility that need new homes.
- Animal Cruelty Investigations** – The humane society police officers investigate reports of animal abuse and neglect. They issue formal warnings and citations for cruelty to animals.
- Education** - The humane educator presents programs on many topics concerning animals to schools, clubs, and service organizations
- Lost Animals** - The S.P.C.A shelters lost dogs and cats brought in by local police, animal control officers, and the public.
- Mobile Adoption Unit** - Funded and operated through volunteer efforts, the mobile adoption van takes adoptable animals to public places and events.
- Rescues** - Each facility has ambulances for the purpose of rescuing stray animals that are injured or in distress and for assisting the police 24 hours a day.
- Spay and Neuter Program** - In an effort to combat the serious problem of pet overpopulation, it is the policy of the Montgomery County S.P.C.A. to spay or neuter all animals that are adopted.

As we celebrate this month the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love for all of God's creation, including animals, please consider giving this month to the Montgomery County SPCA – Perkiomenville.

2011 Third Sunday Offering Schedule

NOVEMBER – Operation Holiday
DECEMBER – ELCA World Hunger

First Communion Instruction

Pastor will be available to provide instruction for Holy Communion to any children who, along with their parents, feel they are ready and want to begin receiving and taking part in celebrating the Lord's Supper. Instruction takes place on three Sundays immediately after worship, for about 15 minutes each time. There is no age limit on this and parents and siblings are invited to be present for the teaching.



Reception of New Members

If anyone within the worshipping community of St. James has not yet, but would like to officially become full members, please contact Pastor or Suzanne to discuss them with you.

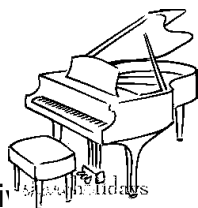
Men's Friday Bible Study

In September this group celebrated its 11th year anniversary. We meet weekly at 8 a.m. in the Blue Room. The format is to read and discuss as we have questions or comments. We are working on our 40th book, Ezekiel, which we expect to conclude shortly. We welcome any men who have an interest. Contact Dave Garner at rueren@cavtel.net or 610 970-7560.

Music News

The Grand Piano Has Arrived!

On Friday, the grand piano arrived at the church and was played for the first time on Sunday, September the 18th. The piano is a 7' long grand, made by Mason & Hamlin, an excellent builder, whose pianos are known for their quality, durability and full sound.



The piano was purchased from a local college music professor who used it at his home until he decided to move to a smaller house. On Sunday, the 18th, we started a campaign to raise the additional funds to "pay off" the \$5,500 needed to fully purchase the piano, pay for moving expenses and buy the dolly for the piano to rest on for easy moving. For the next several weeks we are asking for contributors to donate "strings and keys" - strings are \$10.00 and keys are \$35.00. **Strings and Keys can be donated "in honor of" or "in memory of" family members, friends, loved ones or whomever you choose.**

A large grand piano chart has been created and each week we will fill in the keys and strings with the names of the people who have donated to the grand piano. It is hoped that every member of St. James will become involved and be a part of this campaign and contribute to the grand piano fund to make it "our church's piano".

Hymn Sing October 9th

Come take a journey around the world at the Hymn Sing at St. James on Sunday, October 9th at 3:00 in the afternoon. This hour long program will feature new hymns from around the world with many familiar hymns from other countries too. The Chancel Choir will be featured and Nancy Mest, a music teacher in Pottstown, will be the flute soloist. Come hear our newly acquired 7' Mason & Hamlin piano and our wonderful organ that will make these hymns come alive and give us God's message through the words and the singing of the hymns! Please bring your family and friends.

Organ Recital November 13th

Plan ahead and attend the Organ Recital at 2:00 on the 13th of November here at the church. The organ pipes will be demonstrated and you will be given tips on how to listen to organ music and find out about the different sounds that our organ can produce. A World Premier Performance of a newly-composed piece of music written for Bruce Tonkin will be featured.

DISCIPLESHIP and FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Blood Pressure Checks *Second Sunday of the month*

Stay well! Blood Pressure checks will be on **October 9th** after both services.

CROP Walk October 9, 2011

Come rain or shine, many individuals in the area are gearing up to join in the Pottstown **CROP WALK, on Sunday, October 9, 2011. 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 p.m.

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 Information Table table in Horn Hall or contact Suzanne Rigg at 610-326-2810.

Salvation Army Community Lunch **October 12, 2011**

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.

Spaghetti Dinner **November 11, 2011**



Due to scheduling issues, we are later than normal, which hopefully will make everyone's appetite a little stronger! We will be in Horn Hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and the price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Children under 2 are free.

Just think, this is the only time this century you can enjoy spaghetti on 11/11/11. This is also Veterans Day, so if you see a veteran at the dinner, thank him or her for serving our country.

Tickets will be on sale starting October 16th after each service. Please see Ted Baer or other sales people. Matching funds will be provided by Upper Montgomery County Chapter #31392 of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Hope to see everyone there.

The Work Mission Committee

Women of the ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference **Bible Study**

This month's meeting will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Stowe, on **Tuesday, October 4, at 10 a.m. with coffee at 9:30.** The leader will be Barbara Lutz presenting *Mothers and Brothers* (Mark 3:3).

The November Bible Study will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown on November 1. The leader will be Fran Ivarson presenting *Power and Authority* (Mark 4:40).

All women are invited to participate in these Bible Studies based on the theme "*Take heart; get up, Jesus is calling you.*" Study materials are found in Lutheran Women Today magazine. Subscriptions are available for \$12 per year. This is the 27th year of meeting and sharing together. Bring your friends. We welcome inter-denominational viewpoints. If you would like to attend and carpool, contact Grace Schafer.

Rummage Sale

The **WELCA FALL Rummage Sale** here at the "Red Door Boutique" is coming **October 3rd and 4th** so get ready now!!! Have your **CLEAN**, ready-to-use items gathered to **bring to the church on Sunday, October 2**. 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 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 and find **WONDERFUL** items two times a year!

Relay for Life News

There are two opportunities to help the St. James Relay team in October. On Monday, **October 17th**, please have dinner at the Friendly's Restaurant on Shoemaker Road from 5 to 9 p.m. Ten percent of the proceeds are given to our Relay Team in support of the American Cancer Society.

On Sunday afternoon, **October 23rd**, the Relay team will be hosting another Madison Purse Party. We had our first one in March and we all had so much fun picking out fabrics and designing our purses that we decided to have another one in time to shop for Christmas. It will be held in Horn Hall beginning at 2 p.m. and includes refreshments!!

Free From Thrivent Magazine 2012 Member Calendar

Enjoy a year of inspiring photography. Our 2012 wall calendar features unique, expressive photos taken by Thrivent members, illustrating their favorite Bible verses. The 9-by-12-inch calendar also includes principal Lutheran seasons and festivals.

Order your free calendar by October 15 (limit one per member). Calendars will be mailed by the end of December. There are two ways to order your calendar.

You can mail the business reply card found in the August issue of Thrivent Magazine, **or** go to Thrivent.com/magazine/calendar. For additional information contact John Ungerman, Wealth Advisor, 610-970-4740.

Upper Montgomery Conference WELCA Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 15, 2011
St. James Lutheran Church

Theme: *Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (NIV)*

Registration begins at 9 a.m.
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Program Speakers: Rev. Mary Etta Mest
and Barbara Wilhelmy

Coffee and breakfast goodies will be available.

In-Kind Donation: Canned goods will be collected and donated to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities

COMMUNITY

News from the Pottstown Cluster
**2nd Annual Cluster Weekend
Banquet**
Sunday, October 9, 2011
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please join us for an entertainment filled evening at the Sunnybrook Ballroom honoring the achievements that the Pottstown Clusters of Religious Communities has accomplished over the past year and to support their annual fundraising appeal.

The Program will feature the Saint Aloysius School children's choir, "Voices of Hope", Coventry Christian Schools Children's Chorus and an adult choir formed from area churches, directed by Teri Hoffman and accompanied by Dr. Myra Forrest.

Tickets for the banquet are \$25.00 and include dinner and entertainment. **For tickets call (610) 970-5995 or reserve tickets at www.pottstowncluster.org**

Volunteers are also needed to work at the banquet. If you can help, please contact Tom Drauschak at 610-323-8580.



Current needs for the pantry:

Canned Soups and Stews, Canned Pasta, Dry Pasta, Canned Meat or Fish (Tuna, Spam, Chicken), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Meat Helpers, Sliced White Bread, Oatmeal, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Cat Food, Diet Foods of any kind, Dry Milk, Cake Mix, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Ketchup, Mustard, Also refrigerator Items-Milk, Yogurt, Eggs, Butter etc. *(Refrigerator items must be taken directly to the Cluster.)*

Current needs for clothes closet and housewares include:

Diapers (sizes 3,4,5 ONLY Please), Blankets, Sheets, Winter Coats, Gloves, Hats, Clothing, 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 ALSO ACCEPTING CLOTHING AND HOUSEWARES AGAIN

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

Medicare 101 Educational Event

What is Medicare Part A, B, C, D? What are Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans? What about Medicare Advantage plans? What about prescription drug costs?

If Medicare sounds like alphabet soup to you, and you seem to have more questions than answers, come to an informational meeting hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Wealth Advisor John Ungerman, where you can learn more before you make important Medicare decisions. If you know someone who will benefit from this information, please bring them as your guest. I look forward to seeing you there!

Two informational meetings will be held.
When: Wednesday, October 19 & Tuesday, October 25 at 10:30 am
Where: St. James Lutheran Church
Register: Call 610-970-4740, please specify Oct. 19 or Oct. 25

No products will be sold at this educational event.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is not connected with or endorsed by the U.S. Government or the federal Medicare program. Not available in all states.

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Southeastern PA Synod Conference Gathering with Bishop Burkat

Join Lutherans from across our synod for **fun, fellowship and learning**. Our time together this fall will focus on the Prophet Isaiah's promise that God is doing a new thing in our midst, turning despair into hope and scarcity to abundance.

You'll leave the conference gathering **prepared to perceive** the new things God is doing around you and **equipped to respond** in your congregation and community. There are three gatherings on Sundays from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at locations around our synod. Choose one that is convenient!

- **October 16 – St. Luke, Devon**
- **October 30 – Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia**
- **November 6 – Trinity, Lansdale**

For more information please see Suzanne or the Synod's website www.ministlink.org.

MEMBER NEWS

October Birthdays

1 – George Clements, Corrine Drauschak, Vickie Kirsten; **2** – Barb Ungerman; **3** – Amanda DeFlaco; **4** – Devon Byers, Frank Klaus; **7** –David Updegrave; **8** – Olga Christman; **9** – Paul Saltzer; **10** – Sandra Drauschak, Ian Hutchinson; **12** – Robbie Taylor; **13** – Mary Koenig; **14** – Eugene Hoehne; **15**- Ava Matrone, Peggy Thomsen; **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; **29** – Dawn Seffey, Joel Swanson; **31** – Linda Clouser, Mike Lunn

Baptism

On September 25th, we welcomed to the Lord's family:

Anya Sophia Olock, daughter of Lori and Ryan Olock and granddaughter of Sandra and Andy Olock.

Congratulations

The following couples were married here at St. James:

Nathan & Ashley Ravis – August 27, 2011

Sean & Jess Linville – September 10, 2011



Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Elsie Drauschak.

Memorial Contributions

In Memory of Mary Kochel:

Carol Keller

In Memory of Elsie Drauschak

Ron & Grace Schafer, Barbara & Fritz Drauschak, Willard & Margaret Bickel, Tom & Margaret Cooper, Hans & Peggy Thomsen Jack & Jean Drauschak, Gladys Evans, Jon & Martha Fink, Ray & June Henninger, Mike & Phyllis Lengyel, Bill & Dolores Mauger, Jim Meloy, Earl & Helen Moyer, James & Shirley Reidnauer & Family, Annette Renn, Donna Rose, Barbara Thornton, Jane Trate, Deb & Rick Geesey

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Gail Neiffer for providing the popcorn and treats for our August movie nights.

Thank you to the many who provided food, drinks and supplies for our Rejoicing Spirits cookout in August. We could not have done it without you. Thanks for your outpouring of hospitality.

Thank you to all who bought the needed supplies for Children Church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

COUNCIL NOTES

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>Aug-11</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
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Income	\$ 16,199.81	\$171,499.11
Expenses	<u>28,206.70</u>	<u>183,205.78</u>
Net Income	(\$12,006.89)	(\$11,706.67)
<u>Regular Envelopes</u>		
Received	\$14,088.50	\$125,625.35
Needed*	<u>20,244.01</u>	<u>141,708.45</u>
Over (Under)	(\$6,155.51)	(\$16,083.10)
<u>Third Sunday Offering</u>		
	Manatawny Manor	
Collected	\$317.00	
<u>Capital Campaign</u>		
	<u>Aug-2011</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Income	\$4,443.50	\$855,000.00
Principal Owed	\$282,267.13	as of 8/26/11

*Amount required to balance the budget.

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, OCTOBER 2 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ACOLYTE and CRUCIFER: 10:45 – Evan Kirsten
SOUNDBOARD: 8:00 and 10:45- Glenn Yerger
LECTOR: 8:00 –Barbara Ungerman; **10:45** – Suzanne Rigg
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: 8:00 – Barbara Ungerman
10:45 – Dottie Smith
CHALICE BEARERS: 8:00 – Immy and Charles Moore
10:45 – Pat Baer and Rob Krasley
BREAD & CHALICE: 10:45 – Colin Horger and Nathan Strichik
USHERS: 8:00 – Barbara Thornton and Chipper Meadowcroft
10:45 – Ted Baer, Vickie and Kyle Kirsten, Sara Jane Silver
GREETERS: 8:00 – Barbara and David Updegrove
10:45- Debbie Fisher, Vanessa Thompson, Merle Pace
WELCOME CENTER: Mike and Melinda Mace
NURSERY: Chelle' Krasley
CHILDRENS CHURCH: Sam Goins and Candy Koons
COUNTERS: Tracie Rheel*, Dottie Smith, Olga Christman, Sandy Meadowcroft
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Janis and Mike Lunn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ACOLYTE and CRUCIFER: 10:45 – Jason Matrone
SOUNDBOARD: 8:00 and 10:45- Glenn Yerger
LECTOR: 8:00 – Barbara Thornton; **10:45** – Laurie O'Connell
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: 10:45 – Vickie Kirsten
CHALICE BEARERS: 8:00 – Nancy Bergstresser and Carol Keller
10:45 – Annette Renn and Laurie O'Connell
BREAD & CHALICE: 10:45 – Robbie Taylor and Ashley Taylor
USHERS: 8:00 – Terry and Rita Arner; **10:45** –Bob and Donna Yoder, Bob Rheel, Dave French,
GREETERS: 8:00 – Bob and Ellen Ibach; **10:45-** Jane Trate, Pat Weber and Ruby Starling
WELCOME CENTER: Sara Jane Silver
NURSERY: Chelle' Krasley
CHILDRENS CHURCH: Kyle and Rob Benedetto, David Hartzman
COUNTERS: Cindy Kehler*, Dave Hartzman, Julie Hauck, Pat Weber
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Sandra and Paul Eshbach

10 A.M. - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

ACOLYTE and CRUCIFER: Jeremy Wagner

SOUNDBOARD: Glenn Yerger

LECTOR: Betty Johnson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Cyndi Krasley

CHALICE BEARERS: Wendy Cocci and Diane Mitchell

BREAD & CHALICE: Jacob Slanker and Colin Horger

USHERS: Peggy and Hans Thomsen, Mike and Janis Lunn

GREETERS: Debbie Fisher, Vanessa Thompson, Merle Pace

WELCOME CENTER: Suzanne Rigg

NURSERY: Chelle' Krasley

CHILDRENS CHURCH: Michele Horger and Suzanne Rigg

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: German Potluck Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

ACOLYTE and CRUCIFER: 10:45 – Evan Kirsten

SOUNDBOARD: 8:00 and 10:45- Glenn Yerger

LECTOR: 8:00 – Annmarie Binsfeld; **10:45** – Melinda Mace

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: 8:00 – Larry Wert

10:45 – Suzanne Rigg

CHALICE BEARERS: 8:00 – Immy and Charles Moore

10:45 – David Hartzman and Rob Krasley

BREAD & CHALICE: 10:45 – Jeremy and Troy Wagner

USHERS: 8:00 – Nancy Bergstresser and Chipper Meadowcroft

10:45 – Ted Baer, Vickie and Kyle Kirsten, Sara Jane Silver

GREETERS: 8:00 – Barbara and David Updegrove

10:45- Jane Trate, Pat Weber and Ruby Starling

WELCOME CENTER: Mike and Melinda Mace

NURSERY: Chelle' Krasley

CHILDRENS CHURCH: Cyndi Krasley and Candy Koons

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Ron and Grace Schafer

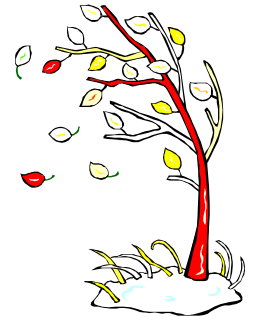
October Altar Guild: Delores Mauger*, Nancy Bergstresser, Mary Vickerman,

November Altar Guild: Deb Geesey*, Barb Ungerman, Cindy Kehler, Annette Renn

October Cluster Delivery: Barbara and Dave Updegrove

November Cluster Delivery: Bob Rheel

Fall Gathering



of The
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE of the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of
The Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

SATURDAY, October 15, 2011

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pottstown
1101 E. High St.
Pottstown, PA
(610) 326-2810

Theme: *Matthew 25:35* "For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION WILL START AT 9:00 A.M.

Coffee and breakfast goodies will be available.

WHAT TO BRING: Each church is asked to bring one (1) plate of goodies to share;
Canned goods for the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities.

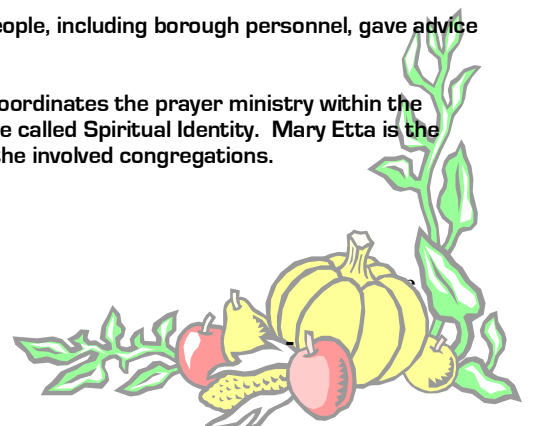
PROGRAM SPEAKERS: Barbara Wilhelmy & Rev. Mary Etta Mest

Barbara Wilhelmy is the Executive Director of the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities. Barbara began her service when the Cluster Outreach Center was located in a very small building on Walnut Street in Pottstown. After a year of strategic planning provided by the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation, Barbara and the Board of the Cluster began searching and praying in earnest for a better building in the area in Pottstown where the need is the greatest for assistance with food, clothing, rent, utilities, and other information and referrals.

God provided 57 North Franklin Street. Many religious congregations and other people, including borough personnel, gave advice and support and themselves to accomplish this new facility.

Rev. Mary Etta Mest is a Board Member and Secretary for the Board. Mary Etta coordinates the prayer ministry within the Cluster and the represented congregations. She is also a member of the committee called Spiritual Identity. Mary Etta is the Presiding Officer for the Delegate Assembly which is comprised of delegates from the involved congregations.

We hope to see you at this important event!



October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 3:00 pm - Wedding
2 <i>16 Pentecost</i> 1 pm – Blessing of the Animals - Baers	3 Rummage Sale- HH 4-6 pm 6 pm – Girl Scouts 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	4 Rummage Sale -HH 9- Noon, 12:30-1:30 pm 6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR 7 pm – Bible Study - ASC	5	6 10 am- Bible Study-SRRC 10:30 am – D.A.R. - HH 6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Choir	7 8 am - Men’s Bible Study – BR Garden Club 10:30 am – 3 pm	8 9:00 am – Noon Property Committee Work Day 4 pm - Wedding
9 <i>17 Pentecost</i> <i>Blood Pressure Checks</i> 3 pm - Global Hymn Sing 7 pm – A.A.	10 6 pm – Girl Scouts 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	11 6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR 7 pm – Bible Study - ASC	12 Community Meal at Salvation Army 7 pm –Rejoicing Spirits	13 10 am- Bible Study-SRRC 6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Choir	14 8 am - Men’s Bible Study – BR	15 Newsletter Deadline 8 am – Noon – HH WELCA Fall Gathering
16 <i>18 Pentecost</i> <i>Third Sunday Offering</i> 7 pm – A.A.	17 Community Meal Christ Episcopal 5- 9 pm – Friendly’s Relay Fundraiser 6 pm – Girl Scouts 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	18 6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR	19 9:30 a.m.-Mom’s Club – HH 10:30 am – Thrivent Medicare - BR 7 p.m. - Council - BR	20 6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Choir	21 8 am - Men’s Bible Study – BR	22
23 <i>19 Pentecost</i> 2 – 4 p.m. – Madison Purse Party –HH 7 pm – A.A.	24 6 pm – Girl Scouts 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	25 10:30 am – Thrivent Medicare - BR	26	27 6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Choir	28 8 am - Men’s Bible Study – BR	29
30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 10 am – Worship followed by potluck dinner 7 pm – A.A.	31 1:30 pm – Mold Peanut Butter Cups – Kitchen 6 pm – Girl Scouts 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts					

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. with Holy Communion
 Coffee Fellowship at 9:00 a.m.
 Youth Choir at 9:00 a.m. Children’s Choir at 10:00 a.m.
 Adult Education and Youth Gathering at 9:30 a.m.