

# 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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### *Pastor's Message*

I don't know about you, but I really got sick and tired of hearing about the conflict and haggling that went on in Washington D.C. this summer over the budget issues. Frankly, I blame both sides (equally) in what seemed like unreasonable bickering and inflexibility, as differences were hammered out.

But did you know that the Christian Church has a history of such squabbles and fighting? Almost from the beginning, the followers of Jesus did not always come to easy agreement on things of the faith. There were arguments between Peter and Paul, amongst the early church leaders as to what books should be in the bible, and later among the Bishops in Nicea.

The truth is conflict and disagreement are part of life, whether it is government, business, families, or even church. But the key question is 'Can people have constructive conflicts that brings resolution which will benefit all?' Husbands and wives, CEOs and their governing boards, and political leaders can all have clean and healthy disagreements that lead to better things in the long run. Or, their conflict can end up hurting themselves and others around them (e.g. children, stockholders, the public).

Unhealthy conflict causes the unthinkable to happen. Families end up being broken and divorce results. Our nation almost completely broke apart 150 years ago when a regional conflict became a personal axe to grind. And Christians in centuries past continued to bicker amongst themselves until, at several points, the Church split. First it was East vs. West, and then later Protestant vs. Catholic. And in none of these instances do I think that God clapped his hands and said 'good job!'

This month we remember with great sorrow the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy that struck this country. That was the result of a conflict of cultures and religious beliefs in which one side stirred up the conflict in their minds to the point where it became an insane hatred for them. That hatred ended up causing a great number of innocent deaths and subsequent retaliations. Once again, the unthinkable happens when different viewpoints are no longer tolerated and worked out together in peaceful harmony.

So as our government disagrees on fiscal matters, be thankful they are still talking and in the same room (such was not always the case). As we recall the 9/11 event, be thankful also that our culture and nation does not advocate the eradication of those we disagree with. And as Christianity throughout the world continues to not be 'as one' and to disagree, be thankful whenever we talk amongst the conflict.

Disagreement is only normal and can even be healthy when it's done properly and, in the case with Christians, when it keeps love in the mix.

Amen.



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9 a.m. – noon  
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## OFFICE NOTES

### **Newsletter Deadline for October 2011 Edition: September 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.)

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

### **September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Worship at 9 a.m. / Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m.

### **Starting September 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **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

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## Shine On With Hope - Capital Campaign Update (6/2007-7/2011)

Total cost of improvements- \$855,000  
Funds received in July - \$6,937  
Principal balance - \$290,505.80  
(as of July 28, 2011)



**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**Our next Rejoicing Spirits worship will be on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

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. Join us and see for yourself the love and joy that is shared among all who attend.



**Rejoicing Spirits 5K Run and 1K, 2K Walk  
September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

The national Rejoicing Spirits organization is sponsoring a **5K Run and 1K walk on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.** at Pickering Valley Elementary School, 121 Byers Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

All runners/walkers registered by **September 10<sup>th</sup>** are guaranteed a t-shirt. There will be refreshments and awards for the top finishers. Pick up a brochure on the Run and Walk at the Welcome/Information Table in Horn Hall. All registration for this event is being done on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

## Children's Church Begins September 11<sup>th</sup>

Children's Church will begin on **September 11<sup>th</sup> with two Children's Church classes.** Children's Church is a ministry for children preschool - grades 5 allowing them to worship and learn about God in age appropriate ways. Children begin their worship experience in community with the entire church family and then after the announcements, depart to one of the two classes.

**One class is for children Preschool through Kindergarten** and meets in Horn Hall and **the other class is for elementary school children grades 1-5** and it meets in the Main Sunday School room below the worship area. During this time the children will hear a bible reading and lesson and do a craft or coloring page, a game or sing a song connecting with the message. Children return to worship at the time of the Sharing of the Peace.



**New this Fall  
Weekly Youth Gathering  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
in the Youth Room**

Beginning on September 11<sup>th</sup> youth in **grades 6-12** are invited to come together for some fun, fellowship, service, and learning 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, eat, do some bible study 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 and post-confirmation youth. All youth are encouraged to attend and feel free to invite your friends too!

## Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities

Starting on September 11, 2011 there will be 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** - Pastor leads an adult study class covering a variety of topics. All are invited and welcomed to come join the discussion and learning.

### Bible Study with Pastor



#### Can there be good in Affluence?

Does God embrace and celebrate our abundance? In this day and age in our country (unlike most of Christian history) a vast number of Christians are well off financially and have a good number of possessions.

Does this fact conflict with basic Christian teaching or biblical passages about wealth and affluence? Are we to feel guilty about this?

Some would say the pursuit of wealth is inconsistent with what Jesus and the bible says, but might it help us to take a closer look at the subject?

That is what we will do in a five week **study beginning on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. September 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. September 15.**

We meet in the Adult Sunday school room downstairs at the church on Tuesdays and in the Community Room at Sanatoga Ridge Retirement Community on Thursdays. This study will conclude on Tuesday Oct. 11 and Thursday Oct. 13

#### How Did Isaiah foretell the coming of Jesus?

Each year in 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 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** as we approach the Season of Advent. The study will conclude the week before Thanksgiving, on November 15 and 17.

#### A note about "Bible Study" from Pastor

For the most part, the same people always seem to attend these gatherings. I very much appreciate their interest and attendance. But I hope that no one is neglecting to attend because they feel uncomfortable due to their lack of biblical knowledge or that they might be called upon to speak. That is never an issue in our meetings (just ask anyone who attends). Sure, we talk about the subject and I ask for your thoughts and ideas, but we don't push anyone and some just come to listen and learn and say little. So if you have been inhibited before, please put away your concerns and if you'd like to come and learn about the faith you were baptized into and practice, please join us!

## Blessing of the Backpacks September 18, 2011

With school back in session we invite all children and youth to come to worship on September 18<sup>th</sup> with their school bags or backpacks for a special blessing and to learn how going to school is a way of serving God.



## Tanzania Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>

Join us for Tanzania Sunday on September 25<sup>th</sup> when we will **celebrate our companionship with Bumbuli Lutheran Parish** in Bumbuli, Tanzania. On this day in worship we will be praying for our companion congregation and will sing some of their favorite hymns. We will feature Tanzanian food during our coffee fellowship that day.

During our education hour at 9:30 a.m. we will learn more about the Bumbuli Lutheran Parish, the Northeast Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and about the life, landscape and culture of Tanzania.

### Let your light so shine! Be trained as an acolyte!

On **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:45 a.m. worship, we will be training all young people (**1<sup>st</sup> grade or older**) interested in becoming acolytes. Those who have served as acolytes are welcome (and encouraged) to refresh their understanding and to encourage others. You will be fitted with an alb (the robe you wear) and given instruction sheets. Parents are welcome to sit in! **Please contact Suzanne Rigg if you plan to attend. 610-362-2810) orsirgg@stjamespottstown**

## Blessing of the Animals October 2, 2011

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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m.**

You are welcome to bring pets and animals of all sizes and varieties to receive a blessing.



## Third Sunday Offering

September Recipient  
**The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia**

On Sunday, September 18, St. James will be holding Seminary Sunday to provide prayers and support for our Region 7 Seminary, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP).

During worship on Seminary Sunday, a special offering will be taken for the seminary's Leadership Fund, which supports financial aid to seminarians and day to day operating expenses at LTSP. Your gifts are essential during this time to help the seminary continue to carry out its mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Come to worship on Seminary Sunday and help celebrate and support the mission of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

### 2011 Third Sunday Offering Schedule

OCTOBER – SPCA of Perkiomenville  
NOVEMBER – Operation Holiday  
DECEMBER – ELCA World Hunger

# DISCIPLESHIP and FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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## Blood Pressure Checks *Second Sunday of the month*

Stay well! Blood Pressure checks will be on **September 11<sup>th</sup>** after both services.

## Miller-Keystone Blood Drive

Our next scheduled blood drive will be on **Monday, September 12 from 2-7 p.m.** If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Ellen Ibach at 610-323-4477.



## Salvation Army Community Lunch September 14, 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.

## Community Meal

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

## Choirs To Begin September 8th

New members are welcome to join. Come try it out! The schedule is as follows:

Adult **Bells** at 6:30 p.m.

Adult **Chancel Choir** at 7:30 p.m.



## Come soar with us and join one of the Children's Choirs

Kinder Choir is for ages 3 ½ & 4 and Cherub Choir is for ages 5-9.

Please bring interested children to rehearsals on Sundays from 10-10:30 a.m. starting September 11<sup>th</sup> downstairs by the stage. A free balloon for all!

For more information contact Mr. Tonkin at [htonkin@stjamespottstown.org](mailto:htonkin@stjamespottstown.org) or 610-220-5457

## St James Reaching Out Concert Series

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. - Global Hymn Sing;** hymns from around the world

**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. - Organ Recital** with a listening guide and a world premiere performance

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. - Advent/Christmas Festival;** hymns and carols of the season with mass choir

Anyone interested in singing should contact [htonkin@stjamespottstown.org](mailto:htonkin@stjamespottstown.org) or 610-220-5457 by 11/20.

## Rummage Sale

The **WELCA FALL Rummage Sale** here at the "Red Door Boutique" is coming **October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** 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!

### Are you interested in sewing? Join the Sew N Sews at St. James

The Sew N Sews is the Pottstown division of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Chapters are located in cities all across the country and members meet monthly to learn new sewing skills, network with others who share an interest in sewing, and participate in community service sewing projects. ASG is a membership organization that welcomes sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels and from many different walks of life.

The Sew N Sews **meet the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30**. The first meeting here at St. James will be Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Horn Hall. The group previously met at the Pottstown Sewing Center, but it is no longer open on Tuesday evenings.

Come share your enthusiasm for sewing with others. Any questions contact leader Sue Lowry [suelowry@comcast.net](mailto:suelowry@comcast.net) or Church member contact person: Marcia Tonkin [Tonkin.3028@comcast.net](mailto:Tonkin.3028@comcast.net) 610-220-6018.



## Women of the ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference

### Bible Study

The WELCA Upper Montgomery Conference Bible Study will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, Pottstown, on **Tuesday, September 6, at 10 a.m. with coffee at 9:30**. The leader will be Barbara Lutz presenting *Jesus of Nazareth (Mark 1:15)*.

The October Bible Study will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Stowe on October 4. The leader will be Fran Ivarson presenting *Mothers and Brothers (Mark 3:3)*.

**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, please contact Grace Schafer for carpooling.

### 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](http://Thrivent.com/magazine/calendar). For additional information contact John Ungerman, Wealth Advisor, 610-970-4740.

# COMMUNITY

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## **Sunday, September 11 Invitation from Grace Lutheran Church**

Grace Lutheran invites you to a day-long gathering to mark God's presence among us. The doors of the sanctuary will be open at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, September 11, 2011 for hearing of God's presence among us in scripture, psalms, and prayer. **From 6 a.m. until our regular worship time at 9 a.m. and again from 10:30 a.m. through 7 p.m.,** you are invited to be with us and share this experience.

Come whenever you can and stay as long as you can. We will mark particular times of almost overwhelming fear on that September day in 2001, but above all, we will declare our gratitude for God's love that lifted us up then and will lift us in every stormy gale. We will do this through scripture readings, antiphonal reading of psalms, spoken prayers, and silent meditation and prayers.

## **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](http://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.

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

Diapers (sizes 3,4,5 ONLY Please); Toiletries - personal hygiene wipes, toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, deodorants, combs, 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

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

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

September 6, 2011, will mark the 300<sup>th</sup> 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. Come enjoy 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.ltsps.edu/muhjenberg300](http://www.ltsps.edu/muhjenberg300)  
Or call 215-248-4616

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

## **“Marriage Preparedness”**

**Emmanuel, Pottstown**

**Sunday, September 11 & 18**

**2-5 p.m.**

**Pr. Jennifer Ollikainen, facilitator**

This series deals with some of the issues and adjustments that are normally a part of married life. Leadership is provided by the staff of Lutheran Congregational Services or pastors who are qualified, interested, and willing to volunteer their time to help engaged couples get off to a good start in marriage. The topics include:

**COMMUNICATION:** Learn how to be an “active” listener and to test and question assumptions about verbal and nonverbal communications. Effective communication is an essential element of any healthy relationship.

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION:** Did you know that conflict can be a good and even necessary part of a marriage? Everyone has her/his own “style” of conflict. Learn about yours and your partner’s styles, as well as how you can grow through resolving your disagreements.

**ROLE EXPECTATIONS:** How did your parents fulfill their roles? You have definite ideas of what the perfect spouse should be and do, but does your partner share those ideas? Learn to build your life on what works for your relationship.

**SEXUALITY:** What ideas about sexuality do each of you bring to your marriage? What do you understand about the differences between men and women? Under this topic, we will discuss intimacy as a gift from God.

**FINANCES & VALUES:** What is important enough to spend money on? Do you and your partner share common values? Are you a saver or a spender? With this topic we will examine underlying values and attitudes about money and offers helpful hints for creating a budget.

**SPIRITUALITY:** How does the love you share reflect your values and beliefs about life, relationships, and God? Forgiveness and support for each other will help you grow as individuals. Learn how Christ can be a part of your marriage and how a community of God’s people can support and strengthen you as a couple.

**COST:** The cost of the series is a nonrefundable fee of \$55 made payable to Lutheran Congregational Services. You can register and pay on line at [www.lutherancongregational-services.org](http://www.lutherancongregational-services.org)



# MEMBER NEWS

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## September Birthdays

2 – Ted Baer, Gerald Richards;  
4- Noah Benedetto, Layla Denardo;  
5 - Jeanette Wert; 6 – Haley Byers, Scott Shollenberger; 7 – Gary Hall, Laurie O’Connell, Amy Stein; 8 – Larry Hutchison, Beverly Reber, Charles Taylor; 10 – Emily Weaver; 12 – Don Bilger, Troy Wagner; 13 – Alyssa Hartzman, Kristy Lapreziosa, Mike Lengyel; 15 – Samantha Goins; 19 – Andy Oloc, Cole Locklear, Ryan Locklear; 20 – Marlene Kinckiner; 21 - Yvonne Brewer; 23 – Mary Bradley; 25 – Sandra Eshbach, Shira Schaeffer, Jack Reed; 26 – Todd Byers, Sr. Jane Roper; 27 – Sandy Olock; 29 - Earl Wilson

## Congratulations

Chipper and Sandy Meadowcroft became grandparents on August 15 when their daughter Tracy delivered a boy (Ethan James Denninger) Measuring 9.6 lbs and 20.25 inches.

## Memorial Contributions

### In Memory of Bill Heil:

Earl & Helen Moyer

### In Memory of Mary Kochel:

Gladys Evans, Deb & Rick Geesey, Barbara Thornton, Bob Rheel, Marcie Trate Curley Pat & Ted Baer, Annette Renn, Willard & Margaret Bickel, Bill & Dolores Mauger Fay Saylor, Bob & Bev Reber, Jane Trate Earl & Helen Moyer, Jon & Martha Fink, Phyllis & Mike Lengyel, Ron & Grace Schafer, Ellen Jameson Olga Christman, Linn & Laura Bierman

## Thank You Notes

To the people of St. James,  
I wish to thank all of you who sent cards of sympathy. And also to those who aided me in my loss with kind words of comfort.

Thank you,  
Glenn Yerger

To all my St. James Family,  
Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, visits, and cards during my hospitalization and recovery. You certainly showed God’s love and care. Thank you too for the flowers, Pastor’s visits and your concern for Mother. We hope to see you again before the summer schedule ends!

Gail Neiffer

Thank you to everyone who helped with the picnic. Thank you to all who moved grills, shopped, cooked, provided drinks, planned games, and brought dishes and desserts to share.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Senior VBS. It was a great week! Special thanks to David Hartzman, Megan Mace, Michael Ruhl, Suzanne Rigg and Pastor Hutchinson for their help and leadership.

# 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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Email: [nannahsdmb@gmail.com](mailto:nannahsdmb@gmail.com)

Caleb Weaner (Vice-President) 610-960-6705  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Jul-11</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	-
Income	\$33,739.62	\$171,499.11	
Expenses	<u>23,731.98</u>	<u>183,205.78</u>	
Net Income	\$10,007.64	(\$11,706.67)	

### Regular Envelopes

Received	\$20,290.35	\$125,625.35	
Needed*	<u>20,244.01</u>	<u>141,708.45</u>	
Over (Under)	\$46.34	(\$16,083.10)	

### Third Sunday Offering

	Cluster Children's School Supplies
Collected	\$404.00

### Capital Campaign

	<u>Jul-2011</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Income	\$6,936.50	\$855,000.00
Principal		as of 7/28/11
Owed	\$290,505.80	

\*Amount required to balance the budget.

# **Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**The 12th Biennial Church wide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** was held Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, FL. The assembly included 1,025 voting members. The theme was "Freed in Christ to Serve."

## **Summary of Actions**

### **ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched**

The assembly officially launched the ELCA Malaria Campaign under the auspices of ELCA World Hunger. Along with our full communion partners, ELCA members will join with Lutheran churches in Africa to work toward a malaria-free future. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period. The assembly acknowledged that gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign are not intended to replace gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

### **"Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted**

The assembly adopted "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility," a social statement on genetics. The statement, described as the first by a North American church, develops a comprehensive ethical framework for addressing advancements in medical and agricultural research. It is the 11th social statement of the ELCA.

### **Review process for social statements adopted**

The assembly called for a review process of current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements. No new social statements will be considered until a review process has been completed and shared with the ELCA Church Council in the fall of 2012, followed by a report to the 2013 Church wide Assembly. During this time, the process for developing the criminal justice social statement and the justice for woman social statement will continue.

### **Living into the Future Together implementing resolutions adopted**

There were resolutions put forth by the ELCA Church Council and the Living into the Future task force, designed to set a course for the ELCA's future and to consider this church's structure and relationships.

- Church wide Assemblies will transition from a biennial to a triennial cycle, starting after the 2013 ELCA Church wide Assembly.
- The assembly also approved recommendations that focus on strengthening connections within and across the expressions and partner ministries of this church.
- Voting members of the ELCA Church Council shall include the four church wide officers and the chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops. Thirty-three members will continue to be nominated by their synods; the council may not exceed 45 members. Additional members may be nominated by the Church Council to ensure diversity and expertise. All will continue to be elected by the Church wide Assembly.
- The Congregational and Synodical Mission unit of the church wide organization will review a recommendation for ministry with mentally and physically "handi-capable" children and adults.
- The assembly invited members of the ELCA to initiate collaborative work by congregations, synods, the church wide organization, institutions of the church and others to create and support diverse non-legislative forums and events that bring together leaders

of this church to participate in theological study and reflection, foster leadership development and enhance the interdependence of this church.

- The assembly provided a means to continue the work assigned to the Living into the Future Together task force in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops.

### **ELCA budget proposals adopted**

The assembly approved a 2012 current fund spending authorization of \$61,792,900, and approved a 2012 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$18,500,000. This vote included approving a 2013 current fund income proposal of \$61,939,400, a 2013 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$18,500,000, and authorizing the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.

### **Memorials adopted**

The assembly adopted a variety of resolutions to expand multicultural ministry, acknowledge the International Year for People of African Descent and work to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence.

- The assembly supported immigration reform and the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, which would provide a path for citizenship for undocumented high school graduates.
- The assembly received memorials related to investment for positive change in Palestine, and encouraged members, congregations, synods and agencies of this church to achieve a deeper understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- The assembly also recognized and celebrated Lutheran Campus Ministry and the central role of farmers and ranchers in providing an abundant supply of food and fiber for our nation and the world. The assembly declined to change governing documents that would increase the number of voting members to Synod Assemblies and Church wide Assemblies who are laypersons.

### **Constitutional amendments adopted**

The assembly moved to change ELCA governing documents related to Living into the Future Together, the redesign of the church wide organization and other matters.

### **Resolutions from the Reference and Counsel committee**

The assembly considered and approved a variety of resolutions on topics ranging from suicide prevention to confronting injustices in immigration, from youth-related matters to mission support.

## 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, 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:** Peggy Thomsen and Suzanne Rigg

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ACOLYTE: 10:45** – Robbie Taylor  
**SOUNDBOARD: 8:00 and 10:45-** Glenn Yerger  
**LECTOR: 8:00** – John Ungerman; **10:45** – David Hartzman  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANT: 10:45** – Cyndi Krasley  
**CHALICE BEARERS: 8:00** – Barbara Ungerman and Larry Wert  
**10:45** – Wendy Cocci and Diane Mitchell  
**BREAD & CHALICE: 10:45** – Alyson Taylor and Jacob Slanker  
**USHERS: 8:00** – Terry and Rita Arner; **10:45** – Bob and Donna Yoder, Bob Rheel, Sara Jane Silver  
**GREETERS: 8:00** – Bob and Ellen Ibach; **10:45-** Jane Trate, Pat Weber and Ruby Starling  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Suzanne Rigg  
**NURSERY:** Chelle' Krasley  
**CHILDRENS CHURCH:** Devon Byers and Candy Koons  
**MONDAY COUNTERS:** Scott Strichik\*, Deb and Rick Geesey, Debbie Fisher  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Delores Mauger and Nancy Bergstresser

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ACOLYTE and CRUCIFER: 10:45** - Lara Goins  
**SOUNDBOARD: 8:00 and 10:45** - Glenn Yerger  
**LECTOR: 8:00** – Annmarie Binsfled; **10:45** – Vickie Kirsten  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANT: 10:45** – Willard Bickel  
**CHALICE BEARERS: 8:00** – Leslie Stott & Chipper Meadowcroft  
**10:45** – Melinda Mace and Debbie Hutchinson  
**BREAD & CHALICE: 10:45** – Jackson, Jameson, Jadeson Jenkins  
**USHERS: 8:00** – Immy & Charles Moore; **10:45** – Nancy & Dave Garner, Debbie Fisher, Mike Mace  
**GREETERS: 8:00** – Gloria Skora and Donna Rose  
**10:45-** Margaret Bickel, Millie Casner, Vanessa Thompson  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Sara Jane Silver  
**NURSERY:** Chelle' Krasley  
**CHILDRENS CHURCH:** Cyndi Krasley and Annette Renn  
**MONDAY COUNTERS:** Jeanette Wert\*, Larry Wert, Terry Arner, Herb Ziegler  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Susan Cameron and David Hartzman

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ACOLYTE and CRUCIFER: 10:45** – Megan Mace  
**SOUNDBOARD: 8:00 and 10:45-** Glenn Yerger  
**LECTOR: 8:00** – Misha Hutchison; **10:45** – Julie Hauck  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANT: 10:45** – David Hartzman  
**CHALICE BEARERS: 8:00** – Carol Keller and Nancy Bergstresser  
**10:45** – Laurie O’Connell and Annette Renn  
**BREAD & CHALICE: 10:45** – Hailey Byers and Hailey Krasley  
**USHERS: 8:00** – Peggy and Hans Thomsen; **10:45** –Mike & Janis Lunn, David French, Paul Casner  
**GREETERS: 8:00** – Delores Mauger, Marge McElroy;  
**10:45-** Fay Saylor, Ellen Jameson, Mindy Catagnus  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Mike and Janis Lunn  
**NURSERY:** Chelle’ Krasley  
**CHILDRENS CHURCH:** Kim Weaner and Patti Boyer  
**MONDAY COUNTERS:** Pat Baer\*, Barbara Ungerman, Mary Vickerman, Sara Jane Silver  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Companion Congregation Team

**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** – Leslie Stott; **10:45** – David Garner  
**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 Debbie Hutchinson  
**COUNTERS:** Tracie Rheel\*, Dottie Smith, Olga Christman, Sandy Meadowcroft  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Janis and Mike Lunn

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

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

**September Cluster Delivery:** Larry Wert

**October Cluster Delivery:** Barbara and Dave Updegrove

**THANK YOU**

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE beginning September 11<sup>th</sup></b> 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. Children's Church at 10:45 a.m.				1	2 8 am - Men's Bible Study – BR  Garden Club 10:30 am – 3 pm	3
4 <i>12 Pentecost</i>  9 am – Worship 10 am – Coffee  7 pm – A.A.	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 UMC WELCA – HH 8 am - Noon  6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR	7	8  6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Choir	9  8 am - Men's Bible Study – BR	10 9:00 am – Noon Property Committee Work Day  3:30 pm - Wedding
11 <i>13 Pentecost</i> <i>Blood Pressure Checks</i>  7 pm – A.A.	12 Blood Drive 2- 7 pm  6 pm – Brownies 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	13  6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR 7 pm – Bible Study - ASC	14 Community Meal at Salvation Army  6 pm – RS Cookout 7 pm –Rejoicing Spirits	15 Newsletter Deadline 10 am- Bible Study-SRRC  6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Choir	16  8 am - Men's Bible Study – BR	17  9 am- WELCA Meeting - ASC
18 <i>14 Pentecost</i> <i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i> <i>Seminary Sunday</i> Noon - Acolyte Training 7 pm – A.A.	19 Community Meal at Christ Episcopal  6 pm – Brownies 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	20  6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR 7 pm – Bible Study - ASC	21  9:30 a.m.-Mom's Club – HH 7 p.m. - Council - BR	22 Community Meal at First Presbyterian 10 am- Bible Study-SRRC 6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Choir	23  8 am - Men's Bible Study – BR	24  8:30 am - Rejoicing Spirits Run and Walk Chester Springs
25 <i>15 Pentecost</i> <i>Tanzania Sunday</i>  7 pm – A.A.	26  6 pm – Brownies 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts	27  6 pm-Weight Watchers-BR 7 pm – Bible Study - ASC	28	29  10 am- Bible Study-SRRC 6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Choir	30  8 am - Men's Bible Study – BR	