



# ***St. James Lutheran Church, ELCA***

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*“We respond to God’s abundant grace by being hearers, proclaimers and doers of the Word.”*

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## **THE MESSENGER**

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### **Message of Pastoral Care from Pastor Mike and Pastor Andrew**

**Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,**

This time of the COVID-19 pandemic has been a time when our world has been turned helter-skelter in so many ways. In light of our shelter-in-place recommendations, we want to share with you some of our current thoughts.

During this unprecedented and difficult time, we see a unique opportunity to experience community, faith, and one another in a new way. Our desire is to remain connected with you. Please, please reach out to us if we have not been aware or have not responded to you during this time, especially if you or others you know are struggling because of isolation or because of significant losses of loved ones.

Our staff continues to work from home, although we are keeping a limited presence each day at the office. We want to assure you that we continue to be in conversation with each other, with other leaders and with our bishop.

The questions being asked most frequently have to do with when we might be able to be back together to worship. Let us be honest with you. We will follow the advice coming through the Governor’s office and the CDC, and our Bishop Jim Dunlop. If it feels to you as if nothing is happening or no one is moving quickly enough on these conversations, please know that the opposite is true. The bishop has been very intentional about being in touch with the rostered leadership in our Synod, and both of us have been in numerous Zoom conversations with him.

All decisions we have already made and will make moving forward in terms of inviting groups back into the church building are being made with care and caution because we owe it to you, members and friends of St. James, that we be responsible to and protect you as best we are able. When Adams County moved into the yellow phase, we were able to consider possible options for opening the church building to certain groups—always with enhanced safety protocols in place.

We opened our Early Learning Center on May 26. We have also invited one noon meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous to return on June 1. Our COVID-19 taskforce has worked tirelessly to make sure in both of these situations that we have taken all necessary precautions for those who are now using our building. We will continue to welcome groups back into the church building, but we will do so with caution and great care for the individuals and groups involved.

When it comes to welcoming any group back into use of the church building, we need both the COVID-19 taskforce and the Congregation Council to discuss and vote in favor before this will happen.

Obviously, resuming worship, especially because of the numbers involved, the distribution of the sacrament of Holy Communion, and the simple cleaning of all the furniture in the worship space and classrooms, the cleaning of restrooms and other spaces, there is much we are attending to in anticipation of how/when this may take place. We are exploring a few options for outdoor worship during the summer months and any final decision will be shared as soon as we have a final decision in place.

Thank you to so, so many who are making masks, who have been donating food for Ruth’s Harvest and SCCAP, and for those who have been able to continue your monetary giving to the church!

We especially thank you for your affirmations to the entire staff during this time. We thank you for your patience when you feel unsure of what is the next step forward for St. James. We both feel deeply that this faith community of St. James has a strength that is rooted in the very person of the Risen Christ. This is our foundation!

*“By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are the Body of Christ. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” [Rom.8:39].*

**Blessings to each of you!**

# WORSHIP PREVIEWS

## JUNE 7 – HOLY TRINITY

The apostolic greeting begins the liturgy: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity. The Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith. Readings: Genesis 1:1--2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20.

## JUNE 14 – PENTECOST 2

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. Readings: Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23].

## JUNE 21 – PENTECOST 3

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39.

## JUNE 28 – PENTECOST 4

Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. We are commissioned to go serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome. Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42.

## **THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBERS!**

We thank these Council members for faithfully serving our congregation: **Lyne Aurand, Daniel Bringman, Kimberly Guise, Lucinda Zepp, and Emili Scavitto.**

We welcome these council members who will serve for a three-year term: **Carol Cook, James Dunlop, Alan Haynes, Brent Smith, and Emili Scavitto** (as a youth representative for another one-year term).

## **DEATHS**

April 24, 2020	Milton K. Nicks, Jr.
May 3, 2020	Connie R. Wansel
May 8, 2020	Sonda C. Newby
May 29, 2020	Jane O. Tilberg

## **Parish Records**

## **60<sup>th</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

June 12, 1960	The Rev. C. Gerald Christianson
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## **WEDDINGS**

May 1, 2020	Rita Frealing & Eric Lindeman
May 29, 2020	Kirsten Bradshaw & Matthew Crigger

## **50+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

June 5, 1955	C. William & Shirley A. DeHaas	65 years
June 5, 1960	Frederick A. & Faith A. Foltz	60 years
June 7, 1952	Richard L. & Ruth Jean Unger	68 years
June 8, 1968	Richard F. & Donna L. Mountfort	52 years
June 8, 1968	W. Thomas & Barbara S. Vossler	52 years
June 9, 1962	John G. & Sally A. Crist	58 years
June 9, 1968	Jonathan S. & Elizabeth B. Griffiths	52 years
June 17, 1967	Richard C. & Susan B. Henry	53 years
June 19, 1965	John L., Jr. & Judith S. Seilhamer	55 years
June 25, 1961	Charles B. Jr. & Betsy L. Bender	59 years
June 28, 1958	Richard H. & Greta M. Englund	62 years
June 29, 1962	Edward D. & Doris L. Groft	58 years

***Congratulations and  
Best Wishes to our 2020  
High School Graduates  
(and all other graduates)!***



**Nicholas Antonich**  
**Collin Campbell**  
**Alexander Cole**  
**Natasha Hurwitch**  
**Evan Keyser**  
**Sydney Kiick**  
**Noah Mattson**

# **THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

(\*These Sunday School classes will meet via Zoom in the Summer; for more information email the contact person. Bible Studies will continue via Zoom as well. If you are interested in Wednesday, email Pr. Mike & Thursday, email Pr. Andrew.)

**Two-Year & Three-Year Old** (Rainbow Room, Main Floor) –  
Janina Kloster, Jennifer Martin, Marianne Drummond, Olivia Poole

**Four-Year Old & Kindergarten** (Room 308, Top Floor) –  
Diane Joiner & Holly Schneider

**First & Second Grade** (Room 305, Top Floor) –  
Julie Dunlop, Kimberly Guise, Brienna Smith

**Third & Fourth Grade** (Room 304, Top Floor) –  
Michael & Evelyn Kolumban, Wendy Machemer

**Fifth & Sixth Grade** (Room 302, Top Floor) – Kasey Smith

**Kindergarten-Sixth Grade Substitute** – Elizabeth Fair

**Seventh-Ninth Grade** (Youth House, 121/123 York St., Top Floor) –  
Pr. Mike Allwein, Pr. Andrew Geib, Youth Minister Kristin Slaybaugh,  
Amy Beck, Beth Becker, Darryl Jones, Andrew Keyser

**Tenth-Twelfth Grade** (Youth House, 121/123 York St. Bottom Floor) – Adult Volunteers

**\* Adult Discussion Class** (Room 200, Main Floor) – contact Judith Leslie, [wjleslie131@iCloud.com](mailto:wjleslie131@iCloud.com)

**\* The Seekers** (Room 204, Main Floor) – contact Lucinda Bringman, [bringman@earthlink.net](mailto:bringman@earthlink.net)

**\* Exploring Faith** (Room 300, Top Floor) –  
contacts: Allison Crowell, [allirhea.crowell@gmail.com](mailto:allirhea.crowell@gmail.com) & Denise Wood, [denisewood@mac.com](mailto:denisewood@mac.com)

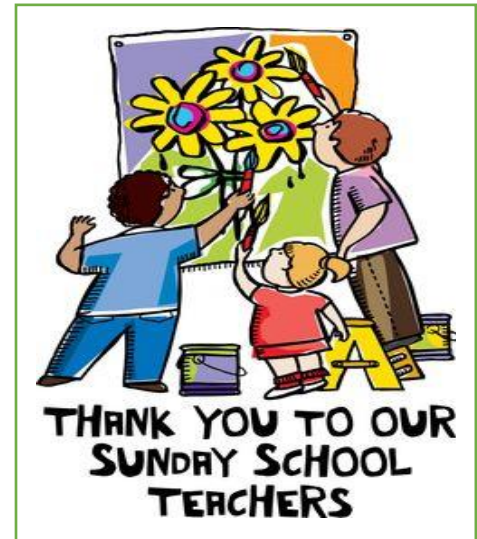
**Movers & Shapers Class** (Room 301, Top Floor) – contact James Dunlop

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** (Room 303, Top Floor) – contact G. Ronald Couchman

**\* Faith & Fellowship Class** (Room 309, Top Floor) – teacher, Gary Shaffer, [pashaffer@embarqmail.com](mailto:pashaffer@embarqmail.com);  
contacts: Lyne Aurand, [darylaurand@gmail.com](mailto:darylaurand@gmail.com) & Lucinda Zepp, [aczep@gmail.com](mailto:aczep@gmail.com)

**Sunday School Secretaries** (Church Office, Main Floor) – Jack Crist & Michael Guise

**Sunday School Superintendent** – Shirley Sanders



## ***Ruth's Harvest Gettysburg***

**SINGLE SERVING VEGETABLES**, which continue to benefit students in the Gettysburg School District, can be left at the church Monday-Thursday from 10-12. Simply ring the buzzer at the back door and a staff member will retrieve your donations. *(Be sure to pick up a hymnal at the same time, so you can follow along at home during our online worship services each week.)*

### **A Letter from our Finance Chair**

Hello fellow St. James members,

Happy Easter season to all! He is Risen!!

I came across this Prayer is one of my recent readings--from the Book of Common Prayer. It felt fitting to me to share with others:

*Oh God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

As I was reviewing the monthly offering reports for March, I thought to myself how very pleased I am with how St. James is rallying to the mission of the Church during these hard times. The St James family of faith is showing they know how important it is to keep the mission of the Church going, even in the hardest of times. We recently sent out the first quarter Benevolence checks totaling over \$7,000. I am so grateful that we are still able to do this. It reflects and encourages the generosity of St. James members. There are several ways to keep up with our normal giving as explained in the Friday Messenger/eblast or on the St. James website: mailing offerings to PO Box 4596, Gettysburg, PA 17325, or give via the Give+ App. The app will walk you through the set up process, which can be a one-time gift or a reoccurring gift.

The Covid-19, despite its fury, has brought out the very best in humanity, with the sacrifices made for the care of humankind being mentioned in the daily news. It is who we are--people taking care of people.

Our staff at St James continue to take care of its members through the videoed worship services that bring us into the nave where we can participate, even if we are at home in our PJ's, as if at a regular service. What a gift they provide for those of us who miss being there in person. It shows that the ministry of St. James continues. Let us consider that in our giving.

I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy and that someday soon we will be together again.

Continue to pray, and live & love like Jesus.

***Cathy Haynes***, St. James Finance Chair

## **Capital Campaign Report thru April 30, 2020**

St. James Lutheran Church has received \$524,337 in contributions towards the three year Capital Campaign that started in November 2019. That is more than half-way towards the goal of \$1,000,000 and we are very Blessed and appreciative of congregation support.

The congregation expended \$194,499 towards projects plus gifts-in-kind of about \$45,000 donated from generous members. In addition the Property Committee and Architecture Review and Design committee has authorized about \$263,000 of projects all planned for year one of the Capital Campaign. Major projects substantially completed include repair and replacement of the roof, replacing the generator and repointing brick and repair of the capstones. Also completed was replacement of the windows on the North East section of the building, installation of an upgraded fire alarm system and new kitchen cabinets. Projects underway include enclosing the lower level stairway to eliminate the security gate and upgrading the front entry doors (north) to allow easier and more secure egress from the building. Projects in the planning stage include repair or replacement of remaining windows on the south and southeast portion of the building and an upgrade to the A/V and sound system.

We are very grateful for the volunteers and staff who have worked tireless on the project thus far and the many donors who have made this possible.

*Submitted by Daniel Bringman, Council President*



### **St. James received a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan from the Small Business Administration (SBA)**

St. James applied for and received a \$235,000 PPP loan from the SBA. This loan is designed to provide organizations and businesses with funding to maintain their staffing during the economic uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus. This was for St. James Lutheran Church *and* Early Learning Center personnel (about 26 people) which will enable the congregation to fund and staff virtually all the positions during the eight week PPP period from April 14 to June 8. Based on various formulas about 2/3 of this will be forgiven since it is spent on Compensation and utility costs. This loan was authorized by Congregation Council.

*Submitted by Daniel Bringman, Council President*

# **MAY 20, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY (meeting held remotely)**

**DEVOTIONS, CORRESPONDENCE & MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 15 meeting were approved.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Although April's giving was \$13,000 above the April budgeted amount and January-April income was only \$2,400 below January-April 2019 giving, this was about \$20,000 below the budgeted amount for the first four months of 2020. A motion was made and approved by Council that committees spend 20% less than their committee's total 2020 budget (exception is made for benevolence expenditures). In these unusual times, Council felt that caution with expenditures is needed until we know if giving will continue to cover expenses, particularly through the summer months.

An undesignated bequest was recently received from the estate of Mildred Beard for \$73,000. Council decided to leave that money in the Undesignated Bequest Fund until later this year, again until uncertain finances resulting from the COVID shutdown are clearer.

The Executive Committee moved to authorize the opening of an investment account with Thrivent Financial through a Fidelity platform to receive securities donated by contributors. The authorized signors on this account will be our Treasurer and Church Administrator. The motion was approved.

## **COVID STATUS REPORT:**

Pr. Allwein reported that although negatives like the cancellation of summer camps, Bible School, etc. have occurred, positives like the amount of food being donated to Ruth's Harvest and SCCAP has been wonderful. Also, Pastors Allwein and Geib and Mr. Braband will be discussing worship options for the months ahead.

## **COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:**

The Executive Committee moved to authorize the formation of a COVID-19 Task Force Committee to review the implications of COVID-19 as it relates to activities of the congregation including the Early Learning Center (ELC). The President of Council will select the chair of the committee. The motion was approved.

The Federal Payroll Protection Plan, which runs April 14 through June 8, is expected to provide St. James Church and Early Learning Center about \$163,000 in grant money for payroll, benefits, and utilities. About \$72,000 dollars of the total \$235,000 grant will need to be repaid.

The Capital Campaign has received \$524,227 toward the 1 million dollar goal. Expenditures thus far total \$194,499 leaving a balance of \$329,728.

Kyle Smith reported from the Property and ARD committees. The Early Learning Center fence was raised to 4 feet as required. The roof replacement/repair on the East side is nearly finished although the roof condition on the Stratton Street side is now under review. Two water heaters and the chimney liner have been replaced. Kitchen cabinets are on site while counter tops have yet to arrive. Stairwell enclosure bids were due May 15. Phase 2 windows are in the hands of the architect and the review process is continuing.

The COVID 19 Task Force Committee and the Early Learning Center Governance Committee have been meeting about reopening the ELC by establishing many precautionary practices to best assure safety of children and staff. The Committees moved to reopen the ELC on May 26 and operate initially at 30% capacity compared to the licensed capacity. Council approved the motion.

Normally new Council members are chosen via Congregation meetings for nominations and an election before and after worship services in April and May. Due to the shut-down, the normal process was not possible. Therefore, the Council Nominating Committee moved to declare the 5 outgoing council members positions, whose term ends June 30, 2020, vacant. These members include Dan Bringman, Kim Guise, Cindy Zepp, Lyne Aurand and Emili Scavitto. Council approved.

The Council Nominating Committee then moved that Congregation Council elect successor members until a congregation meeting is called to nominate and elect council members beginning July 1, 2020. Members Carol Cook, Jim Dunlop, Alan Haynes, and Brent Smith will serve for a three-year term, and Emili Scavitto, youth representative, will serve for a one-year term. The motion was approved.

SpiriTrust Lutheran has made an appeal for money to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The Social Ministry Committee has decided to use \$1,500 from their budget along with \$8,500 proposed from Undesignated Bequest funds for a total donation of \$10,000. (Money in Undesignated Bequests additional to the Beard estate bequest mentioned above, totals \$57,025. The \$8,500 would come from this money already in the fund.) The Social Ministry Committee moved to authorize a grant of \$8,500 to SpiriTrust Lutheran for Personal Protective Equipment and other COVID-19 protections for residents and staff primarily for the Gettysburg Lutheran Village. Council approved the use of \$8,500 from Undesignated Bequests. Council approved the motion.

A Constitution and Bylaws motion was tabled due to confusion about the motion.

## **GOOD FOR COUNCIL/CHURCH/GOD:**

Pr. Allwein expressed appreciation for the video and cards/letters celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> year of ordination.

# WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS!

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## **Carol Ann (La Barbara) Cook –**

I was born in Brooklyn, New York, and at 19 years of age, I was married and we moved to Maryland. I worked for four years as a legal secretary for a large lobbying law firm in Washington DC. In my earlier life, I lived in Virginia, then back to New Jersey and then to Texas, where I attended UTA, and became a licensed Real Estate salesperson.

Career moves brought us back to New Jersey, where I stayed at home to raise four beautiful children. Three girls and one boy. We are so proud of them, as they have become very caring, wonderful, and productive adults. Once my children were in school, I worked for two years as a Legislative Aide for New Jersey Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden and served on the Planning Board of New Providence, New Jersey for six years.

In 1993, I started working for Comcast Cable, where I stayed for the next ten years. My position included writing scripts for commercials and selling airtime for cable channels. After leaving Comcast, I worked at KPMG for 10 years where I managed a team of document editors and maintained the KPMG Advisory website.

In 2010, my husband Bob and I built a home in Gettysburg where we planned to retire. I was fortunate to be able to work from home, traveling to New Jersey two times per month. While in NJ, I served as Facilitator for a women's retreat that involved over 100 women. It was a position that was spiritually fulfilling and enabled me to meet many new people.

In 2013, I retired from KPMG and began my full time life here. My real passion when I was younger was to be a Maternity Room Nurse, but life had different plans for me, so In 2015, I attended classes to become a certified Doula. I have a page on Facebook that describes exactly what a Doula does: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/encouragecompassion/> Being a Doula was the closest I could come to fulfilling my nursing desire as a childbirth coach. I was fortunate to be able to assist my daughter-in-law and son in the birth of their son, Luca; and also assisted in the birth of my daughter's baby, Emily. We have eight grandchildren who keep us very busy at times; we are very blessed.

In 2016, Bob and I joined St. James Lutheran, where we found a wonderful church family. We both enjoy being part of the congregation and love being involved in the growth of this church. I became a Stephen Minister three years ago, and the ministry has helped me grow spiritually in so many ways. There are true friends who care about each other here.

My hobbies include hiking and biking, (when my knees allow), volunteer work with Lab Rescue and quilting. A good friend of mine has taken the time to teach me how to quilt, and it has become very fulfilling for me. I'm still a novice, but getting better every day. I look forward to serving on the Congregation Council of St. James and working closely with other council members.



## **Emili Elizabeth Scavitto –**

I am 16 years old and attend Gettysburg Area High School. I enjoy playing basketball, softball, and field hockey for my school teams and spending time with my parents, brother, and sister. I am a lifelong member of St. James and enjoy actively participating in the youth group and volunteer projects we offer. I've served on Council as a youth representative for one year and have agreed to do so again. I also enjoy serving in various roles in our worship services throughout the year.



### **James Andrew Dunlop –**

I live in Gettysburg with my wife Julie and our two children, Addy and Sam. I have been a member of St. James for 19 years and actively lead the Movers and Shapers Sunday School Class. I am a member of the Martin Luther Choir and serve as an Assisting Minister and Lay Reader at worship, and often help with other projects as needed. This is my second term on Council, having previously served 15 years ago, including a year as President. I have also chaired the Personnel Committee in the past as well. Outside of St. James, I own a financial planning firm that is aligned with Thrivent. I am active with Ruth's Harvest Gettysburg and Susquehanna University. In my free time I like to cycle, run, play golf, and spend time with my family.



### **Alan James Haynes, Jr. –**

I grew up in Tucson, Arizona and called that home for 28 years. Tucson is where I met Cathy and married her 36 years ago. We have one son, Joshua, who lives here in Pennsylvania near us with his wife, Stacy and our almost one year old granddaughter, Andrea. My career brought us to Fairfield 12 years ago this month. We joined St. James approximately five years ago. I currently am on the Property Committee and Co-Chair the Architectural and Review Design Team (ARD). I have also served on the Capital Campaign Steering Committee. I am an usher and sacristy attendant usually at 8:15 am on Sundays. I am an avid car guy and spend a lot of time in my garage working on and enjoying my cars and trucks. When I'm not doing that, I can usually be found outside with our Labradors, spending time with my family and enjoying the outdoors.



### **Brent Darrell Smith –**

I am a life-long member of St. James. As a young child, I sang in the youth choirs and I also was a member of the Sunday School Orchestra for over 30 years. I was also a previous member of the Faith and Fellowship Sunday School Class. I serve during 8:15 am worship as a Greeter, Usher and Communion Usher. I have also been an integral part of the St. James Church Softball Team. I have been married to Karen (Slagle) for forty years. We have three adult children: Melissa, Katie, and Travis. We have six grandchildren whose ages range from two months to ten years. I was an Administrative Manager for most of my working career, and am recently retired.



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