

THE SEASHELL

A Newsletter of St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

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He is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The shouts announcing the resurrection of our Lord resound off the walls of the nave through the heavens. This good news tells us that there is hope.

Hope in God is the most powerful and transformational sound in the world. It is that which gives us visions of peace in wartime, food and drink in the midst of hunger, freedom from prison, healing when sick, a place to belong when homeless, companionship when lonely, and best of all resurrection from death. Hope shows us the things that are unseen and promises them to us. God's promises are bound up in the resurrection good news: He is risen! We are vessels of that good news, and of fulfilling the visions promised in hope.

When we pray for God to bring peace, food, freedom, healing, belonging, companionship and resurrection, we are inviting God to use us as a means of those gifts. Through Christ, these things are possible, and we can rely upon God to use us for that purpose.

Proclaim "He is risen!" and get ready to be used to fulfill the promises that hope creates.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Liz Polanzke

CREDO INSERTS

Every week for several weeks this year a Credo "I believe" insert has been stapled to the weekly news sheets in church. If you are interested in obtaining a single compiled book of these statements about our faith and practice as Lutherans, please e-mail Pastor Liz. If we have sufficient interest, then we may compile the books for a small cost.

YOUR TOP 3 HYMNS

On Easter everyone was handed an index card upon which they were encouraged to write their top three favorite hymns on it and drop it in the offering plate. Those hymns will be used during the summer as we have planned a summer of classic and favorite hymns to shape our liturgy. Be sure to submit your favorite hymns **by the end of April** either by dropping the index card in the offering plate or e-mailing them to Pastor Liz, lpolanzke@yahoo.com

DISCERNMENT BY COUNCIL

The Council has completed their Listening phase of the discernment process and will now compile all they have learned in order to create a plan to refocus the ministry of the congregation. Please pray for the Council as it meets in retreat on the last day of April, and look for news of next steps in which the congregation will be engaged.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Worship Committee met before Easter to review the liturgical practices to date and discuss the remainder of this calendar year. Among those decisions were to establish Christmas Eve services at 6 and 10 PM. Now, you can plan ahead and put them on your calendar and get your family ready!

JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER

Note that the summer newsletter for June and July will be a single issue.

FAREWELL AND GOSPEED TO JACOB DRAWBAGH

Jacob has joined the Navy and will be leaving for Basic Training in June. We will offer him a farewell and Godspeed at our service on June 12, 2022. We will be presenting him with a gift from the congregation at that time.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Will be the week of June 20th. More news is coming in our next June/July Newsletter, through the website, and upon request from the office.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022

Every Fourth Sunday after Sunday School. May 22, June 26, No Meeting in July, August 28, September 25, October 23, November 27, December 18 (Third Sunday)

LEARN

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Teachers: Mike Cooper, Mark Snyder, Shirley Trout, Pastor Liz Polanzke

Junior Sunday School

Sonja Hoke, Ann Marie Loucks, and Peggy Funkhouser are team teaching the junior class (2nd- 6th grade). The juniors will be studying the book of **Luke** this the spring.

Confirming and Confirmed Youth Class are using **The Wired Word** curriculum in addition to the activities of catechesis.

PRAY

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN is an important quick prayer service ministry for members of St. James. Those wanting to add a name to the phone prayer chain are asked to please contact Pastor Liz 717-654-2334, and you may also call Shirley Trout, 717-846-4784, Janice Sewell, 717-767-4122, or Deb Meckley, 717-764-0372 for prayer.



WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AT 9:00 AM AND OFFERED IN-HOUSE AND LIVESTREAMING VIA FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sponsors for 2022 - \$38 per week

The Chart for 2022 sponsors has been posted on the Adams Street bulletin board. Please sign-up!



DAY OF PENTECOST

Red Geraniums will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday June 5th. Order forms are enclosed. Cost will be \$5. Deadline to order is May 22nd.



INVITE

Mother Daughter Banquet May 11th 6:30pm, \$11 for adults, \$6 children ages 6-12, children under 6 are free. Deadline for ticket sales will be April 25th. Tickets will be on sale in the Social Room or you may call Sonja Hoke at 717-887-1237 to place your order.

Membership Drive for Auxiliary to Spiritrust Lutheran Begins April and will continue through May. Please see Norma Smith for renewing your membership. New Members are welcome! Benefits the residents.

SERVE

HAM & CHEESE PRETZEL SANDWICH SALE

Deadline for ordering is May 8th. Pick up will be May 18th.



SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE West York Bulldog Pantry: We will continue to collect food items through the month of April. We will not be collecting food items for the months of May, June, and July. Thank you to everyone for your donations.



A special thank you from Social Ministry on behalf of the Bulldog Pantry for the funds received from the Lenten Special Envelopes. We were able to forward \$490 to the pantry.

BREAKFAST BLESSINGS

The breakfast is growing as the word gets out that we are back indoors.

We are averaging around 55-60 a month. We are looking for donations of toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap and body wash. Everyone appreciates the hot meal they receive and the household items and hygiene items we hand out. We would like to thank Weis Market, Sunshine Workers and the Congregation for their continued support to our community outreach program.

ENCOURAGE

Our Coffee/Fellowship Time: Following worship time please join with us in the social room for refreshments and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to host weekly social time. Please sign up on Adams St. bulletin board.

LITURGY" IS THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

The word "liturgy" means "the work of the people". It takes a cast of dozens to offer worship every Sunday.

All worshippers are asked to participate in assisting with worship. There are many opportunities. Now, that we have returned to communing at the altar and singing, we need as many hands-on deck as possible. If you are able to help, please consider joining the choir or serving as an usher, communion assistant, lector, tech operator, nursery team member or altar guild member. Instructions and training are available in all positions.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 1st **3rd Sunday Easter** **White**
Council Member of the Month: Phyllis Stevens-Ehrhart Lector: Debra Meckley
Ushers: Deb Starner, Pat Reigert Communion Assistant: Ann Bridge
Altar Guild: Carol Knaub, Bonnie Loucks Nursery: Ann Marie Loucks, Kelly Scott

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May 8th **4th Sunday Easter** **White**
Council Member of the Month: Phyllis Stevens-Ehrhart Lector: Mark Snyder
Ushers: Deb Starner, Carol Knaub Communion Assistant: Sue Brodbeck
Altar Guild: Deb Meckley, Pat Reigert Nursery: Sue Brodbeck & Sonja Hoke

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May 15th **5th Sunday Easter** **White**
Council Member of the Month: Phyllis Stevens-Ehrhart Lector: Jeff Laird
Ushers: Pat Reigert, Deb Starner Communion Assistant: Jacob Drawbaugh
Altar Guild: Norma Smith, Teresa Scheuing Nursery: Ann Marie Loucks, Kelly Scott

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May 22nd **6th Sunday Easter** **White**
Council Member of the Month: Phyllis Stevens-Ehrhart Lector: Phil Kern
Ushers: Carol Knaub, Pat Reigert Communion Assistant: Jeff Laird
Altar Guild: Deb Starner, Aurela Wilhelm Nursery: Sue Brodbeck & Sonja Hoke

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May 29th **7th Sunday Easter** **White**
Council Member of the Month: Phyllis Stevens-Ehrhart Lector: Carol Knaub
Ushers: Pat Reigert, Deb Starner Communion Assistant: Deb Meckley
Altar Guild: Vicki Besore, Linda Kern Nursery: Ann Marie Loucks, Kelly Scott

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May 2022 at St. James Ev. Lutheran Church–West York, PA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3rd Sun. Easter 9AM Worship/Comm 10:15 Sunday School	2 Sunshine Workers 12pm	3	4  Pat Mummert, Karen Snyder Birthday	5 St. James Seniors 11:30am  Carolyn Levisky Birthday	6	7 BREAKFAST BLESSINGS 7:30-9:00 a.m.  Carol Knaub Birthday
8 4th Sun. Easter 9AM Worship/Comm 10:15 Sunday School Ham and Cheese Deadline	9	10	11 Mother Daughter Banquet 6:30pm	12 Choir Reh.	13 LaToya returns	14  Glenn Shirley Jr. Birthday Jeff will be away
15 5th Sun. Easter 9AM Worship/Comm 10:15 Sunday School	16  Madeline Brodbeck Birthday	17  David Scott Birthday	18 Ham and Cheese Pickup	19  Norma Smith Birthday Choir Reh.	20	21  Emory Ferree, Allie (Laird) Rauhauser Birthday Jeff returns
22 6th Sun. Easter 9AM Worship/Comm 10:15 Sunday School  Shirly Neibert Birthday Geranium Order Due Council Meeting	23  Emily Kramer, Jan Lehman, Birthday	24	25	26 Choir Reh.	27  Floranna Nicholson Birthday	28  William Rice Birthday
29 7th Sun. Easter 9AM Worship/Comm 10:15 Sunday School	30  Tammy Loucks Birthday	31				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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