



# St. James the Apostle Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Rev. Kathleen Kuehl

## *In His Footsteps*

Issue 4 April 2017



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### Words to Live By

Use your voice for kindness...  
Your ears for compassion...  
Your hands for charity...  
Your mind for truth...  
and Your heart for love.



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## LENT

### Schedule 2017

**April 5:** St. Paul – Joint Worship 7:00 PM

**April 9: Palm Sunday**

St. James – Worship 9:30 AM

St. Paul – Worship 11:00 AM

St. James Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon – 11AM

**April 13: Joint Maundy Thursday**

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Worship

**April 14: Joint Good Friday**

St. Paul – Joint Worship 7:00 PM

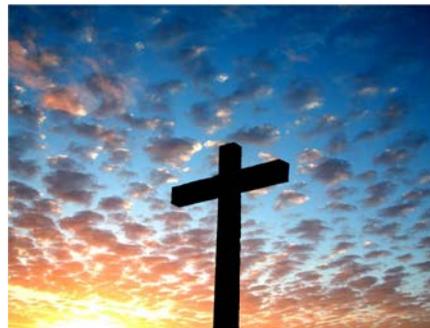
**April 16: Easter Sunday Worship**

7:00 AM “Sonrise” Worship – St. Paul (Breakfast follows)

9:30 AM Worship – St. James

11:00 AM Worship – St. Paul

Any changes or updates of scheduling will be announced as needed in the church bulletin.



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8:00 am – 2:00 pm



*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)*

As I write this letter, we are almost half-way through our Lenten journey. I hope many of you have accepted the challenge issued by the council and are reading through the Small Catechism, discussing what you read and praying with your partner. If you haven't, I encourage you to pick up a copy (You can find it in the ELW on page 1160.) and spend some time reading and thinking about the basics of our faith.

We all know the 10 commandments (even if we can't name them in order); we say the creed and the Lord's Prayer every Sunday; we are baptized and we come regularly to the Lord's Supper. So why do we ask you to study them and Luther's answer to the question "What is this?" Whether we are 3 or 83 none of us can be "holy as our Lord is whole," although some of us come closer than others. We can never assume that we know all there is about being a Christian. Following Christ is the journey of a lifetime. Through the simple words that we know to be true, the Holy Spirit builds our trust and faith in the One who loves us unconditionally. As our faith deepens and strengthens we are able to respond to God's call to mission.

When you called me as your pastor, you committed the congregation to working on renewal. Renewal does not happen just because you have a pastor. The pews will not automatically be filled. (If people do come because of the pastor, they will often leave when the pastor leaves — and even if the pastor is there for 40 years, he or she will leave.) Renewal of a congregation begins when the members of the congregation follow the words of Paul in Romans

12:2, "...be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may discern the will of God..." Before we can renew the church, we must be transformed as individuals.

Human beings are pretty good at thinking we know what we want and telling God what we want. (We want full pews, full coffers and lots of things happening in our church building.) We are not so good at listening to what God wants for us. We want activity; we want to do something (anything!). It's like when I start out in my car to make a visit. I may have the address of my destination and may think I know at least the general direction to go. I start to drive because I'm almost always in a hurry. Many times, I must stop and turn on my GPS to make sure I arrive at my intended destination. I actually take longer to get there because I didn't set up the GPS first and go off on an indirect path. I have learned that the more familiar I am with a route the less need I have of the GPS, although when there is a problem on the road ahead of me, my GPS will reroute me around the roadblock so that I still arrive at my intended destination.

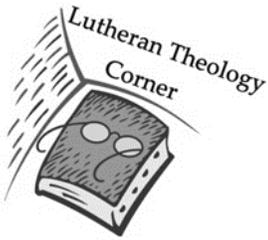
Our lives are full of roadblocks. Our faith strengthens and sustains us as we travel through this life. The Holy Spirit is our GPS. As we listen to the words of scripture or the creed or the sacraments we are directed to the God who created and loves us. For this reason, we return again and again to the basics of our faith — to the study of scripture, to prayer and worship. In doing so, we are renewed and transformed as God's people. As we are transformed individually, we will begin to transform as a congregation.

God has given us a mission. We are called to share the love and joy of God with everyone. The Spirit and Word of God function as our GPS as we seek to care out that mission.

I invite you during the time remaining in Lent to listen carefully for God's voice as we worship together, as you meet with a partner to discuss and pray, as you meet with God in your private devotions. It is my prayer for all of us that we will grow in faith during these forty days so that we are better prepared to carry out God's mission for our congregation.

Blessings,

*Pastor Kathy*



This month we will start a series on the Catechism. We begin, as Luther did, with the Ten Commandments. Luther wrote in the large catechism that ‘the First Commandment [is] ‘You are to have no

other gods.’ That is, you are to regard me alone as your God.

What does “to have a god” mean, or what is God?

Answer: A “god” is the term for that to which we are to look for all good and in which we are to find refuge in all need. Therefore, to have a god is nothing else than to trust and believe in that one with your whole heart...If your faith and trust are right, then your God is the true one.’

To have no other gods means that we trust in God rather than in ourselves or in money or in the power of our country. We have confidence that God loves us and cares for us. We don’t seek help from mediums or magicians or even the saints; instead we pray to the One who created us, who redeemed us through Jesus and who sustains us through the Holy Spirit.



Holy Week begins Sunday, April 9, with Palm/Passion Sunday. We begin the day celebrating the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem with waving of palms and shouts of

“Hosanna to the Son of David!” and “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” We quickly move to the reading of the Passion according to Matthew.

Following the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and lunch for participants, so bring your families and invite your neighbors with children to join us. All members of the congregation are invited. (Rumor has it that even the adults will be hunting for eggs!)

On Maundy Thursday, April 12, we will gather around the table in the social room at St. James for a meal at 6p.m. Bring a dish to share; chicken tenders and drinks will be provided. Worship will begin at 7p.m. around the table following the meal. After we



celebrate communion together, we will go to the sanctuary for the Stripping of the Altar as we listen to the reading of Psalm 22.

Our Good Friday observance will take place at St. Paul at 7 p.m. In many ways, this is the most solemn day of the church year as we remember what Jesus went through to free us from the power of our sin and reconcile us to God. Without Good Friday, there would be no Easter Sunday.



Come to St. Paul (Lebanon) at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16, as we celebrate the discovery of the empty tomb.

Depending on the weather, we plan to worship in the churchyard among the graves.

Following worship, come to the fellowship hall for Easter Breakfast. The Always Faithful Fellowship Committee will provide the meal for everyone.



At 9:30a.m. St. James will celebrate the Day of Resurrection with Holy Communion. St. Paul (Lebanon) will celebrate at 11:00 with a service of Holy Communion.

*[Please note: The use of the term “Sunrise Service” in the bulletin announcements and newsletters this Lent has been deliberate. Sunrise on April 16 is 6:27 so this first on Easter actually begins after sunrise (but we celebrate the rising of the son of God.)*

Pr. KJ]



St. Paul is site of the next joint worship service on April 30, 2017. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a special service and program planned by the Renewing team. The service will begin at 10:15am, and the day will end with a meal and time of fellowship.

*Alleluia!*  
HE IS ALIVE!

## *In His Footsteps*

### Altar Flower Dedications

#### *April*

2 George Hake

9

16 George Daneker's Family

23

30

#### *May*

7

14 (Mother's Day)

21 Penny Posey

28

### Lector

#### *April*

Wanda Neuhaus

### Altar / Paraments

#### *April*

Reba Berwager  
& Vicki Bode

#### *May*

Penny Posey

### Acolyte

#### *April & May*

Marlene Schaeffer

### Communion Assistants April

**Wine:** Vicki Bode & Wanda Neuhaus

**Coordinator:**

### Communion Assistants May

**Wine:** Carolyn Shope

**Coordinator:**

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

Those turning 85 years and older in 2017

#### Birthday list

Margaret Frey	April 7
Olga Eveler	April 23
Robert Leffel	April 26
Erma Eveler	May 13
Margaret Couto	June 6
Mabel Warner	June 17
J. Martin Downs	June 27
Oscar Cliver	July 21
Vernard Bacon	September 6
Joan Cliver	October 29
Ethel Minnich	November 14

## *St. James's Church Family and Friends Birthday List*

### *April Birthdays*

April 1 Destinee Strayer

April 3 Derek Shaull

April 4 Nancy Shaull

April 7 Margaret Frey

April 9 Joyce Wise

April 14 Dan Eveler

April 15 Peggy Wolf

April 23 Olga Eveler

April 24 Thomas Mellinger

April 26 Bob Leffel

April 27 Richard Konkel

### *May Birthdays*

May 13 Erma Eveler

May 15 Glenn Shaull

May 19 Charles Shaull

May 20 Donald Minnich



### *May Anniversaries*

May 4 Gloria & Michael Shaull

May 30 Ken & Margie Earnest



**If your Birthday or Anniversary is missing from our lists, please contact the church office at (717) 927-9497 and let us know. We will be able to update your information. Thank you.**

**Please take time to remember our homebound members. Please take a few moments out of your day to send a card, make a call, and share your thoughts with our members that are not able to come to worship.**

Bob and Ann Leffel  
722 Bollinger Dr.  
Shrewsbury, PA 17361

Dauris Gross  
80 Dull Road  
Felton, PA 17322

Mrs. Erma Eveler  
2747 Glen Allen School Rd  
Felton PA 17322-7994

J. Martin Downs  
ManorCare  
Pauline Drive,  
York PA 17402

Ethel Minnich  
416 Wise Road  
Red Lion, PA 17356

John & Gayle Norris  
2611 Meadow View Dr.  
York, PA 17402

Margaret Frey  
1536 Frey Road  
Felton, PA 17322

## **Bible Quiz**



By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C

## ***St. James Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt***



Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the church social hall. A covered dish lunch( meat will be provided), Games and activities for all ages will follow the Easter Egg Hunt. Please call the church office at 927-9497 by Thursday, April 6 to register, but registration is not required to attend. All participants and their families are invited to attend the 9:30 AM Palm Sunday worship service with Holy Communion led by The Rev. Kathleen Kuehl prior to the egg hunt.



### **Lectors and Communion Assistants Needed**

Lectors and Communion Assistants are needed! Please sign up on the sheets on the back table.

A Constitution Task Force is being established to update and amend the Congregation's Constitution. Anyone interested in being a member of the Task Force, please contact Wanda Neuhaus.

### ***Financial Report for February 2017***

***February income: \$6,715.00***

***February expenses: \$20,388.47***

***Difference: \$13,673.47***

Please note that the furnace in the Educational Building was replaced at the cost of \$12,895.00 due to the inability to repair the existing furnace. As a result, the Congregational Council approved a special offering through the month of April to defray the costs of the new furnace. Anyone wishing to contribute, please include a note indicating this with your donation. If the cost of the furnace is excluded from the February expenses, the deficit is \$778.47. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. James!

Linda Stern,  
Treasurer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# April 2017

<p><b>Join us for Sunday School before worship at 8:30 AM each week!</b></p>						<p><b>1</b> Clothes Closet 8:30 – 10 AM</p>
<p><b>2</b> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Worship 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>3</b> Monday Morning Quilt Group 10:00</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Bible Study 10:30 AM  Joint Worship St. Paul 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>6</b> Choir Practice 7 PM</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p>  <p>Palm Sunday  Worship 9:30 AM Egg Hunt 11AM</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  Clothes Closet Work Session 7:30 – 9:00 AM</p>	<p><b>12</b> Bible Study 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>  <p>MAUNDY Thursday  Joint Worship St. James Meal 6 PM Worship 7 PM</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p>Good Friday  Joint Worship St. Paul 7 PM</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p>  <p>EASTER Worship 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>  Church Council 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>19</b>  Bible Study 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>20</b>  Choir Practice 7 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> Worship 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b>  Renewal Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 PM at St. James</p>	<p><b>26</b> Bible Study 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>27</b> Choir Practice 7 PM</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> Joint Worship at St. Paul 10:15 AM</p>	 <p><b>Looking Ahead!</b> St. James Lutheran Church and St. Paul (Lebanon) Lutheran Church invite you to attend a Chicken BBQ, Saturday, May 13, 2017, St. Paul (Lebanon), Felton. We look forward to seeing you there. More information to following weekly bulletins.</p>					

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<h1>May 2017</h1>						
	<b>1</b>  Monday Morning Quilt Group 10:00	<b>2</b> Clothes Closet Work Session 7:30 – 9:00 AM	<b>3</b> Bible Study 10:30 AM	<b>4</b>  Choir Practice 7 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Clothes Closet 8:30 – 10 AM
<b>7</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Easter  Worship 9:30 AM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Bible Study 10:30 AM	<b>11</b>  Choir Practice 7 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual <b>ULMSEY</b> <b>Chicken</b> <b>BBQ and</b> <b>Yard Sale</b> 8 AM – 2PM
<b>14</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Easter    Worship 9:30 AM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Clothes Closet Work Session 7:30 – 9 AM	<b>17</b>  Bible Study 10:30 AM	<b>18</b>  Choir Practice 7 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Easter  Worship 9:30 AM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Church Council 7:00 PM	<b>24</b>  Bible Study 10:30 AM	<b>25</b> Ascension of Our Lord Choir Practice 7 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Office Closed - Will reopen on Tuesday May 30<sup>rd</sup>.</b>						
<b>28</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Easter  Worship 9:30 AM	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> Clothes Closet Work Session 7:30 – 9 AM  Renewal Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 PM at St. James	<b>31</b>  Bible Study 10:30 AM	<b>Join us for Sunday School            before worship at 8:30 AM            each week!</b>		



## Breakfast, Chicken BBQ & Yard Sale

St. Paul (Lebanon) & St. James Lutheran Church will be holding a Breakfast, Yard Sale & Chicken BBQ on May 13th from 8 - 2 PM at St. Paul (Lebanon) Lutheran Church.

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Return Service Requested

### Please call the church office when....

A member of your family is admitted to and discharged from the hospital or other health care facility.

Your committee or group changes its meeting date or time.

Your telephone number or address is changed, a new baby arrives, a death occurs.

You are moving, or if you feel the church can assist you in any way.



**For sale, for rent, help needed, or items wanted or needed. If you have an item your wish to advertise, you may request that we include it in our weekly bulletin or our monthly newsletter in our new Church Classifieds column. Please include your contact information, so that whomever reads it will contact you and not the church office.**

Indoor Yard Sale will begin at 8AM. Anyone interested in renting a table for \$10 should contact Terry Jamison @ 717-244-8810.



Breakfast will be sold from 8-10 AM. Chicken BBQ Menu will include a chicken half, choice of potato salad or coleslaw, a roll & drink for \$9.00. Desserts will be sold separately. Chicken dinners will be available at 11AM until gone. Pre-orders for the Chicken BBQ will be available in advance. There will be great food, music for all and crafts/face painting for the kids. **More to come but mark your calendar and tell a friend!**

**Help will be needed** to make this fundraiser event a success. We will need volunteers to assist with making/donating food items, making desserts, setting up, serving the meal, collecting money & clean up. This year we will be having a theme basket raffle, so start collecting your items and donate a theme basket to be raffled the day of the BBQ. Gifts certificates can also be raffled, donation are also excepted.

A list of items needed for the BBQ will be circulated during the month of April. Also, if you are willing to volunteer that day, please let Kim Collins / Terry Jamison (St. Paul) or Mary Baublitz / Carolyn Shope (St. James) know for planning purposes.

Answer to quiz on page 3: E (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)

