

# *WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church*

**For the “Love of One Another” at St. James, we will continue to take every reasonable precaution to protect those who worship in-church each Sunday by honoring the 3 W’s.....**

## **“WATCH” our physical distancing –**

We have designated every-other pew open in the sanctuary for us to sit in to make sure we are still distanced properly.

## **“WEAR” masks for the “Love of One Another”.....**

We want you to wear your mask **PROPERLY** during the entire worship service. This will allow us to sing quietly & safely.

## **“WASH” and/or sanitize our hands**

*Please, if you do not feel comfortable to attend in person, you have the opportunity to watch FB Live or a recorded version later in the day.*



**Worship Service - Streaming live or watch later!**

**[FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana](#)**

*Watch your email each week for the bulletin.*

*We ask that you print the bulletin.....to follow along with our service.*



***Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***



Into these days in the Easter season, please receive the gift of these reflections, provided for you by pastors of our congregations, LPAs and lay leaders, Bishop Jungling, and the staff of the Synod. As the Montana Synod is focused on equipping God’s people for the work of ministry, (based on Eph. 4:11-12), it is helpful to focus together on a text and devotional reflection that encourages us to walk together as the Montana Synod being equipped to be the people of God, followers of Jesus, and bearers of the good news of God’s love and grace.

***Easter Season Devotions.....***

*starting on Resurrection Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and continuing for the fifty days of the Easter season until the day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.*

**\*\*Download the attached PDF to this email.**

## PREPARING FOR APRIL 2021 WORSHIP.....

***Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God, joining us by watching the FB Live service or in spirit and prayer.***

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."*

*Ps 122:1*

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

*We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, because your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams which revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now & forever. Amen.*

### **Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Easter Sunday**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Readings:**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

### **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Readings:**

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1--2:2; John 20:19-31

### **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Readings:**

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Prayer of the Day**

*O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Readings:**

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18



***Mission Offering for April 2021 benefits...***  
**The Special K Ranch**

...for your continued support of our monthly missions.  
Your generosity is welcomed and so appreciated!



***A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US***

April 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

April 2021 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & RaeEllen Strickland

April Gate Keepers: *Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan,  
Larry & Joy Goehner and Brian & Sheri Luepke.*

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

*For new prayer requests, please contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at [jdbjorkman@hotmail.com](mailto:jdbjorkman@hotmail.com)*

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...**

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, and those battling cancer or other illnesses.

***We offer new prayers for:***

Denise Cowan recovering from surgery on her eye.

***We offer continued prayers for:***

Your comfort & peace God for the family & friends of Ric Hanson, Ruth Gaustad, Yasui Enano and David Hollingsworth as they mourn their passing.

Your continued healing God for Clara Wagner; Leslie's parents; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

We lift up those living with cancer: Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; Dennis Gauthier; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson

*All countries affected by the Coronavirus/Cofid-19 as they struggle to contain it and treat those who have contracted it. Please guide them; heal those who are afflicted with the virus; watch over their doctors, nurses and first responders; and halt its spread.*

**Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically and overseas,  
As well as their spouses and children at home.**

**“Your faith in God’s mission for St. James is unshakeable.”**

*Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May the Lord bless you and give you peace.*

***Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church..***

1. Mail your offering to the church at St. James Lutheran Church, PO Box 356, Columbus, MT, 59019
2. Take your envelope offering to Pastor Tonia’s parsonage and put in the designated box on her front porch.
3. Stop in at your bank and arrange a monthly auto pay transaction.
4. Give online through **Tithe.ly**, a giving app endorsed by the ELCA. Each transaction carries a small fee. Your gift is safe / secure and goes directly to our church or ministry. Plus, you’ll be able to track all your gifts, setup recurring, and more!

**[Tithe.ly](#) (click on this blue “Tithe.ly” link – takes you directly to St. James’ account to sign-up)**

**Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).**

**Every Tuesday in April 2021:**

**Bible Study @ 2:00pm**

\*B.Y.O.B.&B. - Bring your own Beverage, Bible and Book.

We are discussing the weekly lectionaries.

**Wednesdays in April 2021: Pastor Tonia records.....**

**A “Word on Wednesday”**



**WATCH on St. James’ FB Page –**

**\*\*Click on the picture to be directed to the church FB Page.**

Welcome to a word on Wednesday.

We take a few minutes each Wednesday to hear from God’s Word.

Let God speak to you.

Bring up memories, bring out deep thoughts.

Reflect on how God speaks to our world today, to the situations we are facing as individuals, as a church, as a country, and as the world God so loves.

**Or read/copy the letters attached to the weekly preparing for worship emails!**



***Happy April Birthday***

*RaeEllen Strickland 4/1; Ian Morse 4/4; Patty Sundberg 4/7;*

*Maddie Lind 4/11; Cory Wanner 4/13; Dorcas Atzbach 4/14;*

*Joe Morse 4/15; Mason Adams 4/15; Don Herzog 4/16;*

*Judy Bjorkman 4/19; John Mitchell 4/21; Tim Lofing 4/24; Tessa Rouane 4/25*



*Happy April Anniversary*  
Morgan and Lian Radford 4/27

## Zoom Social



Pastor Tonia invites you to join her for a time of social zooming. There'll be no specific topic, just a time to visit.

The zoom social will last about 40 minutes every Wednesday starting January. Feel free to drop in when you can during that time and to leave when you must.

*Fireside Chat – Wednesday's at 7 pm*  
*Tea with Tonia @10am, day-of-week to be determined.*

An invitation will arrive in your email each week, along with step by step instructions for those who are new to Zoom.

## Miscellaneous Information:



*Reminder.....*

**St. James has INTERNET!**

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE, PHONE or IPad/TABLET,  
CLICK ON - **St. James**

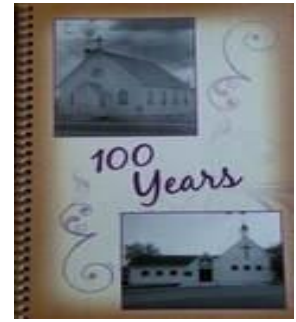
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## ***STILL AVAILABLE.....***

***Get your cookbooks!!***

***Get your 100th Anniversary etched mugs***

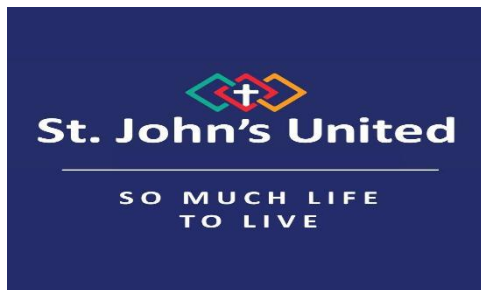
***And/or wine glasses!!***



***They are all for sale NOW! \$10 each***

*Pick yours up at church on Sunday or get in touch with Pastor Tonia, Denise or Betty and we will make sure you get a copy or two or three. ☺*

## ***News from St. John's United.....***



*~ Watch the broadcast of the newly remodeled Chapel Court Apartment dedication and launch of the Campaign for Resident Care.*

*Click on St. John's Logo image to take you directly to the KTVQ broadcast.*

### ***Volunteer for St. John's United***

## **SPRING PLANTING**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30am – 3:00pm**

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am – 12:30pm**



**To ensure the safety of all, these events will be hosted by appointment**

**Volunteers ages 15+**

**Bring your own mask and maintain at least 6 feet of distance while on SJU campus**

***Contact Carissa Welsh at 655-7727 or email [volunteer@stjohnsuned.org](mailto:volunteer@stjohnsuned.org)***

***\*\* See Poster attached or Poster on bulletin board***



## St. James Church Council

*Would you like the opportunity to serve on St. James' church council?*

Your council is accepting nominations for yourself or for the name of another member to serve.

Please let a council member or Pastor Tonia know of your interest. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The council voted to accept Chris Fleury to fill out the remaining term of one of our council members.

Thank you! Chris!



*...may arrive again in Columbus this spring and we want to be ready! A big THANK YOU to the angel(s) who brave the cold and shovel the sidewalks and roads!*

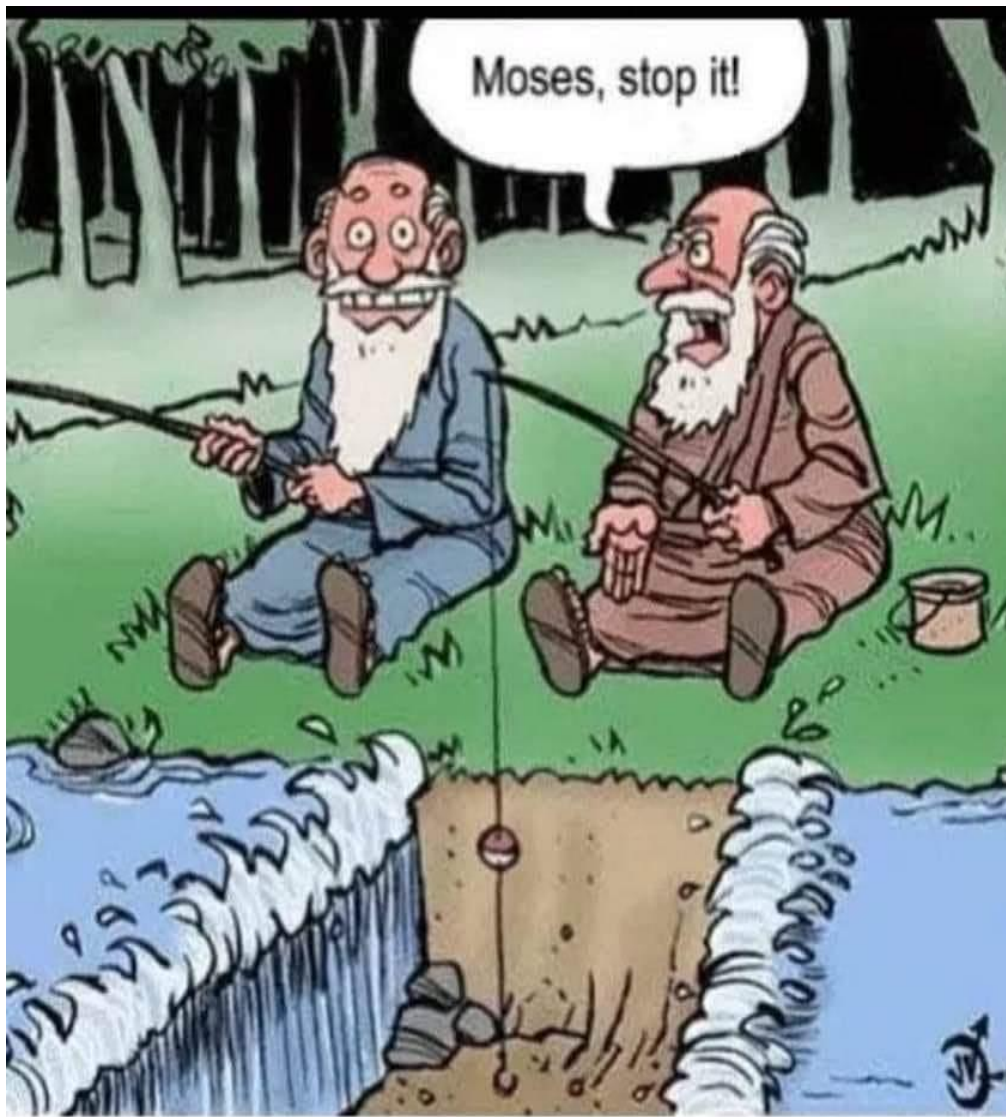
*If anyone would be willing to help during future storms, please let a Council Member or Pastor Tonia know. We can come up with a schedule. Thank you!*

*And then **SPRING** has arrived, which leads to budding trees & plants, and green grass that starts to GROW, and GROW and GROW! All of this beautiful foliage leads to mowing in the **SUMMER!!***

*If anyone would be willing to help during the summer months, please let a Council Member or Pastor Tonia know. We can come up with a schedule. Thank you!*



*Simple Reminders...*



Fishing with Moses

*Hee, Hee!*