



St. James Lutheran Church Celebrating 100 years in 2020

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*Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,
share our faith and serve with the love of God"*

APRIL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 4/18/20



St. John's United

SO MUCH LIFE TO LIVE

Thank you, friends of St. John's,
associated with the COVID-19 virus.

We are so appreciative!

Crafted gifts of cloth face masks are still being welcomed.

Thank you!

Our most urgent medical supply request is:



GEL-FORM HAND SANITIZER.
Our shortage is mounting and our
suppliers are unable to match
our needs.

We welcome any shape or size of unopened and bottled gel-form hand sanitizer
that is commercially branded with a business name.

Gifts of gel-form hand sanitizer may be delivered to the health screen check station, located on
the St. John's main campus (3940 Rimrock Road).

Contact person for questions or information is
Rob Wilkerson, Campus Safety & Security Manager
Cell: 406-325-1508 Office: 406-655-5644

RWilkerson@sjlm.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES THIS WEEK & BEYOND.....

Sunday April 19th: 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship Service online

During this time of sheltering in place, our worship service comes to us through modern technology. You will notice a new format as we continue to work on bringing our service to you. We want to thank KayDel Shelton for undertaking this ministry.

You will be viewing this Sunday's service on the trusted and personal site of KayDel's called Vimeo.

On Sunday, April 19th, watch for the "forward email" from me with the subject titled "The Myrtle Leaf shared a video with you on Vimeo".

You will click on the picture and then click on the arrow at the bottom of the page to start the video.

Please be patient – you may have to sit for a while to allow it to finish loading d/t the high volume of traffic on the internet, especially on Sundays. We look forward to gathering together for worship and give thanks for being able to have worship brought to us during this time.

Sunday April 26th: 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship Service online

Recipes are still needed.....

The "100TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK" committee have asked me to **AGAIN** ask all of our members to submit a recipe or two or three or four! PLEASE, PLEASE we want to make this an heirloom to remember our Lutheran heritage.

***The deadline to submit our recipes
is May 15th, 2020!***

That date will be here before we know it!



Print off the attached form and send to:

Karen McDonald 63 Ponderosa Ridge Road Columbus, MT 59019

OR Denise Cowan 45 Bugling Elk Lane Columbus, MT 59019

If you can scan, send to Karen's email: mschilly2020@gmail.com

Thank you in advance!



We Could Use Your Prayers!

If you know of anyone sick, preparing for surgery, struggling with health problems, mending or healing from illness or surgery, shut-ins, or loss of a loved one, traveling, in the service of our country, and peace in the world, contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at 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:

The family of Roger Sunvold as he passed away Friday, April 17th. Please pray for peace, comfort and support for Marge Sunvold and Janelle Palmer and their family as they mourn the loss of Roger.

We offer continued prayers for:

Evan Hill, a friend of Joy and Larry Goehner's grandson in California. Please pray for Evan's comfort, peace, and complete healing.

Hudson, grandson of Patty and Lance Sundberg. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for his doctors, for a quick resolution of Hudson's issues, and for his parents as only one of them can be in the hospital with him due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Jay Jaworski, as he is in a Billings hospital. Please pray for comfort and healing for Jay and for a quick resolution of his health issues.

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.

Pete Hegg; Max, friend of Pastor Tonia; Brian Wanner's father, Jerry; Harold Riensche; Donna Zeigler; Sally Bisch; Dennis Gauthier; Jason Nielsen, Judy Bjorkman's brother; Les Lane; Kevin Ramer; Arvid Barnam; Roger Mullin; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

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

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

FYI.....YTD (Jan - March 2020)

**Our 2019 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33

(\$6,251.28) UNDER monthly budget

April 5th Offering Gratefully Received \$11,435 OVER monthly budget \$3,426.67

April 12th Offering Gratefully Received \$ 4,290 OVER monthly budget \$7,716.67

"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 your church or ministry. Plus, you'll be able to track all your gifts, setup recurring, and more!

[Tithe.ly](https://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).
We should consider His church to be the same.***

A HUGE *THANK YOU* FOR:

- Patience as we worship together in Spirit through technology. We anticipate future services to explore additional ways of using our resources. For now, please take a moment of silence to breathe and participate as you are able.
- KayDel Shelton for undertaking this ministry and her creation of our worship service from this Sunday 4/19 throughout out the rest of our closure time.
- Reading all of the “many”, “many” emails that have come to you this past week.
 - ✓ Pastor Tonia, the LPA’s and your council want all of you to be as informed as possible about this virus and how we can help **STOP** this spread here and **NOW!**
 - ✓ We are hoping, from having Pastor’s inspiring letters, our weekly newsletter information available, our online Worship service on Sunday, it will show some kind of normalcy as to how our little church will continue to connect and worship with each other.
- Pastor Tonia, our LPA’s and Council Members for keeping in contact with all of you and **TO YOU**, for your gracious comments, financial offerings and prayers.

Mission Offering for April benefits the Tumbleweed Program!

We encourage you to contribute to this community mission, even while we are in suspension at this time. Please, send your check to: St. James and be sure to note in the memo, it is for the April Mission Offering. Thank you for your generosity!



TUMBLEWEED

Our Mission

Tumbleweed provides safety, assistance and hope to our community’s vulnerable and homeless youth, creating lasting life changes.



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 & Lian Radford 4/27

**As St. James continues to celebrate
our 100th Anniversary in the year 2020.....**We will continue to keep you up
to date with all information.

Recipes – We need more! See above information!

Please, save these upcoming dates, just in case:

~~~ 5/17 Remembering our Norwegian Heritage Dinner & fun. Time & events TBA.~~

*The Dinner committee for this event has decided to postpone until the late fall. We will keep you all informed of the projected date & time. We truly hope and pray that this event will continue to happen.*

~ 8/23 Our Church's 100<sup>th</sup> year worship service w/the Bishop & previous pastors & a Banquet to celebrate with all of our members & the community. Time & events TBA.

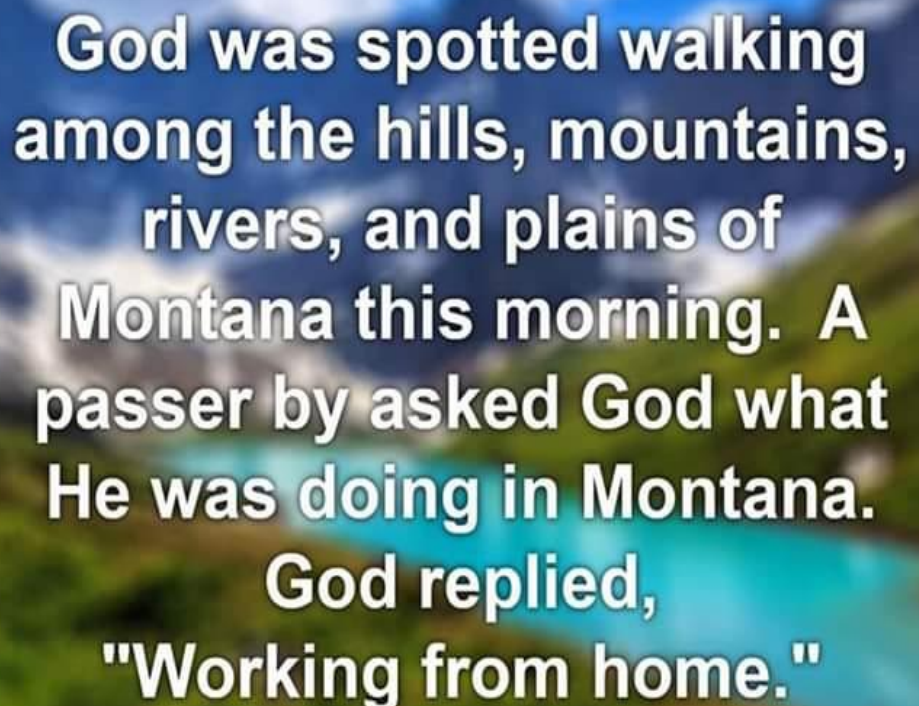
~ 9/20 Remembering our German Heritage Dinner & music. Time & events TBA.

December – We will enter a float in the Parade of Lights celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Year!

***We hope you will continue to enjoy excerpts of St. James History throughout this year and remember the “Good ‘Ole Days” and all that has happened for 100 Years in our small but mighty Lutheran Church!!***

***April's Church History report will be celebrating the years 1930 – 1939.  
Follow the upcoming newsletters to remember these years!***

*Simple  
Reminders...*



**God was spotted walking  
among the hills, mountains,  
rivers, and plains of  
Montana this morning. A  
passer by asked God what  
He was doing in Montana.  
God replied,  
"Working from home."**



# COLUMBUSMTGIVES.ORG

Columbus Community Foundation hosts  
the 5th Annual Columbus MT Gives event!  
May 4-8th, 2020!



With these uncertain times, our non-profits need your help now more than ever. This week long giving event will benefit the following non-profits.

Show your support by donating online at [www.columbusmtgives.org](http://www.columbusmtgives.org).

Or you can leave a donation in the night drop at Yellowstone Bank in Columbus.



**THANK YOU  
TO OUR SPONSORS!**

