



# 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 4/25/20**

*I felt the message in this letter was worth repeating.....*

### *"Into A New Land"*

*After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates, to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land, I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so, you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

*(Joshua 1)*

We will leave this desert of Coronavirus, of house-arrest sheltering in place. We will go forth – wearily, unsure, but forward we will go into our new and different future. We do not know the way, we do not know what it will look like, but we do know – God will be with us wherever we go.

We need to be ready to cross the river, to move forward. Be strong and move as God calls us. Into the unknown we go, knowing God will never forsake us. We are not alone. We will be careful to walk according in God's grace, to keep God's Word, to not be afraid or discouraged as we go forward into a new land, a new normal.

We all face losses and it's scary to go into the unknown. But God tells us to not be afraid, not to be discouraged, for God will go with us, into the unknown. God promises this will not be the end, we will have a new future, and it won't be all bad. God will give us success in our endeavors. It'll be different, we just don't know what it will look like. We will put one foot in front of the other and we will continue the journey – with God.

"Get ready to cross the Jordan River." It's time to get ready to enter into our new normal. Wednesday, the Governor announced a staggered reopening of the state. The stay at home order lifts Sunday. In the first phase, all vulnerable people should continue to stay at home. That includes those over the age of 65 and anyone with underlying health conditions.

In order to be good neighbors, to follow the Golden Rule, to care for our people, St. James **will NOT be open for worship this Sunday, April 26.** This Sunday's service will again be a Vimeo recording and the link to participate in this service will be sent to you in the Sunday morning email.

We are anxious to gather together. We long to have our hearts burn within us as we hear the Word of God proclaimed. We long to see Jesus in the breaking of the bread. As we long to taste the bread and wine, we will not be discouraged, we will be strong and courageous. Soon, we will be together again to worship our risen Lord. I bid you peace.

*Pastor Tonia*

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

**Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Worship Service online

You will be viewing this Sunday's service on the trusted and personal site of KayDel's called Vimeo.  
Watch for the Worship Service email on this Sunday Morning!

**Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>:** ZOOM Council Meeting @ 1:00pm

We will be cautious and will be working to make sure the church is ready to meet the mandates, that we sanitize and are able to maintain physical distancing – so we can have more than 10 people within the church at one time. We will keep you informed of our reopening date.

**Are you feeling this?** 😊

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
THE DAYS OF THE WEEK  
ARE NOW CALLED,  
THISDAY, THATDAY,  
OTHERDAY, SOMEDAY,  
YESTERDAY, TODAY &  
NEXTDAY!**

### ***Recipes are still needed.....***

The "100<sup>TH</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](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:***

The family of Doug Miller as he passed away Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please pray for peace, comfort and support for Terri Miller and her family as they mourn the loss of Doug.

The family of Roger Sunvold as he passed away Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 praise for:***

Hudson, grandson of Patty and Lance Sundberg, is home and doing well now without having to undergo surgery.

#### ***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.

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.

Jay Jaworski; 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; 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.....**

\*\*Our 2020 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33

**FYI.....YTD (Jan - March 2020) (\$6,251.28) UNDER monthly budget**

April 5 <sup>th</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$11,435</u>	<u>OVER</u> monthly budget \$3,426.67
April 12 <sup>th</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 4,290</u>	<u>OVER</u> monthly budget \$7,716.67
April 19 <sup>th</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 1,175</u>	<u>OVER</u> monthly budget \$8,891.67

"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 (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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

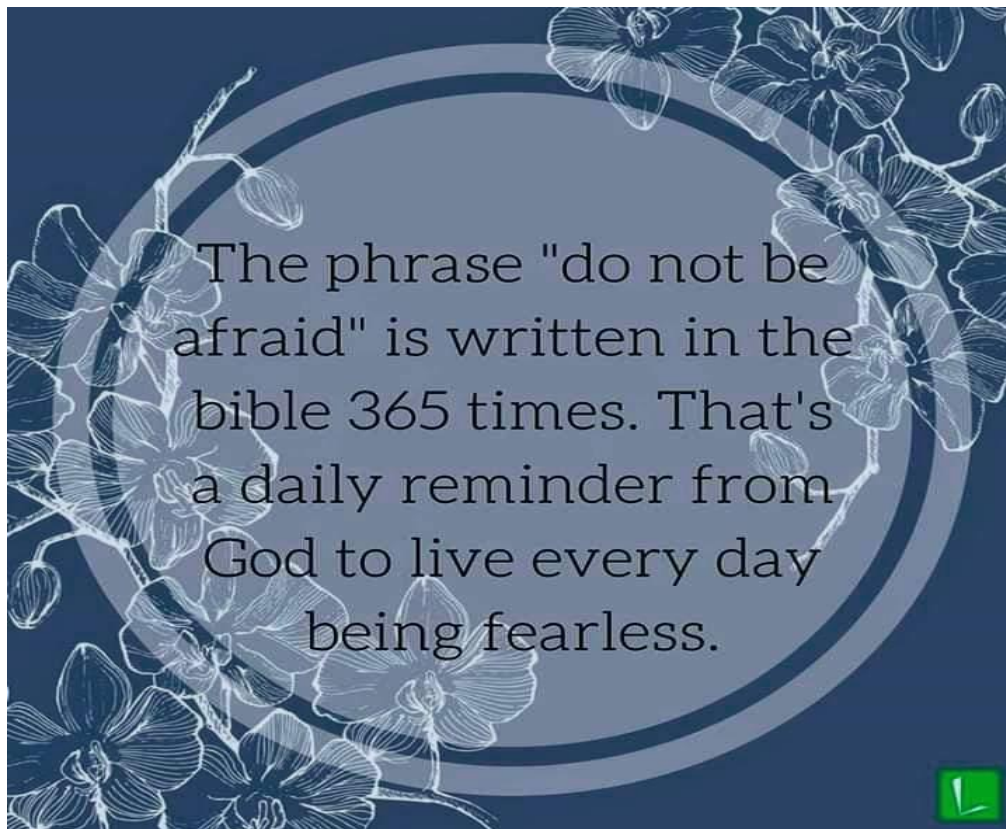
~ 9/20 Remembering our German Heritage Dinner & music. Time & events TBA.

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...*



*FYI.....Our community non-profits need us now more than ever!*



# 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.



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