



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 4/4/20



Face masks for Coronavirus:

We're all going to need to wear masks as the Coronavirus pandemic spreads and worsens. A few days ago, Governor Bullock announced that we won't see the peak of the pandemic until about April 25th. Since masks are in short supply, I would like to share a pattern with our congregation that a friend of mine who is an RN and a

pharmacist has been sewing for herself and her colleagues. Perhaps persons within the church who have a talent for sewing might be interested in making them for their family, friends and community. Here's a link to the pattern.

<https://www.craftpassion.com/face-mask-sewing-pattern/>

Thank you, Judy Bjorkman

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.



Tee hee!

*We have to have a laugh
or two!*

Again, a reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

***Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
We should consider His church to be the same.***

Fellow Members of St. James,

Thank you for your continuing generosity during this uncertain time. As you pray about your tithes and offerings at this time, we remind you of ways in which you can continue to support the ministry of St. James.

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)
5. Another way to give online is through the **Simply Giving**® Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank. There is no cost to you but the church does incur a processing fee. More information and an enrollment form to complete may be found on this website (or we do have paper copies to pick up at the church) The **Simply Giving**® Program (Simply hit Ctrl + Click to follow this link.)



We Could Use Your Prayers!

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

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

	<i>FYI.....YTD (Jan – Feb 2020)</i>	<i>(\$4,671.95)</i>	<i>UNDER monthly budget</i>
March 1 st Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,433</u>		<i>under monthly budget (\$6575.33)</i>
March 8 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,251</u>		<i>under monthly budget (\$5,324.33)</i>
March 15 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 890</u>		<i>under monthly budget (,\$4,434.33)</i>
March online offering gratefully received	<u>\$ 295</u>		<i>under monthly budget (\$4,139.33)</i>
March 22 nd Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,355</u>		<i>under monthly budget (\$2,784.33)</i>
March 29 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,205</u>		<i>under monthly budget (\$1,579.33)</i>

“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.

Isaiah 41:10 ~ “Fear not; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.”

2Thessalonians 3:3 ~ “But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.”

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 continued prayers for:

Pete Hegg; Max, friend of Pastor Tonia; Brian Wanner’s father, Jerry; Harold Riensche; Donna Zeigler; Sally Bisch; Roger Sunvold; 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.**

CHURCH BULLETIN for PALM SUNDAY.....

.....WILL BE SENT SUNDAY MORNING - Sunday April 5TH.

You will again, be able to view this service as a link to You Tube or you can log into the St. James’ FB page.

A HUGE *THANK YOU* FOR:

- Patience during this time of uncertainty. We all hope that we will be back to “Normal Church”, soon!
- 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 and a familiar bulletin to follow on Sunday, it will show some kind of normalcy as to how our little church will continue to connect and worship with each other.
- 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.

Friendly Reminder.....

Church Online
NOT CANCELED

Quiet Time With God
NOT CANCELED

Praying For The Sick
NOT CANCELED

Checking On A Friend
NOT CANCELED

Helping Others
NOT CANCELED

Being The Church
NOW MORE THAN EVER

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

Sunday April 5th:



Palm Sunday online Worship Service on You Tube & FB

Holy Week Prayers...

Monday in Holy Week

O God, your Son chose the path that led to the pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Tuesday in Holy Week

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Wednesday in Holy Week

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Three Days

Thursday April 9th:

Maundy Thursday Service on FB only



Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Friday April 10th:

Good Friday Service on You Tube & FB



Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, & to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Saturday April 11th:

Resurrection of Our Lord



Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday April 12th:

Easter Day Synod-wide **online** Easter Sunday Service



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, so 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.**

Sunday April 19th:

2nd Sunday of Easter Worship Service on You Tube & FB

Sunday April 26th:

3rd Sunday of Easter Worship Service on You Tube & FB

A SUGGESTION FOR THE UPCOMING “CLEANERS” DURING THIS TIME.....

Thank you to **Bob & Maureen Hemphill & Steve & Denise Cowan** for cleaning our church early March.

FYI – to the Hemphills & the Cowans and to Greg & Kristi Lofing, Chris Fleury, RaeEllen Strickland (cleaners signed up for April) and possibly to Brian & Sheri Luepke and Bill & Karen McDonald (cleaners signed up for May):

When this church suspension is lifted, will all of you, **along with other members willing to help,** come to the church for a much-needed deep cleaning day or days?

We just closed the doors; checked the heat, refrigerator & toilets and emptied the garbages. A few of us once a week are in the building, so we will be able to see if something needs attention. A date will be set and communicated to all members when this is over!

DONNA'S PROJECT.....

A lot of “People Chattering” noise happens while we are gathered in our new Fellowship Area.

So, Donna had this brilliant idea of hanging acoustic panels on the walls to possibly muffle this internal noise.

As it is a proven fact:

The more wall space that's covered with soft material, the quieter the room!



Donna Zeigler and Steve Cowan creating the acoustic panels.



The finished product.... they are hung above all of the windows in the fellowship room.
We can't wait to re-open our church again and see if this helps the noise level for those who have hearing aides or are a bit hard-of-hearing!



THANK YOU DONNA and Steve!



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....*

As our council is reassessing & deciding weekly of our closure or opening, according to the CDC Guidelines, we will also discuss our upcoming church events and the special events planned for our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We will continue to keep you up to date with all 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!***

## REMINDER.....



**Have you been stashing change into your "PIGGY" Bank or your "BARNYARD" Bank?**

**There are extra banks and we could actually SEND you one if you need!  
Thank you, Donna for starting this opportunity to help!**

*Simple  
Reminders...*

