

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

We continue to have in-church worship service @ 9:30am.

We also continue at this time to honor 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](#)

We appreciate hearing from all of you joining us online.
We would LOVE for you to share your insights or leave us a greeting.
We are blessed to count you among those who worship at St. James Lutheran Church each Sunday morning.

*Watch your email each week for the bulletin.
We ask that you print the bulletin.....to follow along with our service.*

PREPARING FOR FEBRUARY 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

Confession & Forgiveness

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

Sunday, February 7th, 2021 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Isaiah 40: 21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 14th, 2021 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

2 Kings: 2:1-12; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians: 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

NEW Confession & Forgiveness

Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Wednesday, February 17th - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - 7pm

@ St. James Church

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy 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:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10; Mathew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 21st, 2021 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 1:9-15; Mark 1:9-15

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 – Lenten Service - 7pm @ St. James Church

Sunday, February 28th, 2021 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake 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:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 – Lenten Service - 7pm @ St. James Church

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

February 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

February 2021 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora, Pat Lofing, Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

February 2021 Gate Keepers: *Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan and Larry & Joy Goehner*

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

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Barb Potzman, friend of KayDel & Randy Shelton, for hope she had a successful surgery Friday 1/15. Give her peace and spread comfort to her friends and loved ones and for Bill Fisher, Pastor Tonia's brother for hope that his blood filtering procedure also Friday 1/15 helped him fight Covid-19. We pray for peace for Bill and a complete healing as he fights the disease without his spleen.

Glen Perry, Cindy Smith's nephew, whose body is struggling with the acceptance of his new liver. Give wisdom and skill to his Drs, compassion to all who minister to him and comfort to his family.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued comfort and strength for the Bjorkman's as they mourn the death of Eric.

Your continued healing God for Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin; Rick Anderson, Sheri Leupke's brother-in-law; Bill Strickland; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

We lift up those living with cancer: 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](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).

Mission Offering for February 2021 benefits... "Project Hope Food Bank"

Every Tuesday in February 2021:

Bible Study @ 2:00pm

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

We are discussing the weekly lectionaries.

Wednesday's in February 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 February Anniversary

Gary & Pat Lofing 2/12; Jim & Barb Salte 2/19;
Jason & Holly Williams 2/29



Happy February Birthday

Roger Mullin 2/2; Jennifer Gauthier 2/4; Heather Gauthier 2/10;
Bill Strickland 2/10; Cindy Smith 2/15; Kolson Evig 2/17;
Jim Salte 2/18; Brian Wanner 2/19; Raeli Evig 2/20;
Jason Williams 2/23; Ruth Gaustad 2/28

Get your Cookbooks!!

Get your 100th Anniversary etched mugs and wine glasses!!

ALL are for sale NOW! \$10 each

Pick yours up at the church or let Pastor Tonia, Denise or Betty know how many you would like to purchase!

SPEAKING of our 100TH ANNIVERSARY.....

St. James will **HOPEFULLY** celebrate 100 years in the year **2020 2021!**

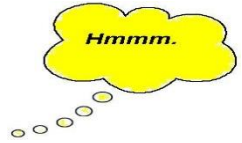


Celebrating 100 years in 2021

**WATCH for INFORMATION re.
IN-PERSON or ZOOM
UPCOMING PLANNING MEETINGS!!**

Please join the committee and join the discussion!

What does the 100th Anniversary Committee need us to do to make this happen in 2021?



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

Gather around, get comfy, sit back and discuss your day, the church, the weather.

It'll just be a time for free-flowing conversations.

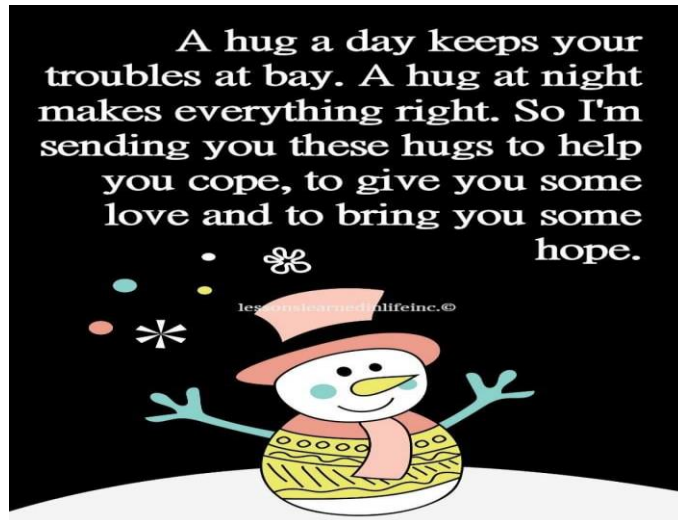
An invitation will arrive in your email each week, along with step by step instructions for those who are new to Zoom.

Note: If you do not receive an invitation and would like to join,
email Pastor Tonia toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com and she will send you the invite.

Coming in February 2021.....

Tea with Tonia @10am, day-of-week to be determined.

*Simple
Reminders...*



***Official Notice (according to our By-laws) of our upcoming Annual
Congregational Meeting for St. James – Sunday, February 28th,
immediately after our worship service.***

This meeting will be available by **Zoom for those of you at home.

*****Watch for an invitation to join and instructions
for those of you not familiar.***

Upcoming.....

- **Ash Wednesday Service February 17th 7pm @ St. James Lutheran Church**
- All future Wednesday Lenten Services will be recorded, uploaded and available to watch either on our FB Page or on YouTube (you will be given the date, time and link each week)

FYI.....

Again, we will **NOT** be gathering for in-person weekly Wednesday Lenten Services at the church.

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.