

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 JANUARY 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, January 3rd, 2021 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we 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:

Jeremiah 31: 7/14; Psalm 147: 12-20; John 1:1-18

Sunday, January 10th, 2021 – Baptism of Our Lord

Prayer of the Day

God of Peace, come to us now. Strengthen us to stand up in the peace which comes from our faith in Christ. We pray for our nation, for leaders, and all who dwell in this land. Help us as Christ followers to model purity and meekness before God. May we each follow Your command to love our neighbor. We remember with Christ there is only truth, we pray the words of the Psalmist, “O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.” Amen.

Readings:

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 17th, 2021 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 24th, 2021 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 31st, 2021 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

January 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

January 2021 Cleaner(s): Joe & Mina Morse, Jean Voldseth, Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

January 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 jdjorkman@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](#) (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 January 2021 benefits...
Project Hopes’ “Backpack Program”**



Every Tuesday in January 2021:

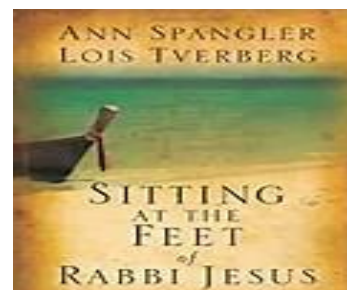
Bible Study @ 2:00pm

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

We are reading and discussing the book,

[Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus](#)

by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg.



Wednesday’s in January 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 download the full Pastoral letters already recorded attached to this email!

“Overwhelmed with Joy” - 1/6/21 and “God Hears Us” - 1/13/21

****Watch for upcoming videos/letters 1/20/21 and 1/27/21**



Happy January Anniversary

Larry & Joy Goehner 1/3



Happy January Birthday

Con Lofing 1/3; Mikaela Koski 1/8; Anders Bjorkman 1/16;
Pam Carlson 1/21; Leanne Sekora 1/28; Arlene Mitchell 1/28

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...*

A hug a day keeps your troubles at bay. A hug at night makes everything right. So I'm sending you these hugs to help you cope, to give you some love and to bring you some hope.

