

²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrew 10:24-25)

Beloved,

During this time of self-isolation and social distancing, we continue to gather and worship, it's just different. Setting aside a sacred time for prayer and reflection is important for our spiritual wellbeing.

Your church will stay in contact with you. You will receive emails (or letters) keeping you informed, offering encouragement, and reminding you – we are in this together. **(Please complete the form below & email or mail back. This is a good time to update our directory information)**

This Lenten season we have given up something we never thought of – the gathering together of one another. But we need to remember we are still together, still family, still neighbors, still children of God. And God is still among us. He neither slumbers nor sleeps and will never leave us.

Let us continue to Be Church. Our service will look a little different, it will be more quiet, shorter, and less formal. Also, it will be an act of discipline and sacrifice as we set aside a time and place to come before God.

I would encourage you to find a time, 30-40 minutes, when you can have a quiet and intentional time for worship. Gather your family around a table, include others – maybe invite a friend over via Face Time. Light a candle to symbolize the present of the Holy Spirit. This is a good way to signal you are entering into a sacred time and place. A place where chatting and laughing just a moment ago has become a sacred place.

Our service for each Sunday will be recorded.

Note: For this Sunday's (3/22) service tomorrow, please watch your email for the title: **"March 22nd, 2020 Bulletin"**. We ask you to, if you wish.....**PRINT THIS BULLETIN**, to follow along with the Worship Service Video. The videos (there are two for the whole service) have been linked to the words **"Click Here"**. On the bulletin, hover your cursor over these words, then use "ctrl + click" to follow the link. I'm adding the links here, since this is the first time we are trying this & I want to make sure that all can get onto the site!

These will take you to You Tube:

1st Video (Welcome thru Prayers of the People) <https://youtu.be/mxEoQY9JbbU>

2nd Video (Lord's Prayer thru Dismissal) <https://youtu.be/AulraQwtMis>

Again, "ctrl + click" on the link above or in your internet browser type in www.youtube.com and then copy & paste these addresses into "You Tube search".

After the final blessing, feel free to discuss what the day's scripture means to you. Answer the questions Pastor put forth as you reflect on what God is saying to you in God's Word. How will these words affect you, your life, how do they pertain to the world's situation now? Where do you find peace in the hearing of God's Word? After your time of sharing, blow out your candle.

God's blessings on your time of worship, now may the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace.

Pastor Tonia

In order to maintain connection during this time of social isolation, we are updating information about your needs.

(if your information in the current directory is correct, please indicate)

_____ My / Our information in the directory **is correct.** (See attached directory)

(Yes)

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If directory information is not correct and needs updating, fill out this section below....

Name - either individual or household:

Email address: _____

Phone: *update # here, if needed*

Landline # or disconnected? _____ Cell #(s) _____

****Also, please take a moment to tell us:**

what you need, how you can volunteer and help if needed, how to give, and in what ways we can remain connected.

I need help:

- I need food or other items brought to me
- I feel very isolated and need a contact from a member
- I need a pastoral call
- I know someone else in need
- Other: _____

I can volunteer:

- phone calls
- safe visits
- errands
- community needs that arise
- Other: _____

I would like more information on how to continue to give my offering to the church.

Best way to contact me:

- phone call
- text
- email
- Other: _____

Please fill out this form, email it back to:

Pastor Tonia at toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com or to

Betty at btames@yahoo.com

and know we will be in touch with you and your household.

OR mail the completed form to **St. James Lutheran Box 356 Columbus, MT 59019**