

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

For the “Love of One Another” at St. James, we will continue to take every reasonable precaution to protect those who worship in-church each Sunday by honoring 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](#)

Watch your email each week for the bulletin.

We ask that you print the bulletin.....to follow along with our service.

GOD

Bless

You!

.... For the 20+ in-person members who attended worship on 2/28/21 and for those joining us from elsewhere. How wonderful to see all of you!

.... For staying after worship and joining our Zoom link to attend the Annual Meeting.

.... For your honesty, compassion and understanding as we discussed and brought to a vote, many important items relating to the good of St. James Lutheran:

✓ Corrected my mistake of asking for a vote approval on the standard reports (in the future these reports are only informational & do not require a congregation vote)

***I apologize for the unnecessary stress this caused - Betty*

✓ Approved the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

✓ Approved the 2021 Ministry Plan (budget)

✓ Approved the ratification of the 2021 constitution and bylaws

.... For the council members staying for our monthly meeting after the Annual Meeting was adjourned.

*** A copy of our meeting minutes is placed in the “Black Notebook” (which is located in the portable lectern as you enter the church bldg.) for anyone wishing to read them.*

PREPARING FOR MARCH 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

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.

Sunday, March 7th, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Prayer of the Day

O Holy God, You have redeemed us from slavery to sin, evil and ourselves. Now help us discern the ways in which You give us boundaries and blessings so we may learn to fear and love you with our whole hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 – Lenten Service (watch recorded on FB and Vimeo)

Remember.....

We will **NOT** be gathering for in-person **weekly** Wednesday Lenten Services at the church

Sunday, March 14th, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, so all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 – Lenten Service (watch recorded on FB and Vimeo)

Remember.....

We will **NOT** be gathering for in-person **weekly** Wednesday Lenten Services at the church

Sunday, March 21st, 2021 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, so through life and death we may live in 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:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; Mark 12:20-33

Wednesday, March 24th, 2021 – Lenten Service (watch recorded on FB and Vimeo)

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Sunday, March 28th, 2021 – Palm Sunday

Prayer of the Day

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Processional Gospel John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15:1-47

Upcoming.....

- Services during Holy week:
Maundy Thursday 4/1; Good Friday 4/2; Easter Sunday 4/4
** More information will be coming re. if live, if recorded

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

March 2021 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

March 2021 Cleaner(s): Steve & Denise Cowan and Betty Ames

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

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

*Mission Offering for March 2021 benefits...
The Columbus Senior Center*

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 continued prayers for:

Your continued healing God for Leslie's parents; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

We lift up those living with cancer: Barb Potzman; 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).

Every Tuesday in March 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 March 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 March Anniversary

Bill & Karen McDonald 3/6



Happy March Birthday

William Adams 3/1; Tyler Kem 3/4; Kristi Lofing 3/6; Vanessa Wanner 3/7; Ted Fleury 3/9; Morgan Radford 3/11; Evan Makoff 3/16; Pat Lofing 3/17; Greg Lofing 3/17; Jo Lind 3/19; Alex Alton 3/22; Bob Hemphill 3/25; Irmgard Houghton 3/25; Gary Lofing 3/29; Malachi Moulden 3/30; Sheri Luepke 3/31

***NOTE: Pastors Zoom Socials will resume after Easter!!
Watch for your invitation!***

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

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

*Simple
Reminders...*



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.

Pastor Tonia Fisher toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

Church Council Members

Betty Ames, President bytames@yahoo.com

Steven Cowan, Vice-President denisecowan48@yahoo.com

Joy Goehner; Brian Luepke; Carrie Williams; Donna Zeigler

Church Financial Team:

Amber Lofing, Financial Treasurer & interim Financial / Council Secretary

****See your church directory or website for all council members phone #'s and emails**