

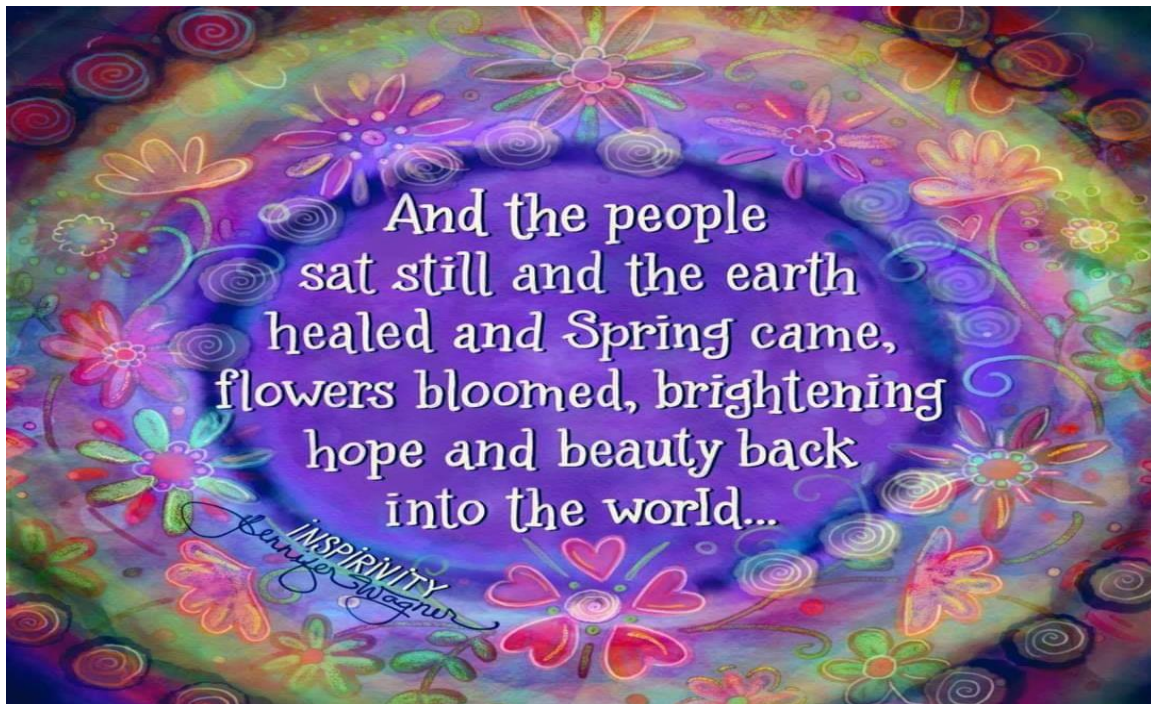


St. James Lutheran Church Celebrating 100 years in 2020

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*Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,
share our faith and serve with the love of God"*

MARCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3/21/20



Mission Offering for March benefits the Columbus Senior Center!

If you still are wanting to contribute to this community mission, send your check to St. James and be sure to note in the memo, it is for the March Mission Offering. Thank you for your generosity!

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.**

Ways to continue to honor God, since we are in suspension of worship at this time.

1. Mail your offering to the church at St. James Lutheran Church, PO Box 356, Columbus, MT, 59019
2. Stop in at your bank and arrange a monthly auto pay transaction.
3. 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! More information and details may be found on this website [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) (Simply hit Ctrl + Click to follow this link.)
4. 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.)

Note: Totals received will again be shared in the newsletter. We do not have all of the information needed to calculate March but as soon as I receive these totals, I will then share with you.



We Could Use Your Prayers!

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

FYI.....YTD (Jan – Feb 2020)

(\$4,671.95)

UNDER monthly budget

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

“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.

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.....

.....WILL BE SENT TOMORROW MORNING - Sunday March 22nd.

Change in viewing: As I had stated in the “Letter from Pastor Tonia” email (sent today Sat. Mar 21st @ 9:15 am), I had to change the way we will be watching the video. It will **NOT** be an attachment **BUT** will be viewed as a link to You Tube. Please refer to her letter for full **“HOW TO”** explanation & instructions. Thank you!

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 letter, 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.



THANK YOU FOR FILLING Project Hope’s FOOD

BANK NEED for March 2020! BLESS YOU!

We obviously will not be collecting anything at this time but if you have any items to spare or can purchase, I’m sure Project Hope will be happy to accept.

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

Wednesday March 25th:



Again, please watch the Lent Holden Evening Prayer Service on FB or possibly on You Tube.

(A select few of us will be live-streaming this at St. James this week – we will let you know the exact time to watch but you may watch later, as well.)

Sunday March 29th: 5th Sunday in Lent online Worship Service
(watch for more information closer to this date)

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!



Happy March Birthday

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



Happy March Anniversary

Bill & Karen McDonald 3/6

***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.
- ~ 8/23 Our Church's 100th 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 100th 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!!

Speaking of Good ‘Ole Days.....



Remember, those wonderful “Ladies with Typewriters” and the church bulletin announcements.....

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

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Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Ha, Ha, Ha! Thanks, Harold & Laura

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...*



**When life gives you
a hundred reasons to
break down
and cry,
show life that you
have a thousand
reasons to smile and
laugh.**

STAY STRONG



**WOMEN
WORKING**