



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"*

MAY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 5/9/20

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

Sunday May 10th: 5th Sunday of Easter Worship Service online

You will be viewing this Sunday's service on the trusted and personal site of KayDel's called Vimeo.
Watch for the Worship Service email on this Sunday Morning!

A HUGE *THANK YOU* FOR:

- Patience as we continue to worship together in Spirit through technology and patience as we, your council members, make decisions for the good of all.
- KayDel Shelton for undertaking the role as "videographer" and her creation of our worship service throughout out the rest of our closure time.
- Pastor Tonia, our LPA's and Council Members for keeping in contact with all of you and **TO YOU**, for your gracious comments, financial offerings and prayers.

A special note:

Thank you so much for reaching out in sympathy and friendship in the loss of our husband and father, Roger. Your kind words will always be remembered. Our faith carries us through this time, and we are grateful for our church friends.

*Blessings to you all.
Marge Sunvold and Family*

Recipes are still needed.....

The "100TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK" committee have asked me to **AGAIN** ask all of our members to submit a recipe or two or three or four! PLEASE, PLEASE we want to make this an heirloom to remember our Lutheran heritage.

***The deadline to submit our recipes is
May 15th, 2020!***



That date will be here before we know it!

***Print off the attached form (it's actually attached this time) and
send to:***

Karen McDonald 63 Ponderosa Ridge Road Columbus, MT 59019 OR

Denise Cowan 45 Bugling Elk Lane Columbus, MT 59019

If you can scan, send to Karen's email: mschilly2020@gmail.com

Thank you in advance!



We Could Use Your Prayers!

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 new prayers for:

Mike Green, nephew of Joy Goehner, has learned that he has Covid 19 and we pray that he weathers it well, doesn't get too sick and makes a speedy recovery.

Jim Wilson, Pastor Tonia's stepbrother, as doctors recently discovered two large masses which will be biopsied on May 14th. Please pray for God's peace for Jim and his family as they wait for a diagnosis.

We offer continued prayers for:

The families of Roger Sunvold, Doug Miller and Doug Bursema as they all mourn the loss of their loved one.

Evan Hill, a friend of Joy and Larry Goehner's grandson in California; Jay Jaworski; Pete Hegg; Max, friend of Pastor Tonia; Brian Wanner's father, Jerry; Harold Riensche; Donna Zeigler; Sally Bisch; Dennis Gauthier; Jason Nielsen, Judy Bjorkman's brother; Les Lane; Kevin Ramer; Arvid Barnam; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

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.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

**Our 2020 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33

FYI.....YTD (Jan – April 2020) \$4,015.30 OVER monthly budget

May 1 st PPP Grant Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 9,800</u>	OVER monthly budget \$1,791.67
May 3 rd Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 1,025</u>	OVER monthly budget \$2,816.67

“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 your 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).
We should consider His church to be the same.**



**Mission Offering for May benefits
our local Project Hope Program!**

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St. James’ Mission Statement

Such a strange time. Never have we seen such a day. Quarantine. Masks. Numbers, numbers of infected and dead. Numbers of unemployed. Lives changed. Outlooks changed. Plans changed. Daily life - changed.

No matter where it came from, how it’s been handled or is being handled, no matter if it’s natural or created; Covid19 has changed our world, our lives. What can we do?

St. James’ Mission Statement states we worship together. Don’t we wish. We haven’t gathered in worship for over a month. Thanks to modern technology we do continue to worship. We stay in touch. We listen. We encourage. We vent. We cry. We share our fears. We pray.

During this time, we turn to God, we pray, we question, we cry, we wonder, we – grow in faith.

But how can we be in mission and serve others while we self-isolate. It’s hard to gather and stay 6’ apart? I’ve pondered this, over and over during these uncertain times.

In Deuteronomy we are told, “If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother.” (Deut 15:7) Many have become poor this year, due to no action of their own. Businesses have closed. People have been laid off. Some receive unemployment. Some work from home, some took a pay-cut, some will return to work, some will have to go look for a new job. People have less to spend, people have become poor.

Later we read, "For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'" (Deut 15:11)

St. James does not have a food pantry. We do not have a store room of clothing, household good to meet daily needs. But we do, as a church and as individuals, support Project Hope, which DOES. Many of us volunteer at Project Hope. This is one way we, "Serve with the Love of God."

Project Hope's thrift store and Laughing Ladies have not been open during this time of quarantine. However, the food bank continues to provide food. During these uncertain times the number of people who come for food has increased. In their generosity, with faith in God's faithfulness to provide, each box holds more than usual, for the need is more than usual. Project Hope is also expecting to see more need for help with rent.

To live out our mission statement, we listen to the words of James, who tells us our gifts are given to show our faith. "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ... If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." (James 2:14-18)

This month we will show our faith as we give our monthly mission offering to help feed the hungry and care for those in need in our community.

Please, send your check to: St. James and be sure to put "Mission Offering" or "Project Hope" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of God's mission for St. James.

I bid you peace

Pastor Tonia



Happy May Birthday

Jean Voldseth 5/5; Harold Riensche 5/8; Lance Sundberg 5/10;
AJ Makoff 5/20; Lian Radford 5/21; Bev Kem 5/23; Ingrid Short 5/24;
Mike Koski 5/29; Chip Kem 5/30



Happy May Anniversary

Lance & Patty Sundberg 5/17; Nick & Marian Lofing 5/22;
Ken & Pam Carlson 5/27

Recipes – We need more! See above information!

**As St. James continues to celebrate
our 100th Anniversary in the year 2020....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.~~

*The Dinner committee for this event has decided to postpone until the late fall. We will keep you all informed of the projected date & time. We truly hope and pray that this event will continue to happen.*

~ 8/23 Our Church's 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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!!***

*Simple Reminders...*

**Make sure you test  
positive for *Faith*.  
Keep distance from  
*Doubt*, and isolate  
from *Fear*. Trust  
God through it all.**

**Happy  
Mother's  
Day!**

