

# WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

We ask you to, if you wish, .....

**PRINT THE ATTACHED BULLETIN...to follow along with Sunday's Service.**

*As you are worshipping from home, you are invited to set aside a sacred space for worship.  
Light a candle and set out your bread and wine.*

**Worship Service - Streaming live @ 9:30am or watch later!**



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Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:

[www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org)

**\*\*On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James FB link"**

*To our faithful followers at home or wherever you are, PLEASE let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name. We'd love to hear from you!*

## St. James Lutheran Church

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



**Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving**

"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will  
walk in the light of your presence, LORD...You are their glorious strength.

It pleases you to make us strong." (Ps 89:15,17)

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all .....and also be with you.*

Let us stand, as you are able, and prepare our hearts for worship

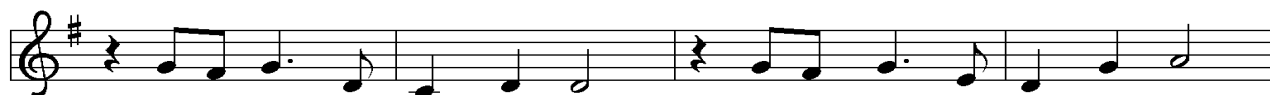
### GATHERING

#### Confession & Forgiveness

*God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not  
always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not  
always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew  
your creation. Restore us, so we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.*

#### Assurance of God's Love

## Gathering Hymn: ELW #574 "Here I Am, Lord"



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

### Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## 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.

## WORD

### Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of

the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel which will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all which I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all which he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Word of Wisdom, Word of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **Read Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 responsively by whole verse**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me. <sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether. <sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. <sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. <sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be. <sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel

### **The Gospel Acclamation: ELW #151**

*We sing: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

### **The Gospel according to John:**

We sing the response after the announcement: **"Glory to you, O Lord"**

### **John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### **The Gospel of the Lord:**

We sing the response after the conclusion: **"Praise to you, O Christ"**

### **Sermon: "You Are Known"**

## Reflection Hymn: ELW #798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



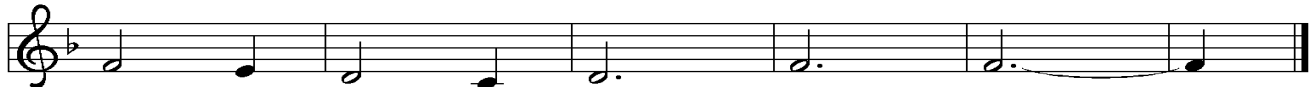
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## Apostle's Creed ELW #105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

After each petition: *P: God of Grace, C: receive our prayer*

After last petition: **All: AMEN.**

**Passing of the Peace** .....and we say: **and also with you.**

**MEAL**

....we thank you for your faithfulness to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings and allowing us to do God's work with our hands.

**Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward..... while we sing**  
**The Offering Hymn: ELW # 692 "We Are an Offering"**

The musical score for 'We Are an Offering' is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.' The music includes various note values, rests, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes).

**Offering Prayer**

**Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, so we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Table Setting Hymn: "Come, Let Us Eat"**

The musical score for 'Come, Let Us Eat' is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Our Lord's body let us take together. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.' The music includes various note values and rests. The first staff is labeled 'Leader or All'.

## Great Thanksgiving ELW #153

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

...we join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Mystery of our Faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## Invitation to Communion

*In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

### ELW #801 "Change My Heart O God"

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

ELW #838 "Beautiful Savior"



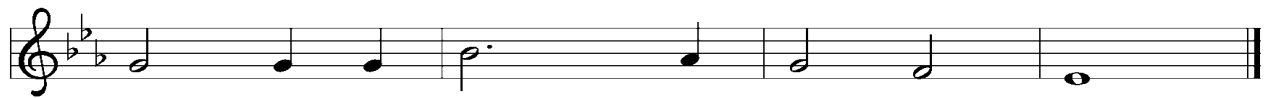
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

ELW #661 "I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sages of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



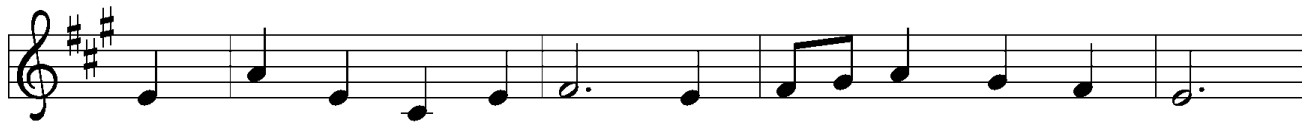
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**Prayer after Communion..... and we say: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**Benediction..... and we say: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: ELW #669 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"**



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

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***2<sup>nd</sup> Official Notice*** (according to our By-laws) of our upcoming  
***Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024***  
***immediately after our worship service.***





St. John's United is dedicated to the care and welfare of their residents. Part of this care requires supplying the residents with personal care items i.e. shampoo, toothpaste and soap. Maybe other items also.

**January Mission offering helps  
St. John's United meet their resident needs.  
Thank you for your generosity!**



Even if our celebration for you didn't happen.....we still say,  
*"So long, wish you well,  
we'll miss you"*  
**Steve and Denise Cowan!**  
**Stay in touch &  
send us your new address!**  
**We love you!**

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING**

January 2024 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

January 2024 Cleaner(s): Mina Morse & Jean Voldseth and Betty Ames & Leslie Mullin

January 2024 Reader(s): Leanne Sekora

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Communion Helper(s): Will someone sign up to help?

*Thank you, Kim Behrent and Leslie Mullin for helping with communion last Sunday*

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Usher(s): Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?

*Thank you, Pat Lashley for ushering last Sunday.*

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Gate Keepers: Bill Strickland and Donna Zeigler

2024 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

## **OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE at ST. JAMES.....**

Would you consider helping each Sunday with **Ushering**,  
being the **Reader**, assisting during **Communion** w/Pastor Tonia,  
being a member on the **Altar Guild**, **OR**  
offering to **Clean** our church (with another family) one or two times per year?

**If you are interested in helping, please let Donna Z. or Pastor Tonia know!!**

More detailed information on our opportunities may be found on our website:

[www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org) Click on the "Serve With Us" tab. Thanks!



### Speaking of Cleaning.....

Do we get to “ASSUME”, if we haven’t heard back from those of you on the schedule for cleaning St. James, that “YOUR” month works for you and that you are still willing to help? Thank you in advance!

For new prayer requests, please contact **Pastor Tonia**. Text or call her at (406) 656-9557 or email her at [toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com](mailto:toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.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:

Tony Ennenga, Peggy’s son, for ongoing medical treatment. God of healing, we bring Tony before You. Comfort him and give him peace of mind. We pray for those who minister to him, give them wisdom and compassion. Grant Your peace to Peggy and Rick. Amen.

#### We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Pastor Tonia; Joy & Larry Goehner; Jim Dickey; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Steve Cowan; Ken & Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Joan Elser; and Bonny Rouse;  
Those living with cancer: Father Fenton; Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy and Sandy Yoder’s daughter in law, Lola.  
Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.  
The children of the world, this is a big request, but God is big. Children who are food & home insecure.  
Victims of violence and of natural disasters.

**Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically & overseas, As well as their spouses and children.**



### Happy January Birthday

Butch Behrent 1/13; Pam Carlson 1/21; Leanne Sekora 1/28; Arlene Mitchell 1/28.



### Happy January Anniversary

Larry & Joy Goehner 1/3



**\*\*If we have your email,  
Check your inbox for your ecard!  
Other members, check your mailbox!**

*Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May the Lord bless you and give you peace.*

**“Your faith in God’s mission for St. James is unshakeable.”**

Comparison view of YTD financials:	January - December
2023 Actual Total Income	\$91,191.93
2023 Actual Total Expenses	<u>\$90,398.99</u>
<b>Income greater than Expenses by</b>	<b>\$ 792.94</b>

#### FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$2,075.00
<b>Total received so far this month</b>	<b>\$2,075.00</b>

#### Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

Mail your offering to the church; Take your offering to the parsonage; Auto pay thru your bank and **Tithe.ly**.

[Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) (click on this “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 certainly hope you are

## Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which are *found on our website.*

[www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org)

These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these bulletins with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!



**Every Tuesday,**

Bible Study is held at St. James 2:00pm.

We study the upcoming Sunday lessons.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

**Every Wednesday,** continue to watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message or watch recorded on our FB page. Print the Bible WORDsearch Puzzles. Enjoy!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES TO REFLECT GOD'S LOVE TO EACH OTHER AND TO OUR NEIGHBORS

### **MORE Community Events for St. James:**

- Every Monday we are invited to join:
  - ~ The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am.
- Every Tuesday we are invited to attend:
  - ~ The Women's Adult Group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 9:30am and/or 7:00pm for an inductive study on Revelation
  - ~ Absarokee Quilting Group – 10am in the basement of the Cobblestone building. Knitters, crocheters and embroiderettes are welcome.
- Every Wednesday we are invited to join:
  - ~ Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
  - ~ The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am

For more Library information, see the "Table Posters" at St. James.



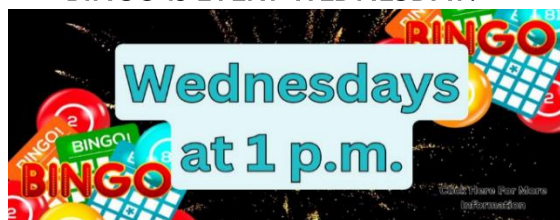
**Join the fun each week.....**



**Crochet and Knit club Every Saturday  
starting Jan 6<sup>th</sup>  
10 – 11:30am**



**BINGO is EVERY WEDNESDAY!**



## **FUTURE DATES:**

- **Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – Annual Congregation Meeting immediately after worship**
- **Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Council Meeting immediately after worship**
- **“Soup”er Bowl Sunday is February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**
  - ~ You decide which team wins!
  - Feb. Mission Offering will benefit the Columbus Senior Center!
  - ~ Stay after church for a “soup”er delicious coffee hour!
- **Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – “Fat Tuesday” Annual Pancake supper @ UCC**
- **Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Valentine’s Day**  
Also, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Ash Wednesday  
FYI - Wednesday Lent Services start Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Easter Sunday is  
March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

