

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

**On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube 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!

A suggestion just for safety:

In this time of Cold, Flu, Covid & other RESPIRATORY health issues, please feel free to wear a mask to church activities and worship. There is **NO** requirement to wear a mask. You do what you feel comfortable with to protect your health and know you are supported in your decision. Donna Zeigler

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to **Every Weekly Preparing for Worship Email**. These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

ALSO, Every Tuesday or Thursday, watch for the email with the "Challenges Kit for Kids"

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

ALSO, Every Wednesday, continue to watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message.

***Annual Congregational Meeting
for St. James – TODAY, January 15th, 2023
immediately after our worship service.***

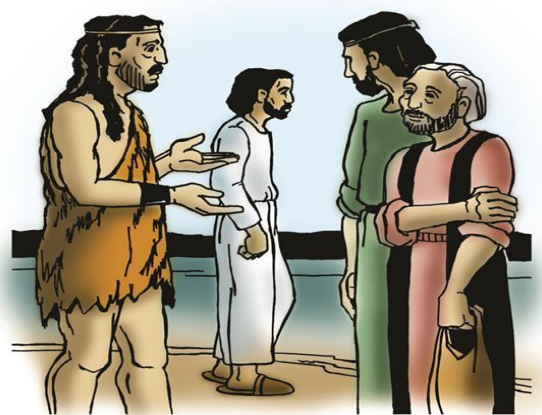
Please join us for a potluck **Brunch** 
immediately after the Annual Meeting.
Enjoy the food and fellowship!!

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 15th, 2023
2nd Sunday after Epiphany**



Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

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

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

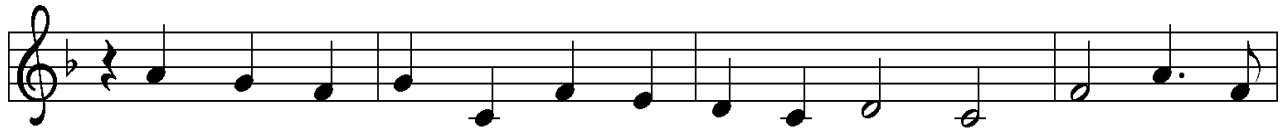
Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, so we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Rise, Shine, You People!"



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength, and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, so through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb, he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, so my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Read Psalm 40:1-11 responsively by whole verse

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry. ²The Lord **lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.** ³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD. ⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.** ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count. ⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears; burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.** ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸**I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.**" ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know. ¹⁰**I have not hidden**

your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly. ¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

The Gospel Acclamation:

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 1:29-42

²⁹John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: “Come and See”

Reflection Hymn: “God, We See What You Have Given” to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount”

*At this time, you are invited to go forward and light a candle of remembrance
as we take time to reflect on God’s word*

Vs 1 God, we see what you have given; Signs of grace are everywhere!
All around are gifts from heaven, gifts enough for all to share.
We are stewards of your bounty, called to give as we’ve received;
And your blessings have been plenty from the day we first believed.

- Vs2 We are stewards of the richness That you send from heav'n above.
For in Christ, you gave up greatness, humbly showing us your love.
In a manger — gift from heaven! On a cross — with love and pain!
You proclaimed we are forgiven; Now you send us in your name.
- Vs 3 We are stewards of your welcome That you showed through Christ the Son.
In his living and his teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone.
To the outcast and the stranger, He showed hospitality!
By your Spirit, may we also Give the welcome we've received.
- Vs 4 We are stewards, sent out sharing, offering you our very best.
Through our serving and our caring May we give as we've been blessed.
God of love, may faithful living Be much more than Sunday talk.
Send us loving, serving, giving; Help us daily walk your walk!

Apostle's Creed

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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Lord in your mercy,



O Lord, hear my prayer.....

Amen.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Passing of the Peaceand 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: "What Feast of Love"

**to the tune "What Child Is This"

What feast of love is offered here? What banquet come from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?

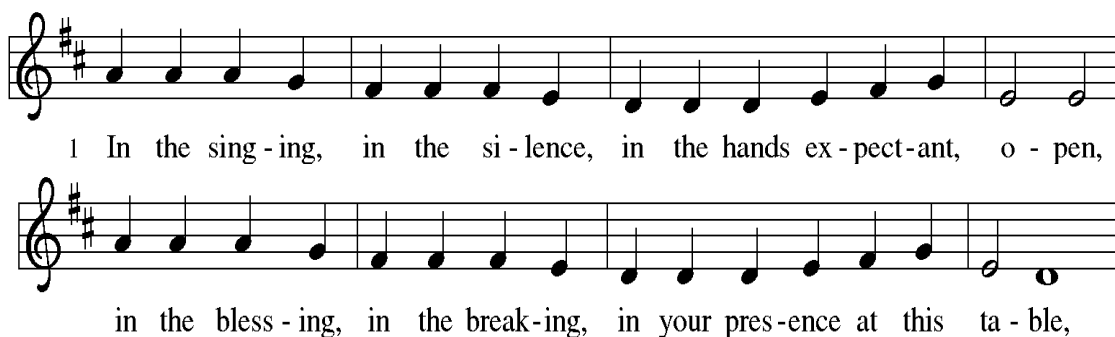
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "In the Singing"



1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o-pen,
in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,

Great Thanksgiving

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:

(C) sings: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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:

"Here is Bread"



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for-ev-er.



In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it, Christ is with us here.

"I Come with Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion
4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er
5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in
fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.
strang-ers now are friends, and strang-ers now are friends.
live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

"Lamb of God"



1 Your on-ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru-ci-fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up-on this guilt-y
scorned him as he died. The hum-ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be-come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac-ri-ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Dismissal: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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January 2023 Mission Offering

St. John's United ~ Your continued support benefits.....

**"St John's United" Chapel Court
residents' wish list!**

YOUR MONEY generosity will let staff provide the residents with a few of their needed things i.e. toilet paper; kleenex; shampoo; word search books; microwave popcorn; socks; puzzles, etc etc.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

January 2023 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

January 2023 Cleaner(s): Mina Morse, Jean Voldseth, Leslie Mullin and Betty Ames

January 15th, 2023 Reader(s): Randy & KayDel Shelton

January 15th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will you sign up to help today?

Thank you, Kim Behrent & Chris Fleury for helping with communion last Sunday.

January 15th, 2023 Usher(s): Will you sign up to help today?

Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday.

January 15th, 2023 Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler & Joy Goehner

2023 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

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.”

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

Our NEW 2023 monthly budget to be used will be voted on at the Annual Meeting - Sunday Jan 15th.

January 1st Offering gratefully received \$ 390.00

January 8th Offering gratefully received \$1,588.00

Total received so far this month \$1,978.00

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).



Happy January Birthday

Con Lofing 1/3; Mikaela Koski 1/8; Butch Behrent 1/13;
Anders Bjorkman 1/16; Pam Carlson 1/21; Carter Short 1/23;
Leanne Sekora 1/28; Arlene Mitchell 1/28



Happy January Anniversary

Larry & Joy Goehner 1/3

It's a new year and new beginnings..... for those who have email, watch your inbox for your special Birthday or Anniversary cards from St. James. It will show up from the trusted site of American Greetings and look like the image below!

Note: Parents, please watch your email or mail for St. James' birthday greetings to share with your children / grandchildren, who are on our list. Thank you!

Other members (with no email) will receive your card by “snail mail”.



YOU RECEIVED AN ECARD!

St. James Lutheran Church (btyames@yahoo.com) has sent you an ecard from American Greetings

VIEW ECARD

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, and those battling cancer or other illnesses.

We offer PRAISE for good news and continued prayers:

From Cindy: "All went well with my surgery! Thank you, thank you for all of the prayers! Miss you all! I wish I could hug each and every one of you!"

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Tessa Rouane's husband, Conner; Tonia's brother, John Strohecker; Steve & Denise Cowan; Bob & Bev Kem; Vi Ekle; Bonny Rouse; Joy Goehner; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracelii Enano; Rick Cox; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; Jim Wilson 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 insecure & home insecure. Pray especially for a little boy named Luke and a little girl named Nevaeh.

Ukraine and her people

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES to REFLECT GOD'S LOVE to OURSELVES, to EACH OTHER and to OUR NEIGHBORS

REMINDERS:

- ***Every Tuesday or Thursday*** Watch your inbox for the "Challenges Kit for Kids" activities.
- ***Every Wednesday*** Watch Pastor Tonia's "Word on Wednesday" message on FB or open the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message
- ***Every Friday or Saturday*** The Weekly Preparing for Worship email arrives in your inbox with the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday Worship service and, also, the "Children's Worship Bulletins" series for you to open & enjoy and share with your family & friends.

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 embroiderers 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



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Memory + Imagination = Fiction presentation with Craig Lancaster & Elisa Lorella Saturday, Jan 14th @ 1:30pm

Crafting Day w/Valentine Theme

Saturday January 21st Congregational Church

10:00am - 12:30pm

Refreshments will be provided. There is a suggested donation for craft supplies.

Contact Rhonda Peterson (406)321-4203 or call/text Pastor Kate (423) 650-0780 in advance for your choice of candy dish background color: Red, White or Pink.

Hope to see you all there!



Are you ready for some football?



We start watching this Saturday Jan 14th, Sunday Jan 15th and Monday Jan 16th with SUPER WILD CARD WEEKEND! Those winners go on to the Divisional Round Saturday Jan 21st and Sunday Jan 22nd! CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY Jan 29th will determine the best of the best in the AFC & the NFC.



Now, OUR fun begins!

On Sunday, February 12th,
Bring your change, green or checkbook
to place your vote for the team
YOU want to be the next

Super Bowl Champions!

The game will be played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona (the stadium will host its third Super Bowl and first since 2015). Super Bowl LVII will be broadcast on Fox at 6:30 p.m. with possibly an opportunity to watch with more fans at the Palladium Draughthaus!!!

Note: *All proceeds from our fun will benefit Project Hope's Food Bank!!*