



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"*

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP PASTOR TONIA AND HER FAMILY IN PRAYER...

Please pray for Harry Fisher, Pastor Tonia's father, as he is very weak and facing death. Please pray for Harry to have peace on this journey. Please pray for strength for Sharon as she cares for Harry. Please also pray for Pastor Tonia and her family as they support Harry, that they may all experience God's peace, comfort, and love at this time.

If you have any needs, please call one of our LPA's or a Council Member. We will contact Pastor for direction.

Please also pray for safe travels for Pastor Tonia, as she will be traveling back and forth to Billings to be with her father and family. She has arranged coverage of all upcoming services & events of the church, if she is called out of town for an emergency or to care for her father.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP.....

Sunday, January 26th, 2020 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Confession and Forgiveness

God who searches us and knows us, you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will

make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; so, I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.** ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock. ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore, I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.** ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. ⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.** ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Next Week's Readings: Sunday February 2nd, 2020 Presentation of Our Lord
Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



PLEASE STAY FOR CINNAMON ROLLS, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 26th.

.....AND MORE!



Reminder..... GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS at St. James!!

We are still providing the "TAKE HOME" Taxi Service for Irmgard Houghton.

When her daughter Gerlinda brings her mom to church, she is asking for us to take her home! Please & Thank You!

If you have signed up, look for Irmgard's attendance at church that day.

If she is there, you're on!

If she is not there,



you can graciously sign up for a different Sunday! Thanks to all!

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

- Sunday January 26th:** Please stay for coffee hour and fellowship
Council meeting after worship
- Tuesday January 28th:** Bible Study @ 2:00pm
Worship team meeting TimeTBA
- Sunday February 2nd:** Presentation of Our Lord & Candlemas Sunday

Blessing of the Candles

Candlemas is a good time to reflect on the Christ as the Light of the World. Take a sacred moment to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one or to lift up your prayer request before the Lord. You may go forward before worship, during the passing of the peace, during communion, or when the Spirit moves. When we look at these candles, we are reminded God is here and hears the prayers of the faithful.

Also, February 2nd:

GROUND
HOG
DAY



Will he see his shadow?

Superbowl Sunday – Who are you rooting for?



OR



Please come prepared to put your FEBRUARY MISSION OFFERING into your “favorite” teams’ bucket and we will give you the results in next week’s newsletter!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US.....

January 2020 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

February 2020 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

January 2020 Reader: Laura Riensche

February 2020 Reader: Leanne Sekora

Ushers & Eucharistic Ministers: Members of our congregation who graciously volunteer

January 2020 Cleaner(s): Joe & Mina Morse, Jean Voldseth, Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

February 2020 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora, Pat Lofing, Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

January 26th Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler & Joy Goehner

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames



We Could Use Your Prayers!

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

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

January 5 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$3,285</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$4,723.33)</i>
January 12 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 766</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$3,957.33)</i>
January <i>On-line</i> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 295</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$3,662.33)</i>
January 19 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$3,271</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$ 391.33)</i>

“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 new prayers for:

The Forest Dana family, friends of Chris and Brett Hollingsworth. Please pray for strength for his family and God's justice.

We offer praise for:

Bill & Karen McDonald's arrival in Arizona, after their vehicle was repaired.

Stuart McDonald, Bill McDonald's brother, who's health has greatly improved.

We offer continued prayers for:

Irmgard Houghton & family; Dennis Gauthier & family; Kathy Novasio; Araceli Enano; Les Lane; Kevin Ramer; Dennis Moore; Arvid Barnam; Roger Mullin; Kaci Noble; Darren Cate; Gary Lofing; Jenny Steffenson and Tut Robinson.

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



Happy February Birthday

Jennifer Gauthier 2/4; Heather Gauthier 2/10; Bill Strickland 2/10;
Cindy Smith 2/15; Jim Salte 2/18; Brian Wanner 2/19;
Raeli Evig 2/20; Jason Williams 2/23; Ruth Gaustad 2/28



Happy February Anniversary

Gary & Pat Lofing 2/12; Jim & Barbara Salte 2/19;
Jason & Holly Williams 2/29

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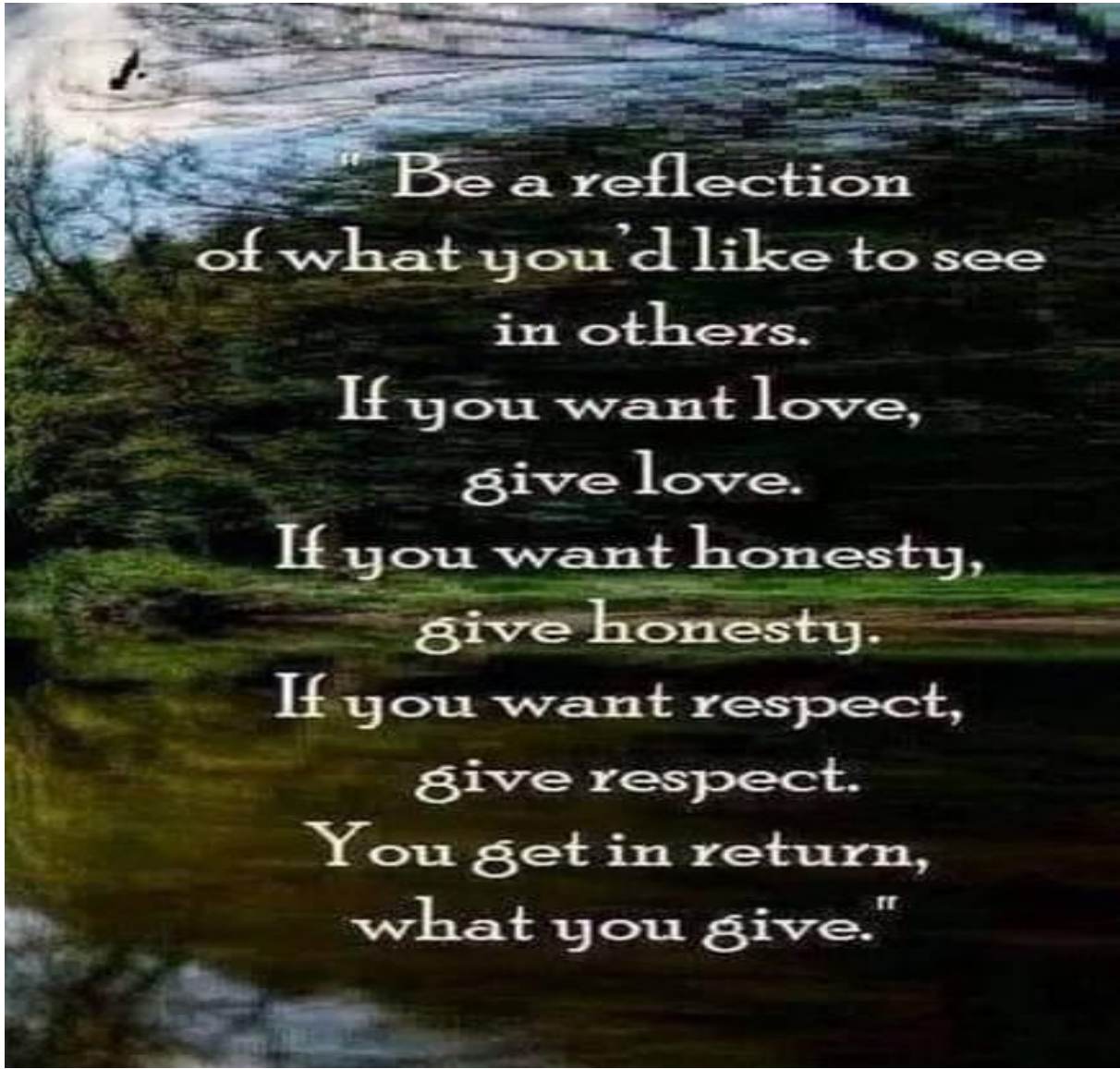
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Thanks for checking out our new information

Thanks for "joining" us for our services each Sunday



Simple Reminders...



***As St. James celebrates
our
100th Anniversary
in the year 2020....***

.....We are excited for you to:

- **Keep turning in your recipes for our Anniversary Cookbook!**
- **Share your memories & pictures of our history**
- **Attend & participate in our many planned events to make this year so special and memorable. (Stay tuned for a calendar of events – *it's coming, I promise*)**

**OUR 1ST VERY IMPORTANT DATE FOR ST. JAMES TO CELEBRATE IS.....
MARCH 7TH 1920 – OUR FOUNDING DATE!**

**Watch for event happenings and plan to celebrate
on Sunday March 8th, 2020! 100 (&1) days later! Woo hoo!**

- **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.....

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation. *hehehe*

Ha, Ha, Ha! Thanks, Harold & Laura

***Here's to 100 Years at* St. James Lutheran Church!**

