

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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FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana



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 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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Leader: Pastor Tonia Fisher

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

**Sunday January 28th, 2024 –
4th 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 alland 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 #423 "Shall We Gather at the River"



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music: "Somebody Loves Me with Jesus Loves Me"

Sung by Betty Ames accompanied by Marge Sunvold.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

Read Psalm 111 responsively by whole verse

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. ²**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.** ³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever. ⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.** ⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant. ⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the land of the nations.** ⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure. ⁸**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.** ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name. ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

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 Mark:

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

Mark 1:21-28

²¹Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: “What Defines You?”

Reflection Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" ** Sing twice

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Fath-er, broth - ers all are we; Let me fam - 'ly all are we; Let us walk with my broth-er in per - fect har - mo - ny. Let walk with each oth - er. peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now. With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: To take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me." The chords are: C, Am, Dm7, G7, C, F, C, Dm, G7, C; C, B, B7, Em, B7, G9, G; Am, Em, C7, F, G7, C, Am7; D, G, Am7, D7, G7, C; Am, Dm7, G7, C, F, C, Dm, G7, C; C, B, B7, Em, B7, G9, G, C; C, C+, F, B°, Am, D7, C; E7, F, C, C7, F, E7, Am, Dm7, G7, Dm7, Csus, C.

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:* Lord in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer

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

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: ELW # 692 "We Are an Offering"

The musical score is written on six staves of music in treble clef, 7/8 time. It includes lyrics and musical notations such as rests, slurs, and triplets. 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."

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. 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 of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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"

Leader or All



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Our Lord's bo - dy let us take to - ge - ther.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - ge - ther.

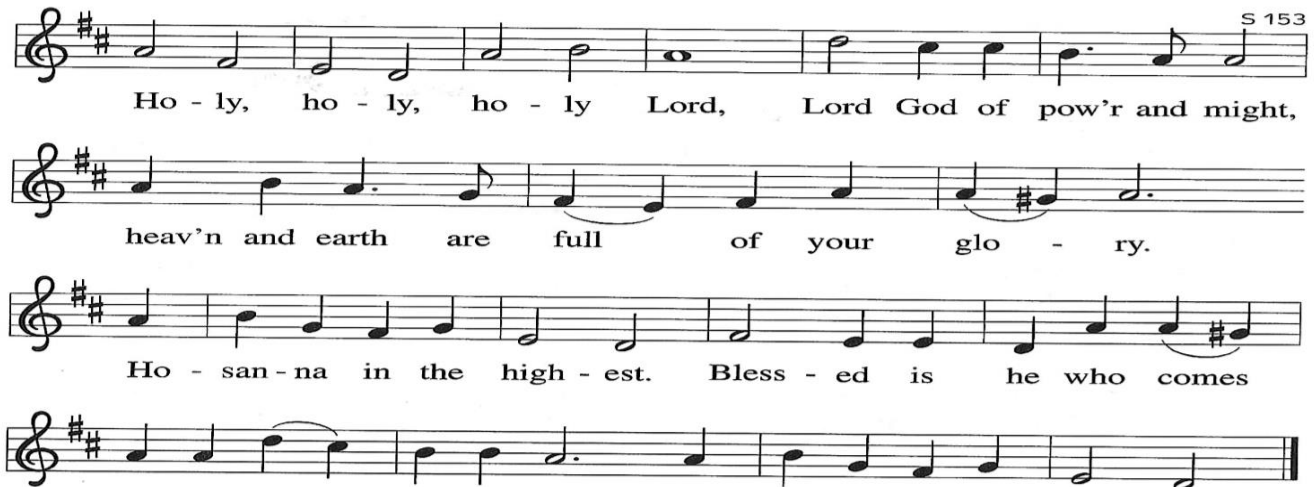
Great Thanksgiving ELW #153

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:



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:

OSB #31 "Amazing Grace"

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3 Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved, How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace hath bro't me to
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear, The hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise Than when we first be - gun.

OSB #261 "In the Garden"

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone While the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a - round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear The Son of God dis -
 sing - ing; And the me - lo dy that He gave to me With - in my heart is
 fall - ing; But He bids me go thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is

Eb Ab Eb7 Eb Chorus Ab Eb7
 clos - es, ring - ing, And He walks with me and He talks with me, And He
 call - ing.

Eb+ Ab C7
 tells me I am His own. — And the joy we share as we

F Ab7 Db Ab Eb7 Ab
 tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er — known. —

OSB #114 "Jesus Loves Me"

C G C F C
 1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so:
 2. Je - sus loves me! Loves me still, Tho' I'm ver - y weak and ill;
 3. Je - sus loves me! He who died, Heav - en's gate to o - pen wide;
 4. Je - sus loves me! He will stay Close be - side me all the way;

G C F C G7 C
 Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.
 That I might from sin be free, Bled and died up - on the tree.
 He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
 Thou hast bled and died for me, I will hence - forth live for thee.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system includes chords F, C, and G. The second system includes chords C, F, C/G, G7, and C.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single treble clef staff with a melody line.

- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

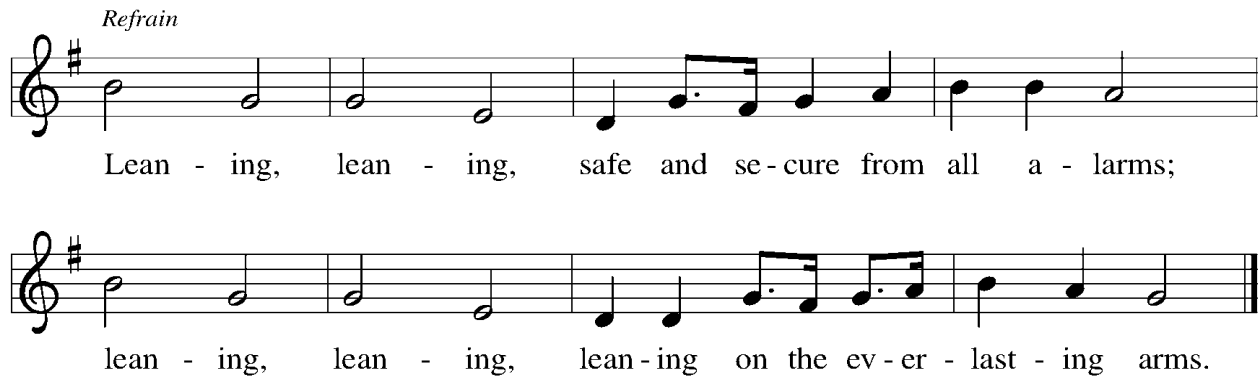
The second line of musical notation is in G major and 4/4 time, continuing the melody from the first line.

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

The third line of musical notation is in G major and 4/4 time, concluding the hymn.

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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

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TODAY

Council Meeting 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!***

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

January 2024 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

February 2024 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

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

February 2024 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora and Pat Lofing

January 2024 Reader(s):

February 2024 Reader(s): Pat Lashley

January 28th, 2024 Communion Helper(s): Will someone sign up?

Thank you, Kim Behrent and Leslie Mullin for helping serve communion last Sunday.

February 4th, 2024 Communion Helper(s): Will someone sign up?

January 28th, 2024 Usher(s):

Thank you, Bob Hemphill for helping to usher last Sunday.

February 4th, 2024 Usher(s):

January 28th, 2024 Gate Keepers: Bill Strickland & Donna Zeigler

February 4th, 2024 Gate Keepers: Pat Lashley & Mina Morse

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 Click on the "Serve With Us" tab. Thanks!

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

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."

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

January 7 th Offering gratefully received:	\$2,075.00
January 14 th Offering gratefully received:	\$ 595.00
January 21 st Offering gratefully received:	<u>\$1,231.00</u>
Total received so far this month	\$3,901.00

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 (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

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.....

STORYTIME - EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 10AM



is EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 1pm!

Crochet and Knit club Every Saturday starting Jan 6th from 10 – 11:30am



FUTURE DATES:

- **Sunday February 4th, 2024 – Installation of our Council
and Commissioning of our Altar Guild**
- **“Soup”er Bowl Sunday is February 11th, 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 13th, 2024 – “Fat Tuesday”
Annual Pancake supper @ UCC**
- **Wednesday February 14th, 2024 - Valentine’s Day**
 - Also, February 14th, 2024 – Ash Wednesday**
 - FYI - Wednesday Lent Services start Feb 21st.**



Sunday March 10th, 2024

Sunday March 17th, 2024



Sunday March 24th, 2024

**Easter Sunday is
March 31st, 2024.**

