

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 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 October 29th, 2023 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

"Reformation Sunday"

Prelude & Welcome

**"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 with you.*

Call to Worship Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer Medley" soloist: Pastor Kate Stulce
Columbus Congregational Church accompanied by Marge Sunvold

Announcements & Opportunities for Serving (See bulletin for details)

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

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from

you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

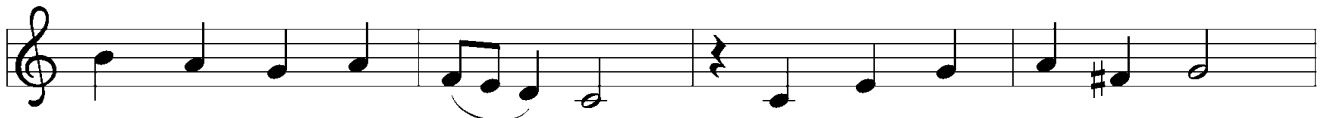
Gathering Hymn: ELW #505 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



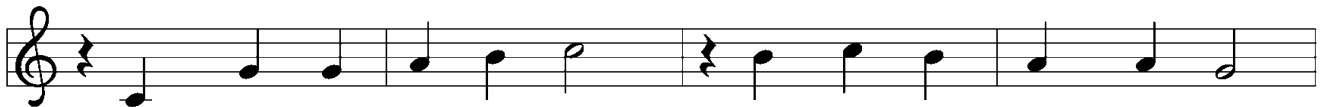
1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

Read Psalm 1 responsively by whole verse:

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! ²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.** ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. ⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.** ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. ⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Gospel Acclamation: ELW #151

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

We sing:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel according to Matthew:

We sing after the announcement:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

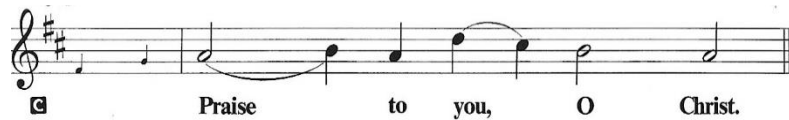
Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all

your soul, and with all your mind.’³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.”⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?”⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord:

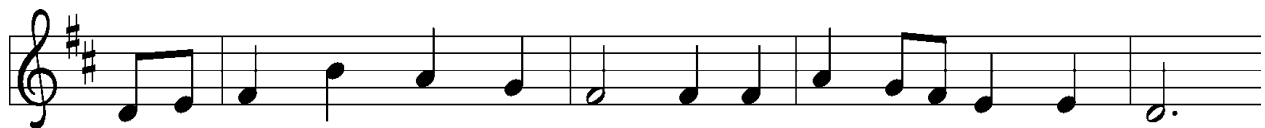
We sing after the conclusion:



Sermon: Pastor Robert Leaverton

Reflection Hymn: ELW #514 “O Word of God Incarnate”

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



- 1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
- 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o’er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life’s voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

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 #575 "In Christ Called to Baptize"



In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit-ness to grace,



And ga - ther a peo - ple from each land and race.



In deep flo - wing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,



Then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.

Offering Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table so all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: ELW #575 "In Christ Called to Baptize"



In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,



A ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.

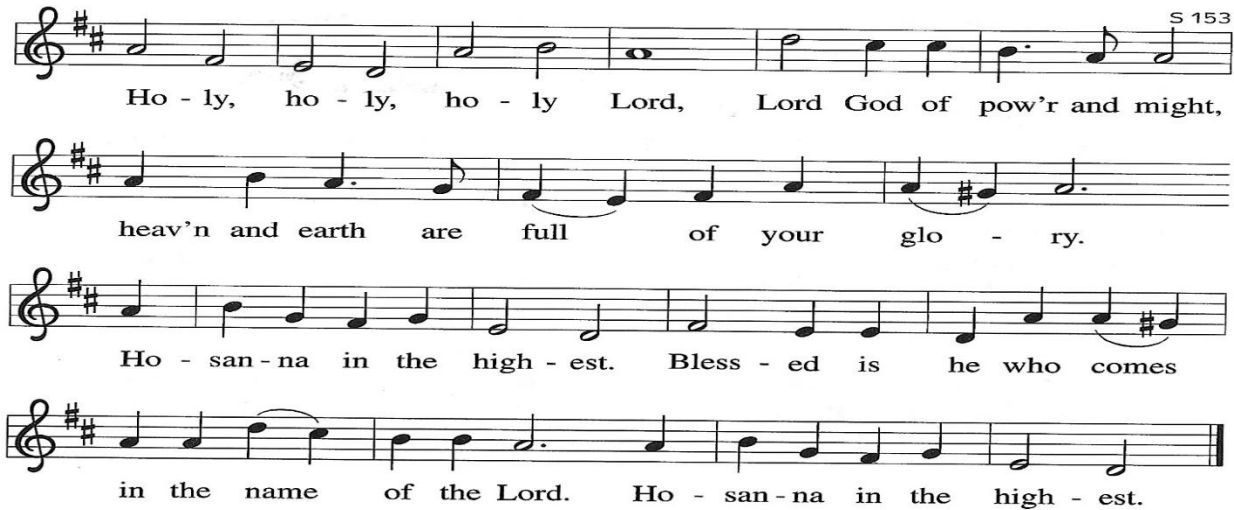
Great Thanksgiving

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:



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 #790 "Day by Day"



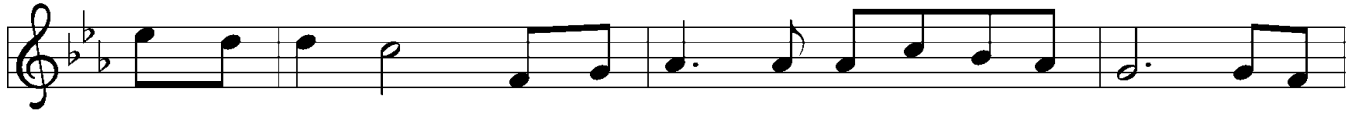
- 1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

ELW #758 "You Are the Way"



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Dismissal: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

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**Thank
YOU**

**Pastor Robert Leaverton for
officiating this morning!**

Readings for 11/5/23 – All Saints Sunday Worship Service:

Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Note:

**** Please let Pastor Tonia know of any loved ones who have passed this year!!**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

October 2023 Altar Guild: The Altar Guild Team (Kim, Sheri, Denise & Maureen)

November 2023 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

October 2023 Cleaner(s): Patty & Lance Sundberg and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

November 2023 Cleaner(s): Patty & Lance Sundberg

October 29th, 2023 Reader: Bob Kem

October 29th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Bob & Maureen Hemphill for helping with communion last Sunday.

October 29th, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Bill Strickland for ushering last Sunday.

October 29th, 2023 Gate Keepers: Leslie Mullin & Bill Strickland

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE at ST. JAMES each Sunday.....

*Would you consider helping with **Ushering**, being the **Reader**, assisting during **Communion** w/Pastor Tonia, being a member on the **Altar Guild**?*

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!

November Mission Offering benefits.....

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Note: We continue in November & December to provide these suggestions from Project Hope for their Holiday Boxes: cranberry sauce; canned pineapple (chunks or slices) & mandarin oranges and canned green beans & corn OR a gift of green \$\$\$\$\$!!!!



Also, stop by Project Hope for a Christmas Angel to provide joy under a Special Families Christmas tree this year.



We continue to gather ground coffee along with Russ Dewell's Church in Park City, which he will ship to the troops in Afghanistan. This is the one thing they really miss! This is an on-going mission and Russ was overjoyed when he heard we could also help!!

or a brand of your choice!! THANK YOU!



Happy November Birthday

Linda Alton 11/4; Carli Lofing 11/4; Brenna Rouane 11/14; Stacey Lofing 11/22;
Amber Lofing 11/24



Happy November Anniversary

Bob & Lanita Maurer 11/15



****If we have your email,
Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's 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.”

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)

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

October 1 st Offering gratefully received	\$4,235.00
October 8 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 580.00
October 15 th Offering gratefully received	\$3,260.00
October 22 nd Offering Gratefully received	<u>\$1,830.00</u>
Total received so far this month	\$9,905.00

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 Donna Zeigler; Pastor Tonia; Joy & Larry Goehner; KayDel Shelton; Jim Dickey; Joan Elser; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Steve Cowan; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Father Fenton; Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracellii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; Jim Wilson & 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.**

FYI: Joy & Larry Goehner’s new address is:

Village Senior Residence 2815 Old Fort Road, Apt 111 Missoula MT 59804

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 OURSELVES, 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 information, see the "Table Posters" at St. James.

Join the fun this week.....

Today 10/28 @ 11am -

**Cook the Book
Book Club meets Pot-Luck**

Monday 10/30 @ 5pm



Future 2023 Dates:

October 31st

Happy Halloween



**Sunday
November 5th.....**



Also Sunday November 5th..... All Saints Sunday Worship Service

We lift up our hearts in memory of your blessed saints who have passed during this past year.



Donna Zeigler & Leslie Mullin INVITES your family and/or your "pew neighbor" to STAY after worship to enjoy fellowship & laughter!

Saturday November 11th



Veteran's Day



Also this same day:

KRUZIN' 4 SENIORS
ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 11, 2023
 Starting at 2 pm!

Palladium Draughthaus
 702 E. Pike Avenue, Suite A
 Columbus, MT

Food Truck: Alfons Flaming Grill



Their annual charity auction hosted by Rick Young and Sons.

All funds will go towards holiday gifts for seniors living in Columbus, Absarokee, Fishtail, Dean and Nye.

➤ **Tuesday's November 14th, November 21st and November 28th -**

Chorus Practice 6:00pm @ UCC

We will be practicing for a "Christmas Cantata!"

FYI!

Stillwater County Swap & Shop
9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!
COME JOIN US FOR A TWO DAY HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT!

NOVEMBER 18 & 19
10 AM - 4 PM
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16 SHEEP DIP ROAD
COLUMBUS, MT 59019

FREE ENTRY
DOOR PRIZES
SILENT AUCTION
FREE DRAWING AT EVERY BOOTH
FOOD DRIVE FOR PROJECT HOPE

Lunch Available Both Days!
Saturday: Holiday Ham Dinner
Sunday: Chili and Chili Dogs

SAT. 11/18 11 AM - 2 PM
Kids can take a free picture with Santa and his Elf and receive a free toy & candy cane

Thank You Door Prize Sponsors!



➤ **Sunday November 19th**

Church Council after worship

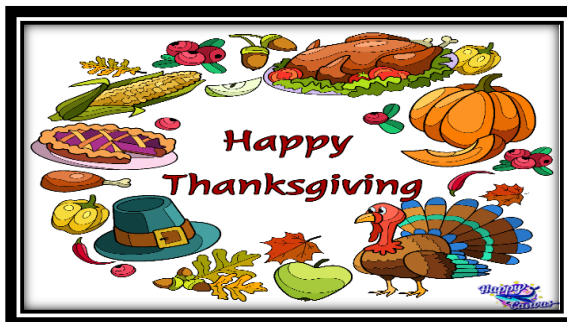
and

**Community Thanksgiving Service 4pm
to be held at the Assembly of God Church**



➤ **Thursday**

November 23rd



**If you need a warm and friendly place
to enjoy your Thanksgiving Day,
Join us at Palladium's for the
2nd annual Thanksgiving Feast!
Thursday Nov. 23rd – dinner at 4:00pm.
All are welcome!**

➤ **Sunday November 26th**



*Please stay after the Worship Service this morning and help
decorate for Advent & Christmas. Then enjoy fellowship with
Coffee and Cookies!*

➤ **Sunday December 3rd 1st Sunday in Advent Service**



Betty Ames INVITES your family and/or your “pew
neighbor” to STAY after worship
to enjoy fellowship & laughter!