

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

****Scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube link"**

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

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to **Every Weekly Preparing for Worship Email**. Again, you will notice – The Children's Bulletin activities, are available for two age groups (3+ and 7+) and match the same Lessons & Gospel with which WE are also reflecting on during Sunday Worship each week. There is also a unique to our church, SAFE & secure online "secret code" found in their bulletin, which gives you/them access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

ALSO,

you have an opportunity to ENJOY and share MORE activities throughout the week.

Every Tuesday or Thursday, watch for the email with Bible Printable sheets.

Every Wednesday, watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.

We hope you have taken the time to CHECK OUT these NEW programs from St. James, have opened the attachments, printed the pages, and ENJOYED the fun!
Again, PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!

Thankful

November Mission offerings.....

~ Your continued support benefits

Columbus School – Lunch & Milk Programs

We also are collecting any food items for Project Hope and please know you have blessed many community families.



Thank you in advance for staying after worship **TODAY** to decorate our Church for Christmas and then enjoy Cinnamon Rolls!!

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 November 20th, 2022 –
24th Sunday after Pentecost**

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

A Service celebrating the Light of Christ throughout the Year
Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving



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

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 Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" vs 1 & 2 only



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

GATHERING

Litany of Light

L: Then God said, "Let there be light"

C: **and there was light.** *Genesis 1:3*

L: The light shines in the darkness,

C: **and the darkness did not overcome it.** *John 1:5*

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; *Psalms 27:1*

C: **God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.** *1 John 1:5*

L: For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

C: **who has shone in our hearts.** *2 Cor. 4:6*

L: For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.

C: **Live as children of light.** *Ephes. 5:8*

L: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! *Isaiah 2:5*
C: **Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD** *Psalms 4:6*
L: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
C: **and put on the armor of light.** *Romans 13:12*
L: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
C: **and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.** *Isaiah 60:1*

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you; we glorify you; we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Today we will travel through the seasons of the Church Year,
celebrating the scripture, songs, and the colors.**

We begin the church year with the Season of Advent, a time of anticipation.

Hymn: "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

We celebrate Christmas, the coming of the Son of God.

Hymn: Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

We celebrate the season of Epiphany, as the Light of Christ shines to all people.

Hymn: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse a far,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Chorus: *O, Star of wonder, Star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **Back to Chorus.....**

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Earth to Heav'n replies. **Back to Chorus.....**

We celebrate the season of Lent, a time of darkness of reflection on our own mortality.

Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

We celebrate the season of Easter, as we see the light shine with the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

We celebrate the season of Pentecost as the Light comes to remain with us through the coming of the promised Holy Spirit.

Hymn: "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!
God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

We continue to grow in the light, realizing we have been called out of the darkness and now live in the light.

Homily: "The Light of Christ"

Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Refrain: *Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me; **Back to Refrain:**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me; **Back to Refrain:**

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

P: In Your Mercy, (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying" after each prayer.

P: Amen. (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;**

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "Amazing Grace" sung by Tessa Shelton

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

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:

"Christ Be Our Light"



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

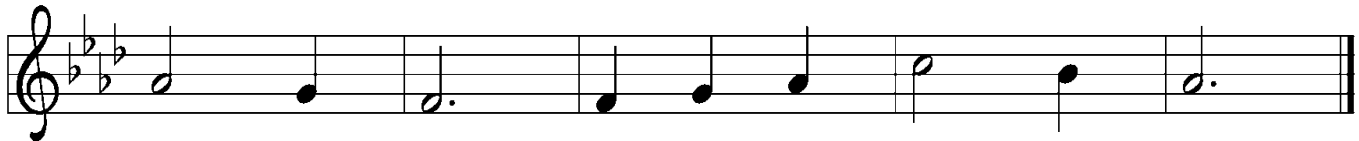
“O God of Mercy, God of Light”



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” vs 3 & 4 only

**** Go back up to Gathering Hymn for last two verses.**

Dismissal Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

A special THANK YOU to Randy, KayDel & Tessa Shelton, Maureen Hemphill, Brian & Sheri Luepke and Pastor Tonia for this beautiful service.

November 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

November 2022 Cleaner(s): Lance & Patty Sundberg

November 20th, 2022 Reader(s): **Will someone sign up to help today?**

November 20th, 2022 Communion Helper(s): **Will someone sign up to help today?**

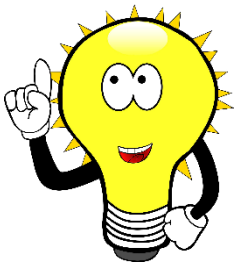
Thank you, Kim Behrent & Chris Fleury for helping with communion last Sunday

November 20th, 2022 Usher(s): **Will someone sign up to help today?**

Thank you, Joy Goehner for ushering last Sunday.

November 20th, 2022 Gate Keepers: Leslie Mullin & Rae Ellen Strickland

2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames



A thought: the church needs some "good quality" rags. Old bath towels cut in 1/4's or hand towels cut in half. If you can see through the towel, it is probably not going to stand up to wiping down walls or cabinets. As you are folding your towels and find one that should be good for something, give it the "see through" test! Maybe St. James could use the towel. Donna Zeigler.

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."

FYI: At the annual meeting held Jan 16th, 2022,

\$96,100 was the yearly approved 2022 budget ÷ 12 months = \$8,008.33 needed each month.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

November 6th Offering gratefully received \$1,230.00

November 13th Offering gratefully received \$2,215.00

Total received so far this month \$3,445.00

**Our 2022 monthly budget to meet is \$ 8,008.33

Jan (\$634.43) + Feb (\$1,718.33) + Mar (\$3,428.33) + Apr (\$1,868.33) - May \$6,476.91 + June \$(2,613.33)

+ July (2,248.33) + August (\$2,250.33) + September (\$1,432.33) + October (\$1,528.03) =

YTD UNDER Monthly Budget by negative (\$11,244.86)

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 November Birthday

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



Happy November Anniversary

Bob & Lanita Maurer 11/15

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 new prayers for:

God of promise, we pray for those who have died, especially Dennis Nickel and Gary Anderson, who both passed away this past week. We thank you for Your beautiful promise of eternal life in your kingdom. You are the God of consolation, console all who mourn.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Steve & Denise Cowan; Bob & Bev Kem; Vi Ekle; Bonny Rouse; Joy Goehner; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Bob Rouane; Araceli 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** "Having Fun with Faith" email with Activity Sheets.
- **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 and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.
- **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.
- **Every Sunday** Attend Worship Service in person @ St. James 9:30am or watch on-line (see info above to connect to FB or to our Website)

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



We are again providing the St. James "Taxi" Service from Meadowlark to Church, this time for Jo Lind.

Anyone, anytime, give Jo a call @ (406) 322-4497 to offer a ride to our Sunday service. She is living in Suite #13.

We have members who have moved away from Columbus and members whom we miss coming to St. James:

Please remember them all in our prayers and reach out to them with a card or phone call.



TODAY:

➤ **Sunday November 20th, 2022**



ANOTHER FRIENDLY PLEA, please stay after the Worship Service this morning and help decorate for Advent & Christmas.

Also, THIS AFTERNOON –

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

4:00pm @ the Assembly of God Church

****This community service is a time of worship and thanksgiving.**

We will give thanks in songs and prayers.

Pastors from the community will share with us how we give thanks with a grateful heart.

A free will offering will be collected with the monies going to help those in need. Come give thanks in fellowship with others from our community.

FUTURE DATES:

FYI: No choir practice Wednesday November 23rd

➤ **Thursday November 24th, 2022**



➤ **ALSO, Thursday November 24th, 2022 at [Palladium Draughthaus](#)**



From the owners:

Joe Morse I; Mina Morse & Joseph Morse III.....

"We are so thankful for our great customers & the support of our community!"

To celebrate we are hosting a free community dinner with turkey, potatoes, dressing & cranberries on Thanksgiving Day 11/24/22 @ 4:00pm.

Please join us and bring your favorite dish to share!"

- **Sunday November 27th, 2022**
Combined Choir will be sharing this morning: "Bless This House"
ALSO.....Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship



- **Wednesday November 30th, 2022 Choir Practice 4:00pm @ UCC**

Calling all "Lefse making" Ladies & Gents!!
And so, it begins for another year! Uff Dah!!



Wednesday, November 30th @ 9:00am

"Peeling, cooking, mashing" of the potatoes and "making them into balls" in preparation of tomorrow's... **Thursday, December 1st @ 9:00am** "Rolling and cooking" of the rounds for the parade of lights event, the following evening!

Columbus Parade of Lights

Friday December 2nd – 7:00pm

The theme this year is "Country Christmas".

Project Hope has volunteered their building this year, for sharing warmed lefsa & hot beverages with the public.

SIGN-UP to help with this great event: Bring lefse ingredients; help the "work crew" on Wed and Thurs and help serve to the community on Friday before and during the Parade of Lights.

FYI..... Help to pass the word to your family and friends, neighbors etc

<p><i>It's that time of year again...</i></p>		
<p>KIDS' CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY</p>		
<p>SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 1 TO 3 PM</p>		<p>FOR STILLWATER COUNTY KIDS IN GRADES K-5 \$3 FOR UP TO 5 GIFTS STILLWATER PAVILION</p>
	<p><i>Parents enjoy coffee & cookies while kids shop!</i></p>	

St. James' Annual Progressive Dinner Sunday, December 11th 4:00pm

First stop – Pastor Tonia will host at the Parsonage with potluck appetizers, then off to the church for the potluck main course, hosted by Leanne Sekora, Pat Lofing & Merridy Gauthier and ending at the Morse's for potluck desserts and carols!

There will be an opportunity to sign up for your potluck dish to bring to appropriate house!!



Join us for fun and fellowship during this Christmas Season.

St James' Christmas Eve Service
Saturday December 24th

5:30pm



Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

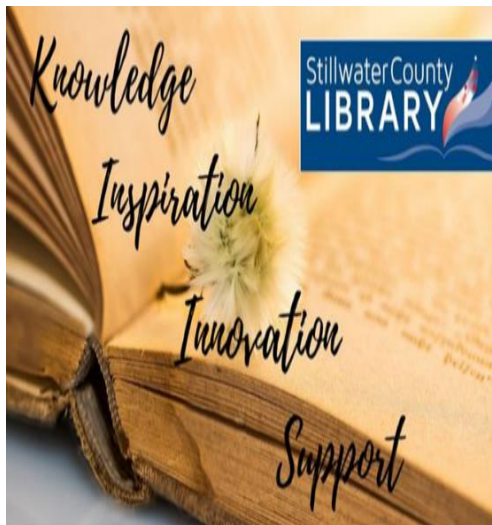
St James' Christmas Day Service
Sunday December 25th

9:30am



MORE Community Events for St. James:

- Every Monday we are invited to join:
 - ~The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-11am.
- 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 8-11am



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Drop-in Craft: "No-sew DIY Gnomes – Saturday November 19th
10:30am – 5:30pm

Dungeons & Dragons- Open to kids ages 8+ 1:00-4:00pm
Saturdays November 26th and December 10th

Write-In! for National Novel Writing Month November 22nd and 29th, 3-5pm Only 10 seats available. BUT even if you aren't participating, feel free to come and write in a non-distracting environment.

Saturday, December 3rd, 10:30 – 12:00 @ Palladium Draughthaus
Richard Ford, winning author, and Montana resident will read from his 5th book in the Frank Bascombe Series.



Dwelling in the Word

Join in a 30-minute Zoom conversation with others around the Montana Synod for a time of "Dwelling in the Word", a practice of listening to a passage of scripture and pondering what the Holy Spirit might be saying to each person during the time together. Since March of 2020, DEM Peggy Paugh Leuzinger and others in the Synod have joined in this time to pray, converse, and support one another.

The same Zoom link will be used for the rest of 2022.

Please save the link to your calendar to use each week or as often as you are able to join.

Topic: Dwelling in the Word every Thursday 8:30 am

Every week on Thu, until Dec 29, 2022, 18 occurrence(s)

To Join Zoom Meeting: Click on the link below:

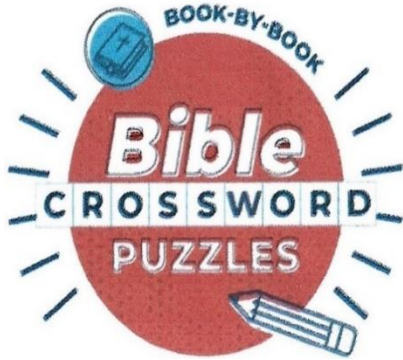
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Passcode: 740661

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

**** Check Wednesday 11/16 e-mail for these puzzles**



Lamentations

1. Consumed
2. People
3. Hardship
4. Exile
5. Sodom
6. Comfort
7. Israel
8. Festivals
9. Prosperity
10. Punishment

3 John

1. Truth
2. Imitate
3. Strangers
4. Hospitality
5. Diotrefes
6. Nonsense
7. Children
8. Testimony
9. Peace
10. Gaius

