

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

Sunday November 5th, 2023 – *All Saint's Sunday*



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

Holy One, we confess we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin which divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: ELW #421 "By All Your Saints" vs 1,2 and last



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:

2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throug
Last Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!

who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown
for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

All Saints Day Litany: A Commitment to Remember

*In the rising of the sun and in its going down, **we remember them.***

*In the glowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, **we remember them.***

*In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, **we remember them.***

*In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, **we remember them.***

*In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, **we remember them.***

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends, **we remember them.***

*When we are weary and in need of strength, **we remember them.***

*When we are lost and sick at heart, **we remember them.***

*When we have joys we yearn to share, **we remember them.***

*So long as we live, they too shall live, **for they are now a part of us,***

as we remember your blessed saints who have died during this past year:

Maurice Felton; Christopher Karelius; Kenneth Karelius; Dennis Nickels;

Gary Anderson; Donna Zeigler's sister-in-law, Wilma Burnham; Vi Ekke's brother,

Ray Loying; Steve Smith's sister, Judy Perry; Kenny Benner; Larry Barnheart;

Hannah Mae Rouane

Prayer of the Day

O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Micah 3:5-12

⁵Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. ⁶Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; ⁷the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. ⁸But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. ⁹Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, ¹⁰who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! ¹¹Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a

price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, "Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us." ¹²Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

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

Read Psalm 43 responsively by whole verse

¹Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked. ²**For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?** ³Send out your light and your truth, so they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary; ⁴**so I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.** ⁵Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? ⁶**Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

⁹You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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 Matthew:

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

Matthew 23:1-12

¹Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord:

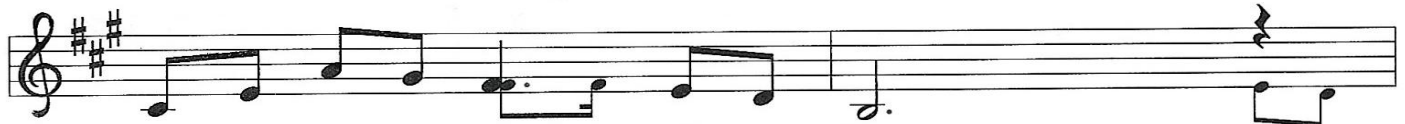
We sing the response after the conclusion: **"Praise to you, O Christ"**

Sermon: G.O.A.T.

Reflection Hymn: ELW #581 "You Are Mine"



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. To stanza 2
 Come and rest in me. To refrain
 all will know my name. To refrain
 up, now walk and live! To refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

To stanzas 3 and 4

Nicene Creed ELW #104

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 Peace

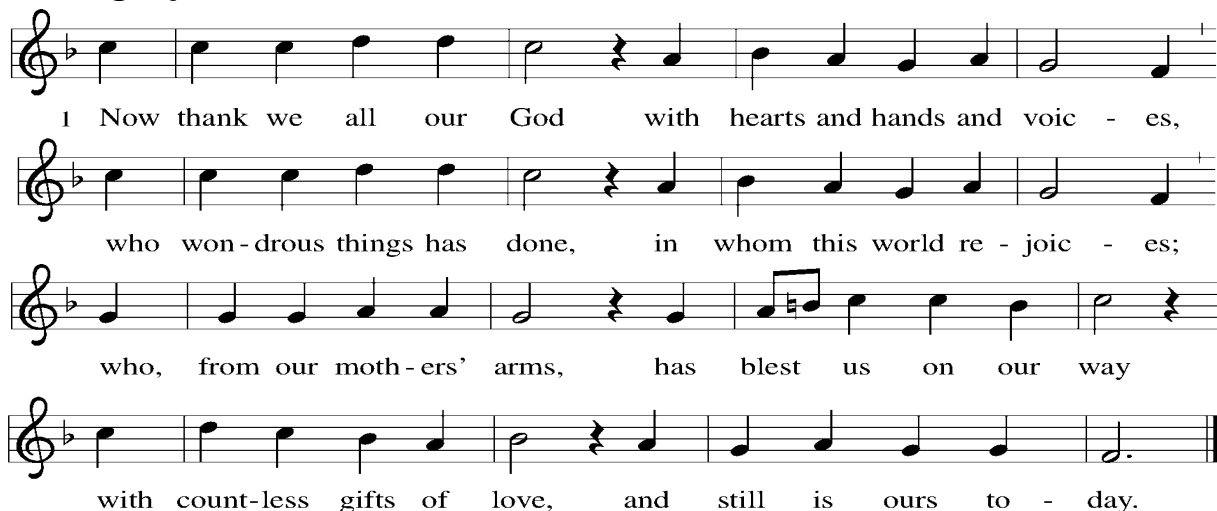
.....and we say: **and also with you.**

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: ELW #840 "Now Thank We All Our God"



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them so, as we gather these gifts from your abundance and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "Here is Bread"

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

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:

"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.

“For All the Saints” ELW #422



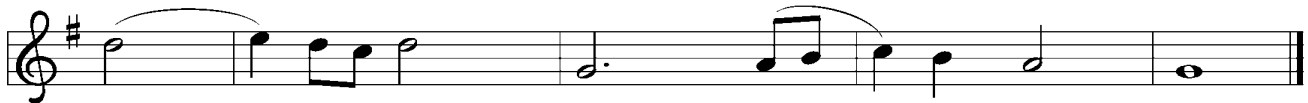
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



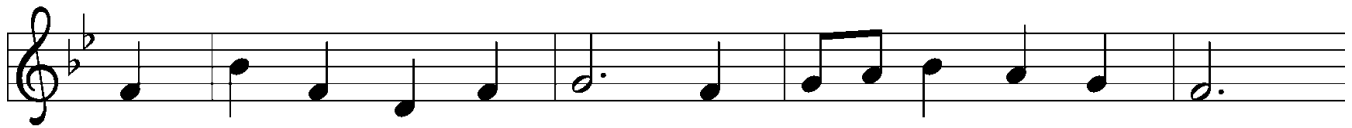
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #427 "For All Your Saints, O Lord"



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Dismissal: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Readings for 11/12/23 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Today



Coffee Fellowship

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



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

November Mission offerings.....

~ Your continued support 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!

Please know you have blessed many community families.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

November 2023 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

November 2023 Cleaner(s): Lance & Patty Sundberg

November 5th, 2023 Reader(s): Pat Lashley

Thank you, Bob Kem for reading last Sunday.

November 12th Reader(s): KayDel or Randy Shelton

November 5th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): **Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?**

Thank you, Kim Behrent and Maureen Hemphill for helping with communion last Sunday

November 12th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Denise Cowan

November 5th, 2023 Usher(s): **Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?**

Thank you, Bill Strickland for ushering last Sunday.

November 5th, 2023 Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

November 12th, 2023 Gate Keepers: Pat Lashley & Bill Strickland

2022 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."

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](https://tithe.ly).

[Tithe.ly](https://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	\$ 1,830.00
October 29 th Offering Gratefully received	\$ 535.00
Total received so far this month	\$10,440.00

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 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; Araceli 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 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.....

We are starting up BINGO next week and EVERY WEDNESDAY!

TODAY – Thursday 11/2 6:30 – 8pm
**** Be sure to register before it starts.**



MLN Virtual Programming Series:

Logic and Magic
with Jon Turk
November 2, 2023
6:30 – 8 pm on Zoom

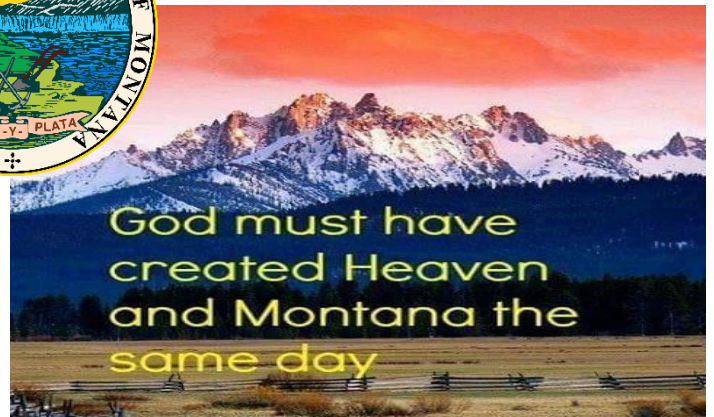
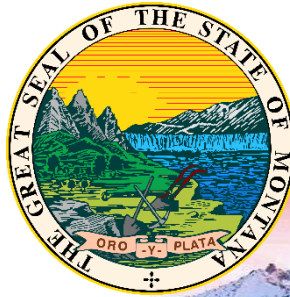
Register at tinyurl.com/jonturkMT
Free and open to all




FUTURE DATES:

On November 8th, 1889 Montana became the 41st State admitted to the Union.

Happy "134th" Birthday!!



Saturday November 11th Veteran's Day



Also this same day:



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.

➤ **Sunday November 12th** **FYI** – notice changed date
Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship

➤ **Tuesday's** **FYI** – NO practice 11/7
November 14th, November 21st & 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
STILLWATER COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
16 SHEEP DIP ROAD
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FREE ENTRY
DOOR PRIZES
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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!

Sponsors: Taney Frank, Hammonds Wind-Alarm by Tina, Opulzys Jackie Chestnut, Pappy's, Vicki Wilson (The Old Lady), Grindy's, Soak & Sip, Kelly's, etc.

Sunday November 19th –

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.

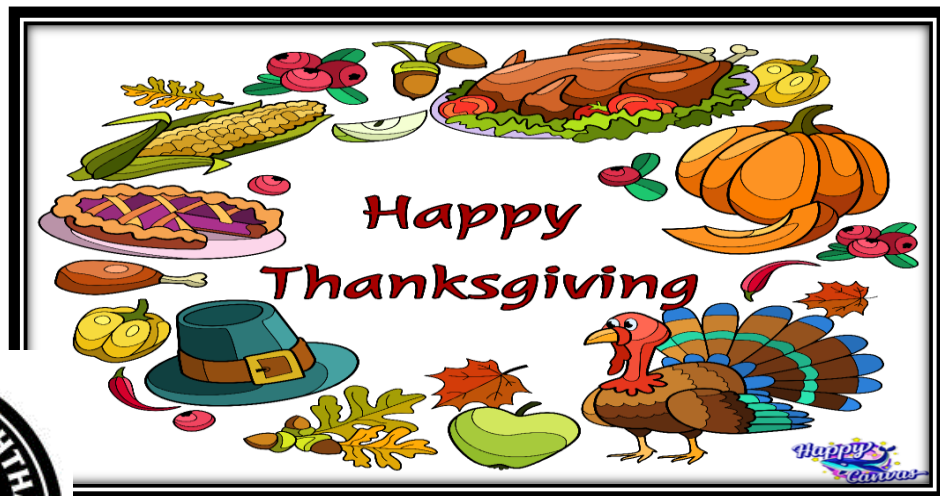
**Pastors from the community will share with us how we give thanks
with a grateful heart.**

**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.

Thankful

➤ **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!**