



St. James Lutheran Church Celebrating 100 years in 2020

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

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP.....

Sunday, February 16th, 2020 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Prayer of the Day:

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals, we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to the people:¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD! ²**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,** ³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways. ⁴**You laid down your commandments, so we should fully keep them.** ⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct so I might keep your statutes! ⁶**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.** ⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments. ⁸**I will | keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said to the disciples: ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.'" ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'" ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'" ³²But I say to you, anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³Again, you have heard it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.'" ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the

great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Next Week's Readings 2/23/2020 Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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

Tuesday February 18th: Bible Study @ 2:00pm

Wednesday February 19th: **Choir Practice @ UCC 4:30pm**

Sunday February 23rd: Transfiguration Sunday & Candlemas –

"Blessing of the Candles"

Church Council Meeting immediately after worship

Wednesday February 26th: **Ash Wednesday Service @ St. James 7:00pm**



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

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

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

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

If she is there, you're on!



If she is not there,

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

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

February 2020 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

February 2020 Reader: Leanne Sekora

Note: *Would anyone like to sign up to be the reader for March?*

Please let Laura Riensche know.

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

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

February 16th Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

February 23rd Gate Keepers: Betty Ames & Eric Bjorkman

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames



We Could Use Your Prayers!

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

.....as they mourn the death of her father, Harry Fisher. Harry passed peacefully Wednesday afternoon (2/12) at his home in the company of his family. Please pray for God's peace and comfort to rest upon Pastor Tonia and her family at this time.

If you know of anyone sick, preparing for surgery, struggling with health problems, mending or healing from illness or surgery, shut-ins, or loss of a loved one, traveling, in the service of our country, and peace in the world, contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at jdbjorkman@hotmail.com

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, and those battling cancer or other illnesses.

We offer new prayers for:

Brett Hollingsworth as he has been diagnosed with diverticulitis and is under a doctor's care. Please pray for wisdom for his doctor and for Brett's comfort and healing.

We offer continued prayers for:

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

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

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

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

FYI.....YTD (Jan - 2020) \$ 444.67

OVER monthly budget 😊

February 2nd Offering Gratefully Received \$1,018.62

under monthly budget (\$6,989.71)

February 9th Offering Gratefully Received \$1,376

under monthly budget (\$5,613.71)

"Your faith in God's mission for St. James is unshakeable."

Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May the Lord bless you and give you peace.



Happy February Birthday

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



Happy February Anniversary

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

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Thanks for checking out our new information

Thanks for "joining" us for our services each Sunday

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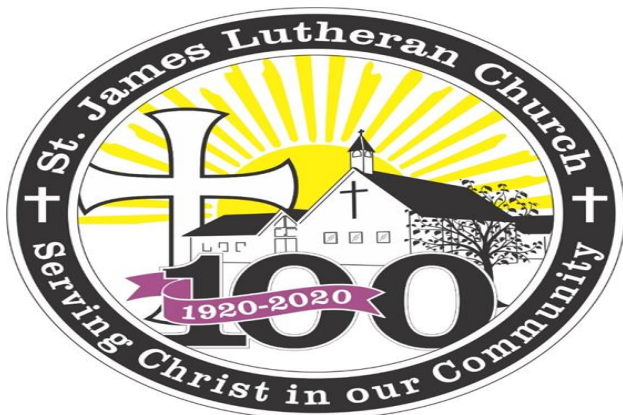
*Simple
Reminders...*

God's Valentine

For God so lo **V** ed the world
that He g **A** ve
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believes **I** n Him
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Encourage by Annjie

Thank you Joy for letting me borrow this from your FB page!



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

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

- **Keep turning in your recipes for our Anniversary Cookbook!**

So.....We need your attention!

Right now, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RECIPES TO MAKE A COOKBOOK!

Our plea goes out to ALL members receiving this email! We would LOVE for you to submit a recipe! If you have already submitted a few.....SEND A FEW MORE! I have attached the recipe collection sheet that you can print off and send back to us!

(Church address is at the top of this email) OR if you can't print, contact Denise Cowan (text her @ 671-6459, email her @ denisecowan48@yahoo.com or send her a note @ 45 Bugling Elk Lane, Columbus MT 59019) and she will be happy to send you copies to use.

Please, Please SEND MORE RECIPES!



- **Donate to "Food Bank Sunday"**

**Please bring your items by 2/26 – Thanks!



**Project Hope's FOOD BANK
NEED for
February 2020**

"100"

**CANS of SOUP
&/or BEANS**



Thank you in advance for ALWAYS being so generous!

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

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

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

- **Enjoy excerpts of St. James History throughout this year and remember the "Good 'Ole Days" and all that has happened for 100 Years in our small but mighty Lutheran Church!!**

Speaking of Good 'Ole Days.....



Remember, those wonderful "Ladies with Typewriters" and the church bulletin announcements.....

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered. ☺

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Ha, Ha, Ha! Thanks, Harold & Laura

REMINDER.....

Are you starting to put change into your "PIGGY" Bank or your "BARNYARD" Bank?



ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.



Just \$30 can provide a piglet to a family in need. When this little piggy grows up, she will give birth to as many as 16 piglets each year. Pigs help fertilize fields, provide food to eat and can be sold at market for much-needed income. What a BIG difference a pig can make! We are distributing these coin boxes for our entire congregation to collect offerings.

***There are extra banks in case you haven't picked yours up yet!
Thank you, Donna for starting this opportunity to help***

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

