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!



Click on image OR

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 YouTube link"

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

A suggestion just for safety:

In this time of Cold, Flu, Covid & other RESPIRATORY health issues, please feel free to wear a mask to church activities and worship. There is **NO** requirement to wear a mask. You do what you feel comfortable with to protect your health and know you are supported in your decision. Donna Zeigler

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun With Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to **Every Weekly Preparing for Worship Email.** These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

ALSO, Every Tuesday or Thursday, watch for the email with the "Challenges Kit for Kids"

<u>PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE</u> these bulletins & kits with your kids, grandkids, friends & friends's friends!!!!

ALSO, 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.

Open and print the Bible WORDsearch Puzzles. Enjoy!

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 February 19th, 2023 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

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.

Lenten Choral Introit - Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



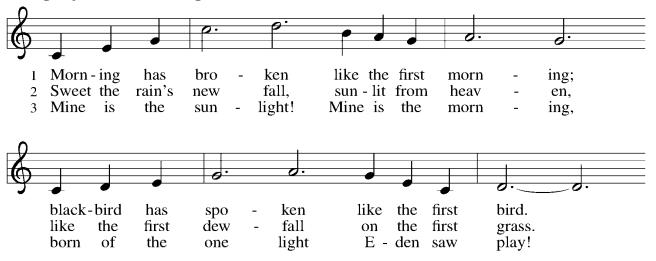
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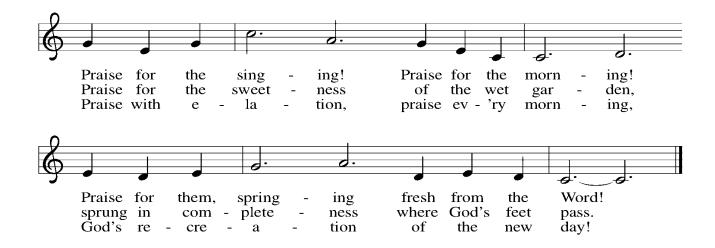
Confession & Forgiveness

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, so we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Morning Has Broken"





Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Read Psalm 2 responsively by whole verse

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats? ²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed? ³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us." ⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision. ⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror. ⁵"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain." ¹Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you. ⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. ⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery." ¹OAnd now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. ¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship; ¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Hear the 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must

understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 17:1-9

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁶But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁶And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁶As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord:

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



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Sermon: "Is That All There Is?"

Reflection Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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.



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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"



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: "What Feast of Love" **to the tune "What Child Is This"

What feast of love is offered here? What banquet come from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?

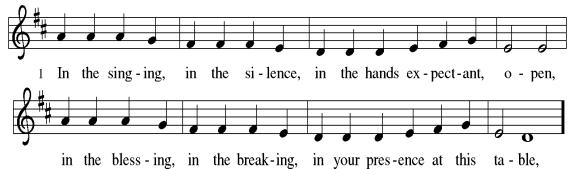
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "In the Singing"



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 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

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.

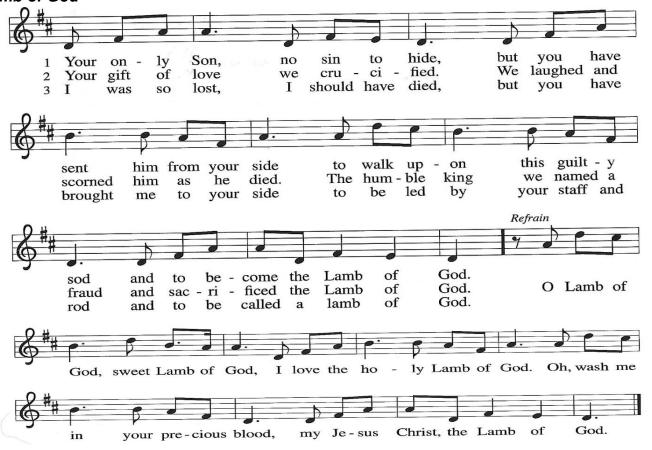
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Invitation to Communion

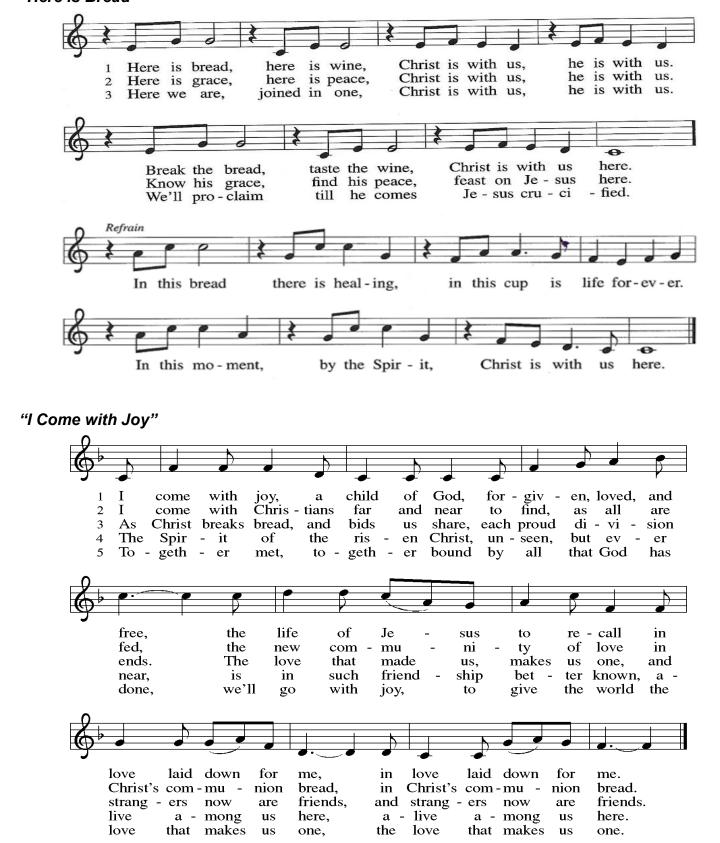
In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

"Lamb of God"



"Here is Bread"



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

SENDING

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

Sending 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!

- Vs 1 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: Refrain:
- As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, Vs 2 Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain:

Dismissal: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.** Music Published by Permission, CCLI #11445215 Worship Service recorded by Permission, CSPL #168651

Readings for Sunday 2/26/23 1st Sunday of Lent Worship Service:

Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

February 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

February 2023 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora & Pat Lofing

February 2023 Reader(s): Leanne Sekora

February 19th,2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today? Thank you, Chris Fleury and Bill Strickland for helping with communion last Sunday.

February 19th,2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday.

February 19th, 2023 Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

2023 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

LESLIE MULLIN: Thank you for your continued service to St James

Church. Your insights and judgement are of extreme value on the council. St James is in good hands with a council and you, who have the church and its members uppermost in their decisions. Donna Zeigler



FYI.... "Super Bowl" Sunday's Mission Offering results

The Kansas City Chiefs WON the game with a score of 38 - 35 AND the Chiefs also WON the vote of St. James with a total of \$106.75 vs \$30.52 for the Philadelphia Eagles!

BUT THE REAL WINNER is.....



Project Hope's Food Bank

with a grand total of \$137.27!!!!! THANK YOU to all who "played"!

^{*}You may continue making a donation for this February Mission throughout the month.

SPEAKING OF MISSIONS:

Our Montana/Wyoming ELCA Synod has expressed a need for additional funds for missions.

Mission funds and all Synod programs feel the effect of tight church budgets.

We all look for categories that can be reduced. Missions seem to be the first place that is cut.

St James strongly believes putting the needs of God's children first is what God requires of us.

A personal donation to the Synod Mission program can be made through our church treasurer, Amber, who will see that your donation gets forwarded.

Please make your check out to St. James and make a note on the memo line "Synod Mission".

Your donation will be added to your yearly giving statement.

Don't let others define us as irrelevant in the world.

"God, how much do you need this week"?

Donna Zeigler

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 Connie Bokma; Joy Goehner, Pastor Tonia; Joy Goehner's sister, Karen Clemons; LPA Allen Hansen; Bob Hemphill; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Tessa Rouane's husband, Conner; Tonia's brother, John Strohecker; Steve & Denise Cowan; Bob & Bev Kem; Vi Ekle; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracelii Enano; Rick Cox; Ashley Foster; Shane Fouhy; Jenny Hansen Cheff; 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.

A WONDERFUL PROJECT FOR LENT

Lent begins on February 22, with Ash Wednesday.



St. James' annual "PIGGY" Bank Program will be observed again during this time of Lent. Piggy banks will be available for pick-up TODAY Sunday February 19th, 2023!

"I would like to suggest we keep our Piggy Banks throughout the year following Easter. Keeping your bank will give you the opportunity to save your coin all year long. (More time, more coin. See how I slipped that in on you.) The coin will be collected after Easter as we have done in the past. Put your coin in a plastic bag with your name written on the bag. Bring your coin to the church the Sunday after Easter to be counted and a check will be sent to the ELCA Synod with our designation of where the funds should be used. St. James has always designated your gift for the purchase of farm animals for a family, sponsoring a child in school and sponsoring a woman in gardening classes. Your coin makes a difference.

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep". You are feeding God's people."

Donna Zeigler



Thank you, Donna for starting this opportunity again to help ELCA Good Gifts and Thank you all for taking this challenge!



FAT TUESDAY Community Pancake & Sausage

BUFFET SUPPER

Pancakes, Sausage Fruit, Conversation

Tuesday, February 21st, 5:00 – 7:00pm Columbus Congregational Church

Free will donation for supper, PLUS Raffle prize drawings.

** See posters on our bulletin board or open attachments to this email.



CHOIR PRACTICE STARTED FOR 2023

NEXT PRACTICE: Wednesday February 22nd 4:00pm in the Columbus Congregational Church.



Lent is the time we prepare ourselves, as we follow Christ's journey to the cross.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22nd @ 7:00pm St. James Lutheran Church

We gather for the imposition of ashes to be marked as disciples with the sign of the cross, to be sealed by the Spirit as God's own and to be fed for our journey through Lent.

St. James will be entering a holy time. The Lenten candles will be lit during the 2023 "Lenten Candle Services" starting Sunday February 26th @ 9:30am. Over the next six weeks, the light will slowly fade into darkness. We will retell the story of Jesus' betrayal and suffering and death and resurrection.



As we are reminded of how we abound in hope during this season of reflection, St. James Lutheran Church & the Columbus Congregational Church will continue to have a combined soup & bread meal and fellowship before the Mid-Week Lenten service, every Wednesday, beginning March 1st - March 29th.

The meal will begin at 5:30pm with the service starting at approximately 6:15pm.

**Watch for more details and the sign-up sheet to serve.

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 15th, 2023,

\$99,336.80 was the yearly approved 2023 budget + 12 months = \$8,278.07 per/month

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER......

February 5th Offering gratefully received \$1,685.00 February 12th Offering gratefully received \$2,020.00 **Total received so far this month \$3,705.00**

**Our 2023 monthly budget to meet is \$8,278.07 YTD (Jan) under monthly budget (\$2,725.07)

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!

<u>Tithe.ly</u> (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 February Birthday

Jennifer Gauthier 2/4; Ken Carlson 2/9; Heather Gauthier 2/10; Bill Strickland 2/10; Cindy Smith 2/15; Kolson Evig 2/17; Jim Salte 2/18; Brian Wanner 2/19; Raeli Evig 2/20; Jason Williams 2/23



Happy February Anniversary

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

**If we have your email.



Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's



ecard!

Other members, check your mailbox!

Note from sender: We have many cards sent BUT still "waiting for pickup" !!!!

Thank you to the members who have opened their cards. We hope you enjoy them!



BIG BROWN PAPER BAGS

We have all seen these large brown sacks you can fill with fruit and vegetables in the produce department at the IGA Supermarket, right? Have you passed by thinking, "I can't use that much produce at one time". Think again. Think about the items listed on the eligible list of produce that qualify for this promotion. Which items could you use for yourself, and which items might your neighbor or friend enjoy. Wala!! You have a full sack of produce, some for yourself and some for a friend for \$20.00. I am not a salesperson for IGA, but what a good way to share with a friend.

You are increasing your produce intake and providing a gift for someone you care about. Another option is taking a sack full of fresh produce to Project Hope. Project Hope always attempts to include fresh produce in the food boxes they give out during the month.

What a loving, caring gift you are giving another person.

Happy "Brown Bag" Shopping!

Donna Zeigler

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES to REFLECT GOD'S LOVE to OURSELVES, to EACH OTHER and to OUR NEIGHBORS

REMINDERS:

- > Every Tuesday Bible Study of the following Sunday's Lessons 2:00pm
- > Every Tuesday or Thursday Watch your inbox for the "Challenges Kit for Kids" activities.
- 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 We hope you are enjoying the attached Bible Wordsearch Puzzles as well.
- 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.

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 embroideretts 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



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Reminder: Every Wednesday, at the Stillwater County Library! 10:00am - Children's Story Time usually followed by a craft! 3:45 to 4:45 pm – New Middle School Program!

February 20th Library will be closed for Presidents Day.

March 3rd & 4th – Craft Supply exchange **Watch for more details

Answers: This week's



And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the Voice With Joy.

1 Chronicles 15:16

For we are his workmanship,
Created In Christ Jesus Unto Good Works, Which God Hath Before Ordained That We Should Walk In Them.
EPHESIANS 2:10

HOLY WEEK



April 2nd 9:30am

Hosanna!

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

Luke 19:38, KJV

No midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday 4/5.



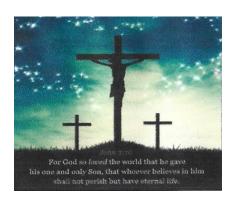


SERVICE - APRIL 6TH
7 PM
Thursday @ COLUMBUS CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

Good Friday Service – April 7th

@ St. James 7pm

Through the remembrance of Good Friday, we come to a fuller realization of the gracious gift of God and are able to more fully celebrate Easter Morning!





Come Celebrate! Easter Sunday Services April 9th

Community Service East Hill – Columbus 7am

Pastries and Fruit (before our service 8:30)

Provided by the Church Council Members

St. James' Service 9:30am

