

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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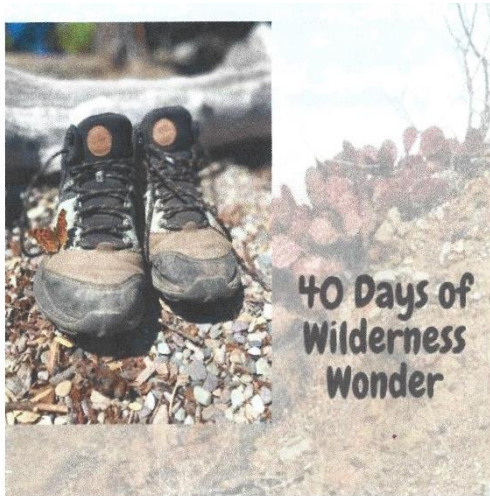
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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

****On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube link"**

To our faithful followers at home or wherever you are, PLEASE 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



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FORTY DAYS OF WILDERNESS WONDER

"Forty Days of Wilderness Wonder" is a daily devotional to accompany you through the liturgical church season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Daily devotions are provided for each day except for Sundays, which are not counted in the "40 days". Sundays are always considered the day of resurrection. Each "day" is dated for additional reference.

As our spring activities increase, we are tempted to neglect our need for personal devotion. This Lenten devotional invites you to take time to pause, read, reflect and pray as we journey again to the cross, remembering the promises of God's presence and promise of the resurrection. This resource is a combination of scripture, song texts, brief reflections, images and prayer. Multiple devotionals on the same scriptures or song texts are included for different perspectives.

If you have never done a daily devotional before, Lent is the perfect time to begin this faith discipline. If possible, set aside a specific time each day for this devotional practice. If you miss a day, it's easy to get back on track as you continue your journey to the cross. Daily devotions will also be posted on the "Forty Days of Wilderness Wonder" Facebook page. "Like" the page and share with others!

**** See PDF attachment to this email**

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



Sunday February 26th, 2023 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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.*

Service of the Lenten Candles

Lenten Choral Introit - Sing First Verse

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are re-born; though you
die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'-ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.

Candle Service Devotion for this 1st Sunday of Lent

EXTINGUISHING OF FIRST LENTEN CANDLE

Let us pray..... Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence & help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

Lenten Choral Introit – Sing Second Verse

Seed that dies to rise in glo-ry, may we see our-selves in you. If we
learn to live your sto-ry we may die to rise a-new. We may die to rise a-new.

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "The Glory of These 40 Days"



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Lenten Litany

P: In the dry wildernesses of our lives, in the days of heat and thirst, you offer us living water,

All: Thank you, gracious and generous God.

P: When we begin to doubt your presence, and grumble because we feel Your love is unreliable, you offer us living water,

All: Thank you, gracious and generous God.

P: When life's regrets and the bad choices we have made leave us feeling excluded and unworthy, you offer us living water,

All: Thank you, gracious and generous God.

P: When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others, have left us alone and wounded, you offer us living water,

All: Thank you, gracious and generous God.

P: We thank you and praise you, O God, so however we may thirst, whatever we may need to satisfy our souls, you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ;

All: So, we drink deep of the living water and, as we draw from your wells, we seek to pass the cup to others who, like us, are thirsty for Your grace. Thank You gracious and generous God.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces which defy You tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through Your Son, 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw the tree was good for food, and it was a delight to the eyes, and the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Read Psalm 32 responsively by whole verse

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! ²**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!** ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.** ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.** ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. ⁸**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye.** ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.** ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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 during lent: **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Gospel according to Matthew:

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

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Through the Waters"

Reflection Hymn: "God, You Call Us to the Waters" (to the tune "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")

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.

- Vs 1 God, you call us to the waters Where your gracious blessings flow,
Yet we ask: "What should we offer?" "What's the cost?" We want to know.
What we long for — can we earn it? Can we buy it? Can we learn it?
What's the cost? We want to know. What's the cost? We want to know.
- Vs 2 We confess your invitation Sounds too wondrous to be true.
Milk and wine and your salvation, Living water — gifts from you!
May your waters and your table Now remind us you are able
To give life, and life anew. To give life, and life anew.
- Vs 3 When we search for things to feed us That will never satisfy,
Lord we pray that you will lead us To the waters you provide.
Help us turn to seek your waters, As repenting sons and daughters;
Lead us to abundant life. Lead us to abundant life.
- Vs 4 May your church here be a witness To your generosity.
May we share your life and wholeness — Gifts of grace, for all and free.
May the poor find here your kingdom; May the seekers find a welcome;
May the hungry come and eat. May the hungry come and eat.

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: O healing river,

ALL: pour down Your waters and heal Your people.

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: "Lamb of God "

Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side,
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Offering Prayer

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "Just as I Am"

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

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:

"Beautiful Savior"



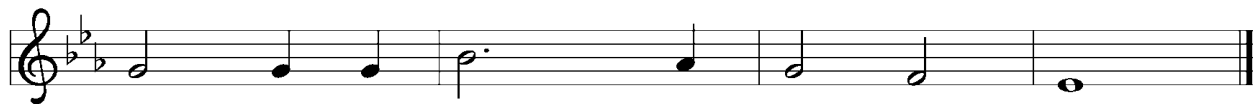
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

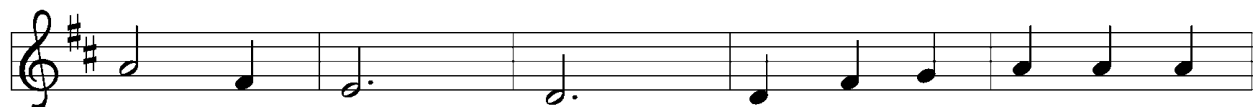


light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

“Come to the Table”



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve in Love. **Thanks be to be God.**

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Readings for Sunday 3/5/23 - 2nd Sunday of Lent Worship Service:

Genesis 12:1-41; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

February 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

March 2023 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

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

March 2023 Cleaner(s): Steve & Denise Cowan and Pete & Amber Lofing

February 2023 Reader(s): Leanne Sekora

March 2023 Reader(s): Will someone offer to help this month?

February 26th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Maureen Hemphill & Kim Behrent

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

February 26th, 2023 Usher(s): Joy Goehner

Thank you, Carrie Williams for ushering last Sunday.

February 26th, 2023 Gate Keepers: Chris Fleury & Joy Goehner

March 5th, 2023: Leslie Mullin & Bill Strickland

2023 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

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



As Lent continues, so does our St. James' annual "PIGGY" Bank Program.

Piggy banks are still available for pick-up.

"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!***



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

As St. James continues to reflect our holy time, the Lenten candles are extinguished each Sunday in Lent during the "Lenten Candle Service". Each week, the light will slowly fade into darkness as 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.



NEXT CHOIR PRACTICE FOR 2023

Wednesday March 1st 4:00pm
Columbus Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

***Our 1st Mid-week Lent Service with Soup & Bread Fellowship
Meal starts 5:30pm / Service approx. 6:15pm @ Columbus Congregational Church.***

*****THANK YOU for signing up for soup & bread***

3/1 - Soup: Maureen Hemphill & Pat Lashley Bread: Pat Lashley & Marge Sunvold



***** Last week to contribute to February's
Mission Offering –***

Project Hope's Food Bank

Thank you for your generosity to our monthly Mission's!

March Mission Offering –



Benefit's: Columbus Senior Center

- ~ Center meals: Mon – Fri @ Noon (Meals-on wheels also available)
- ~ Special meals: Birthday & Holiday (check their calendar for dates)
- ~ Pinochle: 1st & 3rd Thurs 1pm; Party Bridge: 1st & 3rd Fri 1pm;
Duplicate Bridge: 2nd & 4th Wed.
- ~ Jam Session: Every 3rd Saturday 1pm
- ~ Social Hour 9:30am

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

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."

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

February 5 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,685.00
February 12 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 2020.00
February 19 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 870.00
Total received so far this month	\$4,575.00

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!

[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 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
Other members, check your mailbox!

 american greetings ecard!



Happy March Birthday

William Adams 3/1; Tyler Kem 3/4; Kristi Lofing 3/6;
Vanessa Wanner 3/7; Ted Fleury 3/9; Morgan Radford 3/11;
Evan Makoff 3/16; Pat Lofing 3/17; Greg Lofing 3/17; Jo Lind 3/19;
Holly Williams 3/19; Alex Alton 3/22; Bob Hemphill 3/25; Irgrd Houghton 3/25;
Gary Lofing 3/29; Malachi Moulden 3/30; Sheri Luepke 3/31



Happy March Anniversary

Bill & Karen McDonald 3/6



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

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which you will now find during Lent, on our website. 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" PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these bulletins & kits with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend'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!

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 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 8-10am



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Reminder: Every Wednesday, at the Stillwater County Library!

10:00am - Children's Story Time usually followed by a craft!

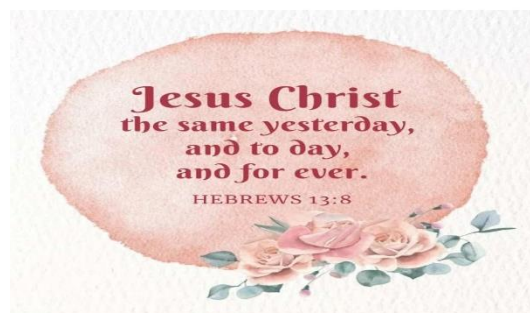
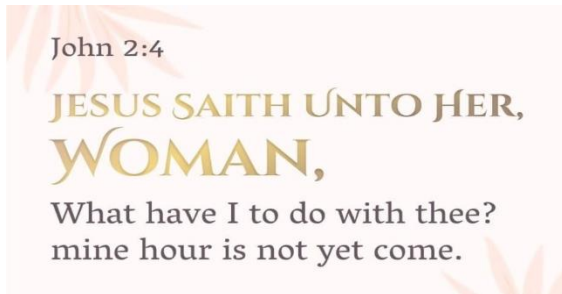
3:45 to 4:45 pm – New Middle School Program! This week –BAD ART!

March 3rd & 4th – Craft Supply exchange

Have extra items left over from a project? Need more supplies for one you're working on? Come stop by our free craft supply exchange!

Accepting donations until March 1st and then browsing fun starts Friday!

Answers: This week's



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

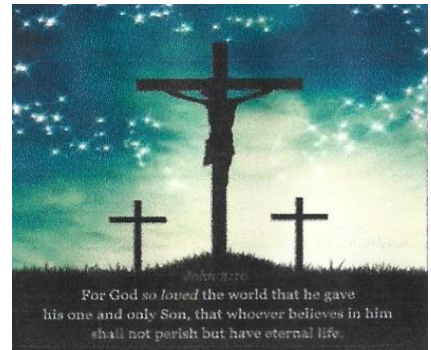
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@ COLUMBUS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**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

HE IS RISEN
the Lord is risen indeed