

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!

***We apologize for the "blip" in last Sunday's wi-fi connection. Technology – Ugh!*



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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

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

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

Just want you all to know...



and **PRAY** you will once again
join us **AT St. JAMES**
for **9:30am** worship each **Sunday!**

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 27th, 2022 – Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God, joining us by watching the live/recorded service or in spirit and prayer.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.....

.....and also be with you.

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

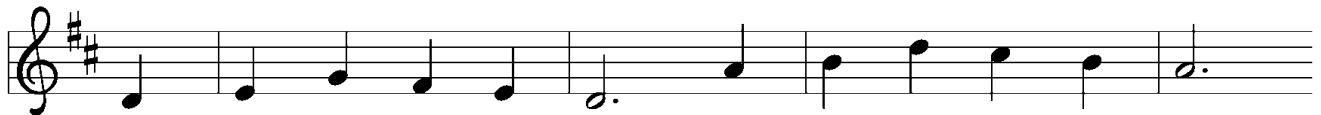
GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness:

Most merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, so we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

Read Psalm 99 responsively by whole verse

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples. ³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One. ⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One. ⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them, ⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them. ⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds. ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth, we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of 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 Holy Gospel according to Luke:

We sing our response: "Glory to you, O Lord"

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

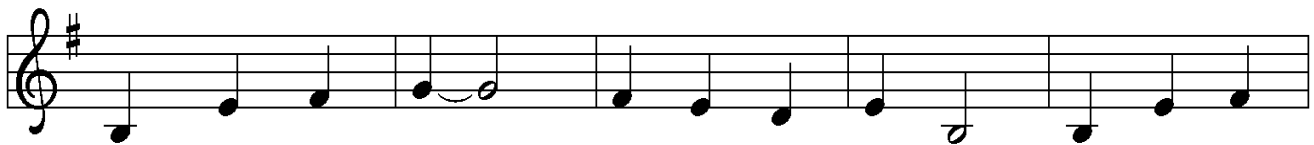
²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent; and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord:

We sing our response: "Praise to you, O Christ."

Sermon: "Since It is by God's Mercy"

Reflection Hymn: "Christ Be Our Light"



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



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



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

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

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

Passing of the Peaceand we say: and also with you.

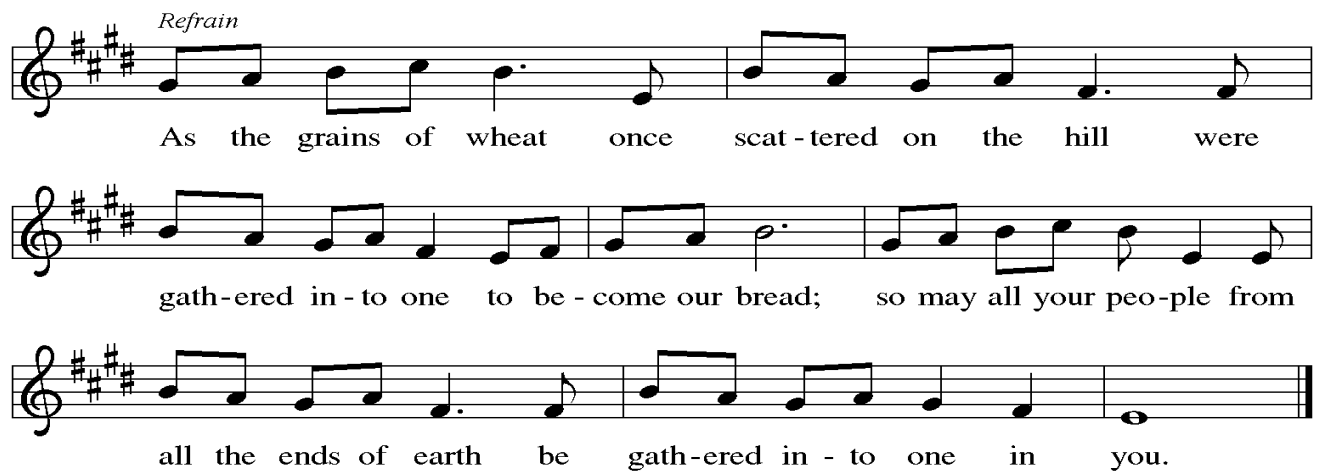
MEAL

....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: "As the Grains of Wheat"** (Refrain only)*

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"



Je - sus, we just want to [thank praise] you. ————
 Je - sus, we just want to
 [thank praise] you, Je - sus, we just want to
 [thank Praise] You, [thank Praise] You for be - ing so
 good. good. ————
 Fine

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:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, _____

The first system of musical notation is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The accompaniment starts with a whole note chord D4.

_____ Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. Above the staff are chord markings: D, A7, Dmaj7, G, D, and A7. The bass staff continues with chords D, A7, D, G, D, and A7.

_____ When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. Above the staff are chord markings: D, B7, and Em. The bass staff continues with chords D, B7, and Em.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me! _____

The fourth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. Above the staff are chord markings: A7, D, D7, Gmaj7, A7, D, G, and D. The bass staff continues with chords A7, D, D7, Gmaj7, A7, D, G, and D.

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (cont.)

Vs 2 Let us drink wine together.....

Vs 3 Let us bow ‘round the altar.....

Vs 4. Let us praise God together.....

“Feed Us Now”

E G#m Bm7 Amaj7

1. Feed us now, Bread of life, In this ho - ly meal;
 2. Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good!
 3. God is here, O so near; Near - er than our thoughts.

Am7 E F#m7 B7sus4 B7

Let us know your love a - new; We hun - ger _ for you.
 Love and mer - cy come to us; Your prom - ise _ we trust.
 Stay with us where - 'er we go; Lord, help us _ to grow.

E G#m Bm7 Amaj7

Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with - in;
 Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can un - der - stand
 God is here, O so near, In this heav - en's meal.

Am7 E F#m7 B7

Verses 1., 2. Verse 3
 E B7 E

Let your peace be ours to - day, Lord Je - sus, we pray.
 How His mer - cy works in these? Yet, Lord, we be - lieve.
 May we al - ways feed on you - On the bread that is true.

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

B \flat B \circ F7

1. Like the wom - an at the well I was seek - ing _____ For
 2. There are mil - lions in this world who are crav - ing _____ The
 3. So my broth - er, if the things this world gave you _____ Leaves

B \flat B \flat 7

things that could not sat - is - fy. And then I heard my Sav - ior
 please - ure earth - ly things af - ford. But none can match the won - drous
 hun - gers that won't pass a - way. My bless - ed Lord will come and

speak - ing: "Draw from my well that nev - er shall run dry."
 treas - ure _____ That I find in Je - sus Christ, my Lord.
 save you _____ If you kneel to Him and hum - bly pray.

F9 Chorus B \flat F7 Cm F7 B \flat

Fill my cup, Lord, - I lift it up, Lord, - Come and quench this thirst - ing of my soul.

F7 B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat /D Cm7 F7 ten. B \flat

Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Shine Jesus Shine"

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -
dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
set us free, - by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Dismissal

*Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.*

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Thank You to all who joined us for.....

Tacos



and Bingo



Thank you for taking pictures – Pastor Tonia !!!

So much “needed” fun and fellowship!

One more week to contribute to February’s Mission Offering-



**Benefit's:
Project Hope's Food Bank**

Sunday Feb 27th, 2022: Council Meeting immediately after worship.

Also this day, if you need MORE fellowship and bingo...

We are invited to join:

Columbus Community Congregational Church



Lunch 11:30 (Chili & Soup provided by UCC)

Bingo Noon

\$1.00 a card

Bingo takes the Pot

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

- **Tuesday March 1st, 2022** Bible Study @ 2pm

Also.....



FAT TUESDAY Community Pancake & Sausage **BUFFET SUPPER**. All welcome!
Pancakes, Sausage, Raffles, fun conversations

WHEN: Tues, March 1, 5:00 –7:00 pm

WHERE: Columbus Community Congregational Church 138 N. 4th (by Columbus IGA)

COST: Free Will Donation for supper

This is a FUNDRAISER for Youth programs including Summer Camp
Raffle tickets available to buy before and at event – see prizes on UCC's FB page
or on our bulletin board. **NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

****To buy raffle tickets in advance, call or text: Joan Nye 406-321-0591**

- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB **Wednesday March 2nd** or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed, found on our Website.

- **Wednesday March 2nd**  Service @ St. James Church 7pm

- **Sunday March 6th, 2022** 1st Sunday in Lent and the "Piggy" Bank program to benefit ELCA Good Gifts program officially starts.

A WONDERFUL PROJECT FOR LENT



The "PIGGY" Bank Program will start again

March 6th, 2022!

Donna will begin handing them out to all, so you can immediately start saving your change!

**Note: Anyone who wants one sooner,
personally let Donna know or call her @ (406) 322-4452!**



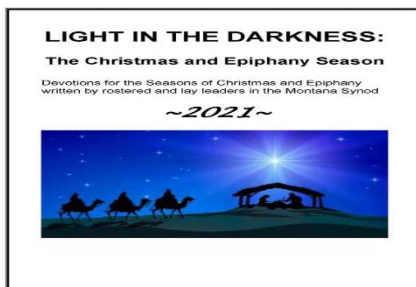
**Thank you, Donna for starting this opportunity again
to help ELCA Good Gifts and
Thank you all for taking this challenge!**

- **FYI for the next 5 Wednesdays:** We will again have joint fellowship and Holden Evening Prayer Lent Services with UCC.



Watch for the schedule of where every other weeks soup & bread meal & service will be held.

We will need 2 members to provide soup and 2 members to provide bread each week, so we ask you to sign up.
It will be great to share our Lenten journey with our friends from UCC.



I hope you enjoyed reading these daily excerpts from our Montana leaders.

Click on the attachment to this email, for ONE LAST chance to read the daily devotions. It is very inspirational!

FYI - Scroll to:

Fri Jan. 14th – Psalm 36:5-10 and Mon Feb. 21st – Exodus 33:1-17

for our Pastor's reflections! THANK YOU, PASTOR TONIA

Also, Molly Sasser-Goehner's reflections: Tues Jan 4th and Fri Feb 4th

An opportunity to care for the Lord's Table....

Altar Guild is looking for new members..... The schedule has been arranged to be more flexible to meet your needs. A specific task list and personal instruction will be given to anyone who would like to be involved in this ministry. For more information, please contact:

Kim Behrent (406) 321-2535 or **Pastor Tonia** (406) 656-9557

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

February 2022 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan
March 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent
February 2022 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora and Pat Lofing
March 2022 Cleaner(s): Steve & Denise Cowan and Betty Ames
March 2022 Reader: **Will you sign up to help?**
March 2022 Usher(s): **Will you sign up to help?**
February 2022 Communion Helper(s): Steve & Denise Cowan
March 2022 Communion Helper(s): **Will you sign up to help?**
February 27th, 2022 Gate Keepers: Chris Fleury & Joy Goehner
Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and 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.”

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

February 6 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 805.00
February 13 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,030.00
February 20 th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$2,805.00</u>
February total received so far	\$4,640.00

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

YTD (Jan) under monthly budget (\$3,084.43)

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).

For new prayer requests, please contact **Pastor Tonia**. Text or call her at (406) 656-9557 or email her at toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Pastor Kim Wilker’s daughter, Eva as she is having several seizures a day. Complex medical diagnosis. The doctors are trying to deal with the several medical aspects of these seizures. God of healing, we lift up Eva and pray for Your healing on her mind and body, give her Your comfort and take away her fear. Strengthen Kim and his wife, Terri, as they care for her and work to keep her safe. We place this precious child in Your hands. Amen.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Steve Cowan; Zane & Brandon Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Seymour and Woody DeHaven.

Those living with cancer: Roger Mullin; Shane DeHaven; Mary Ann Conners; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder’s daughter in law, Lola.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

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

From Pastor Tonia:

Many of you may remember Pastor Julie Long from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Broadus, MT. (She has advised us on IT and music issues.) Julie sent this email to me in regard to the recent Russia/Ukraine war. May this help you as you pray for the Ukraine and her people.

You may know Rev Bradn Buerkle, from Plevna MT (my old SE Montana neighborhood), who has been serving as Lutheran pastor in Russia for many years, since going there during seminary. I keep in touch with him occasionally, and really thinking of him, his family and congregations this week. I sent an email of prayer support earlier this week and this is a response I received early this morning.

I just want to say how much I appreciate the prayers. My mother-in-law lives near the border; we were able to get her away from there on Tuesday... But there are so many who cannot get away. It is heartbreaking. We search for the ways to follow Christ in this situation.

Rev Bradn Buerkle

I was so struck by his last statement. I know you are all holding this whole situation in prayer. If you are interested in reaching out to him, his email is bradnbuerkle@gmail.com. I got permission from him to share his email

Pastor Julie Long



Is there any member interested in assuming the ministry of Prayer Chain requests? A group email list of those who have been interested in receiving this information, will be provided to you. Church members will contact you with a prayer request, providing you with names (ask for sp. If unsure) and all pertinent and correct information. You will then email the request to the specified group. Please let Pastor Tonia or Betty Ames know if you'd be interested in this ministry.

In the meantime, continue to contact Pastor Tonia, either by text or email (see info top of page)



Happy February Birthday

Roger Mullin 2/2; Jennifer Gauthier 2/4; Nathan Rightmeir 2/4;
Heather Gauthier 2/10; Bill Strickland 2/10; Austin Rightmeir 2/13;
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