



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"*



Blessing of the Candles

Thanks for this reminder, Pastor Tonia!

Candlemas is a good time to reflect on the Christ as the Light of the World.

Take a sacred moment to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one or to lift up your prayer request before the Lord.

You may go forward before worship, during the passing of the peace, during communion, or when the Spirit moves.

When we look at these candles, we are reminded God is present and hears the prayers of the faithful.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP.....

Sunday, March 1st, 2020 – 1st Sunday in Lent

***Mission Offering this Sunday benefits
the Columbus Senior Center!***

Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, so we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Service of the Lenten Candle

Litany from Psalm 32

Scripture on this 1st Sunday of Lent is from the 5th Chapter of Romans.

EXTINGUISHING OF FIRST LENTEN CANDLE

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 that 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.

Lent is a time for reflecting on and removing what gets in the way of our relationship with God.

One common obstacle is scarcity thinking, or the perspective that I/we do not have enough.



LENT 2020

40 DAYS OF

GRATITUDE JOURNAL

Use the 40 Day Gratitude Journal** for each day of Lent in the hopes that we will all develop a deep sense of where God is at work in us.

****Print attachment to this newsletter or pick one up at church on Sunday!**

Upcoming 2020 Lent Service schedule for St. James and UCC

- Wednesday 4 March - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ UCC
- Wednesday 11 March - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ St. James
- Wednesday 18 March - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ UCC
- Wednesday 25 March - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ St. James
- Wednesday 1 April - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ UCC
- Thursday 9 April - Maundy Thursday worship @ UCC



- Sunday 5 April - Palm Sunday



- o Friday 10 April –
 Good Friday Salad Luncheon @ UCC
 Good Friday worship service @ St. James



- o Sunday 12 April - Easter Sunday



Sunrise worship on the hill west of Columbus.
 Small “in-between services” coffee hour
 Worship Service @ St. James. 9:30 am

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

Tuesday March 3rd:

Bible Study @ 2:00pm

Wednesday March 4th:

Choir Practice @ UCC 4:30pm

Soup & Bread Fellowship @ 5:30pm and Lenten Service 6:15pm @ UCC

Friday March 6th:



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action

In Columbus, World Day of Prayer will be observed Friday, March 6th at 10:00 am at the Columbus Evangelical Church on 2nd St. and Quarry.

Zimbabwe is the country of focus, and the theme is "Rise, Take Up Your Mat" based on John 5:2-9

Sunday March 8th - “Spring Ahead” Daylight Savings time starts!



EXTRA REMINDER for Sunday, March 8th: Be sure to set your clocks ahead so you, **WON'T BE LATE FOR.....**

2nd Sunday in Lent Worship Service – 9:30am
AND “Burning the Mortgage” at the end of worship today!

(**a copy of the bank note for our new addition)

Thanks again for your generous gifts toward this “Above & Beyond” project!
Congratulations!

AND 100th Anniversary Celebration.....

We will celebrate the opening of St. James Lutheran’s doors on March 7th, 1920!
Please join us after worship for refreshments and take a look
at the “Decade of History” table for memories of our last 100 years!



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!



We Could Use Your Prayers!

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:

Donna Zeigler as she grieves the death of her sister-in-law and with Leslie Mullin as she mourns the loss of her godfather.

Healing and peace for Gary Lofing, Brett Hollingsworth, Jason Nielsen and all who live with chronic diseases, especially Dennis Gauthier, Les Lane and Kevin Ramer.

Sally Bisch as she awaits results of medical tests. We pray for wisdom for her doctors, for peace, strength and hope for Sally and strength, compassion and peace for Jim.

Roger Sunvold as he undergoes treatment for cancer. We lift up Marge and family and pray for strength, comfort, and peace as they begin this journey.

We offer continued prayers for:

Sean & Ruth Erickson, Special K Houseparents; Jason Nielsen, Judy Bjorkman’s brother; Brett Hollingsworth; Les Lane; Kevin Ramer; Dennis Moore; Arvid Barnam; Roger Mullin; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

**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 2 nd Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,018.62</u>	under monthly budget (\$6,989.71)
February 9 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,286</u>	under monthly budget (\$5,703.71)
February 16 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,716</u>	under monthly budget (\$3,987.71)
February On-line Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 295</u>	under monthly budget (\$3,692.71)
February 23 rd Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 801</u>	under monthly budget (\$2,891.71)

“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.

**FB usersToday 2/29 & Tomorrow 3/1,
you have two great reasons to be on FB!**



It’s a leap year so whatever you do on Saturday won’t show up on memories for another 4 years so basically no rules no regrets! 😂

AND Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana records our Sunday service “live” each week!

Thanks for “joining” and thanks for checking out our new information.



Happy March Birthday

William Adams 3/1; Tyler Kem 3/4; Kristi Lofing 3/6;
Vanessa Wanner 3/7; Edward Fleury 3/9; Morgan Radford 3/11;
Even 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; Irmard Houghton 3/25;
Gary Lofing 3/29; Malachi Moulden 3/30; Sheri Luepke 3/31;



Happy March Anniversary

Bill & Karen McDonald 3/6

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

March 2020 Altar Guild: Liz Cox

March 2020 Reader(s): **LPA's**

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

March 2020 Cleaner(s): Bob & Maureen Hemphill and Steve & Denise Cowan

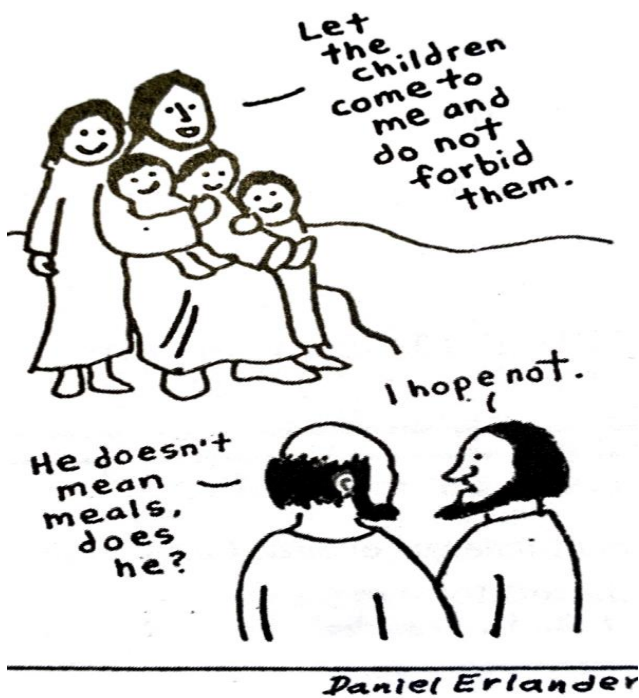
March 1st Gate Keepers: Steve Cowan & Joy Goehner

March 8th Gate Keepers: Harold Riensche & Betty Ames

March 15th Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

Receiving Holy Communion @ St. James Lutheran



If you are baptized, you are welcome to the Lord's Table! If your children or grandchildren are baptized, they too, are welcome to receive God's gifts – infants and young children included.

Great! When can I start? What do I need to do? If your child has not received Holy Communion before and you desire for them to begin communing, please set up a time to talk with Pastor Tonia. By having a conversation with pastor, parent, and child, together we can provide instruction and share conversation about the blessing and benefits of God's gift of Holy Communion.

Do I have to have my child begin receiving communion now? No. The invitation to receive the Lord's Supper is extended to all those who believe and are baptized. If you prefer to wait until your child is older or until a special date, that is fine, and your child will be invited to the table at that time.

Simple Reminders...

40 DAYS - 40 ITEMS

Instead of giving up something for Lent this year, why not try the 40 days - 40 items challenge?

Each day of Lent, remove one item from your house, which you don't use or wear anymore and place it in a bag. At the end of Lent, donate these items to a charity shop or to a homeless shelter.

They'll be shared with those who really need them!

#40Days40Items



**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"***

THANK YOU FOR FILLING Project Hope's FOOD BANK NEED for
February 2020

"100" CANS of SOUP &/or BEANS

Thank you 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)***

REMINDER.....

***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.....

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones..

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!

