



St. James Lutheran Church Celebrating 100 years in 2020

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

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, March 15th, 2020 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

***Mission Offering for March 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 95:1-6

Scripture on this 3rd Sunday of Lent is from the 17th Chapter of Exodus.
EXTINGUISHING OF THIRD LENTEN CANDLE

Prayer of the Day:

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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.

FYI.....

Upcoming 2020 Lent Service schedule for St. James and UCC

- o Wednesday 18 March - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ UCC
Hosts: Chris / ?? - Soup Joy / ?? - Bread

We are looking for other members to sign up to host soup & bread meal on our Wednesday evening Lent services. Sign-up sheet is being passed around during Sunday services or let Pastor know!

- Wednesday 25 March - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ St. James
 - *Hosts: Denise / ?? - Soup Donna / Denise – Bread*
- Wednesday 1 April - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ UCC
 - *Hosts: Brett / ?? - Soup ?? / ?? - Bread*

○ **Sunday 5 April - Palm Sunday @ St. James**
Meet 9am @ UCC to walk over to St. James with our Palms
9:30am Joint service with St. James and UCC members - Combined choir will sing!!



- Thursday 9 April - Maundy Thursday worship @ UCC



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



- 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 17th:

Bible Study @ 2:00pm

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Wednesday March 18th:

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

**** See Above Schedule for hosts**



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!



FB users

Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana

Thanks for checking out our new information

Thanks for "joining" us for our services each Sunday



We Could Use Your Prayers!

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

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

FYI.....YTD (Jan - Feb 2020)

\$4,671.95 UNDER monthly budget

March 1st Offering Gratefully Received

\$1,433

under monthly budget (\$6575.33)

March 8th Offering Gratefully Received

\$1,251

under monthly budget (\$5,324.33)

"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.

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:

Pete Hegg as she has recently been diagnosed with a heart-rhythm disorder. Please pray for her peace & comfort.

Max, friend of Pastor Tonia, as has recently been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Please pray for Max's healing, peace and comfort.

Jerry Wanner, father of Brian Wanner, as he suffered a stroke and had to be flown to Denver. Please pray for Jerry to make a complete recovery and for peace & comfort to Jerry and to his family.

Harold Riensche as he recovers from surgery to insert a pace maker.

We offer continued prayers for:

Donna Zeigler; Sally Bisch; Roger Sunvold; Dennis Gauthier; Jason Nielsen, Judy Bjorkman's brother; Les Lane; Kevin Ramer; 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.



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;
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; 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 15th Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

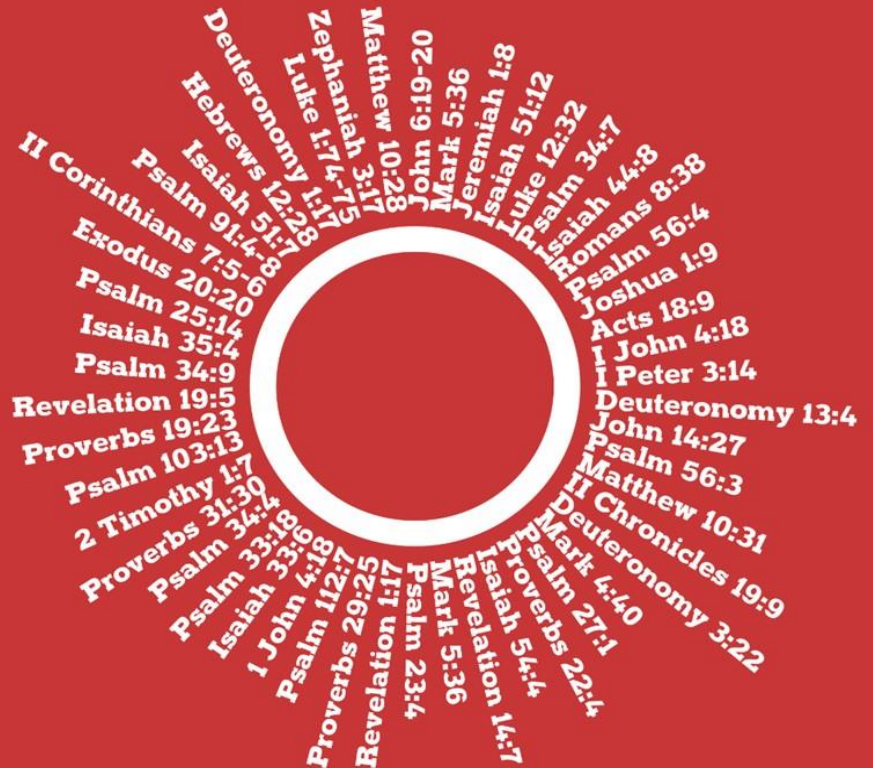
March 22nd Gate Keepers: Eric Bjorkman & Joy Goehner

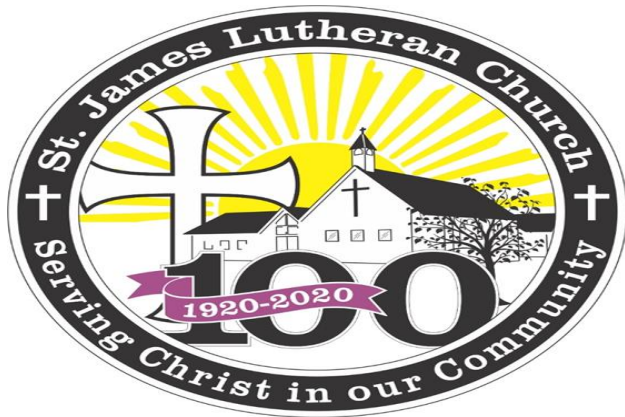
March 29th Gate Keepers: Steve Cowan & Harold Riensche

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

Simple Reminders...

**Do
not
be
Afraid**





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

We celebrated our good news on Sunday March 8th:



CONGRATULATIONS St. James!

***We have paid off - 5 years early –
the mortgage to our “New Addition”
loan! Your commitment and
generosity is very much appreciated!***

WELL DONE!

We also celebrated our 1st service - MARCH 7TH, 1920, at the reception after worship. District Missionary, Rev. C.W. Seville put a notice in the Columbus News, March 7, 1920 calling “all German, Swedish, Danish, French, Norwegian and Yankee Lutherans” living in Columbus and within a 12-mile radius come together to form one parish or congregation where all you Lutherans can be together in one congregation.” The reasoning was that the English Synod of the Lutheran church had many congregations where there were three to ten different nationalities, especially where the congregation size and town size were small, and “all got along fine.”

St. James took shape under District Missionary, Rev. C.W. Seville. He conducted the first services on March 7, 1920 with twenty members in the church building of St Paul’s Episcopal Church The membership was composed of “*some of our best townfolk and the Council is composed of ten very able business men and leading farmers. St James Lutheran Church starts off with a very bright future*” (Columbus News, March 11, 1920).

AND NOW THE REST IS HISTORY..... 😊

To continue celebrating, we are excited for you to.....

- Donate to “Food Bank Sunday”



THANK YOU FOR FILLING Project Hope’s FOOD

BANK NEED for

March 2020

“100”

BOXES OF CRACKERS!!



Thank you in advance for ALWAYS being so generous!

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

- **Keep sharing your memories & pictures of our history**
- **Attend & participate in our many planned events to make this year so special and memorable.**

CELEBRATING “100 YEARS” IN 2020

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 LENT 1 William Adams	2	3 Bible Study @ 2pm	4 Choir Practice 4:30pm Soup & Bread Lent Service UCC Tyler Kem	5	6 World Day of Prayer 10am Kristi Lofing McDonald's Ann.	7 Vanessa Wanner
8 LENT 2 “Burn the Mortgage” service & Celebrate 100 yrs!!	9 Ted Fleury	10 Bible Study @ 2pm	11 Choir Practice 4:30pm Soup & Bread Lent Service St. James Morgan Radford	12	13	14
15 LENT 3 Choir Sings!	16 Evan Makoff	17 Bible Study @ 2pm St. Patrick's Day Pat Lofing Greg Lofing	18 Soup & Bread Lent Service UCC	19 Jo Lind Holly Williams	20	21
22 LENT 4 Alex Alton	23	24 Bible Study @ 2pm	25 Choir Practice 4:30pm Soup & Bread Lent Service St. James Irmgard Houghtn Bob Hemphill	26	27	28
29 LENT 5 Council Mtg after worship Gary Lofing	30 Malachi Moulden	31 Bible Study @ 2pm Sheri Leupke	March Mission Offering: COLUMBUS SENIOR CENTER	Altar – Liz Reader – LPA's Usher & Serving Communion: Congregation	Cleaners – Hemphill's And Cowan's	March Project Hope Needs: “100” boxes of CRACKERS!

Save these upcoming dates:

- **Each month, watch for the date of our Church’s 100th year reception celebrating each decade.
 - ~ 5/17 Remembering our Norwegian Heritage Dinner & fun. Time & events TBA.
 - ~ 8/23 Our Church’s 100th year worship service w/the Bishop & previous pastors & a Banquet to celebrate with all of our members & the community. Time & events TBA.
 - ~ 9/20 Remembering our German Heritage Dinner & music. Time & events TBA.
- December – We will enter a float in the Parade of Lights celebrating our 100th Year!

Keep watching for important monthly dates & events!

****A Big *THANK YOU* to Sally Bisch for her tireless reading of minutes, newspaper clippings, bulletins, interviewing our knowledgeable members and on & on, to gather the History of St. James. Each month we will be sharing with you “A Decade of History”. We hope that you will enjoy the memories! Again, thank you Sally!**

- ***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.....

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

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Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Ha, Ha, Ha! Thanks, Harold & Laura

REMINDER.....



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

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

Picture Page(s) of memories of St. James throughout these 100 Years!!



Do you remember our church when it looked like this?



Or like this?