

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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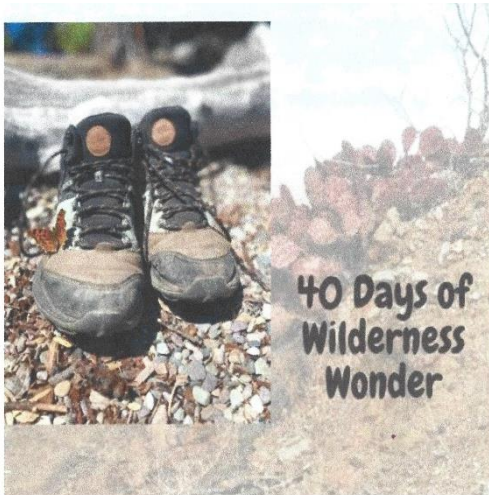
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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

****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!

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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 March 26th, 2023 – 5th Sunday in 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 5th Sunday of Lent

EXTINGUISHING OF FIFTH LENTEN CANDLE

Let us pray: Loving God, we open our hearts to you. We invite you into our inmost being, only to find you already there. Strengthen us in our quiet places and then lead us into the work of justice and peace. Amen.

Lenten Choral Introit – Sing Second Verse

Light of life beyond con-ceiving, Mighty Spirit of our Lord; Give new
strength to our be-lieving, Give us faith to live your word. Give us faith to live your word.

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

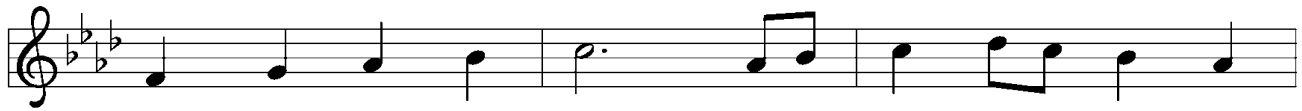
Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and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

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "O Lord, throughout These 40 Days"



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, so we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

Read Psalm 130 responsively by whole verse

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; ²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.** ³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand? ⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order you may be feared.** ⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope. ⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.** ⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption. ⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Please remain seated this morning to welcome the Gospel:

The Gospel Acclamation:

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

The Gospel according to John:

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

John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with

him.” ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: “Life from the Waters”

Reflection Hymn: “O Living Breath of God”

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



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

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 on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have



sent him from your side, to walk up - on this guil - ty



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. Refrain: O Lamb of

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me
 in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus 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"

Ju - st as I a - m, with - out one plea, but th - at thy blood was
 shed for me, a - nd 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:

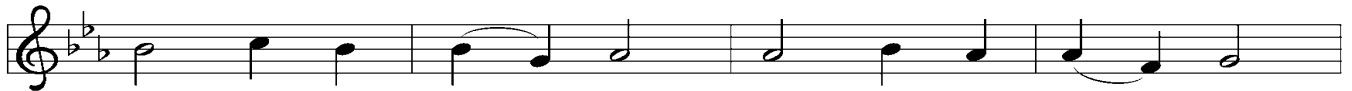
"Beautiful Savior"



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,

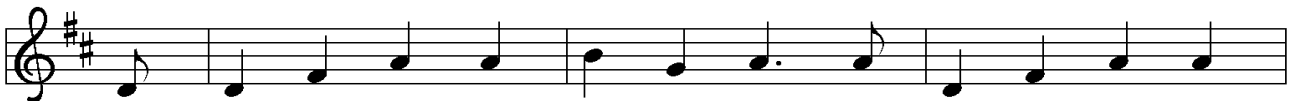


light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

"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.

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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

SENDING

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

Sending 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.

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

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Next Sunday: Palm Sunday Service – 9:30am

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

March 2023 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

April 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

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

April 2023 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & Rae Ellen Strickland

March 2023 Reader(s):

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

March 26th. 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Denise Cowan & Larry Goehner for helping with communion last Sunday.

March 26th. 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Steve Cowan for ushering last Sunday.

March 26th. 2023 Gate Keepers: 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 new prayers for:

Patty Sundberg's brother, Russell. We pray he had a successful surgery and for a speedy recovery. We give You thanks for Your presence and ask for peace to Russell's family. Amen.

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: Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Araceli 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; Turkey & Siria

***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.

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



NEXT CHOIR PRACTICE FOR 2023

Wednesday March 29th 4:00pm
@ Columbus Congregational Church

****THANKS for bringing soup & bread last Wed. – Bill & Rae Ellen, Kim & Denise**

• **March 29th –**

5th & FINAL mid-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**

3/29 - Soup: Maureen Hemphill & Betty Ames Bread: Chris Fleury & Marge Sunvold

March Mission Offering –

Benefit's: Columbus Senior Center

FOOD BANK MISSION:

Project Hope's Food Bank could use Macaroni & Cheese and Canned Fruit!!

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.....

March 5 th Offering gratefully received	\$2,870.00
March 12 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,355.00
March 19 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 900.00
Total received so far this month	\$5,125.00

****Our 2023 monthly budget to meet is \$ 8,278.07**

YTD Jan (\$2,725.07) + Feb (\$1,775.07) = under monthly budget total (\$4,500.14)

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 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; 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;
Irmgard Houghton 3/25; Gary Lofing 3/29; Malachi Moulden 3/30; Sheri Luepke 3/31



Happy March Anniversary

Bill & Karen McDonald 3/6

****If we have your email,**



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

Other members, check your mailbox!

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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 Other 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!!!!

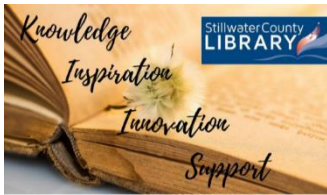
ALSO, Every Wednesday, continue to watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia’s weekly message or watch recorded on our FB page.

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 embroiderets 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!



Seed Library Kick-off

We have secured a significant amount of seeds to share!

March 25th!

Lee Schmelzer from the MSU Extension will be speaking about "Overcoming Challenges of Gardening in Stillwater County" at 11:00 AM.

Choose seeds for your 2023 crop!

Resources to help your garden thrive!

Learn how to save seeds for years to come.

We will be having a houseplant exchange all day as well!

Over 100 varieties!

Special thanks to these seed companies who donated!



House Plant Exchange!

ALSO: March 25th

During our Seed Library Kick-off

WIND OF SPIRIT / BEADS OF BLESSING



Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Columbus Community Congregational Church

Make WIND CHIMES and/or PRAYER BEADS and learn a bit about their spiritual meaning

Contact Pastor Kate at 423-650-0780 for more information

*** \$5 donation suggested for supplies

*** See you there!

Bible

WORD SEARCH

This week's Answers:

*For to be carnally minded is death;
but to be spiritually minded is*

LIFE AND PEACE.

Romans 8:6

John 5:44

How can ye believe,
which receive honour one
of another, and seek not
the honour that cometh
from **God** only?



Easter Meal "To go" Style

Served by Stillwater County 4-H Teen Leaders

Saturday April 8, 2023

Pick up from 11am to 12:30pm

Chuck Egan Fairgrounds-Pavilion

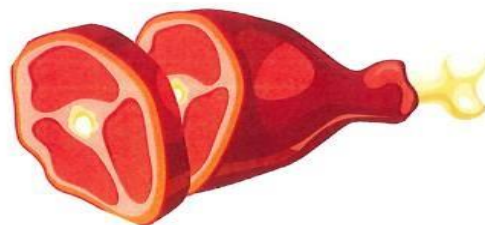
No Cost. Delivery available if needed.

******Please Sign Up by March 31st******

*Serving ham, mashed potatoes with gravy,
baked beans, fruit, rolls and pie*

*Thank you to many Stillwater County
businesses and individuals for their support.*

Contact Mike Baker at (860-7718) or the
Stillwater Co. Extension Office
(322-8035) if questions.



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

Palm Sunday

No Choir or midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday 4/5.



Maundy Thursday

SERVICE - APRIL 6TH

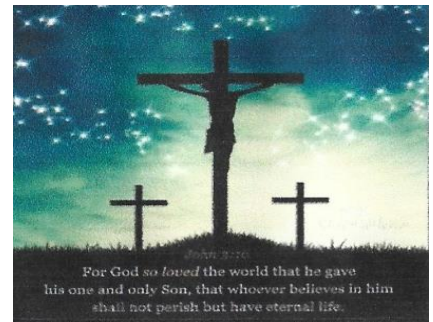
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@ COLUMBUS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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!



John 3:16
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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

