



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"*

Mission Offering for March benefits the Columbus Senior Center!

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!**

FYI.....

Upcoming 2020 Lent Service schedule for St. James and UCC

- Wednesday 11 March - Lenten worship with bread and soup @ St. James
 - **Hosts: Maureen / Sally - Soup Chris / Leanne - Bread**

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

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!

- 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 10th: Bible Study @ 2:00pm

Wednesday March 11th: Choir Practice @ St. James 4:30pm

Soup & Bread Fellowship @ 5:30pm and Lenten Service 6:15pm @ St. James

Hosts: Maureen / Sally - Soup Chris / Leanne - Bread

Sunday March 15th: Combined Choir will sing!



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:

Harold Riensche as he is in Billings Hospital undergoing tests for his heart. Please pray for good results.

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.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

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

March 1st Offering Gratefully Received

\$1,433

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

\$4,671.95 UNDER monthly budget

under monthly budget (\$4,424.67)

"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 users

Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana

Thanks for checking out our new information

Thanks for "joining" us for our services each Sunday



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 1st Gate Keepers: Steve Cowan & Joy Goehner

March 8th Gate Keepers: Harold Riensche & Betty Ames

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

DSVS volunteer orientation sessions in March

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) is seeking volunteers in Stillwater County to support the mission of DSVS with helping staff the 24-hour help line, help in relocating victims of spousal abuse to new homes, help in moving of furniture and other household items. Stillwater County needs more volunteers to help those in need, who have been abused. After you are trained, DSVS asks you to fill two volunteer phone shifts per month. You do this by having a DSVS mobile phone so you can be available wherever you are. The shifts are 5pm to 9am or 9am to 5pm.

The DSVS volunteer orientation sessions will be Thursdays this month, 9:30am-2:30pm, March 5, 12, 19, and 26. One must attend all 4 sessions, but if you have a conflict for one, a one-on-one back-up session can be scheduled. Lunch will be provided. Please call 446-2296 and register by March 2; also state food allergies. Place of these trainings: Main Street Commons, 19 S. Woodard, Absarokee, MT.

These trainings teach about the types and dynamics of abuse, how to work with survivors, resources our organization offers, and other skills and relevant information so volunteers feel ready to support people in need.

Receiving Holy Communion @ St. James Lutheran



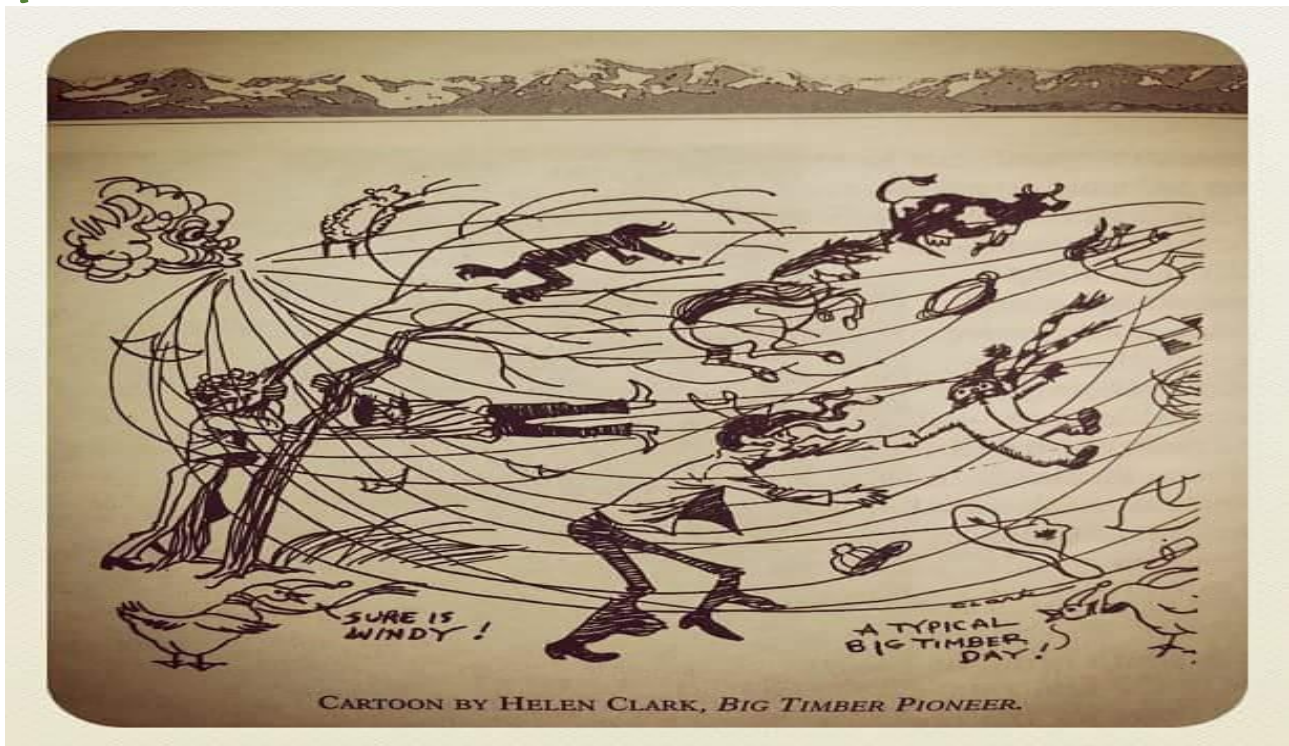
If you are baptized, you are welcome to the Lord's Table! If your children or grandchildren are baptized, they too, are welcome to receive God's gifts – infants and young children included.

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.

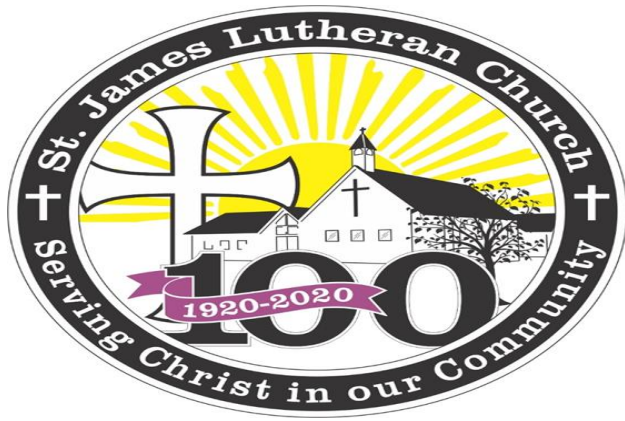
Do I have to have my child begin receiving communion now? No. The invitation to receive the Lord's Supper is extended to all those who believe and are baptized. If you prefer to wait until your child is older or until a special date, that is fine, and your child will be invited to the table at that time.

Simple Reminders...



We've had this horrible wind this week –

It's not just in Big Timber or Livingston anymore!



As St. James celebrates
our
100th Anniversary
in the year 2020....
.....We are excited for you to:

Check out our new beautiful sign to let the community know how excited St. James is to be celebrating "100 Years" in 2020!



Thank you, Leslie M. for purchasing this beautiful banner and Steve & Denise for hanging it! Blessings to you!

- **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!**

- **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*)**
- **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!!**

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!

EARLY HISTORY

In those early days, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, organized in 1904, was located on a plot given by the Nice family to the Diocese of Montana (which was the official designation for the Episcopal Church) for the specific purpose of holding church services. It was Lot 15 of the Myers and Nice addition to the town of Stillwater. The town name had to later be changed to avoid confusion with a Stillwater train depot in Stillwater, Minnesota. In present day, this lot is adjacent to the corner lot at 1st Ave and A St. Once the church building was moved to its present site, the plot presumably reverted to the Nice family.

St Paul's Episcopal Church was an unorganized mission of the Diocese of Montana. In the early 1900s, services were held first in the Modern Woodman Hall, then in the Odd Fellow's Hall, and finally in the Masonic Hall as the church congregation grew larger. Sunday School was in its infancy, organized by Mrs. Hugh Campbell in 1908. The Rev. G.W.G. Van Winkle came to Columbus with his family, and several Episcopalian families moved to Columbus at the same time. The Bishop Coadjutor was Rt. Rev. Herbert Henry Heywood Fix, D.D. (1920-1925).

A significant group in the church was the St Cecelia Guild. St Cecelia was recognized as the patron saint of music and art in the Church. The guild was organized in 1907 and was composed of many prominent churchgoers. There was also an Altar Guild, composed of girls of high school age and below. These two groups were instrumental in building the church in 1912. They raised money for an altar which Rev. Van Winkle built and carved. It was still in use when St. James was holding their services in the building. The Episcopalians continued to use the building for their services until 1921 when the congregation had dwindled to the point that there was no longer a church body. Rev. Mr.

Price continued to serve the small band of congregation members with the hope that the St. Cecelia would be organized again. Rev. Van Winkle passed away in January 1921.

1920 – 1929

HISTORY OF ST JAMES ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest of the United Lutheran Church of America was established as the English alternative to all of the Scandinavian and German Lutheran congregations and synods in Wisconsin and Minnesota. This Synod started a few missions in North and South Dakota, Montana and Winnipeg, Canada. Redeemer Lutheran in Livingston, established in 1906 and Zion Lutheran in Butte in 1918 were the earliest mission churches. St James was established as one of these missions in 1920.

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).

The Rev A.O.A. Urban was called as Pastor and with the help of Pastor Seville, services were held regularly every two weeks in the Episcopal church building. The Rev Urban served until August 22, 1920.

The Articles of Incorporation of “St. James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana” were filed with the Clerk and Recorder of Stillwater County on May 15, 1920. The Board of Trustees named in the document were P.E. Anderson, Ludwig Heicksen, Chris Martinsen, Olaf Nelson and Gustave Simmons. The Church Council consisted of these men plus H.P. Hanson, Joseph Stubkjare, H.G. Stange and Henry Gurkhe.

There were 30 Charter members in March 1920. Four of the Charter members remained members as of 1921. As of 1923-24, eighteen members remained on the church books. After that, several Charter members had moved away or had died.

On August 22, 1920 the Rev. Marlin D. Haferman was called and took charge at once. In October, the place of worship was changed to the Masonic Hall where services were held every two weeks on Sunday afternoons. The switch may have been because the rent was less expensive at the Masonic Hall (\$6.00 vs \$10.00 for the Episcopal church building) This was significant as the entire budget for 1920 was \$315.09, and the pastor was paid \$25.00/quarter. Sunday School was organized with twenty members.

Confirmation of the first class to be confirmed took place on May 22, 1921. One of the first charter members, Elsie Harris, recalls the first worship services were held two blocks west of the present location. At Christmas services, communion vessels donated by the Emmanuel Lutheran congregation in Clara City, Minnesota were used for the first time. A Ladies' Aid society was organized in February 1921.

On May 23, 1922, Pastor Haferman left to accept a call in Cannon Falls, Minnesota. The Rev. Frederick C. Scholtz was called to St. James on May 1, 1922 and arrived for active work on June 18, 1922. Some months, he took less money for salary, anywhere from \$7.25 - \$120 with an average of \$32.70. He stayed until October. The church record book was lost until 1931 and when returned was placed with Pastor for safekeeping.

Rev. George Koehler replaced Pastor Scholtz in December 1923 and stayed until May 1924. Rev. Shelhardt came for June – September 1925. In 1925, receipts totaled \$305.81 and disbursements were \$293, leaving \$22.05 for 1926.

Rev. Koehler returned in October and stayed December 1925 thru February 1926. Rev. Webster H. Clement, Pastor of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Livingston also served as Pastor for St. James of Columbus. His ministry began in October 1926.

A handwritten annual report of expenses and payments in 1929, (See original note on clipboard) showed that the financial situation had improved somewhat. Cash on hand was \$13.90. Receipts totaled \$653.92. Salary payments to Rev. Clement were still meager, \$253.50 which included travel expenses.

FUN FACTS OF THE “ROARING TWENTIES”

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1920s>

The **Roaring Twenties** brought about several novel and highly visible social and cultural trends.

Technology

The first selective [Jukeboxes](#) being introduced in 1927

In 1928, John Baird invents and demonstrates the first [color television](#) and the first [electric razor](#) is patented.

Science

Charles Lindberg becomes the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean (May 20–21, 1927)

In 1928, Alexander Fleming discovers [penicillin](#)

Film

The first animated short film by [Walt Disney](#) is released in 1928, featuring [Mickey Mouse](#) in Steamboat Willie.

Fashion

The most memorable fashion trend of the Roaring Twenties was undoubtedly “The Flapper” look.

Music

First commercial radio stations in the U.S., (WWJ) in Detroit, MI and KDKA 1020 in Pittsburgh, PA, go on the air on August 27, 1920. The period from the end of the First World War until the start of the Depression in 1929 is known as the "Jazz Age" [George Gershwin](#) wrote [Rhapsody in Blue](#) and [An American in Paris](#). [Eddie Lang](#) and [Joe Venuti](#) were the first musicians to incorporate the [guitar](#) and [violin](#) into jazz

Literature

Winnie the Pooh; The Great Gatsby; A Farewell to Arms; The Prophet; Beyond the Horizon; To the Lighthouse; Little Orphan Annie (comic Strip); All quiet on the Western Front

Sports

1920 – Babe Ruth began playing for the Yankees; 1921 – Schooner Bluenose launched; 1924 – First Winter Olympic Games were in Chamonix, France; 1925 – Germany & Belgium in first handball international tournament; 1926 – Gene Tunney wins Jack Dempsey’s world heavyweight boxing title; 1928 – First Women’s Olympics takes place in Amsterdam.

Cost of Living

New House: \$6,296; **Average Income:** \$2,160 per year; **New Car:** \$525; **Average Rent:** \$15 per month; **Movie Ticket:** 15 cents each; **Gasoline:** 33 cents per gallon; **First Class Postage Stamp:** 2 cents each

Candy

Haribo Gold Bears; Cracker Jacks; Chocolate Bars: Clark Bar, Zero, Heath, Baby Ruth, Snickers, Milky Way, Twix, 3 Musketeers; Bit-O-Honey; Caramel Creams, Slo Pokes; Double Bubble Bubble Gum; Beeman Gum, Blackjack Gum; Mini Tootsie Rolls.....to name a few!

BE SURE TO TRY SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CANDIES ON SUNDAY!

Speaking of Good ‘Ole Days.....



Remember, those wonderful “Ladies with Typewriters” and the church bulletin announcements.....

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday. -----

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Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door. -----

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***

Here's to 100 Years at St. James Lutheran Church!

