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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Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website: <u>www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org</u>

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

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

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to each Sunday's *Preparing for Worship - Email Bulletin.* Again, you will notice – The Children's Bulletin activities, are available for two age groups (3+ and 7+) and match the same Lessons & Gospel with which WE are also reflecting on during Sunday Worship each week. There is also a unique to our church, SAFE & secure online "secret code" found in their bulletin, which gives you/them access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

We hope you have taken the time to CHECK OUT this NEW program from St. James, have opened the attachments, printed the pages and ENJOYED the fun! Again, PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!!

St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1st Ave. N. Columbus, MT 59019 *Leader:* Pastor Tonia Fisher (406) 656-9557 Email: toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

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

Sunday April 10th, 2022 – Palm 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.

Combined Choir Hymn: "Enter He, Triumphantly"

Thank you, St. James and Congregational Choir Members for your music

Service of the Lenten Candles

Lenten Choral Introit -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 Palm Sunday

EXTINGUISHING OF THE SIXTH 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 – Verse for Palm Sunday



Processional Gospel according to Saint John Call to Worship Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"



Palm Sunday Litany:

- P: The Lord now comes to us in victory.
- C: Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.
- P: Sing for joy! The Master comes!
- C: Riding on a colt, he enters in victory!
- P: If all shouting stopped, the rocks would ring with joy.
- C: But there will be some who will not sing or shout.
- P: There will be some who will cling to their fear.
- C: Be ready, O Jerusalem, for your king truly is coming!
- P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
- P: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

P: He comes with joy and hope.

- C: He comes to set us free from fear
- P: Hosanna!
- C: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. AMEN.

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

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness:

Fountain of living water, Pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and med what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers od the world you so love. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"



Prayer of the Day:

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

The Passion of Our Lord from Saint Luke

We give thanks for those members who helped make the Passion Story come to life today.

Sermon: "A New Creation"

Reflection Hymn: "Lord, What a Parade!"

(to the tune of "O, Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")

- Vs 1 Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew; What noise they all made in welcoming you. "Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son! Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!"
- Vs 2 They welcomed you in, a conquering king, Yet what kind of reign would you really bring? It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day; A creature of peace carried you on your way.
- Vs 3 Did those in that crowd expect something more Than one who reached out in love to the poor? Did they think a savior with armies was best, Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed?
- Vs 4 Lord Jesus, it's true we give you glad praise, Yet living for you will challenge our ways. So may we be open and welcome your reign. Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again!

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

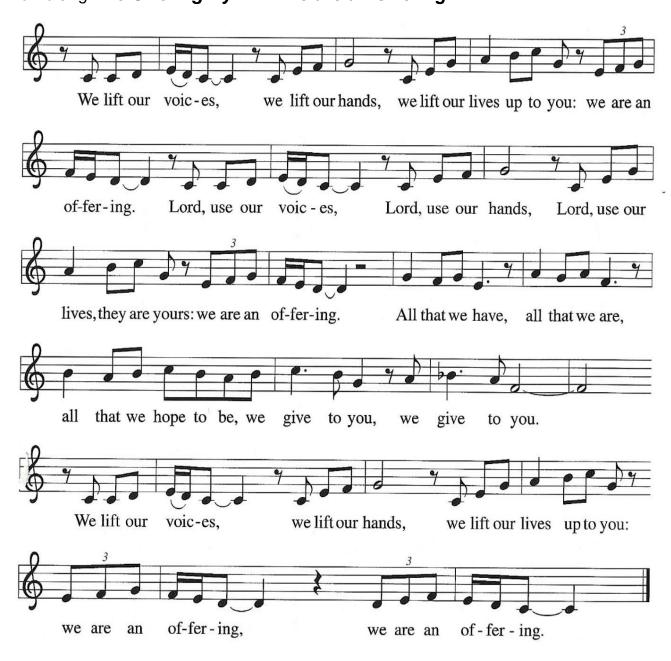
P: Amen. (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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.

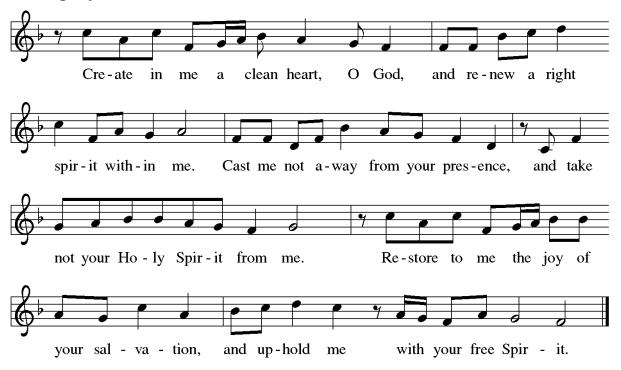
Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing **The Offering Hymn: "We are an Offering"**



Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food which satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"



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 praisewe 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

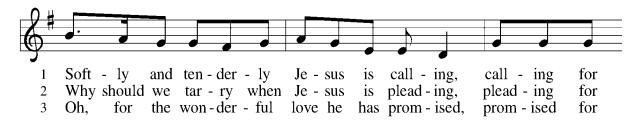
The Lord's Prayer

Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

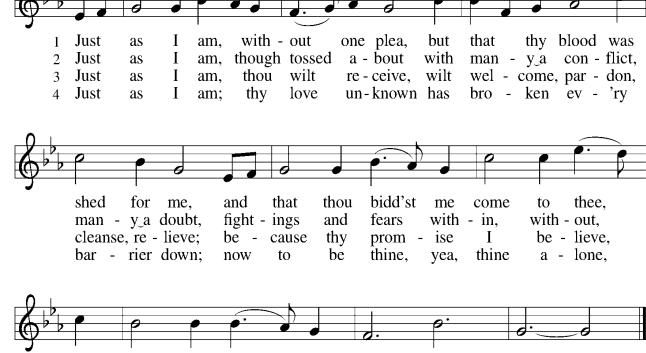
Invitation to Communion

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: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"







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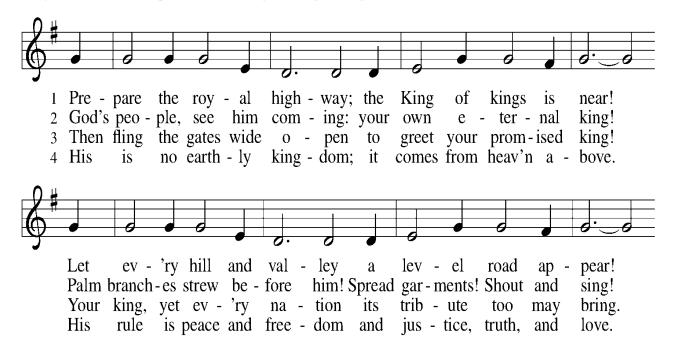


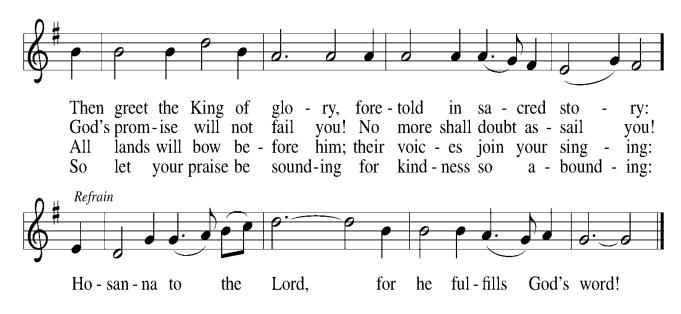
Prayer after Communion..... and we say: Amen.

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Prepare the Royal Highway"





Dismissal

We go out in peace and share the Good news as we reflect the light of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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A WONDERFUL PROJECT FOR LENT



"Piggy Bank" Program will end Easter Sunday. Please bring your banks any Sunday prior or let us know if we need to come and pick them up from you! Thank you so much for taking this challenge.

Aprils Mission Benefit's: The Stillwater Youth Center



SYC offers the youth of the Stillwater Community a place to play games, shoot hoops, watch movies, get help with homework, study the Bible, Worship God and hang out with friends. SYC is an interdenominational youth center in Columbus, MT.

Thank you for your support!

ALSO, in April: We will provide Project Hopes food bank with suggested items and fill St James' cupboards with needed supplies.

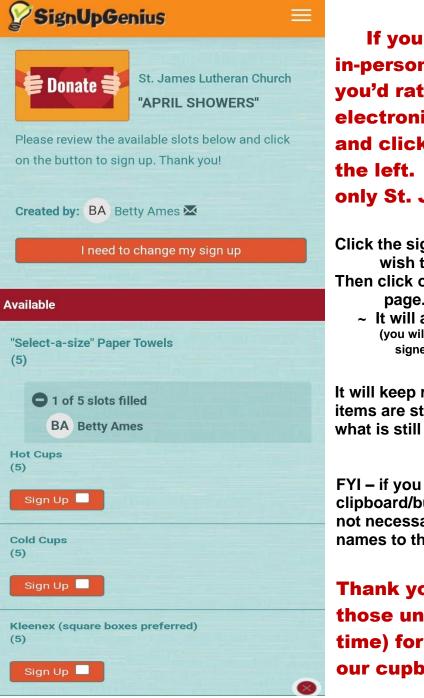
Drop off your items Sunday during church or you may drop off anytime in the Parsonages' Porch. FYI: Plastic tubs will be at both places for your items





See sign-up poster on bulletin board Or sign-up on "SignUpGenius" (see below) pinned to the top of our FB page.

** How it works.....



If you are not able to attend in-person church at this time or you'd rather just sign-up electronically, go to our FB page and click on the image you see to the left. It will open a secure site, only St. James can see.

Click the sign-up box on the desired item you wish to donate.

Then click on "Submit & Sign Up" at bottom of page.

 It will ask you for your name and email (you will receive a reminder in your inbox of what you signed up to bring (2))

It will keep record of which and how many items are still in need, so all others will know what is still available.

FYI – if you have signed up on the clipboard/bulletin board poster at church, it is not necessary to sign up here. I will add those names to this sign-up, as they appear.

Thank you all (those attending & those unable to attend at this time) for helping us to "re-stock" our cupboards!

Again, Drop off your items Sunday during church or you may drop off anytime in the Parsonages' Porch. FYI: Plastic tubs will be at both places for your items

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

Prayer for Monday April 11th in Holy Week

O God, your Son chose the path that led to the pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Tuesday April 12th in Holy Week

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

• NO Bible Study Tuesday April 12th, 2022

Prayer for Wednesday April 13th in Holy Week

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

- Read Pastor Tonia's April 6th's "A Word on Wednesday" attached to this email. Catch up on past letters you may have missed, found on our Website.
- *Reminder:* **NO** soup & bread or service this night!

(SCN inadvertently put in "Save the Date" that there was a service.)

Prayer for Maundy Thursday April 14th in Holy Week

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal, your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**



SERVICE - APRIL 14TH 7PM @ THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

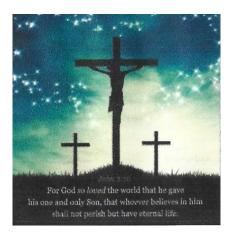
Prayer for Good Friday April 15th in Holy Week

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, & to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Good Friday Service – April 15th

@ 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!



Prayer for the Resurrection of Our Lord Saturday April 16th in Holy Week

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Easter Sunday April 17th

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please share your beautiful Easter Lilies for our Sunday Service!!





Community Service East Hill – Columbus 7am

Pastries and Fruit before our service 8am – 9am (ish) Provided by the Church Council Members

St. James' Service 9:30am







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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

April 2022 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

April 2022 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & Rae Ellen Strickland

April Reader: Maureen Hemphill

April 10th, 2022 Usher: Will you sign up to help?

April 2022 Communion Helper(s): Will you sign up to help?

April 10th, 2022 Gate Keeper(s): Brian Luepke & Leslie Mullin

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

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

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Arlene and family as they mourn the death of John Mitchell. God of comfort be near John's family, strengthen Arlene and comfort his daughters as they grieve. We thank you for having had John in our lives and the joy he has brought to so many. Amen Memorial Service @ Senior Center – 2:30pm

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, Eva; Woody DeHaven; Steve Cowan; Zane & Brandon Fluery; Ted Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Seymour and Woody DeHaven.
Those living with cancer: Barb Potsman; 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. Ukraine and her people

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



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)

Thank you for your help & generosity in **FILLING** St. James' Basket for the Christikon Auction! It has been delivered!

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 16th, 2022,

\$96,100 was the yearly approved 2022 budget ÷ 12 months = \$8,008.33 needed each month.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

April 3rd Offering gratefully received \$1,610.00 March total received so far: \$1,610.00

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

Jan - (under \$634.43) + Feb (under \$1,718.33) + Mar (under \$3,428.33) = YTD UNDER Monthly Budget of (\$5,781.09)

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 vesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

If you've read this newsletter this far......

You have an opportunity to win

a gift from "Thnks" **TH**



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Here's all you have to do:

Email (st.jameschurch4u@yahoo.com or Text Betty @ (406) 671-0090)

or this Multi "Gift Card"!!

..... these words: I READ THIS!

Please include your name, also.

Your name then will be entered into our monthly drawing! Drawing to be held on the last Sunday of each month! Winner to be announced during church announcements! Easy right?



Happy April Birthday

Rae Ellen Strickland 4/1; Ian Morse 4/4; Patty Sundberg 4/7; Maddie Lind 4/11; Cory Wanner 4/13; Joe Morse 4/15; Mason Adams 4/15; Don Herzog 4/16; Judy Bjorkman 4/19; James Alton 4/20; John Mitchell 4/21; Tim Lofing 4/24; Tessa Rouane 4/25



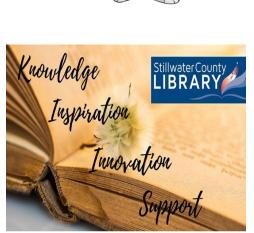
Community Events for St. James:

- Every Wednesday 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 Peter.
 - ~Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
- Every Thursday we are invited to attend:
 - ~The Men's group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 7pm for a bible study of Acts.



EASTER EGG HUNT Heritage Park, Columbus Starts 10:00am Saturday April 16th

10:00am 0-2years 10:15am 3-5 years 10:30am 6-8 years 10:45am 9-11 years



This Week's Events:

Monday 4/11-Bingo 4:30-5:30 (Ages 16+) Tuesday 4/12- Adult Ed Recognizing & Avoiding Scams 2:00-3:00 Saturday 4/16- Craft Day DIY Basket-Weaving Craft 10:30-3:30 (Ages 12+)









Nurturing Children, Supporting Communities, Strengthening Families

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Across Montana, efforts are underway to raise awareness about the impact and prevalence of child abuse and neglect, as well as to encourage community members to support families to ensure all children grow up in a safe and nurturing environment. As part of the efforts, **April 24th is designated as National Blue Sunday**, a day dedicated to raising awareness within the faith community about preventing child abuse and neglect in our community.

This month we keep all those who have suffered from abuse and neglect in our prayers and encourage people to reach out to a local organization, church clinic or school that supports the development of healthy and strong families in our community. **We need your help to end child abuse and neglect in Montana.**