# 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!



Click on image OR FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website: www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

\*\*On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James FB link"

**To our faithful followers at home or wherever 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!

## A suggestion just for safety:

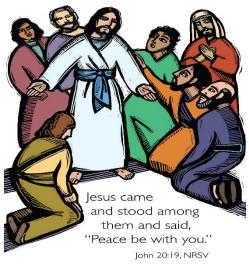
In this time of Cold, Flu, Covid & other RESPIRATORY health issues, please feel free to wear a mask to church activities and worship. There is <u>NO</u> requirement to wear a mask. You do what you feel comfortable with to protect your health and know you are supported in your decision. Donna Zeigler

# St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



### Prelude, 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 all .....and also with you.

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

#### GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING for Baptism Confession

*Risen Christ,* wash away our sin and all which separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

#### Assurance of God's Love

#### Gathering Hymn: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"



#### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### WORD

#### Hear the 1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, <sup>22</sup>"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made

known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup>"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

#### Read Psalm 16 responsively by whole verse

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." <sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. <sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips. <sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. <sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance. <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night. <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. <sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit. <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

#### Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

#### The Gospel Acclamation:

Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel *We sing:* Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

#### The Gospel according to John:

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

#### John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written

in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

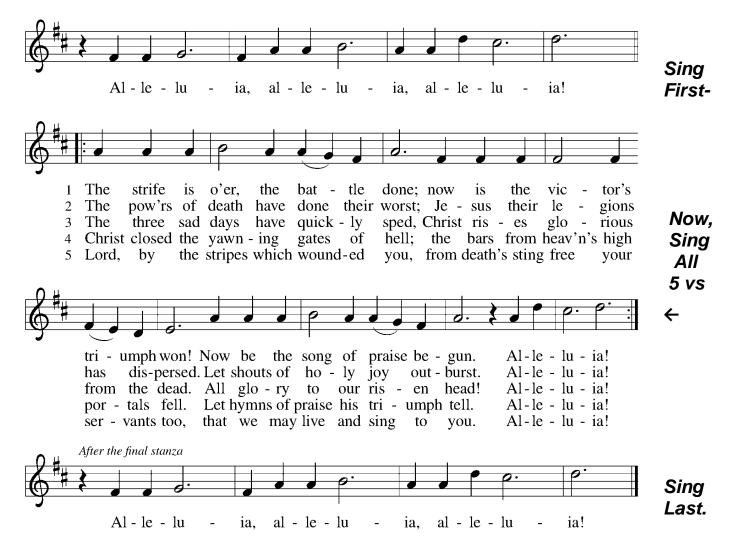
#### The Gospel of the Lord:

We sing the response after the conclusion: "Praise to you, O Christ"

#### Sermon: "Hope, Lost and Found"

#### Reflection Hymn: "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

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



#### 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,

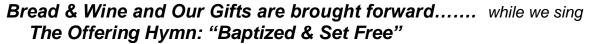
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

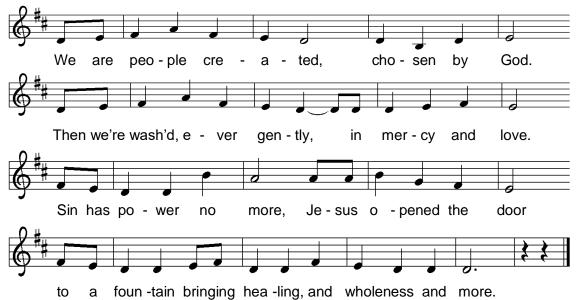
#### Prayers of the People

Risen Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### 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.

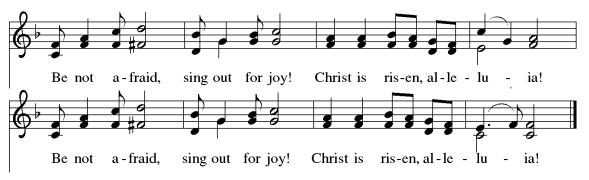




#### **Offering Prayer**

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Table Setting Hymn: "Be Not Afraid"



#### 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 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.** 

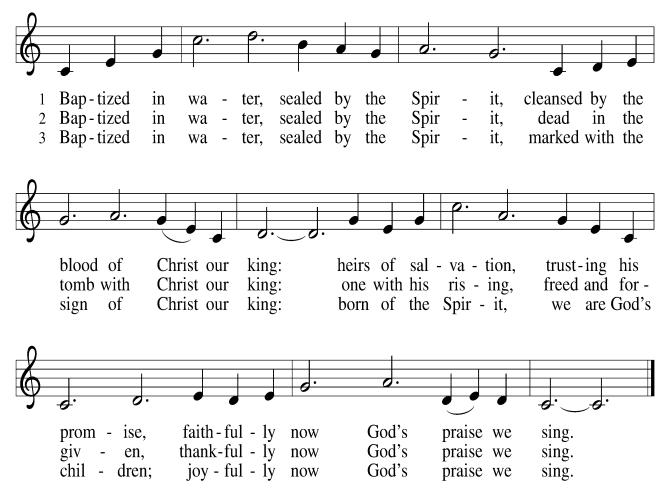
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### Invitation to Communion

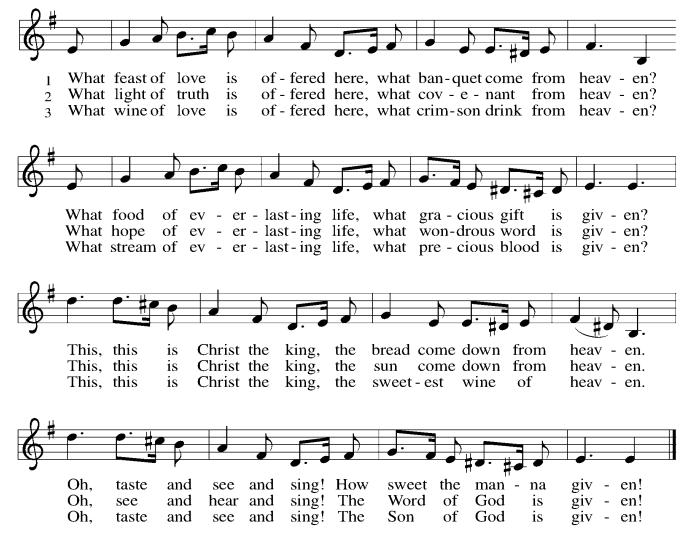
In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

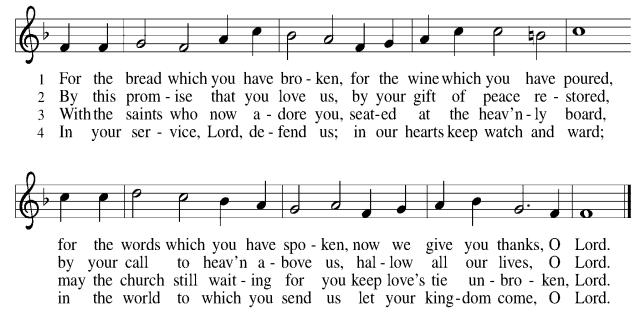
#### "Baptized in Water"

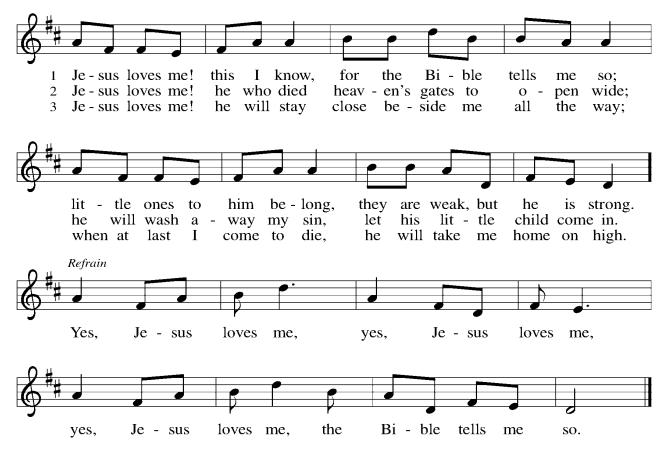


"What Feast of Love"



"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

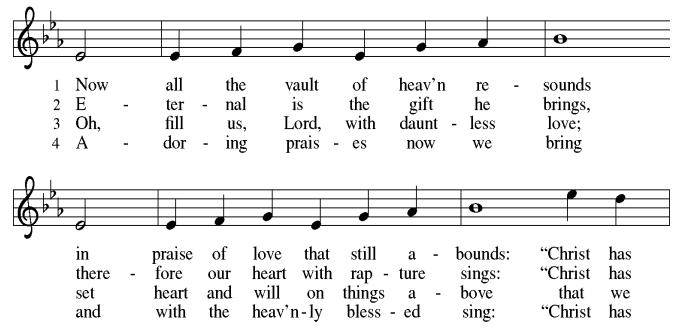


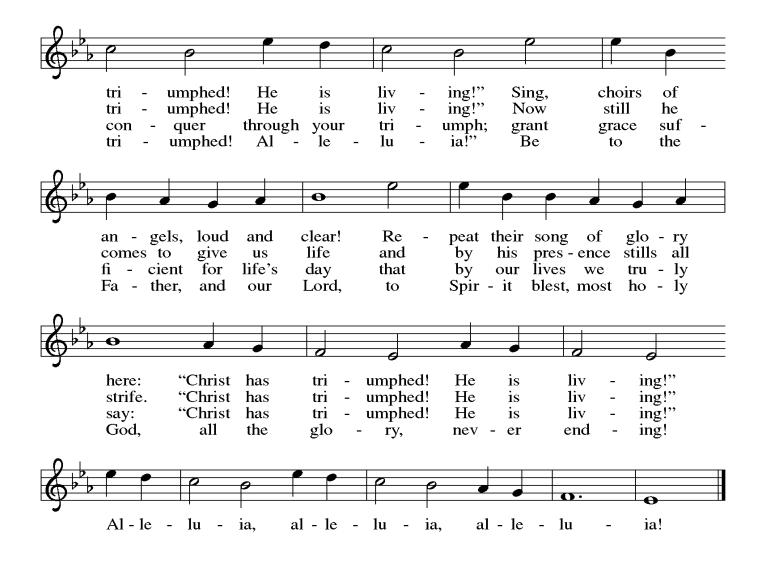


Prayer after Communion..... and we say: Amen.

### SENDING

**Benediction.....** and we say: **Amen. Sending Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"** 367





**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.** Music Published by Permission, CCLI #11445215 Worship Service recorded by Permission, CSPL #168651



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

April 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill Thank you, Sheri Luepke for helping with Altar Guild last Sunday April 2023 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & Rae Ellen Strickland April 2023 Reader(s): Thank you, Brian Luepke for helping with the readings last Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Maureen Hemphill & Bill Strickland

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Usher(s): Larry & Joy Goehner

Thank you, Rae Ellen Strickland for ushering last Sunday. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Gate Keepers: Joy Goehner & Bill Strickland 2023 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

#### A WONDERFUL PROJECT FOR LENT ......



# Continue to bring your "PIGGY" Bank Program coin/donation to the church through the month of April!

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, which will be discussed and voted on during the April Council Meeting.



Your coin makes a difference. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep". You are feeding God's people." Donna Zeigler

#### PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

#### We offer new prayers for:

Clara Wegner fell and broke her arm. Lord of healing and strength, be near to Clara as she recovers and bring healing to her arm. Comfort her, help her to rest and to restore her strength. Be with her family and friends as they help her through this time. We give You thanks this fall was not any worse than it was. Amen

#### We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Russell, Patty Sundberg's brother; Connie Bokma; Joy Goehner; Pastor Tonia; Joy Goehner's sister, Karen Clemons; 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; Aracelii 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 & home insecure. 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.

## April Mission Offering benefits...



# Stillwater Youth Center

"April Showers" for St. James
\*\*Sign-up poster on bulletin board

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."

#### FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER......

Total received so far this month	
April 9 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$1,965.00
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$2,277.20

\*\*Our 2023 monthly budget to meet is \$ 8,278.07 Jan (\$2,725.07) + Feb (\$1,775.07) + Mar (\$2,083.07) = YTD under monthly budget total (\$6,583.21)

Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church..... Mail your offering to the church; Take your offering to the parsonage or set up auto-pay with your bank or through Tithe.ly. <u>Tithe.ly</u> (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 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; Chloe Lind 4/19; Tim Lofing 4/24; Tessa Rouane 4/25;



Happy April Anniversary

Morgan & Lian Radford 4/27

\*\*If we have your email,

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



ecard!



Other members, check your mailbox!

**Note:** We still have a lot of sent cards "**awaiting for pick-up**"! We do hope you will all take the time to open your personal cards, and know that **St. James is thinking of you** on your very special days!

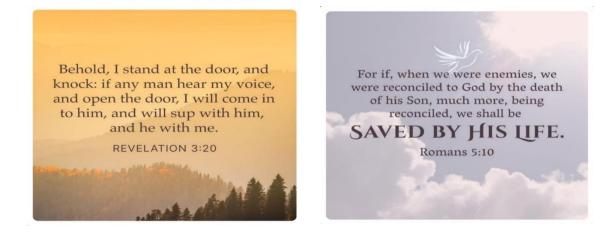
# We certainly hope you are Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which are *attached to this email & are found 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" <u>PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE</u> 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!



This week's Answers:



### 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 embroiderettes 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



PLOTS AVAILABLE ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS \$30/YEAR RESERVE YOURS TODAY



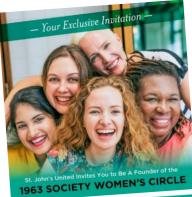
2023 CONTRACTS CAN BE PICKED UP AT MSU STILLWATER EXTENSION OFFICE: 17 N 4TH STREET OR ONLINE AT https://stillwater.msuextension.org/gardening/Gardening.html



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!



#### Your exclusive invitation from St. John's Foundation



MAKE AN IMPACT



1963 Society Women's Circle is a new giving circle that will grow with your leadership! You CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE when YOU contribute \$250 a year (\$21.00/month) to support local seniors, residents, students, and families who need YOUR help. Your gift will help:

Thanks to St. John's Foundation, you will receive a 1963 Society Women's Circle T-shirt, when you join the circle.

keep residents in their homes when other resources run out and they have nowhere else to turn. Because of You, they can stay in their home at St. John's United.

• provide counseling sessions with a licensed therapist supporting the mental health of local families. Because of You, they are not alone.

#### Future 2023 Dates:

FYI for Choir Members – NO Choir Practice for the entire month of April Next practices will be May 3rd; May 10<sup>th</sup> & May 17<sup>th</sup> @ Congregational Church \* We are scheduled to sing at both churches on Sunday May 21st

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Church Council Meeting after worship

## May Mission Offering benefits...

Project Hope

Gift of GREEN and/or ANY Canned Food!

Mav 1st thru 5th -

UPCOMING EVENT -- May 1st-5th MONTANA GIVES (MTGives) WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

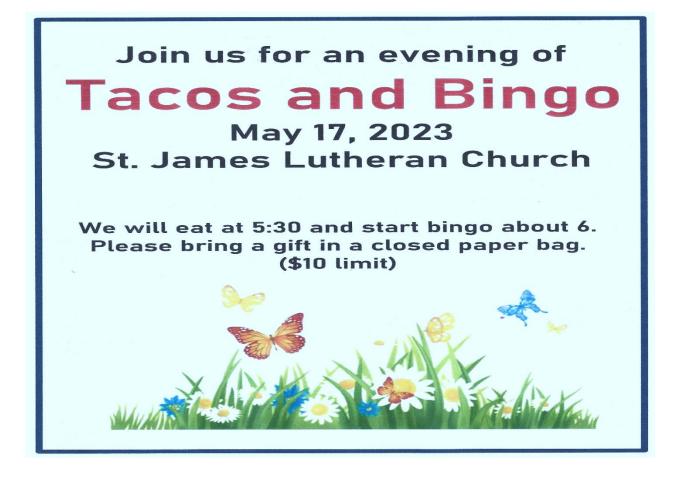
- May 4<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer NOON Columbus Court House Steps
- May 5th, 6th & 7th -





MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023







## May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

\*\* Watch here for list of area services

## June Mission Offering benefits...



# **Columbus Fire & Rescue**

\*\*In memory of Randy Sekora & Harold Houghton! Project Hope's Food Bank could always use donations!!

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Synod Meeting in Great Falls
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Join Pastor Tonia for the Fellowship Service @ Meadowlark Assisted Living 2pm
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Graveside service for Dennis Nickels @ 11am. Pastor Tonia officiating.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Special K Ranch Open House NOON!



### Watch for dates:

- St. John's United Summer Concert Series 2023
- Summer Picnic at Pat Lashley's home in Park City