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: 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:

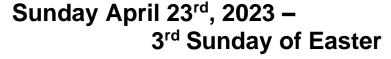
In this time of Cold, Flu, Covid & other RESPIRATORY health issues, please feel free to wear a mask to church activities and worship. There is **NO** requirement to wear a mask. You do what you feel comfortable with to protect your health and know you are supported in your decision. Donna Zeigler

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,

share our faith and serve with the love of God"





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 alland also with you.

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

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING for Baptism Confession

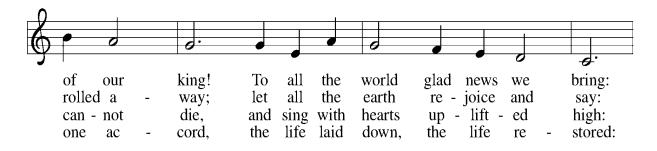
Risen Christ, wash away our sin and all which separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"



- 1 Good Chris tian friends, re joice and sing! Now is the tri umph
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
- 3 Praise we in songs of vic to ry that love, that life which
- 4 Your name we bless, O ris en Lord, and sing to day with





Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, so we may see Christ in His redeeming work, He who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Read Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 responsively by whole verse

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, ²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called. ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow. ⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." ¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me? ¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁴I will fulfill my vow to the LORD in the presence of all God's people. ¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants. ¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. ¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of

the LORD. ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people, ¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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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 Luke:

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

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them.

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Fellow Travelers"

Donna Zeigler, LPA

Reflection Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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 Crown him with man y crowns, the Lamb up on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir gin's Son, the God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po ten tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. tro - phies won which now his brow whose arm those crim-son a - dorn: rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied. strife for those he came to vic - to - rious the in roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly cre - a - tor of the





thy match-less king through all and hail him as e - ter - ni - ty. the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys-ter-ies so bright. who died. life to bring, and lives that death may die. e - ter - nal thy praise glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty. and

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.

Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing The Offering Hymn: "Baptized & Set Free"



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 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

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.

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:

"What Feast of Love"

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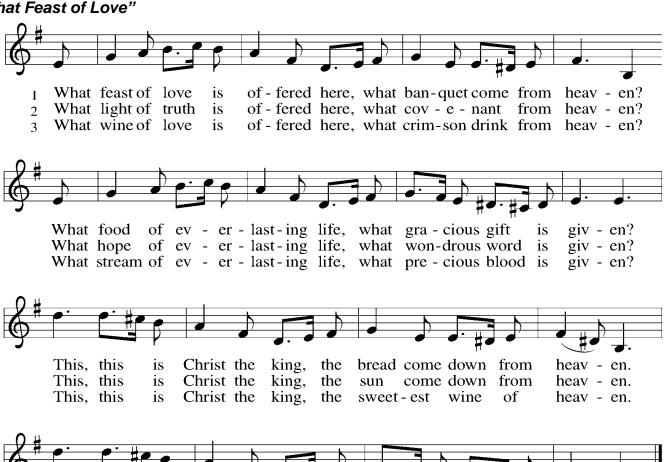
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"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

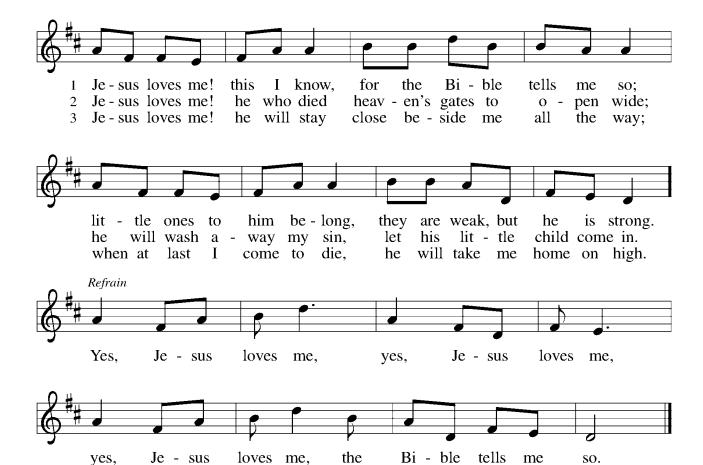


- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n-ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

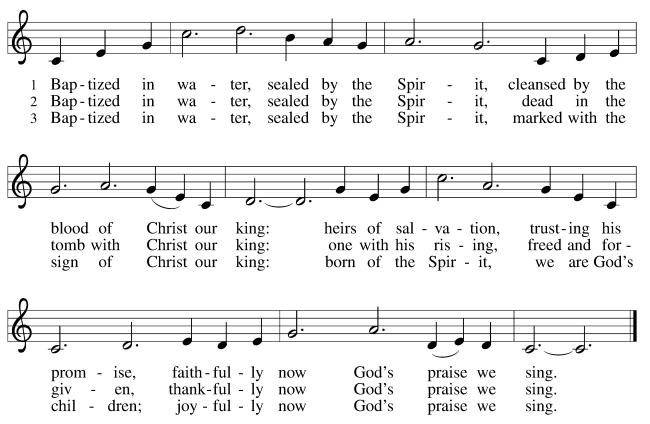


for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

"Jesus Loves Me"



"Baptized in Water"

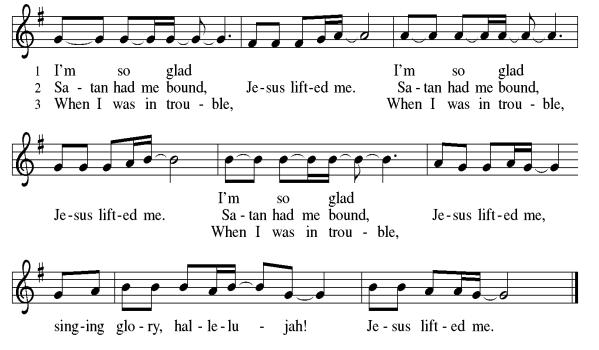


Prayer after Communion.... and we say: Amen.

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"



Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

April 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

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

April 2023 Reader(s):

Thank you, Donna Zeigler for helping with the readings last Sunday.

April 23rd, 2023 Communion Helper(s):

Thank you, Maureen Hemphill & Bill Strickland for helping with communion last Sunday.

April 23rd, 2023 Usher(s):

Thank you, Joy Goehner, for ushering last Sunday.

April 23rd, 2023 Gate Keepers: Brian Luepke & Carrie Williams

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 continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Clara Wegner; 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...



**Sign-up poster on bulletin board for those attending

Items needed:

Select-a-size paper towels; Paper cold & hot cup pkgs; Paper bowls; Square boxes of Kleenex; Dishwashing soap; Soft-scrub sink cleaner; Disinfectant wipe; Liquid-pump hand soap; Toilet paper pkgs; 30-gal size garbage liners.

**for those of you at home, you can drop off at church or Parsonage porch

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......

April 2nd Offering gratefully received \$2,277.20 April 9th Offering gratefully received \$1,965.00 April 16th Offering gratefully received \$1,155.00

Total received so far this month \$5,397.20

**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.

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).



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!

An Opportunity to Serve St. James:



FIRST & FOREMOST: A big **THANK YOU** to Steve Cowan for your many, many years of dedication and commitment as a delegate to St. John's United. Along with your wife, Denise, you have attended almost every delegate workshop & annual meeting, during your tenure! They will miss your presence as will Pastor Tonia & me, Betty!!

St. John's United is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization owned by 24 Lutheran congregations located in Montana and is proud of these strong partnerships. **St. James Lutheran Church has made a commitment to this partnership and promises to pray for and help them in any way possible.**

Delegate workshops are scheduled in the fall & spring to keep all partnership entities up to date with every aspect of St. John's growth. Their annual meeting is scheduled each May, where the St. James delegates, and other partnerships are invited to attend and cast our votes for the good of St. John's.

Would anyone from our congregation like to volunteer to be one of the St. James' Delegates to St. John's United?

If you are interested, please let Pastor Tonia, Donna Zeigler or Betty Ames know. Thank You!

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"

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!



This week's Answers:

I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily



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





Upcoming Future Library Events:

Reminder: Every Wednesday, at the Stillwater County Library! 10:00am - Children's Story Time usually followed by a craft! 4:45 pm - New Middle School Program! 3:45 to





April 30th - Church Council Meeting after worship

Future 2023 Dates:

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

May Mission Offering benefits...



Mav 1st thru 5th -

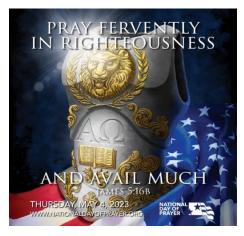
Join the Columbus Community Foundation and 19 Columbus Nonprofits for the BIGGEST giving week of the year! Meet Your Host & find out specific information about these deserving nonprofit groups:



4-H; Columbus Community Foundation; Columbus Fire and Rescue; Columbus Mental Health; Columbus Senior Center; Compassionate Friends; Compass Counseling; Domestic & Sexual Violence Services; Granite Peak Little League; Kid's Club; Kruzin 4 Seniors; Museum of the Beartooths; Project Hope; Special K Ranch; Stillwater Billings Clinic Foundation; Stillwater Legacy Trails; Stillwater Valley Watershed Council; Stillwater Wrestling; Stillwater Youth Center

Search this website: http://www.columbuscommunityfoundation.org/

You also don't want to miss this party!!! Join the foundation for the **Community Block Party** Friday, May 5, 5-9pm at Palladium Draughthaus.



National Day of Prayer Thursday May 4th, 2023 NOON Columbus Court House Steps



Join local Pastoral leaders in prayer for:

Federal Government Officials Montana Elected Officials Stillwater County Town of Columbus

May 5th, 6th & 7th -





MAY 14TH, 2023







May 29th, 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**nd & 3rd Annual Synod Meeting in Great Falls
- June 4th Join Pastor Tonia for the Fellowship Service @ Meadowlark Assisted Living 2pm
- **June 9**th Graveside service for Dennis Nickels @ 11am. Pastor Tonia officiating.
- June 10th Special K Ranch Open House NOON!



Watch for dates:

- July Mission Offering benefits Special K Ranch and we will kick off the gathering of school supplies for Project Hope!
- > St. John's United Summer Concert Series 2023
- Summer Picnic at Pat Lashley's home in Park City
- > August Mission Offering benefits Project Hope Backpacks!
- ➤ Special K Fundraiser Dinner August 18th 5pm
- September Mission Offering benefits Columbus School's lunch & milk program
- ➢ God's Work, Our Hands Event September 10th