



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"*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP.....

Sunday, May 24th, 2020 – 7th Sunday after Easter

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Ps 122:1

For those of you who will worship at home, we ask you to, if you wish.....



**PRINT THE ATTACHED BULLETIN..... to follow along with
Sunday's Worship Service - Streaming live on FB @ 9:30am.**

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For those of you who will worship at church, we ask you to, if you wish.....

**REFLECT ON THE ATTACHED BULLETIN..... to prepare your hearts for
Sunday's Worship Service.**

Note: If you have your own mask – Please bring it with you!



[CLICK HERE...](#)

**To listen to this fun special
song chosen for Sunday's
message!**

*Thank you to Marge Sunvold
and Harold & Laura Riensche
for sending this!*

Next Week's Readings – May 31st, 2020 – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

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

Sunday May 24th: Columbus Class of 2020 Graduation

CONGRATULATIONS!



Brenna Rouane



God Bless you on your future endeavors!

**“For I know the PLANS
I have for you”
declares the LORD
“plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”
Jeremiah 29:11**

Monday May 25th: Memorial Day

No information found re. Columbus' event. Honor Guard / 21 Gun Salute & Taps only this year in PC. No attendance.



the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

We Remember.....



"Avenue of Flags" @ Park City Cemetery

Photo by Becki Risser – 2012

Tuesday May 26th: Lectionary Bible Study

*B.Y.O.B.&B. - Bring your own Beverage and Bible.

*May this time of isolation and fellowship drought,
not have been one of spiritual drought, also.*

Our Lectionary Bible Study will commence on Tuesday, May 26. We will honor physical distancing and sanitize our hands. If you are eager to gather together in a small group for study and fellowship, you are welcome to join us. We honor the decision of those who do not yet want to venture out. May God bless you as we cautiously wander out of the drought of Covid19.

FROM THE HEART by Donna Zeigler

The cross is a powerful reminder that God is with us at all times through all that happens in your and my world. Even during this time of social distancing and sequestering. Think about it, God is the only being who can move freely from person to person, home to home and worship service to worship service no matter what form that worship service takes. Nothing can come between God and us.



God is with us through this pain and suffering. That is hard to accept and believe is you are a family that has experienced illness and death, loss of employment and falling behind in your financial commitments as a result of this Corona Virus.

We who claim Jesus as our savior have a commission from Jesus to reflect his example toward our fellow man who is in need of healing love and support so they are not alone in their struggles during this crisis.

There are many organizations in our community that are dealing with an increase in requests for food and funds to meet the needs of families. Youth groups, Project Hope, ELCA Covid-19 Fund, Back Pack Meals and the Senior Center. It is not hard to identify organizations that represent people who need our help.

We are all going through a time in our lives that only a very, very few have experienced in their life time. We say "have faith" and we do, we cannot move forward with out FAITH. Faith doesn't take away the pain and frustration. Faith brings a calmness that gets us through tough times. Our faith and prayers support our belief that God is with us and reaches out to us offering comfort. Just as we offer comfort to our neighbor across the street, in the community or in another land.

When we view the cross it reminds us that God sent Jesus who died for us that we might have eternal life and God sent his Son to show us how to love one another. God lives through us in the actions we show to our neighbor. Just as important God wants each of us to care for ourselves. Making good choices about what we do during this pandemic.

Let us not lose sight of the cross and the gift we received and continue to receive each day. There is no greater time to reach out to others and thank God for all of our blessings.

Bible Study: Joshua 1:6-9 1 John 4:7-12 Luke 10:27

God's Peace.



**Mission Offering for May benefits
our local Project Hope Program!**

*For new prayer requests, please 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 continued prayers for:

Mike Green, nephew of Joy Goehner; Jim Wilson, Pastor Tonia's stepbrother;
The families of Roger Sunvold, Doug Miller and Doug Bursema; Don Maxwell, friend of Pastor Tonia;
Pete Hegg; Sally Bisch; Dennis Gauthier; Les Lane; Kevin Ramer; Arvid Barnam; Gary Lofing and
Jenny Steffenson.

All countries affected by the Coronavirus/Cofid-19 as they struggle to contain it and treat those who have contracted it. Please guide them; heal those who are afflicted with the virus; watch over their doctors, nurses and first responders; and halt its spread.

**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 – April 2020)

****Our 2020 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33
\$4,015.30 OVER monthly budget**

FYI: May 1st PPP Granted \$9,800 to be used for Pastor's salary/benefits for 8 weeks!

May 3 rd Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 1,025</u>	under monthly budget (\$6,983.33)
May 10 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 1,290</u>	under monthly budget (\$5,693.33)
May 11 th SBA \$\$ Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	under monthly budget (\$4,693.33)
<i>Note: (we did not qualify for the disaster loan we applied for so they "gave" us a free \$1000 per employee)</i>		
May 17 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$2,070</u>	under monthly budget (\$2,623.33)

"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.

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 your 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).
We should consider His church to be the same.**

Sunday May 31st:

Pentecost Sunday
Church Council Meeting Scheduled

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

May 2020 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

May 2020 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Bill & Karen McDonald

May 24th Gate Keepers: Brian & Sheri Luepke

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames



Happy May Birthday

Jean Voldseth 5/5; Harold Riensche 5/8; Lance Sundberg 5/10;
AJ Makoff 5/20; Lian Radford 5/21; Bev Kem 5/23; Ingrid Short 5/24;
Mike Koski 5/29; Chip Kem 5/30



Happy May Anniversary

Lance & Patty Sundberg 5/17; Nick & Marian Lofing 5/22;
Ken & Pam Carlson 5/27

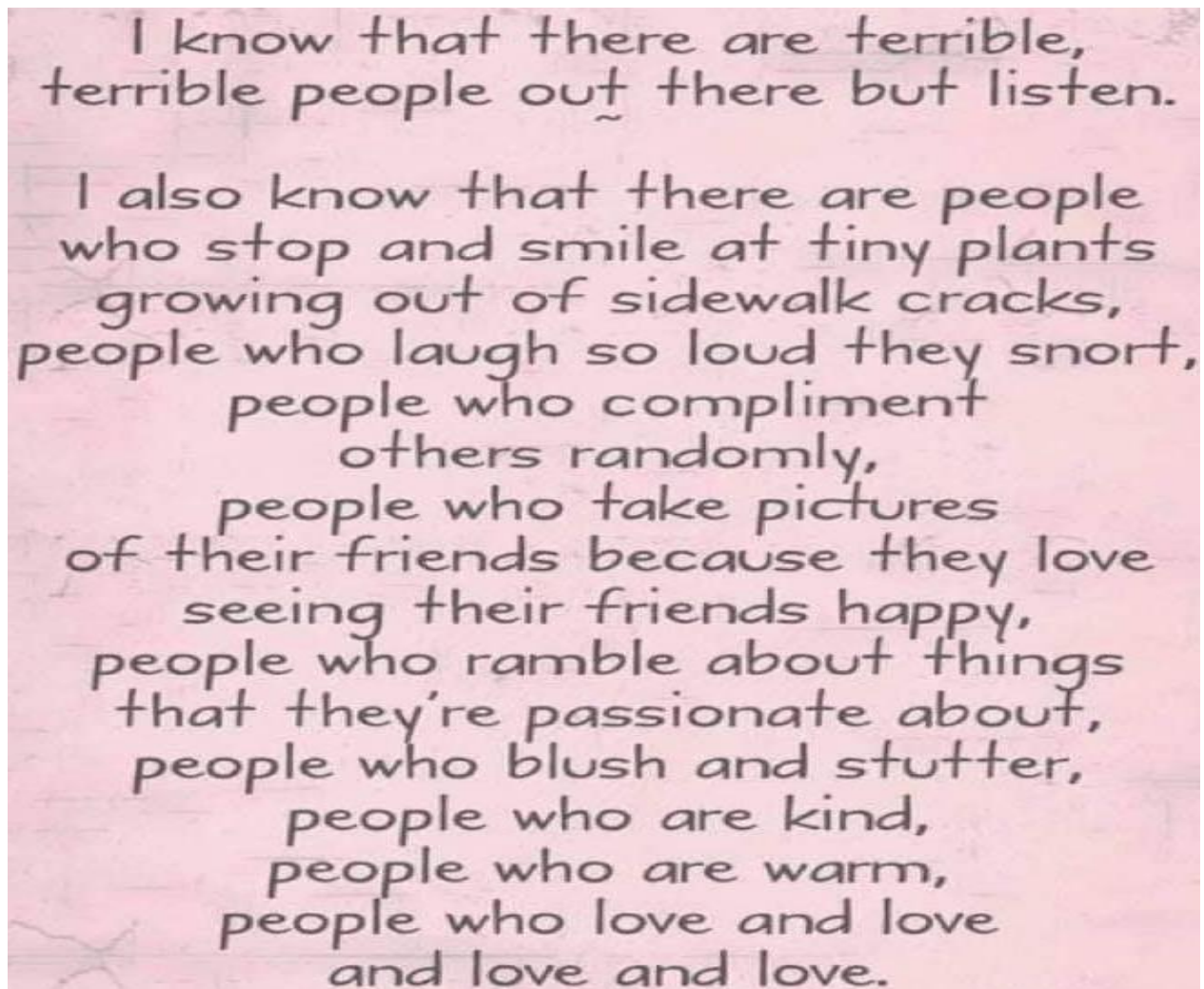
**As St. James continues to celebrate
our 100th Anniversary in the year 2020....**We will continue to keep you up
to date with all information.

- ~ 8/23 Our Church's 100th year worship service w/the Bishop & previous pastors & a Banquet to celebrate with all of our members & the community. Time & events TBA.
- ~ 9/20 Remembering our German Heritage Dinner & music. Time & events TBA.
- December – We will enter a float in the Parade of Lights celebrating our 100th Year!

We hope you will continue to 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!!

**See separate attachment for:
100 years – St. James' continuing history**

Simple Reminders...



I know that there are terrible,
terrible people out there but listen.

I also know that there are people
who stop and smile at tiny plants
growing out of sidewalk cracks,
people who laugh so loud they snort,
people who compliment
others randomly,
people who take pictures
of their friends because they love
seeing their friends happy,
people who ramble about things
that they're passionate about,
people who blush and stutter,
people who are kind,
people who are warm,
people who love and love
and love and love.