

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

St. James Lutheran Church

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



**Sunday June 11th, 2023 –
2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

**"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will
walk in the light of your presence, LORD...You are their glorious strength.
It pleases you to make us strong." (Ps 89:15,17)**

*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

Confession and Forgiveness

*Merciful God, we confess we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the
courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us
your mercy.*

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Hosea 5:15- -6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:1}"Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, so we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew which goes away early. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

Read Psalm 50:7-15 responsively by whole verse:

⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God. ⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.** ⁹*I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;* ¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.** ¹¹*I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.* ¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all which is in it.** ¹³*Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?* ¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.** ¹⁵*Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.*

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things which do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

The Gospel Acclamation:

Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel

We SAY: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel according to :

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

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." ¹⁸While Jesus was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

Sermon: "Who Me?"

Reflection Hymn: "Will you Come & Follow Me?"

*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 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

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

After each petition: *P: Lord, in Your mercy,* **C: hear our prayer**

After final petition: **ALL: Amen**

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: "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs 3



For the har-vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God.



For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the won - ders that a - stound us, for the truths that still con - found us.



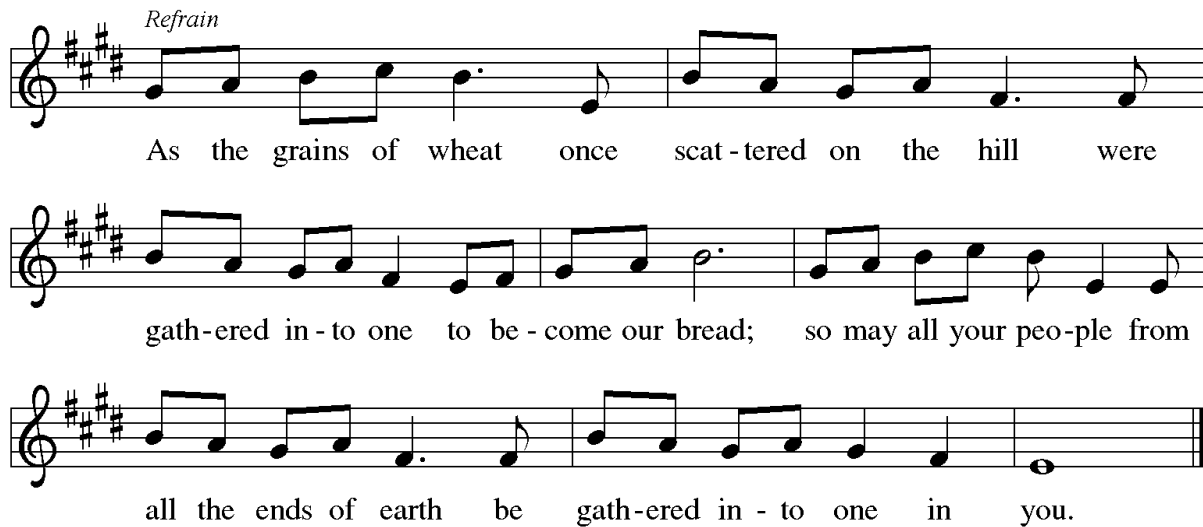
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. **Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, so the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Table Setting Hymn: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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:

(words spoken, not sung)

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.

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:

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

"Here is Bread"



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain
 In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



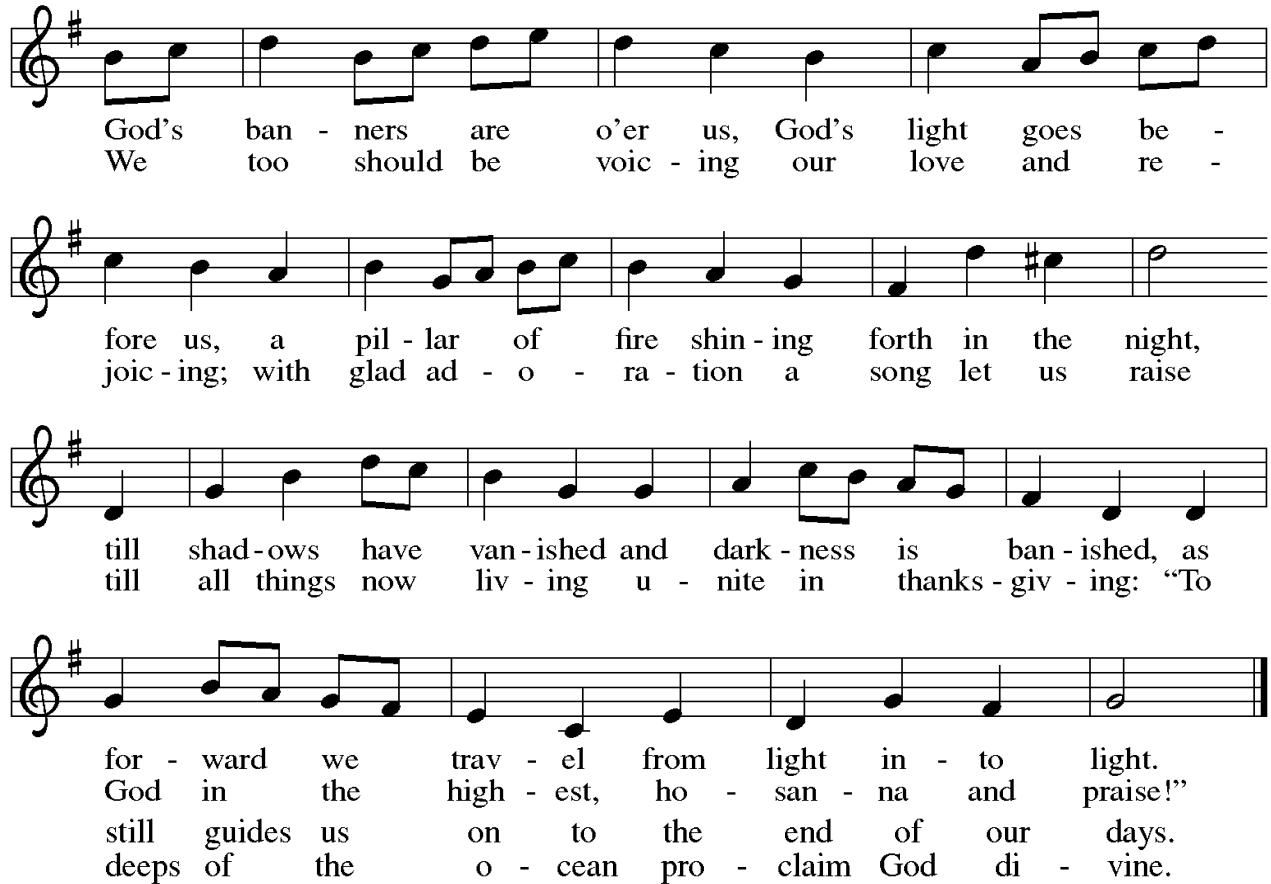
In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living"



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"
still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Dismissal: Go in peace. Share the Harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

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Readings for 6/18/23 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35- -10:8

June Mission Offering benefits...



Columbus Fire & Rescue

**** In memory of Randy Sekora & Harold Houghton!**

Project Hope's Food Bank could always use donations!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

June 2023 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

June 2023 Cleaner(s): Rae Ellen Strickland & Chris Fleury and Larry & Joy Goehner

June 11th,2023 Reader(s): Will someone offer to help?

Thank you, Brian Luepke for assisting with reading of the lessons last Sunday

June 11th,2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help?

Thank you, Brian Luepke & Maureen Hemphill for helping with communion last Sunday

June 11th,2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday.

June 11th,2023 Gate Keepers: Bill Strickland & Carrie Williams

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Sheri Luepke says: "The surgery went well and now for the healing. Thank you for your prayers!"

Jim Dickey. Compassionate God, continue to give him comfort in his days & activities. We pray for Your peace for Sally as she cares for him in these unsure days of life ahead.

We offer continued prayers for:

Joan Elser and her family. Lord of love and life, we give You thanks and praise for her good days, as she continues on her journey.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Clara Wegner; Joy Goehner; Pastor Tonia; Joy Goehner's sister, Karen Clemons; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Tessa Rouane's husband, Conner; Steve Cowan; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; Jim Wilson & 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.

Nathanael-Volmer Lutheran Church in Dagmar, MT who recently lost their entire church to a fire.

Ukraine and her people; Victims of violence and of natural disasters.

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

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.....

June 4th Offering gratefully received \$765.00

Total received so far this month \$765.00

Comparison view of YTD financials:

Actual Income:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Actual totals
	\$5,750.00	\$6,767.26	\$6,445.00	\$16,862.20	\$9,465.00	= \$45,289.46
Actual Expenses:	\$8,078.28	\$7,756.78	\$8,448.60	\$ 8,431.02	\$6,629.30	= <u>\$39,343.98</u>

We are ABOVE on Income for meeting YTD EXPENSES \$5,945.48

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).



Happy June Birthday

Megan Rouane 6/2; Bill McDonald 6/3; Corey Adams 6/4; Ethan Short 6/12; Joy Goehner 6/13; Donna Zeigler 6/13; Merridy Gauthier 6/15; Abby Makoff 6/15; Mina Morse 6/18; Sandy Yoder 6/18; Bob Rouane 6/28



Happy June Anniversary

Bob & Toni Rouane 6/2; Ken & Mary Hajek 6/14; Ted & Chris Fleury 6/17; Corey & Lindsey Adams 6/18; Bob & Maureen Hemphill 6/19; Rusty & Nancy Stennerson 6/23; Pete & Amber Lofing 6/25

****If we have your email,**



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

 **american greetings ecard!**

Other members, check your mailbox!

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which are **found on our website.**

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These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

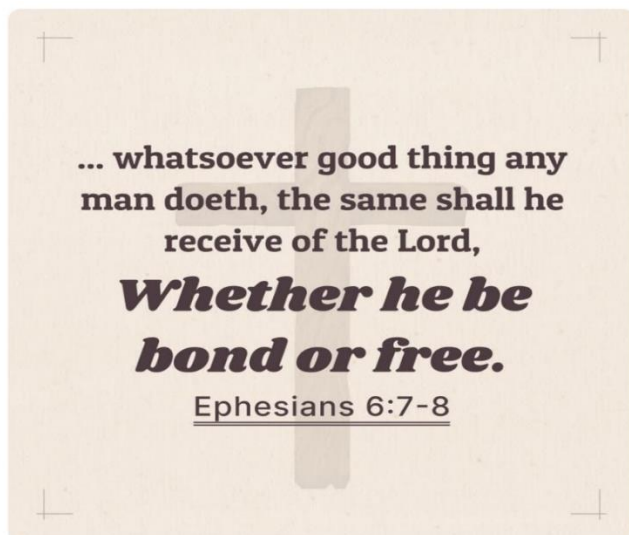
ALSO, attached to the weekly Preparing for Worship, watch for the email with the "Challenge Kits for Kids" for the summer.

PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these bulletins & kits with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!

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. 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



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Summer Reading Programs in the county:

Park City
 Tuesdays @ 10 am
 Southwest Methodist Fellowship Hall
 Columbus
 Wednesdays @ 10 am
 Stillwater County Library
 Rapelje
 Thursdays @ 2 pm
 Stockman Cafe
 Absarokee
 Thursdays @ 10 am
 Absarokee Lending Library
 Fishtail
 Thursdays @ 11:15 am
 The Community Center
 Reed Point
 Fridays @ 10 am
 Sawyer Ott Memorial Park


 Stillwater County LIBRARY

- **June 10th – Flag Retirement Ceremony 11:00 am**
Itch-Kep-Pe Park, Columbus, Montana
Community Event – Complimentary Lunch Provided



ALSO.....

- **June 10th – Special K Ranch Open House - NOON!**

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- **June 15th –**



Rev. Kate Stulce is holding a “Summer Reflections” informal, upbeat vesper-type service Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Little Stone Church. Marge Sunvold will be providing music. Please join us!

- **Saturday, June 17th Columbus Community Garage Sale 8am till done!**
ALSO June 17th - 6th Annual Stillwater Brewfest - @ 5:00pm,
a benefit for the Museum of the Beartooths.
Enjoy local breweries, food trucks, and live music by
El Wencho at the Stillwater County Fairgrounds.



Get your tickets now!

VIP tickets available for early entrance at 4 PM -
 \$45/\$50 at the gate
 General Admission - \$35/\$40 at the gate
 Designated Driver - \$10 at the gate

**Sunday,
 June 18th**



June 21st

**St. John's United announces
the start of their Summer Concert Series!**

St. John's United

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JUNE 29 THE CROSSINGS, LAUREL BAND OF DRIFTERS
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JULY 6 SJU CAMPUS THE PACK RATS
OPENER: TOM BLANKENSHIP & JOHN COOKE

JULY 13 SJU CAMPUS JOHN ROBERTS - Y PAN BLANCO
OPENER: CHUCK HOLLAND & JASON MAHONEY

JULY 20 SJU CAMPUS THE CORE
OPENER: ELANA HAYDEN

JULY 27 SJU CAMPUS HELLROARING
OPENER: CORY LEONE JOHNSON

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OPENER: ANGIE LANGELIERS & ELISA OLSON

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