

# 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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[www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org)

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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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Call to Worship Hymn: "Day by Day"



1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, Strength I find to  
2. Ev - 'ry day the Lord him - self is near me, With a spe - cial  
3. Help me then, in ev - 'ry trib - u - la - tion, So to trust Thy

meet my tri - als here. Trust-ing in my Fa - ther's wise be - stow-ment,  
mer - cy for each hour. All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,  
prom - is - es, O Lord, That I lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion,

I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be-yond all  
He whose name is Coun-sel - or and Pow'r The pro - tec - tion of His child and  
Of - fered me with-in Thy ho - ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trou-ble

meas - ure Gives un - to each day what He deems best, Lov-ing - ly its  
treas - ure Is a charge that on him - self He laid. "As thy days, thy  
meet-ing, E'er to take, as from a Fa - ther's hand, One by one the

part of pain and plea - sure, Ming-ling toil with peace and rest.  
strength shall be in meas - ure," This the pledge to me He made.  
days, the mo - ments fleet - ing, Till I reach the prom - ised land.

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 and Prayer of the Day: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above
- 4 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Oh, here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Let us pray..... and we say: **Amen.**

## WORD

### **Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whisperings: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

### **Read Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 responsively by whole verse:**

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face. <sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.** <sup>9</sup>*Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.* <sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.** <sup>16</sup>*Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.* <sup>17</sup>**Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.** <sup>18</sup>*Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.*

### **Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 6:1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**\*\* Please stay seated for the reading of the Gospel.**

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

## **The Gospel according to Matthew:**

We **SAY the response** after the announcement: **“Glory to you, O Lord”**

### **Matthew 10:24-39**

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

We **SAY the response** after the conclusion: **“Praise to you, O Christ”**

### **Sermon: “What?!”**

#### **Reflection Hymn: “Wind, Wind” OSB #255**

*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*

*Refrain: Wind, wind, blow on me; wind, wind set me free;  
Wind, wind my Father sent, the blessed Holy Spirit.*

Vs 1 Jesus told us all about you, how we could not live without you,  
with his blood the power bought, to help us live the life he taught.

Vs 2 When we’re weary you console us; when we’re lonely you enfold us;  
When in danger you uphold us, blessed Holy Spirit.

Vs 3 When unto the Church you came, it was not in your own by Jesus’ name,  
Jesus Christ is still the same, he sends the Holy Spirit.

Vs 4 Set us free to love our borthers; set us free to live for others,  
That the world the Son might see and Jesus’ name exalted be.

### **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 Peace** .....and 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"**

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound 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 only**

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into 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:

#### **"Beautiful Savior" OSB 9**

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

#### **"Let Us Break Bread Together" OSB 126**

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

#### **Refrain**

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. **Refrain**
- 3 Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees;  
let us bow 'round the altar on our knees. **Refrain**
- 4 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. **Refrain**

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

## **SENDING**

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

#### **Sending Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" OSB 93**

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

#### **Refrain**

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

- 2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. **Refrain**
  
- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

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

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**Readings for 7/2/23 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:**

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42



**Reminder.....** We are providing our act of our kindness “Taxi” Service for Sandy Yoder!

***This Sunday’s (June 25<sup>th</sup>) taxi service will be provided by Kim Behrent. Thanks!***

***Pastor Tonia continues to send the sign-up sheet through the congregation for the following Sunday’s Taxi Service.***

***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 25<sup>th</sup>,2023 Reader(s):** Thank you, Donna Zeigler for reading TODAY!

**June 25<sup>th</sup>,2023 Communion Helper(s):** Will someone offer to help today?

*Thank you, Brian Luepke & Kim Behrent for helping with communion last Sunday.*

**June 25<sup>th</sup>,2023 Usher(s):** Will someone offer to help today?

*Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday.*

**June 25<sup>th</sup>,2023 Gate Keepers:** Donna Zeigler & Bill Strickland & Leslie Mullin

**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:***

Joy Goehner, who took three falls this week and is in the Billings Clinic. She fractured her sternum and found out she has AFib. God of healing, we bring Joy before You and pray for strength, comfort, and healing. Bring healing to her body, comfort her heart, and give her peace. Give compassion to her doctors, nurses, CNA's, and technologists. Strengthen Larry and give him peace. Be with Eric and Allen as they are concerned for her and are far away. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

### ***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; Araceli 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
June 11th Offering gratefully received	\$1,510.00
June 18th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$1,192.47</u>
<b>Total received so far this month</b>	<b>\$3,467.47</b>

### ***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  
Other members, check your mailbox!**

 **american greetings ecard!**

## **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.***

**[www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org)**

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



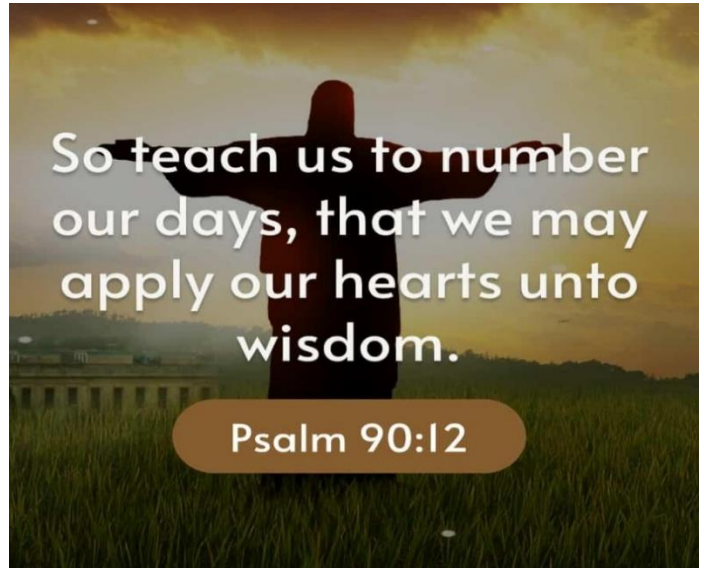
**ALSO, attached to the weekly Preparing for Worship,** watch for the email with the “Challenge Kits for Kids” for the summer.

**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



Connecting with Folk Tales and Fables  
Presented by Mo Reynolds



Friday, June 23rd  
10:30 AM




Drop In Craft  
Paper Lanterns



Saturday, June 24th  
1 - 3 PM



Ages 13+

**Future 2023 Dates:**

**June Mission Offering benefits...**



**Columbus Fire & Rescue**

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

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



**CALLING ALL YOU CRAFTY PEOPLE!**  
**Independence Day CRAFTING**  
**Sunday, JUNE 25, 1:00 p.m.**



**Columbus Community Congregational Church**  
**Master crafter RHONDA PETERSON**  
**will teach you to make.....**

**Wooden Firecracker decorations!**

Contact Rhonda 406-321-4203 or Pastor Kate 423-650-0780  
 to sign up, to assure that we have supplies for ALL.

\*\*\* \$15 donation suggested for supplies \*\*\* See you there!

***St. John's United 1<sup>st</sup> Summer Concert is this Thursday 6/29!***

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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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