

# 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 July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 –  
7<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.*

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: OSB #9 "Beautiful Savior"

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! King of cre - a - tion!  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er the moon - light  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 And the spark - ling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd serve Thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is pur - er;  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er;  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, a - dor - a - tion,

Light of my soul, my joy, my crown!  
 He makes our sorrow - ing spir - it sing.  
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

### Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live accord to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### WORD

#### Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

### **Read Psalm 65:5-13 responsively by whole verse:**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away. <sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.** <sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples. <sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.** <sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. <sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.** <sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. <sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.** <sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

### **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 Matthew:**

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

#### **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!” <sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

#### **The Gospel of the Lord:**

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

### **Sermon: “Clothed with Joy”**

#### **Reflection Hymn: OSB #59 “The Trees of the Field”**

*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*



Em D/F#

You shall go out with joy — and be led forth with peace. — The

G C/G G D B Em

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; There'll be shouts of joy, -

B7

— and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their

Em 2nd time Fine G

hands. — And all the trees of the

C/G G D claps: claps: claps:

field will clap their hands, — The trees of the field will

G C/G G D

clap their hands. — The trees of the field will clap their hands, .

B7 Em

— while you go out with joy. You shall go

## **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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:

**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:

### "Feed Us Now" OSB #89

1. Feed us now, Bread of life, In this ho - ly meal;  
2. Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good!  
3. God is here, O so near; Near - er than our thoughts.

Let us know your love a-new; We hun - ger - for you.  
Love and mer - cy come to us; Your prom - ise - we trust.  
Stay with us where - 'er we go; Lord, help us - to grow.

Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with - in;  
Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can un - der - stand  
God is here, O so near, In this heav - en's meal.

Let your peace be ours to-day, Lord Je - sus, we pray.  
How His mer - cy works in these? Yet, Lord, we be - lieve.  
May we al - ways feed on you - On the bread that is true.



"In the Garden" OSB #261

Ab Eb Ab Eb Ab7 Db

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone — While the dew is still on the  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice — Is so sweet the birds hush their  
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him — Though the night a - round me be

Ab Eb7 Ab Eb Ab Bb7 Gm Bb7

ros - es; And the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear The Son of God dis -  
 sing - ing; And the me - lo dy that He gave to me With - in my heart is  
 fall - ing; But He bids me go thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is

Eb Ab Eb7 Chorus Eb7

clos - es.  
 ring - ing. And He walks with me and He talks with me, And He  
 call - ing.

Eb+ Ab C7

tells me I am His own. — And the joy we share as we

F Ab7 Db Ab Eb7 Ab

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er — known. —

“Let us Break Bread Together” OSB #126

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees, \_\_\_\_\_

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me! \_\_\_\_\_

2. Let us drink wine (or the cup) together . . . 3. Let us bow 'round the alter . . .  
4. Let us praise God together . . . .

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

**SENDING**

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



## Sending Hymn: "Hymn of Promise"



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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

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**Readings for 7/23/23 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:**

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 8:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Thank  
YOU

A big **THANK YOU** to Betty Ames, Kim Behrent, Steve & Denise Cowan and Bill Strickland who have already volunteered to offer a ride for Sandi to Church on Sunday's.

**Thank you** for your kindness!

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

**Leslie Mullin has signed up for the taxi service this Sunday 7/16 for Sandi!**



**Thanks!**

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING**

July 2023 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

July 2023 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sydne Wanner and Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Reader(s): Will someone offer to help today?

*Thank you, Pastor Tonia for reading last Sunday.*

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

*Thank you, Brian Luepke & Carrie Williams for helping with communion last Sunday.*

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

*Thank you, Bill Strickland for ushering last Sunday.*

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Gate Keepers: Brian Luepke & Leslie Mullin

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

## **KEEP IN PRAYER...**

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

### ***We offer continued prayers for:***

Joy Goehner and her family, Larry, Eric and Allen. God of Love & life, we lift up Joy and pray for Your presence, peace and comfort.

Strengthen Larry and be with Eric and family and Allen and family. **Note:** Joy will come home to Columbus and reside at the Meadowlark Assisted Living. Her boys are here to help their mom transition and settle. After their visit, we are encouraged to visit her but let's make sure she doesn't tire from TOO many or TOO often.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Joan Elser; Sheri Luepke; Clara Wegner; Pastor Tonia; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; 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.

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.....***

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering gratefully received \$1,158.00

July 9<sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received \$3,230.00

**Total received so far this month \$4,388.00**

### ***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; Auto pay thru your bank and **Tithe.ly**.

**Tithe.ly** (click on this "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 July Birthday***

Ty France 7/1; Vi Ekle 7/4; Alex Tangen 7/5; Chris Fleury 7/7; Karen McDonald 7/17; Lindsey Adams 7/17; Jim Dickey 7/21; Betty Ames 7/22; Gloria Brown 7/22; Lanita Maurer 7/22; Ken Hegg 7/23; Sally Bisch 7/23; Evelyn Williams 7/25; Pat Lashey 7/28; Denise Cowan 7/29; Judy Martin 7/30



## ***Happy July Anniversary***

Ian & Joni Morse 7/6; Butch & Kim Behrent 7/10; Brian & Sydne Wanner 7/18; Ken & Pete Hegg 7/23; Bill & Rae Ellen Strickland 7/24

**\*\*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!

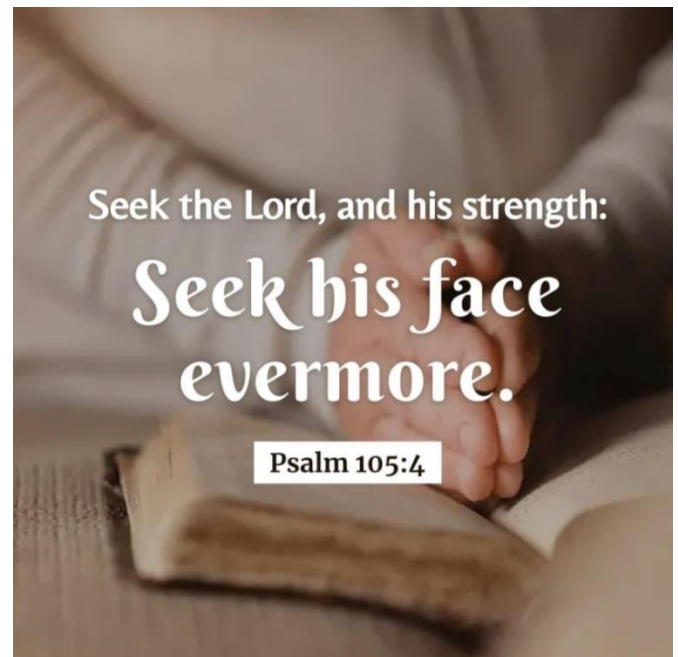
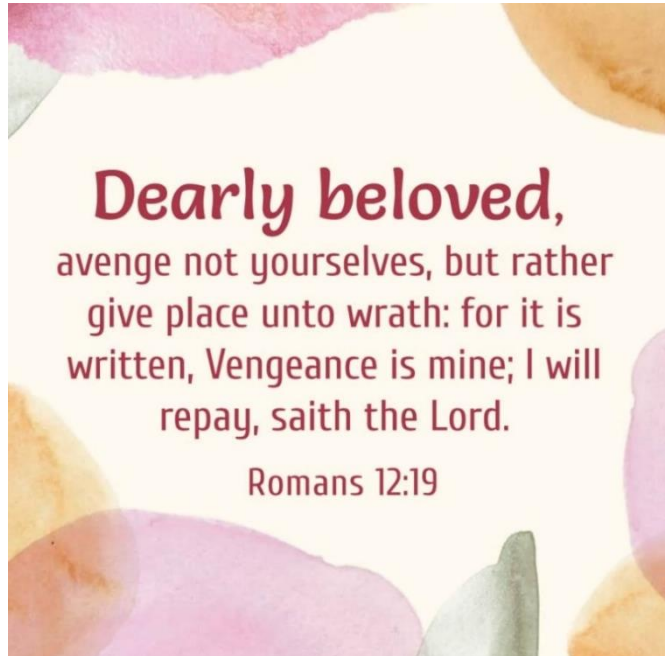
**ALSO, attached to the weekly *Preparing for Worship***, watch for the email with the "Challenge Kits for Kids" for the summer.

**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



**Future 2023 Dates:**

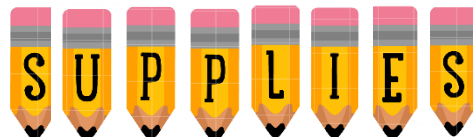


**July Mission Offering benefits...**

**Special K Ranch**

**Project Hope's Monthly Need:**

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**for the upcoming 2023 – 2024 school year!!**

**St. John's United 4th Summer Concert is Thursday 7/20!**

St. John's United

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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**  
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# Thursdays in August

## 4-6:30pm

# Downtown



# FARMERS MARKET



## BTLC Fall Women's Retreat



August 26th

9:00am to 12:30pm

Duffy Place

33 Upper Deer Creek Rd.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/BTLCWelca2023>

We often hear about the historical church fathers, but what about our historical mothers in the faith? This community women's retreat, led by

Pastor Julia, will cover the faith and faithfulness of some of our foremothers and sisters in faith. Come learn about how their dedication shaped the church and the Christian tradition as it is today. This 3.5-hour retreat will have a learning portion, a craft time, and plenty of food and fellowship. Feel free to invite (and register) a friend. Please register by August 10th, so we can adequately plan for food and supplies.

