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 where ever you are, PLEASE let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name. We'd love to hear from you!

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to Every Weekly Preparing for Worship Email. Again, you will notice – The Children's Bulletin activities, are available for two age groups (3+ and 7+) and match the same Lessons & Gospel with which WE are also reflecting on during Sunday Worship each week. There is also a unique to our church, SAFE & secure online "secret code" found in their bulletin, which gives you/them access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

ALSO,

you have an opportunity to ENJOY and share MORE activities throughout the week. Every Tuesday or Thursday, watch for the email with summer activity sheets. *Every Wednesday*, watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.

We hope you have taken the time to CHECK OUT these NEW programs from St. James, have opened the attachments, printed the pages, and ENJOYED the fun! Again, PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!!

Just a reminder to all St. James members:

Covid variants are out there in our community of Columbus and precautions should be taken when going out into the public and always be mindful of personal hygiene precautions, washing hands, covering a sneeze, and staying home if you have any cold symptoms. Contact your Dr. if you have any questions about symptoms or possible exposure. Take any precautions you feel comfortable with. Donna Zeigler

Prayer. Talking with God.

There are many ways to pray, many types of prayer. The important thing is that we pray. That we are not afraid to go to our Father, tell Him our concerns, our desires, our dreams, our fears, give Him our thanks and praise. That we listen to God, wait on Him, and rejoice in His presence.

We pray with supplication, asking of God, usually on behalf of oneself, but sometimes on our own behalf. David offered many prayers for help in different areas of his life. It's ok to pray for yourself. God welcomes our prayers. He longs for us to know He loves us and is paying attention when we take our genuine request for help to Him. There are intercessory prayers when we make a request for something on behalf of another. This prayer appears as a begging or imploring, and it should be given on behalf of all people.

We pray for our enemy, allowing God to work in our hearts to love them. There are public or corporate prayers, we find many of these within our liturgy. There are private prayers, when one goes off by them self to a quiet place to commune with the Lord. This is entering into our personal relationship with God. There are prayers of worship, dwelling on who God is.

When we go before God in prayer we may get lost in His Word as we open our hearts in praise. Sometimes it's like the whole fullness of God fills all the available space leaving no room for our words. Being in prayer is being lost in a moment of holy communication. It is taking the whole fullness of ourselves to God.

May God bless your time in holy communication.

Pastor Tonia

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 24th, 2022 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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 be with you.

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

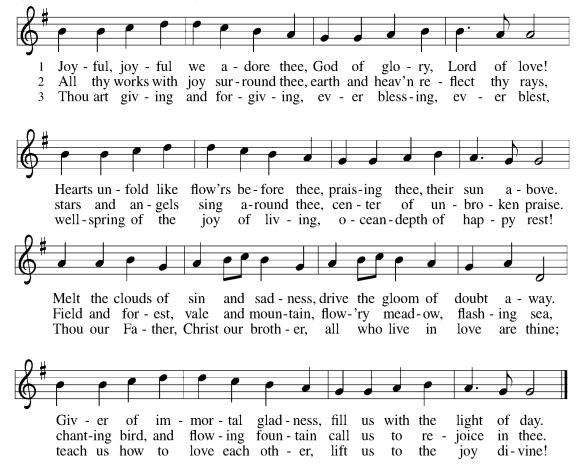
GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

Merciful God, we confess we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things which weigh on our conscience and give us those good things which come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty it I speak to the said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak to the said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

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

Read Psalm 138 responsively by whole verse

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. ³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. ⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. ⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

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

The Gospel Acclamation:

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 11:1-13

¹Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

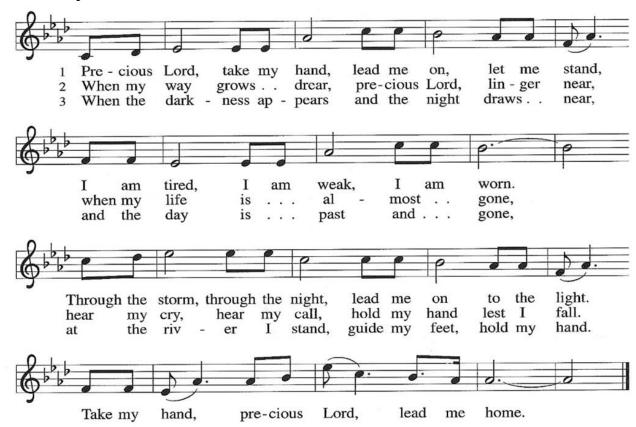
Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Whole Fullness"



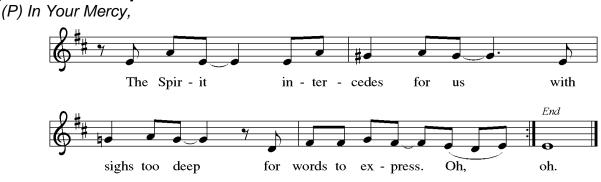
Reflection Hymn: "Precious Lord"

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



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.

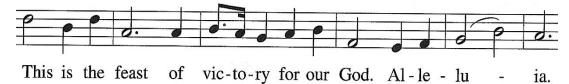
Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward..... while we sing **The Offering Hymn:** "Doxology"

> Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "This is the Feast"



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:

(C) sings: 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

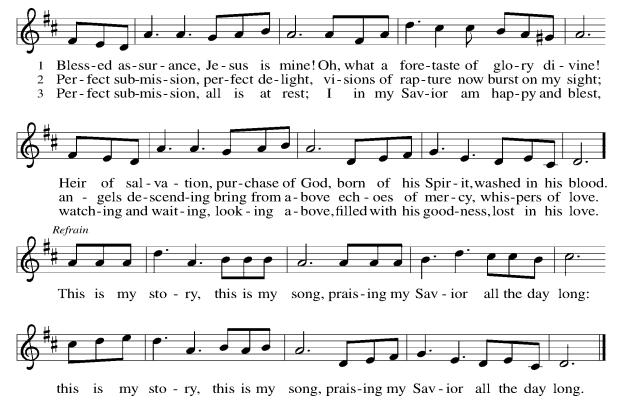
<u>Pastor Tonia</u>	Congregation
Our Father,	Our Father,
who art in heaven,	who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,	hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,	thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,	thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.	on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;	Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,	and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;	as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,	and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.	but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,	For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,	and the power,
and the glory,	and the glory,
forever and ever.	forever and ever.
Amen.	Amen.

Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

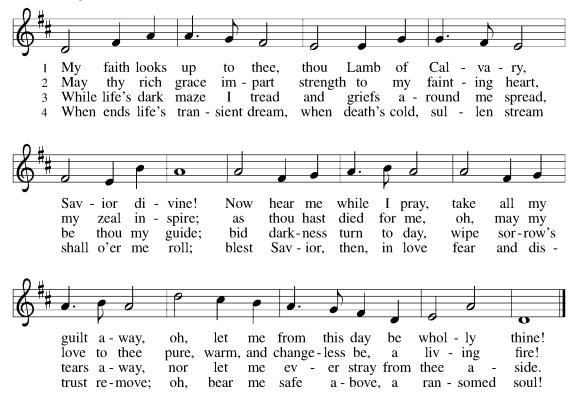
Invitation to Communion

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: "Blessed Assurance"



"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"



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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "When You Are Praying"

to the tune of "Amazing Grace"

- Vs 1 "When you are praying," Jesus said, "Don't put on vain displays But close your door and speak your heart, and humbly offer praise."
- Vs 2 Our Father in the heavenly realm, Our Abba, ever near Your name is holy, set apart; O bring your kingdom here!
- Vs 3 God, give us all we daily need and we will be content; Forgive our sins as we forgive. The wrongs that we resent.
- Vs 4 God, give us grace to follow you; Protect us on your Way. When evil tempts us from your path, Deliver us, we pray.
- Vs 5 O Lord, we turn in trust to you; You know the things we need And like a parent, you so love: The ones who ask, receive.

Dismissal Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

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July Mission offerings.....



Your continued support benefits"Special K Ranch"

<u>Their Mission</u> Providing family-oriented Christian homes, on a working ranch for adults who have developmental disabilities.

Learn how our gifts assist their ranchers......visit their website: www.specialkranch.org

Also, we are collecting School Supplies for Project Hope!!

FYI.....A tub is available for your items. Let us know if you need us to pick them up for you! THANKS!

Project Hope School Supply Wish List college ruled notebook paper college ruled spurals composition notebooks washable markers gallon Ziploc bags quart Ziploc bags disinfectant wipes glue sticks Thank You!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

- July 2022 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke
- July 2022 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sydne Wanner

Will someone help them?

- July 24th, 2022 Reader(s):
- July 24th, 2022 Communion Helper(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke Thank you Sheri Luepke & Patty Sundberg for helping with communion last Sunday
- July 24th, 2022 Usher(s): Thank you Brian Luepke for ushering last Sunday.
- July 24th, 2022 Gate Keepers: Rae Ellen Strickland & Carrie Williams
- May 2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES TO REFLECT GOD'S LOVE TO EACH OTHER AND TO OUR NEIGHBORS

- Tuesday July 26th or Thursday July 28th,2022 "Having Fun with Faith" email with Summer Activity Sheets.
- Wednesday July 27th, 2022 Watch Pastor Tonia's "Word on Wednesday" message on FB or open the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.

 Thursday July 28th, 2022 – St. John's United Summer Concert Series CONTINUES July 21st @ 7pm 5th concert will take place on "St. John's Campus" in Billings Opener: Parker Brown Headliner: The Jimmy Carpenter Band



- Friday July 29th or Saturday July 30th, 2022 The Weekly Preparing for Worship email arrives in your inbox with the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday Worship service and, also, the "Children's Worship Bulletins" series for you to open and enjoy &/or share with your family & friends.
- > Sunday July 31st, 2022 Church Council Meeting immediately after worship.

MORE Community Events for St. James:

- Every Monday we are invited:
 - ~ To join us for coffee and visiting from 8-11am at the Stillwater Youth Center.
- 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 embroiderests are welcome.
- Every Wednesday we are invited to attend:
 - ~Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
- Every Thursday we are invited to attend:
 - ~ To join us for coffee and visiting from 8-11am at the Stillwater Youth Center.
 - ~The Men's group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 7pm for a bible study of Acts.
 - ~The NEW Walking Group formed by UCC. Gather @ 8:30am @ the little Stone Church. All are Welcome! Coffee & rolls will follow at 9:15am



This Week's Events:

Wednesday July 27th – Summer Storytime w/Ms. Lisa 10:30–11:00am Saturday July 30th – Folded Book Art "Hearts & Hedgehogs" 10:30am

SUMMER - PROJECT WORLD RELIEF FABRIC KITS

Lutheran World Relief provides for our personal involvement in uplifting people around the world.

Central & South America, Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

"Sewing is a valuable skill that can help men & women earn reliable income". LWR promotes sewing kits as well as other kits that help in the daily lives of people in those countries.

The Church Council would like to invite you to donate fabric that you may not be using (cotton or cotton blend only). In addition to fabric, spools of thread are needed in 250-300 (yards each). If you can donate fabric and/or thread, please pick up a sheet of requirements after church during the month of June. We will promote this campaign this summer and be ready to ship these kits to Lutheran World Relief this fall. If you have any questions, please call Donna at 406-322-4452. If I don't answer, please leave a message so I can get back with you. This is a good time to clean out that fabric you haven't used but find it hard to let go of them and instead put them to good use through the Lutheran World Relief. Donna Zeigler





Happy July Anniversary

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



Happy July Birthday

Vi Ekle 7/4; 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 Lashley 7/28; Denise Cowan 7/29; Judy Martin 7/30

For new prayer requests, please contact **Pastor Tonia.** Text or call her at (406) 656-9557 or email her at toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.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:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Joy Goehner; Pastor Tonia; Pete Hegg; Bev Kem; Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, Eva; Woody DeHaven; Steve Cowan; Zane Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Seymour. Those living with cancer: Bob Rouane; Roger Mullin; Shane DeHaven; Mary Ann Conners;

Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those affected in our surrounding area by the recent flooding & the needs for its clean-up & lasting effects. Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

Ukraine and her people

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."

FYI: At the annual meeting held Jan 16th, 2022,

\$96,100 was the yearly approved 2022 budget ÷ 12 months = \$8,008.33 needed each month.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

July 3 rd Offering gratefully received	\$1,105.00
July 10 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,230.00
July 17 th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$1,970.00</u>
July Total so far: \$4,305.00	

**Our 2022 monthly budget to meet is \$ 8,008.33

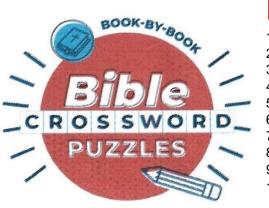
Jan (\$634.43) + Feb (\$1,718.33) + Mar (\$3,428.33) + Apr (\$1,868.33) + May \$6,476.91 + June \$(2,613.33) = <u>YTD UNDER Monthly Budget by minus (\$3,785.84)</u>

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 our church or ministry. Plus, you'll be able to track all your gifts, setup recurring, and more!

<u>Tithe.ly</u> (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).

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS: ** Check Wednesday 7/20 Email for these puzzles



Ruth

- Death
 NONE
- 3. Orpah
- 4. Bethlehem
- 5. Boaz
- 6. Famous
- 7. Obed
- 8. David
 9. Salmon
- 10. Naomi

- **2 Corinthians**
- 1. NONE
- 2. Forgive
- 3. Knowledge
- 4. Reconciled (across)
- 4. Renewed (down)
- Comfort (across)
 Creation (down)
- 6. NONE
- 7. Yoked
- 7. YOKed
- 8. Salvation
 9. Weakness
- 10. Transformed

Simple Reminders...

