

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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Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:
www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

**On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James FB link"

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!

Thank
YOU

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

Reminder..... sign-up sheet continues to need volunteers.

Thank you in advance for your kindness!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

July 2023 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke ***Thank you Kim Behrent for helping last Sunday.*

August 2023 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

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

July 2023 Cleaner(s): Kim Behrent and Pete & Amber Lofing

July 30th, 2023 Reader(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Pastor Tonia for reading last Sunday.

August 2023 Reader: Maureen Hemphill

July 30th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Kim Behrent & Bill Strickland for helping with communion last Sunday.

July 30th, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday

July 30th, 2023 Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler & Carrie Williams

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

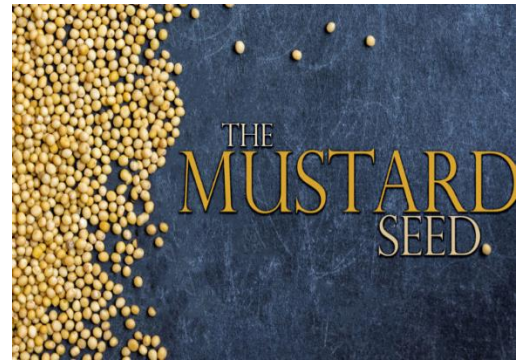
St. James Lutheran Church

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



Sunday July 30th, 2023 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

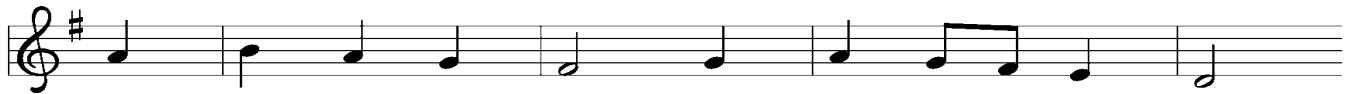
**"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will
walk in the light of your presence, LORD...You are their glorious strength.
It pleases you to make us strong." (Ps 89:15,17)**

*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: **ELW #842 "O Worship the King"** vs 1,3 & 5



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

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

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness: ELW #323 "God Loved the World"

vs 1,2 & 4



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Love Divine" (to the tune Joyful, Joyful)

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Prayer of the Day: ELW #790 "Day by Day"



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

Read Psalm 119:129-136 responsively by whole verse:

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, I obey them with all my heart. ¹³⁰When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments. ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name. ¹³³Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me. ¹³⁴Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments. ¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord:

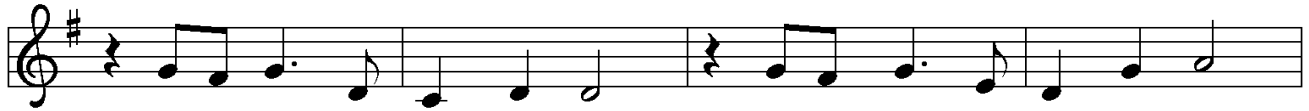
We sing the response after the conclusion: **"Praise to you, O Christ"**

Sermon

****Thank you, Bob Kem for your message this morning!**

Reflection Hymn: ELW #574 "Here I Am Lord"

*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 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain




Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.

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: ELW #472 "Eat This Bread"



Refrain
 "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

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.

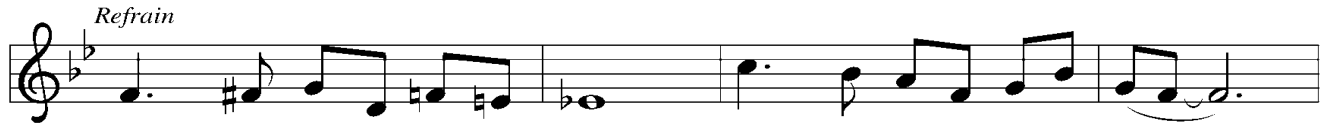
Mystery of our Faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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:

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee” ELW #697



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

“Let us Break Bread Together” ELW #471



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

REFRAIN:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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

SENDING

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

Everyone, get ready for the Sending Hymn: OSB #41 "Do Lord"

Thank you, Marge Sunvold for arranging this morning's "Hymn Fest"
and for tickling the ivories today!! 😊

Refrain
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me!

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me!

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me! Look a -

way be - yond the blue.

Fine

G Verses

1. You're my light and my sal - va - tion, I won't be a - fraid!
 2. Though a host en - camp a - gainst me, I will nev - er fear!
 3. You will hide me in Your shel - ter in the day of strife;
 4. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther and to God the Son;

C **G**

You're the strong - hold of my life, by You all things were made.
 E - ven though a war sur - rounds me, You are al - ways near.
 You'll con - ceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.
 Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, ev - er Three in One.

B7

Foes at - tack me, has - sle me, but I will nev - er
 One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for
 Now my head is lift - ed up a - bove the storms of
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, till our race is

Em A7 G/D D7 G

fade, For I move in the strength of the Lord.
 sure Is to live in the house of the Lord.
 night, So I'll sing to the name of the Lord.
 won We can live in the light of the Lord.

D.C.

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

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Readings for 8/6/23 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21



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

Bill & Rae Ellen Strickland signed up for the taxi service this Sunday 7/30 for Sandy!

Thanks!



July Mission Offering benefits...

Special K Ranch

Project Hope's Monthly Need:

Purchase



Suggested supplies: College ruled: notebook paper & composition notebooks; Bottles of white glue; Washable Markers; Lg box of Kleenex; Disinfectant wipes

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 is now residing at the Meadowlark Assisted Living. 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: Priest Erick Fenton; 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."

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)

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

July 2 nd Offering gratefully received	\$1,158.00
July 9 th Offering gratefully received	\$3,230.00
July 16 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,410.00
July 23 rd Offering gratefully received	\$ 565.00
Total received so far this month	\$6,363.00



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

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!



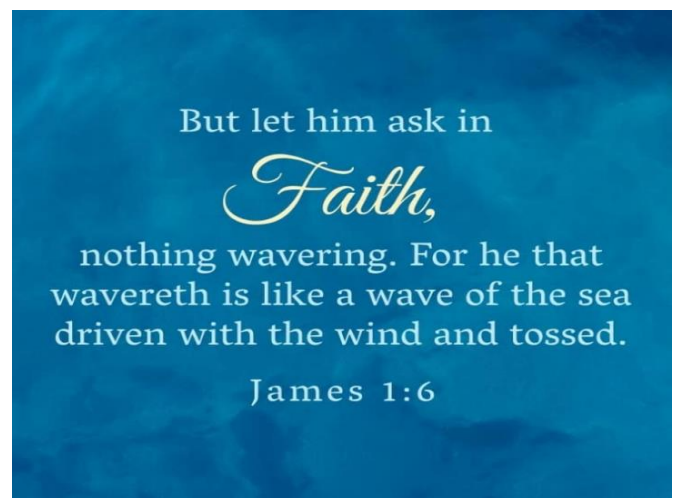
This week's Answers:



By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the

Glory of God.

Romans 5:2



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:

You know we can't sit still here!
Summer reading officially came to a close
yesterday with those prize winners chosen
during regular story time.

If you joined us, you saw the GIANT board
game on the bulletin board. All you need to do to start is grab
your reading log bookmark. For every hour you read, you get to
spin. Bring your friends to see who completes the board first!

EXCITING!!



MORE EXCITING NEWS!!

Introducing
Stillwater County Library
Homebound Delivery Program

The library now provides
accessibility options for individuals
living in Stillwater County who are
unable to physically visit the
library.

Future 2023 Dates:



VIETNAM WAR PERIOD VETERAN PINNING EVENT

A Vietnam War Period Veteran is defined as those who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

MONDAY, JULY 31ST at 11:30 AM
STILLWATER SENIOR CENTER OF ABSAROOKE
(6 N. Woodard Avenue)
EVERYONE WELCOME!

A brief overview and special recognition pinning will be conducted by a United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration partner on behalf of the Department of Defense.



**CALLING ALL VIETNAM
WAR PERIOD VETERANS!**



St. John's United

SO MUCH LIFE TO LIVE

St. John's United **SIXTH & FINAL Summer Concert**
Thursday 8/3 @ Wyndstone in the Billings Heights.

Starring: Jessica Eve

Opener: Angie Langlers & Elisa Owen



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.

