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
**Scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube link"

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.

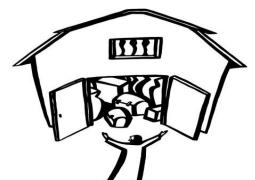
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Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,

share our faith and serve with the love of God"



Sunday July 31st, 2022 – 8th 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: "We Gather Here, O God" to the tune of "This is My Father's World"

- Vs 1 We gather here, O God, and it's a joy to see the blessings of your gift of love in this community.

 Some gather in one place to offer thanks and praise; some join online and we all find new hope for these new days.
- Vs 2 O Christ, you call us here! We know your love's embrace.

 We're freed from sin and welcome in all those who seek your grace.

 We worship, learn and serve; we join in times of fun.

 We gladly share in work and prayer; together, we are one!
- Vs 3 O Spirit blowing free, O gentle, burning blaze,
 The gifts you give help us to live in faithful, loving ways.
 The world cries out in need, and many cry, "Enough!"
 In this new time, may your church find new ways to share your love.

Prayer of the Day:

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

Read Psalm 49:1-12 responsively by whole verse

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world, ²you of high degree and low, rich and poor together. ³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding. ⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp. ⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me, ¹the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches? ¹One can never redeem another or give to God the ransom for another's life; ¹for the ransom of a life is so great there would never be enough to pay it, ¹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave. ¹¹For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them. ¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves. ¹²Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ¹These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁶But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁶Do not lie to one another, seeing you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹¹and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain

and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall"

Reflection Hymn: "Take My Life and That I May Be"



- Take my life, that I may be con se crat ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, not a mite would I with hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect, and use let them flow in cease-less praise. swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. filled with mes - sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

 Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Apostle's Creed

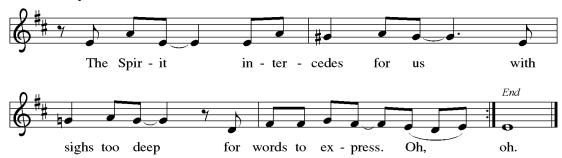
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

(P) In Your Mercy,



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.

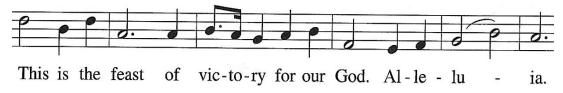
Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing The Offering Hymn: "Doxology"

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, 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

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

Invitation to Communion

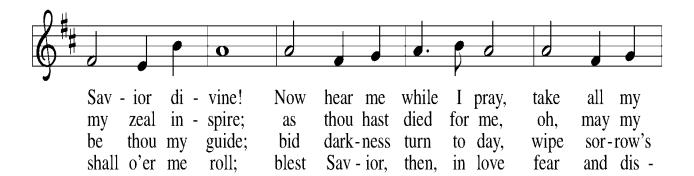
In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

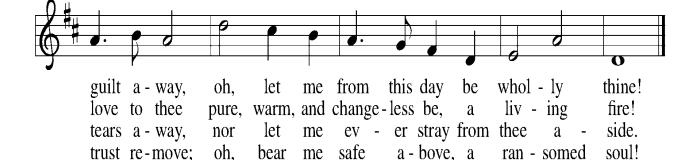
As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal va ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im part strength to my faint ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran sient dream, when death's cold, sul len stream





"Blessed Assurance"



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



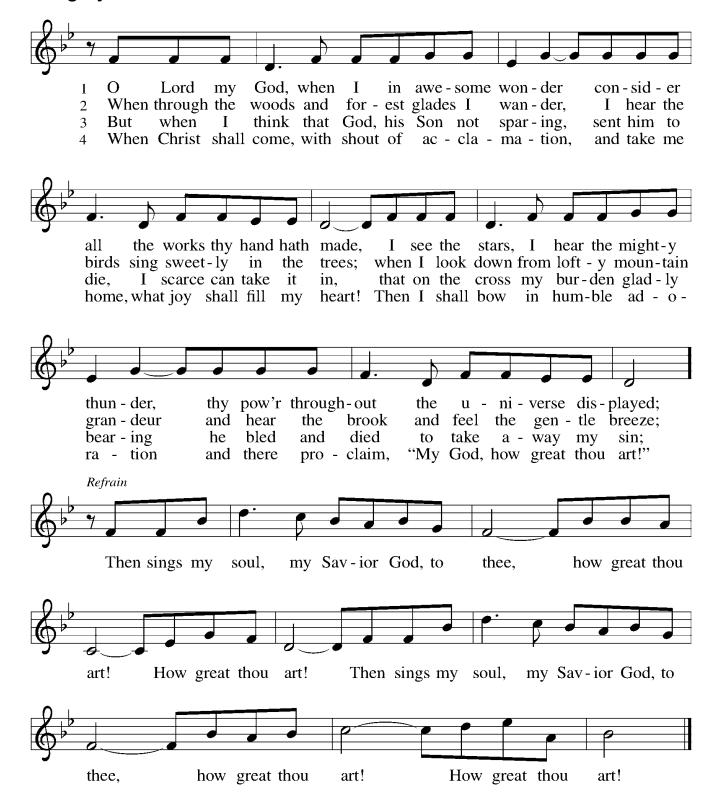
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Prayer after Communion.... and we say: Amen.

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"



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



Meet Gabriel and Raphael who came to live with Pastor Tonia on Sunday 7/24/22.

We are hoping they'll join Pastor sometimes on her "Word on Wednesday" FB videos, like Dutch, RIP 'ole friend!

Pastor Tonia introduced these two rascals to FB friends and said, "They fill my heart and home with joy."

July Mission offerings.....



~ Your continued support benefits "Special K Ranch"

Their Mission

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!



August Mission offerings.....

~ Your continued support benefits "Beartooth Manor" and "Meadowlark & Shipp's Assisted Living Facilities"

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

July 2022 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke August 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

July 2022 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sydne Wanner

August 2022 Cleaner(s): Jamie Hess & Kim Behrent

July 31st, 2022 Reader(s):

August 2022 Reader(s): Will someone sign up to read this month?

July 31st, 2022 Communion Helper(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke

Thank you Donna Zeigler & Cindy Smith for helping with communion last Sunday

August 2022 Communion Helper(s): Will someone sign up to help this month? July 31st, 2022 Usher(s):

Thank you Rae Ellen Strickland for ushering last Sunday.

August 2022 Usher(s): Will someone sign up to help this month?

July 31st, 2022 Gate Keepers: Brian Luepke & Donna Zeigler

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 August 2nd or Thursday August 4th,2022
 "Having Fun with Faith" email with Summer Activity Sheets.
- Wednesday August 3rd, 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 August 4th, 2022 St. John's United Summer Concert Series CONTINUES July 21st @ 7pm 6th concert will take place on "St. John's Campus" in Billings Opener: Parker Brown

Headliner: The Jimmy Carpenter Band



Friday August 5th or Saturday August 6th, 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.

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 August 3rd - Summer Storytime w/Ms. Lisa 10:30-11:00am

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



SUMMER - PROJECT 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



min advance for your donation of fabric & / or spools of thread. Read below the size requirements.

Fabric Kits

ewing is a valuable skill that can Sewing is a valuable shift of the series of income. Fabric Kits provide fabric and thread for vocational training programs teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses.

Please review the General Assembly instructions on Page 1 before assembling Fabric Kits.

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below. Pieces do not need to match:
 - 2 1/4 yards of 58"-62" wide fabric, or
 - 3 yards of 42"-45" wide fabric, or
 - 4 yards of 34"-37" wide fabric
- Two spools of matching or neutralcolored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each



Happy August Anniversary

Bob & Bev Kem 8/3; Jim Dickey & Sally Bisch 8/4; Mike & Lori Koski 8/25; Brian & Sheri Luepke 8/29;



Happy August Birthday

Nick Lofing 8/7; Connie Bokma 8/8; Mirah Lofing 8/18; Gwen Bjorkman 8/19; Steve Smith 8/20; Arianna Lofing 8/25; Danny Ames 8/30: Nathan Lofing 8/31

Vicky & Bill Thompson invite the members of St. James Lutheran Church to the Retirement Party for their son, Brent.



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 new prayers for:

Leslie Mullins as she grieves the death of her mother, Renae. Comforting God, be with Leslie and her family as they mourn the death of her mother. Be near to the family, bless memories and their time together as they grieve. We also lift up Roger and ask for Your healing, for wisdom for his doctors and specialists. Strengthen Leslie as she cares for him. We give You thanks for your constant presence. Amen.

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 \div 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	\$1,970.00
July 24 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 800.00
July Total so far: \$5,105.00	

^{**}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.....

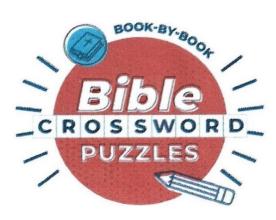
- 1. Mail your offering to the church at St. James Lutheran Church, PO Box 356, Columbus, MT, 59019
- 2. Take your envelope offering to Pastor Tonia's parsonage and put in the designated box on her front porch.
- 3. Stop in at your bank and arrange a monthly auto pay transaction.
- 4. Give online through **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!

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).

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

** Check Wednesday 7/27 Email for these puzzles



1 Samuel

- 1. Elkanah
- 2. Hannah
- 3. Lord
- 4. Scoundrels
- 5. Five
- 6. Prophet
- 7. Philistines
- 8. Kina
- 9. Gilgal
- 10. Lyre
- 11. Goliath

Galatians

- 1. Crucified
- 2. Female
- 3. Flesh
- 4. Favoritism
- 5. Nothing
- 6. Curse
- 7. Harvest
- 8. Mocked
- 9. Faithfulness

Simple Reminders...

Thank you,
Joy Goehner
for this
beautiful
reminder.

