

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!

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 August 13th, 2023 – 11th 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)

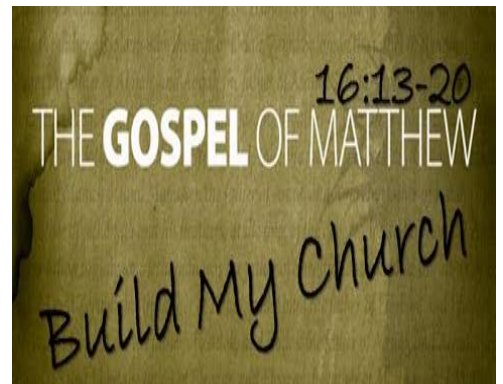
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all
.....and also with you.*

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: ELW #596 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Prayer of the Day:

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the

coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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. ²**I 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. ⁴**All 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, that great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶**The 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. ⁸**You 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: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: “Lift Your Ebenezer”

Reflection Hymn: ELW #807 "Come Thou Fount"

*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 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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 last petition: **All: AMEN.**

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: ELW #679 "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs 3

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: ELW #465 "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.

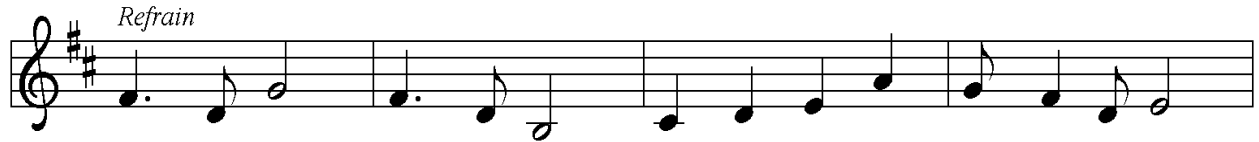
Mystery of our Faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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:

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" ELW #492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

"Here is Bread" ELW #483



- 1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
- 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
- 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for-ev-er.
 In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it, Christ is with us here.

“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.

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.

Sending Hymn: ELW #654 “The Church’s One Foundation”



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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

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Readings for 8/13/23 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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

Betty Ames signed up for the taxi service this Sunday 8/13 for Sandy!

Thanks!

**Thank
YOU**

Thank you Leslie Mullin & Donna Zeigler for the wonderful Coffee Hour last Sunday!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

August 2023 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

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

August 2023 Reader: Maureen Hemphill

August 13th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Steve & Denise Cowan for helping with communion last Sunday.

August 13th, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Bill Strickland for ushering last Sunday.

August 13th, 2023 Gate Keeper(s): Brian Luepke & Carrie Williams

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames



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!

August Mission Offering benefits...

\$\$ for Project Hope's Backpack Program

ALSO: for Project Hope:

Purchase



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

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.....

August 6 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,630.00
Total received so far this month	\$1,630.00

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)

KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

KayDel Shelton who was in an accident Friday and has a bad head wound and multiple abrasions. Lord of healing, we pray for your guidance to the doctors and nurses tending to KayDel, hope for a speedy recovery and peace for Randy. Amen.

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 Jim Dickey; Joan Elser; Pastor Tonia; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Steve Cowan; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Father Fenton; Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Araceli Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; Jim Wilson & Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

The children of the world, this is a big request, but God is big. Children who are food & home insecure.

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.***



Happy August Birthday

Quincy Davis 8/5; Maggie Devries 8/6; Nick Lofing 8/7; Connie Bokma 8/8;
Mirah Lofing 8/18; Randy Shelton 8/18; Gwen Bjorkman 8/19;
Steve Smith 8/20; Julie Fouhy 8/20; Liz Cox 8/24; Arianna Lofing 8/25;
Danny Ames 8/30; Nathan Lofing 8/31



Happy August Anniversary

Bob & Bev Kem 8/3; Jim Dickey & Sally Bisch 8/4; Mike & Lori Koski 8/25;
Randy & KayDel Shelton 8/26; Brian & Sheri Luepke 8/29



****If we have your email,**

Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's ecard!

Other members, check your mailbox!

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:

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.
ISAIAH 45:3

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
ROMANS 8:5

**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


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.

The logo for Stillwater County Library, featuring a stylized book and the text "Stillwater County LIBRARY".

**MORE
EXCITING
STILLWATER
COUNTY LIBRARY
NEWS!!**

Services
 8 patron computers
 Free wi-fi - accessible 24/7 inside and outside the library
 Print, copy, scan, & fax
 Technology assistance for cell phones, computers, and reading devices
 Test Proctoring
 Free, non-commercial meeting room

Stillwater County LIBRARY 

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Future 2023 Dates:

Stillwater Youth Center Block Party
August 19th—3PM
FEATURING JUSTIN GAMBINO
RISING CHRISTIAN ARTIST
 (Check Justin’s music out on Spotify, Pandora, Amazon music and YouTube)
When: August 19, 2023
Where: 1036 E. Pike Ave. Columbus, MT 59019
Schedule: **3pm:** Fun and games for the youth, Snow cones by BPA
4pm: Food trucks, Ice Cream truck
5:15pm: Opening Act– Bonnie Sheils and Annie Campbell
6:30pm: JUSTIN GAMBINO
BIG THANKS to our SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS
 MC– Justin Wayland– Grace Fellowship Church
 SOUND- Michael Sweet– Columbus Evangelical Church
 SET UP– Columbus Evangelical Church Youth

Justin Gambino
 The Made Right Tour
 Stillwater Youth Center Block Party
 August 19th—3PM
 1036 E. Pike Ave.

Blissful Bowls

Bailey's Ice Cream

HANGRY HERO

Blow-up Slide



REMINDER.....

 **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.



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH ALONG WITH ELCA, WILL BE.....



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10, 2023

We will again “spoil” the wonderful, dedicated community people who work on Sundays, with cookie plates!

If you can help provide, please bring your cookies/bars anytime this month!

****Plating of our cookies/bars will be on Sat. 9/9/ @ 9am**

ALSO: Stay for our “Picnic” after worship.

Hamb/Hot dogs and Ice Cream will be provided by St. James. Please bring a salad or dessert.