

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

Below are the suggested recommendations for our process of Worship each Sunday.....

- The wearing of a mask is now considered “optional”.
***Please respect the decision of others, as they choose to wear or not to wear a mask.*
- You continue to have the opportunity to watch FB Live or YouTube Live on our Website, if you still do not feel comfortable to attend in person.

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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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

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

Mission Offering for August 2021 benefits...

Beartooth Manor, Meadowlark & Shipp's Assisted Living



...for your continued support of our monthly missions.

Your generosity is welcomed and so appreciated!

St. James Lutheran Church

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Sunday August 22nd, 2021 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."*

Ps 122:1

Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God,
joining us by watching the live/recorded service or in spirit and prayer.

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". (John 6:35)*

Bread is present during most meals. We even refer to dining as a time we "gather to break bread." Bread is a mainstay; one can exist on bread and water. Every three years we spend five weeks immersed in sweet sticky dough. We hear scripture describing how Jesus is the bread of life.

When I was growing up there was bread served at every meal. Toast for breakfast, a sandwich for lunch, bread with dinner. Almost a ubiquitous food. Even in scripture. We think of how the Jewish people ate unleavened bread during Passover. We remember how God sent manna – the Bread of Heaven - to feed the Children of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness. We think of Jesus taking 5 loaves and feeding 5,000. We picture Jesus breaking bread during His last supper and telling His followers this is His body, given for them for the forgiveness of sin.

Bread is a staple in our diet. People want a sign, something tangible they can relate to when referring to God. In John we hear Jesus describe Himself this way, "I AM the bread of life, given for the life of the world." As bread fills our physical selves, Jesus as the Bread of Life feeds our spiritual selves.

Most countries have a specific bread which reflects their culture and during these next five weeks, we will celebrate the Eucharist with breads from across the world. A special thank you to Sheri Luepke & Pastor Tonia for providing the different bread for us each Sunday.

In this day and age unnatural ingredients have been added to bread and many are unable to tolerate bread in their diets, Jesus is still the pure bread of life given for you.

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:

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Let Us Go Now, To the Banquet"



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



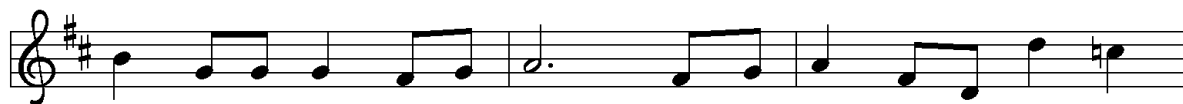
re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

**Repeat
Refrain...**



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

****We will
sing all
three
verses,
back to
back.....**



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

**After vs 1 to vs 2
After vs 2 to vs 3
After vs 3 back to
the refrain.....**

Prayer of the Day:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the Courage to change the things I can; And the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time. Enjoying one moment at a time. Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace. Taking, as God did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting God will make all things right if I surrender to His will, so I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with God forever and ever in the next. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods Which your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way which we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

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

Read Psalm 34:15-22 responsively by whole verse:

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God’s ears are open to their cry. ¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.** ¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles. ¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.** ¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from everyone. ²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.** ²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished. ²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.” ⁹(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were for some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

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

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

The Holy Gospel according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: John 6:56-69

Jesus said, ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread which came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit which gives life; the flesh is useless. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones who did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Marci W.

Hymn for Reflection: “We All Are One in Mission”



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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:

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

.....and also with you.

MEAL

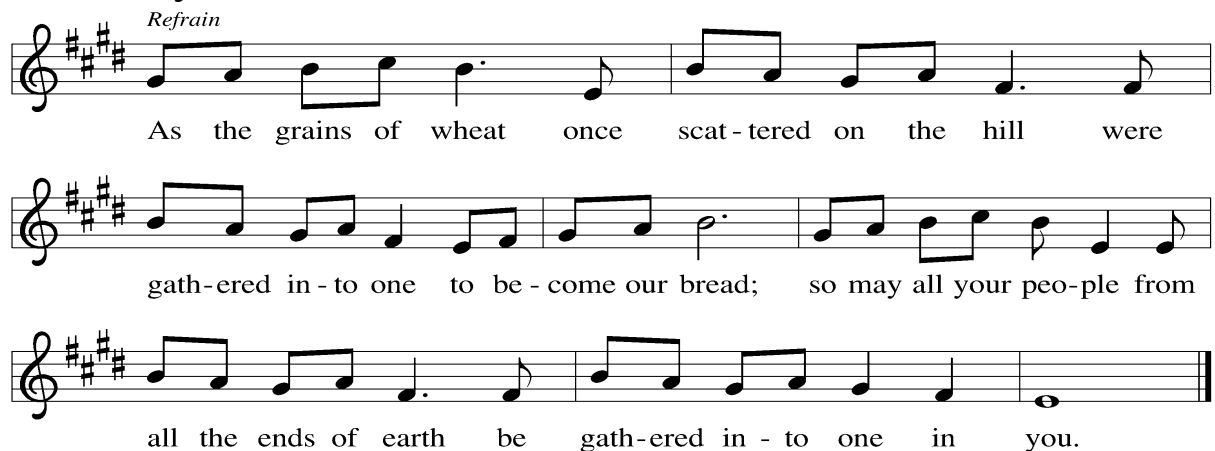
....we thank you for your faithful generosity to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings which allows us to do God's work with our hands.

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

The Table is Set Hymn: "As the Grains of Wheat" (Refrain only)

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to 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

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.

Today we will use French Brioche for our communion bread. French Brioche was developed from the blessed bread [pain béni] of the church.

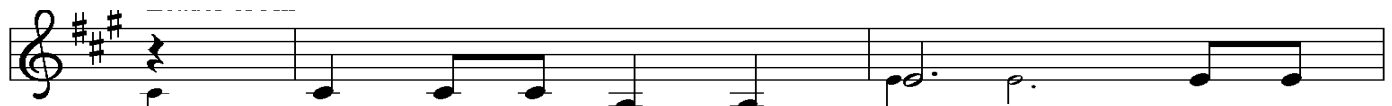
We remember in the eating of the bread, the body of Christ, that,

“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35)

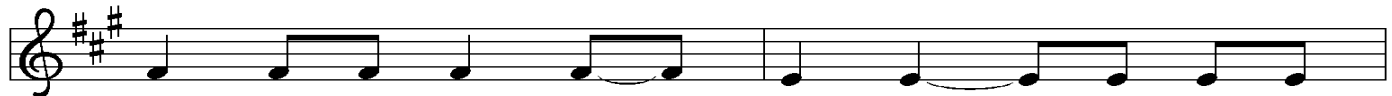
A special thank you to Sheri Luepke for providing this bread.

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

“I Am the Bread of Life” vs 1-3 only



1 “I am the Bread of life. You who
2 “The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 “Un - less you eat of the



come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.”
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er.”
blood, you shall not have life with - in you.”

Refrain
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day.”

“Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees”



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.

“Eat This Bread”

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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

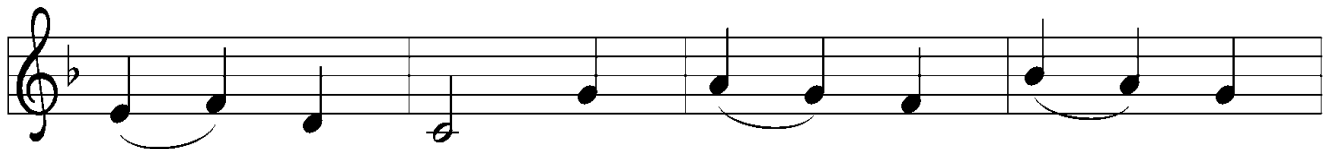
SENDING

Blessing..... and we say: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ, **sent to reflect the Light of Christ.**

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Our new Chalice and Paten were made by Daryl Northrup. Daryl, a local artist, has created them and gifted them to St. James. May God bless his hands, the communion set, and the wine and bread they hold on our altar.

STILL SERCHING.....

Is there any member interested in assuming the ministry of Prayer Chain requests?



A group email list of those who have been interested in receiving this information, will be provided to you. Church members will contact you with a prayer request, providing you with names (ask for sp. if you are unsure) and all pertinent and correct information. You will then email the request to the specified group. Please let Pastor Tonia or Betty Ames know if you'd be interested in this ministry.

Thank you for your consideration.

In the meantime, continue to contact Pastor Tonia with your requests, either by text (406) 656-9557 or email toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Teri Allsup who has been physically weakened during her illness. She has been in the hospital this week and is doing PT. Pray God Strengthens her and for a full recovery.

Steven Cowan who is recovering from a heart attack. HE IS HOME. He just needs to be careful for a couple weeks. No restrictions except lifting. Dr visit in 2 weeks. Praise God for answered prayers. Good news indeed.

Vi Ekle's brother Ron, who is in the hospital being treated for Covid Pneumonia. Bring healing to Ron, give compassion to those ministering to him and bring Your comfort to Vi.

Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola as she lives cancer. Give wisdom to her oncologists as they prescribe treatment. Strengthen Lola and give comfort to her family as they journey with her.

We offer continued prayers for:

Baby Quincy Kay Davis, born August 5th to Carli (Lofing) & Rob Davis. We pray for strength & God's healing for Quincy and peace to her parents, grandparents, Kristi and Greg Lofing and family & friends.

Your continued comfort Lord for Dorcas Atzbach and the family of Curtis Preece.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Dennis Gauthier; Teri Allsup; Bev Kem; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

Those living with cancer: Aracelii Enano; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; Dennis Gauthier; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson

Our dry land. We pray for cooler weather and rain to restore it - and the people who live upon - to health. We lift up those fighting fires and preparing for more fires. For strength for the first responders, for miracles, and comfort for those who grieve.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

**Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically and overseas,
As well as their spouses and children at home.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

August 2021 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

August 2021 Cleaner(s): Jamie Hess and Kim Behrent

August 2021 Reader: Will you sign-up to help?

August 8th, 2021 Reader(s): Pastor Tonia

August 2021 Usher(s): Will you sign-up to help?

August 8th, 2021 Usher(s): Steve Cowan

August 2021 Communion Helper(s): Will you sign-up help?

August 8th, 2021 Communion Helper(s): Denise Cowan & Chris Fleury .

August Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan,

Larry & Joy Goehner, Brian & Sheri Luepke, Chris Fluery & Judy Bjorkman

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

Reminders..... Coming this week....

- Bible Study -Tuesday August 24th @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB August 25th or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to an email or can be found on our Website.

St. James has INTERNET!

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE, PHONE or IPad/TABLET,

CLICK ON - **St. James**

Then, USE THIS PASSWORD: **95theses1517**



Take a few minutes to visit our St. James' Website.

Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org **

**Bookmark this page for your own future use

"Your faith in God's mission for St. James is unshakeable."

Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

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).



Happy August Birthday

*Maggie Devries 8/6; Nick Lofing 8/7; Connie Bokma 8/8;
Mariah Lofing 8/18; Gwen Bjorkman 8/19; Steve Smith 8/20;
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;
Harold & Laura Riensche 8/4; Brian & Sheri Luepke 8/29*

St. James wants to **CELEBRATE** this year - 2021!



**“Celebrate Good Times
Come On”**

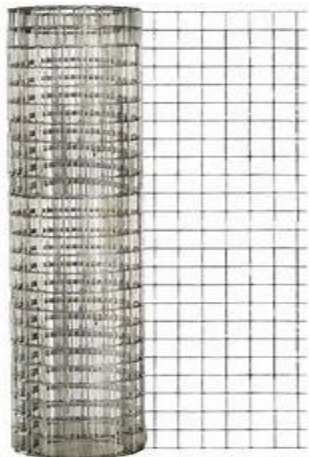


What does the planning team
need us to do to make this happen in 2021?



**WATCH FOR YOUR EMAIL INVITATION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS!
WE ASK THAT YOU RSVP, AS SOON AS YOU KNOW.....
IF you will be attending and HOW MANY from your family?**

*****FYI: If you see a St. James member that you know does not have email, assure them that a paper invitation will be arriving in their mailbox.***



FOR SALE...

The church parsonage fencing and posts around the garden area has been removed. We have approximately 35-40 posts and 5' of fence.

ASKING: \$2 a post and \$20 for the fence.

Contact Pastor Tonia if you are interested!