

WELCOME TO:

St. James' Outdoor Service "On the Lutheran Lawn" - 9:30am
Clap Your Hands as We Sing to the Lord!

Bring a Lawn Chair & Umbrella

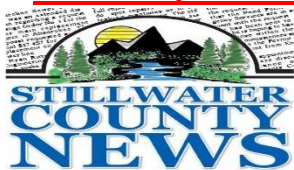
We will be honoring the 3 W's.....

"WATCH" our physical distancing –

We are set-up on the west lawn for our service so we have a full lawn of shade and a greater opportunity to be 6' apart & safe!

"WEAR" masks for the "Love of One Another".....

We want you to wear your mask during the entire worship service. Thanks.



Stillwater County News

As of Thursday Aug 20th FB Page

From the Stillwater Billings Clinic are up 33 cases with **9 active.**

Due to the directive of Governor Bullock, we are required to wear masks...

"WASH" and/or sanitize our hands

We ask you to, if you wish.....



**PRINT THIS BULLETIN..... to follow along with Sunday's
Worship Service - Streaming live or watch later!**

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St. James Lutheran Church

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August 23rd, 2020 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you have joined us here at St. James Lutheran Church.

Prelude

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

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

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe you provide enough for all. We fail to steward Your creation. We fail to love others. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so, we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

- Vs 1 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, No turning back!
- Vs 2 Tho no one join me, still I will follow, Tho no one join me, still I will follow,
Tho no one join me, still I will follow, No turning back, No turning back!
- Vs 3 The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, No turning back!
- Vs 4 Take the whole world, but give me Jesus, Take the whole world, but give me Jesus,
Take the whole world, but give me Jesus, No turning back, No turning back!

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 who pursue righteousness, you who 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.

Hear the Reading of Psalm 138

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

Hear the 2nd Reading: 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.***

Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel.

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

Hear the reading of the Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that 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: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: “Listen My Children”

Hymn for Reflection: “Freely, Freely”

Vs 1 God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name, I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name;
And in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share His love as He told me to.

Refrain:

He said, “*Freely, freely you have received: Freely, freely give.*
Go in my name and, because you believe, Others will know that I live.”

Vs 2 All pow’r is giv’n in Jesus’ name, In earth and heav’n in Jesus’ name,
And in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share His love as He told me to.

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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

MEAL

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, so we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

- Vs 1 Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me.
- Vs 2 To me, He is so wonderful, To me, He is so wonderful,
To me, He is so wonderful, Because He first loved me.
- Vs 3 And now, He is my righteousness, And now, He is my righteousness,
And now, He is my righteousness, Because He first loved me

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Christ is with you as we are sent out **to reflect the love of God.**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES THIS WEEK & BEYOND.....

Tuesday August 25th: *Bible Study @ 2:00pm
***B.Y.O.B. & B. - Bring your own Beverage and Bible.**

Sunday August 30th: **LPA Commissioning for Donna Zeigler**

We will Commission Donna Ziegler for the service of God as Lay Pastoral Associate during our worship service on August 30th.

Donna completed the LPA training from the Montana Synod ELCA this spring.
Join us in honoring our newest LPA.

A Lay Pastoral Associate in the Montana Synod is a congregational lay person who has received religious, educational training, through the Montana Synod, in order to provide short term pulpit supply (ie, preaching when the pastor is away). Their role is to fill in for the basic pastoral duties such as providing Word and Sacrament, communion, and other roles as approved by the Bishop.

Donna joins Larry Goehner, Sally Bisch, Judy Bjorkman, and Liz Cox as St. James' LPA's.

CONGRATULATIONS DONNA!



Bev Kem for letting us borrow your keyboard for our outdoor services!

Larry Goehner for leading our music today!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

August 2020 Altar Guild: Karen McDonald

August 2020 Cleaner(s): Jamie Hess & Kim Behrent and Corey & Lindsay Adams

August Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Brian & Sheri Luepke & Larry & Joy Goehner
(Any member attending church at this time is encouraged to help w/ this opportunity to serve. Thanks)

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

*For new prayer requests, please contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at jdbjorkman@hotmail.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:

Jeri, Steve Cowan's sister, as she fell earlier this week and suffered a severe brain bleed. May God give her and her family healing, comfort and peace.

We offer praise to:

Steve & Denise Cowan for hosting a beautiful wedding at their home for their grandson and his new wife this past weekend. God's blessings to the newly married couple.

We offer continued prayers for:

God's healing for Judy Bjorkman; Kathi Wagner; Terry Rudio; Dennis Gauthier; Aubree Mitchum; Bonnie Sherwood; Denise Cowan; Harold Riensche; Pete Hegg; Sally Bisch; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

We lift up those living with cancer: Dennis Gauthier; Les Lane; Kevin Ramer; Arvid Barnam and Jim Wilson.

All countries affected by the Coronavirus/Cofid-19 as they struggle to contain it and treat those who have contracted it. Please guide them; heal those who are afflicted with the virus; watch over their doctors, nurses and first responders; and halt its spread.

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

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER **Our 2020 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33

FYI.....YTD (Jan - July 2020) (\$11,176.69) under budget

August 2 nd Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,480</u>	under monthly budget (\$6,528.33)
August 9 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$3,790</u>	under monthly budget (\$2,738.33)
August 16 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 875</u>	under monthly budget (\$1,863.33)

Continued reminder to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

We should consider His church to be the same. (Hebrews 13:8).

“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.



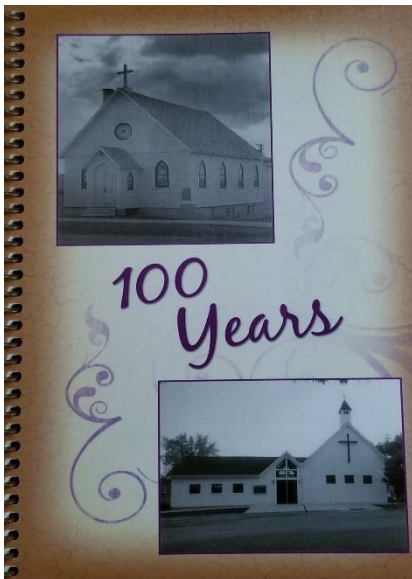
Happy August Anniversary

Bev & Bob Kem 8/3; Jim Dickey & Sally Bisch 8/4;
Harold & Laura Riensche 8/4; Mike & Lori Koski 8/25;
Brian & Sheri Luipke 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



Cookbooks have arrived!!
How exciting!

They are for sale NOW!
\$10 each

**A Collection of Recipes, History and Pictures
of St. James Lutheran Church!**

*Pick yours up at church on Sunday or get in touch with
Pastor Tonia, Karen, Denise or Betty and we will make sure
you get a copy or two or three. 😊*

Mission Offering for August benefits...

**Meadowlark Assisted Living, Beartooth Manor
and Shippo Assisted Living**

*Since Covid-19 and facilities are still closed, we will be purchasing gift cards for the
Directors to use for Special Treats, rent a New Movie, Donuts for staff, have a Special BBQ etc.*

*Simple
Reminders...*



You gotta look
for the good in the
bad, the happy in
your sad, the gain
in your pain,
and what makes
you grateful not
hateful.

Amen!