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, <u>PLEASE</u> let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name. We'd love to hear from 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

August 2023 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

September 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

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

September 2023 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Mina Morse & Jean Voldseth

August 2023 Reader: Maureen Hemphill

September 2023 Reader: Will someone offer to help this month?

August 27th,2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

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

August 27th,2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday

August 27th,2023 Gate Keepers: Brian Luepke & Donna Zeigler

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

Today -

Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship.

Please join us.....



TODAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th

FROM 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for a "WISH YOU WELL

and

WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU"

reception at the Columbus Meadowlark Assisted Living.

Hope to see you there!

St. James Lutheran Church

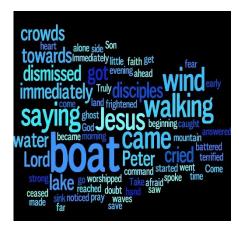
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Leader: Pastor Tonia Fisher Email: toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

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

share our faith and serve with the love of God"

Sunday August 27th, 2023 – 13th 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 alland also with you.

Call to Worship Hymn:

I SAW THE LIGHT - Hank Williams

Vs. 1 I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.
I would-n't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord, - I saw the light.

Refrain:

I saw the light. I saw the light. No more – darkness, no more - night. Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, - I saw the light.

- Vs 2 Just like a blind man I wandered along,
 Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
 Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight.
 Praise the Lord, I saw the light. *Refrain.*
- Vs 3 I was a fool to wander and stray,
 Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
 Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
 Praise the Lord, I saw the light. *Refrain.*

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

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness: ELW #742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



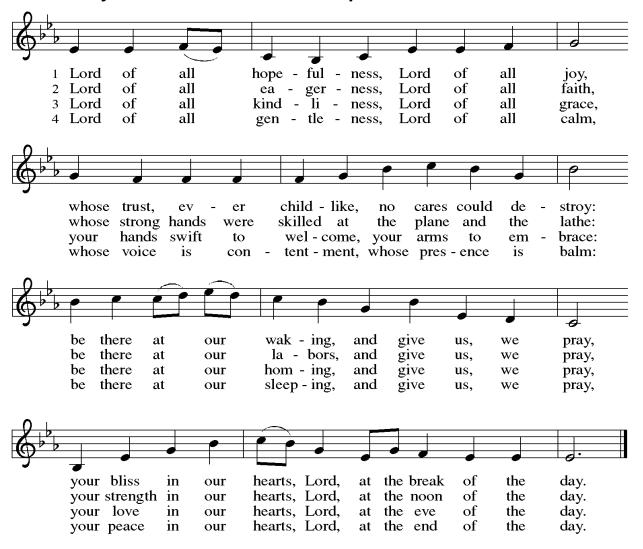
all be-cause we do not car - ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev-'ry weak-ness—take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: ELW #641 "All Are Welcome" vs 1,3 & 5



Prayer of the Day: ELW #765 "Lord of All Hopefulness"



WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."11He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Read Psalm 85:8-13 responsively by whole verse:

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, so your glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 14:22-33

²²Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

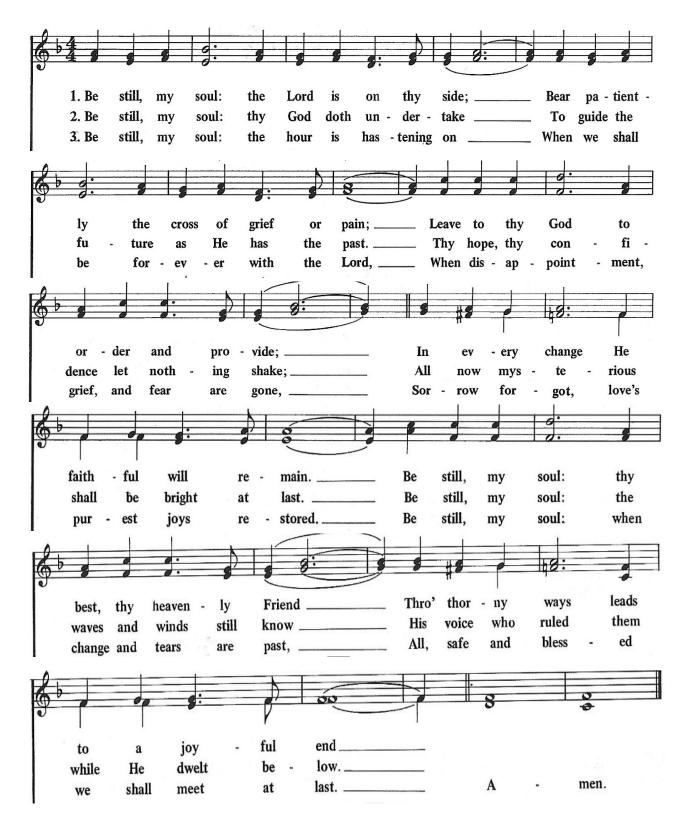
The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "I Alone"

Reflection Hymn: "Be Still My Soul"

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



Today's Creed ELW #412 "Come Join the Dance of Trinity"



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin-i-ty, new-born in Beth-le-hem;
- Come, speak a loud of Trin i ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With in the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun,



in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, the Son. then blood-ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. peo - ple free at tell the Sav - ior's name. Pen - te - cost to set of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, we sing the prais - es



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with in their dance. when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move! this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty. shape in song this joy, to

Prayers of the People ELW #752 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (P): ...hear our prayer, (C)sings, after each petition:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing,

After final petition: (C)sings,



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

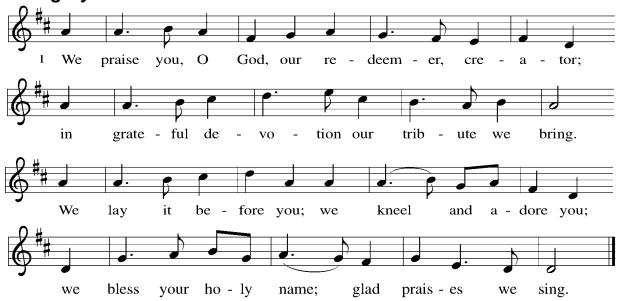


Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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 #870 "We Praise You O 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 #472 "Eat This Bread"



Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

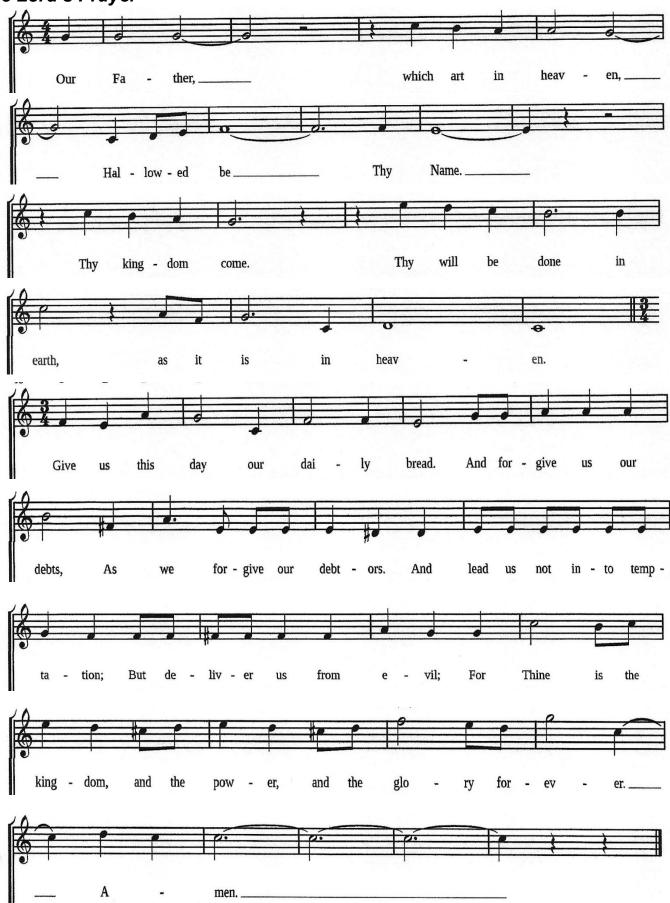
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praisewe 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.

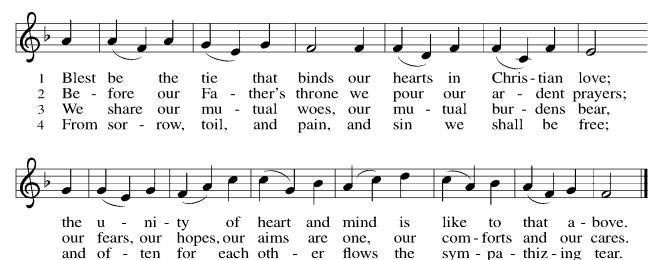
Invitation to Communion

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.

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

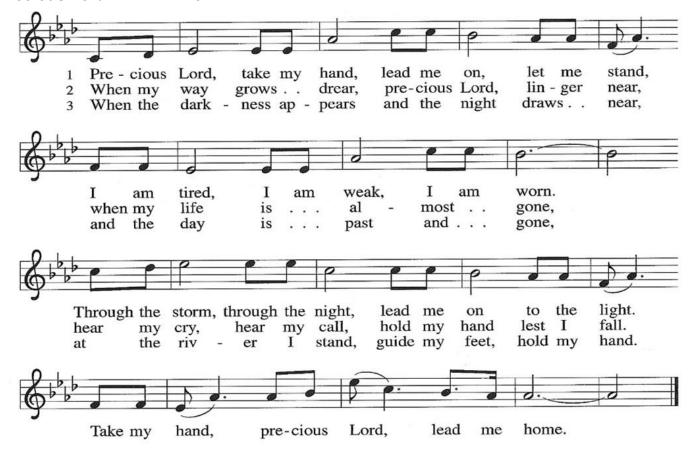
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ELW #656



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"Precious Lord" ELW #773



"Let us Break Bread Together" ELW #471



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

SENDING

Benediction..... and we say: Amen

Sending Hymn: ELW #677 "This Little Light of Mine"



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

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

Readings for 9/3/23 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28



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

Betty Ames signed up for the taxi
service this Sunday 8/27 for Sandy!

Thanks!

August Mission Offering benefits...

\$\$ for Project Hope's Backpack Program

ALSO: for Project Hope: PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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......

August 6th Offering gratefully received \$1,630.00
August 13th Offering gratefully received \$1,293.00
August 20th Offering gratefully received \$955.00

Total received so far this month \$3,878.00

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 the Goehner family as they begin their transition and move to Missoula into The Village Senior Living Facility on Sept. 5th. Bring peace to all for this very important and difficult decision. Amen.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for KayDel Shelton; 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; 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; Fire disasters in Maui, Hawaii

Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically & overseas, As well as their spouses and child

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 Tuesday,

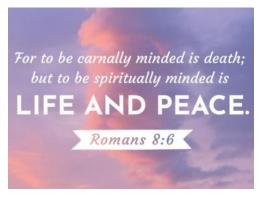
Bible Study is held at St. James 2:00pm. We study the upcoming Sunday lessons.

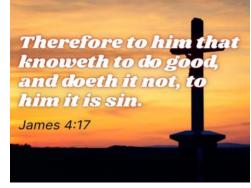
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

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:

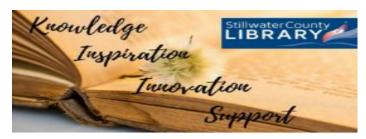




OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES to REFLECT GOD'S LOVE to OURSELVES, to EACH OTHER and to OUR NEIGHBORS

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







For more information, see the "Table Posters at St. James.

Future 2023 Dates:

REMINDER: BTLC Fall Women's Retreat is this Saturday 8/26/23.



"STAY & INVITE" Sunday Coffee Hour is September 3rd... Bill & Rae Ellen Strickland <u>INVITES</u> your family and/or your "pew neighbor" to <u>STAY</u> after worship TODAY for fellowship & laughter!

September Mission Offering benefits...

\$\$ for Columbus School's Lunch & Milk Programs



Bob Maurer 9/4; Steve Cowan 9/6; Marge Sunvold 9/6; Barbara Salte 9/15; Kyla Rouane 9/17;Thea Morse 9/18; Bob Kem 9/20; Crystal Gauthier 9/24; Pete Lofing 9/30



Happy September Anniversary

Nathan & Stacy Lofing 9/2; Joe & Mina Morse 9/4; Greg & Kristi Lofing 9/27

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



We will again "spoil" the wonderful, dedicated 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.

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2023

