

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.

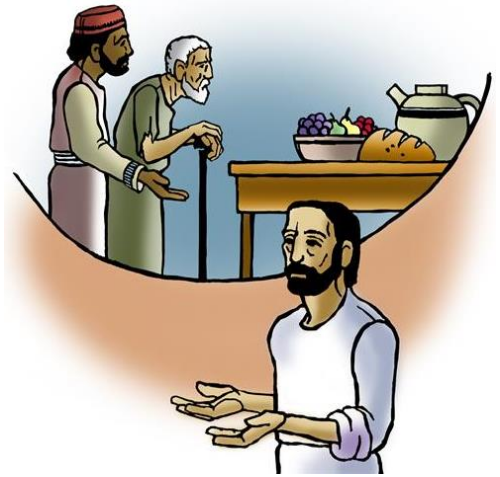
We hope you have taken the time to CHECK OUT these NEW programs from St. James, have opened the attachments, printed the pages, and ENJOYED the fun!
Again, PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!

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 28th, 2022 –
12th 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: "God, We Love This Congregation!"

to the tune "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Vs 1 God, we love this congregation! On this day, we're glad to see friends and neighbors, gathered, praying, as a church community. Young and old, we join in worship — some in-person, some online. We are drawn by faith and friendship to this blessed place and time.

Vs 2 In this year with all its trials, there are things that we have missed. Still, in Christ, you've walked beside us; by your Spirit, we've been blessed. Love's our history, love's our vision, Love's the work we're called to do. Bless us as our congregation moves together, serving you.

Prayer of the Day:

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, so we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Read Psalm 112 responsively by whole verse

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments! ²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.** ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever. ⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.** ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. ⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.** ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. ⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.** ⁹They have given freely to the poor and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor. ¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "It's Hard to Be Humble"

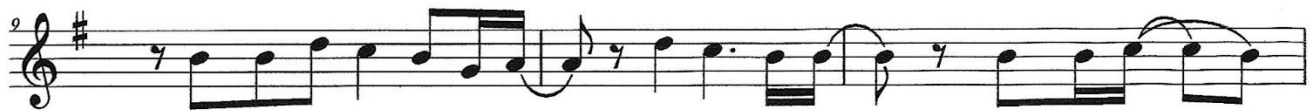
Reflection Hymn: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth —



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross — to the grave, —



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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, (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying" after each prayer.

P: Amen. (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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: "Eat This Bread"

Refrain



"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

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:

"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.

Refrain



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



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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"



- 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.

“Here is Bread”



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.



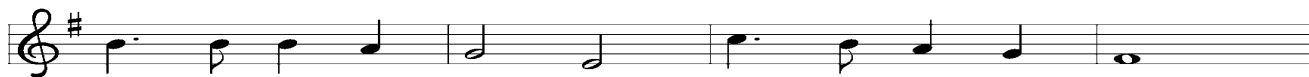
In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: “On Our Way Rejoicing”



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



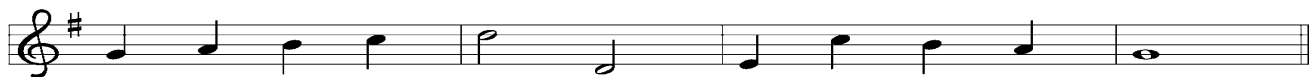
Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.



Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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

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TODAY:

➤ **Sunday August 28th, 2022** – Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship.

August Mission offerings.....

~ **Your continued support benefits
“Beartooth Manor” and
“Meadowlark & Shipp’s Assisted Living Facilities”**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

August 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

September 2022 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

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

September 2022 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Mina Morse & Jean Voldseth

August 2022 Reader(s): Donna Zeigler

September 2022 Reader(s): **Will someone sign-up for the month?**

August 28th,2022 Communion Helper(s): **Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?**

Thank you, Brian & Sheri Luepke for helping with communion last Sunday

September 2022 Communion Helper(s): **Will someone sign-up for the month?**

August 28th,2022 Usher(s): **Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?**

Thank you, Rae Ellen Strickland for ushering last Sunday.

September 2022 Usher(s): **Will someone sign-up for the month?**

August 28th,2022 Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

September 4th,2022 Gate Keepers: Chris Fleury & Joy Goehner

2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames



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

Quincy Davis 8/5; 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



Happy September Anniversary

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

Happy September Birthday

Bob Maurer 9/4; Steve Cowan 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

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 ÷ 12 months = \$8,008.33 needed each month.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

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| August 7 th Offering gratefully received | \$ 740.00 |
| August 14 th Offering gratefully received | \$3,349.00 |
| August 21 st Offering gratefully received | \$ 329.00 |

August Total so far: \$4,418.00

****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)
+ July (2,248.33) =**

YTD UNDER Monthly Budget by negative (\$6,034.17)

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).

*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 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 Connors; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder’s daughter in law, Lola.

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.***

REMINDER: *WE have one more month to gather for this very important project for Lutheran World Relief!! Take time to clean out that unused fabric, purchase a few spools of thread and deliver to the church! Thank You. Donna*



**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.

**Thank
You**

.....in advance for your donation of fabric & / or spools of thread.

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester) cut to size below:
✓ 2 ¼ yds of 58" – 62" wide or 3 yds of 42"-62" wide or 4 yds of 34"-37" wide
- Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES TO REFLECT GOD'S LOVE TO EACH OTHER AND TO OUR NEIGHBORS

- **Tuesday August 30th or Thursday September 1st, 2022** "Having Fun with Faith" email with Activity Sheets.
- **Wednesday August 31st, 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.
- **Friday September 2nd or Saturday September 3rd, 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.

Future dates:

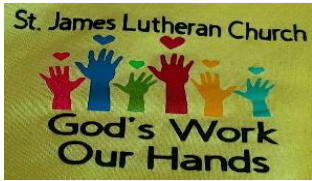
- **Sunday September 11th, 2022 – God's Work, Our Hand's Service**

St. James will be delivering cookie plates to our shut-in members and to those who "have to work" on Sunday's!!

THANK YOU for signing up to bring cookies and again, **START** bringing your cookies on Sunday 8/28 and 9/4.

**** watch for more information about plating and distributing to the businesses and our shut-in's.**



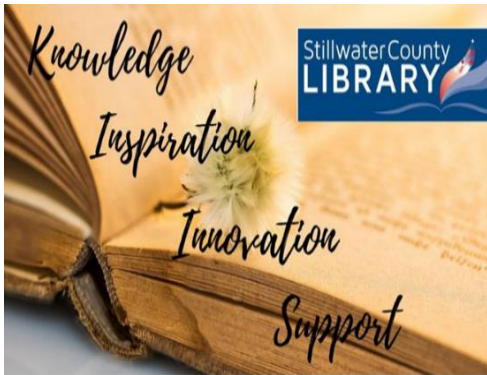


FOR SALE: T-shirts to wear during "God's work. Our hands." Sunday event & at other times when St. James serves our community. A mere **\$5.00** will get you one of these great shirts! We only have 15 left in a variety of sizes.
 ** FYI - Picture doesn't show exact color - The shirts are a bright yellow!!
 Pick one up at the church on Sunday!

- **Sunday September 18th, 2022 – "End of Summer" Picnic for St. James**
 *** Watch for more information for this great event!
- **Sunday September 25th, 2022 – Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship**

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.
 - ~This has been cancelled for the time being. ~~NEW Walking Group formed by UCC. Gather @ 8:30am @ the little Stone Church. All are Welcome! Coffee & rolls will follow at 9:15am~~
 - ~ Columbus Farmers Market – Granite Peak Park 4:00pm



Upcoming Future Events:

Learn to use the Heritage Quest database with Yellowstone Genealogy Forum - Saturday Sept. 10th @ 11:00 – Noon

Writing Montana with Dave Caserio

Saturday Sept. 17th @ 10:00am – 12:00pm

An outdoor workshop based on close observation of the natural world and exploration of the area. Contact the Library to register & mtg details.

"Banned Book" Week – Sunday Sept. 18th – Saturday Sept. 24th

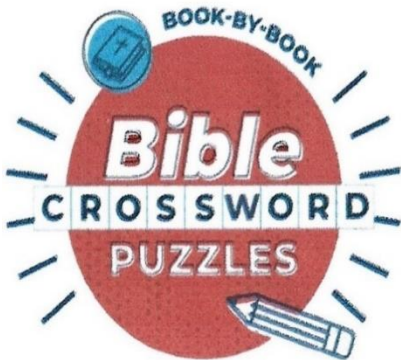
Banned book trivia Night, Age 14+ - Tuesday Sept. 20th 6:00- 7:00pm

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

**** Check Wednesday 8/24 Email for these puzzles**

1 Chronicles

1 Thessalonians



1. Lahmi
2. Blood
3. Adam
4. Lamech
5. Japheth
6. Sword
7. Medium
8. Jerusalem
9. Solomon
10. Michal

1. NONE
2. Heaven
3. Misinformed (across)
3. Motives (down)
4. Sober
5. Blameless
6. Quiet
7. Forever
8. Night
9. Continually
10. Good