

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

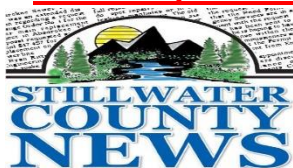
We will be honoring the 3 W's.....

"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 Friday Aug 28th FB Page

From the Stillwater Billings Clinic are up 36 cases with **10 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 30th, 2020 – 13th 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: "Oh For a 1000 Tongues to Sing"

- Vs 1 Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
- Vs 2 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.
- Vs 3 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Prayer of the Day:

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Commissioning for Service as a Lay Pastoral Associate:

P: We are honored that from among us Donna Zeigler, has completed preparation for and has been commissioned to serve..... as a Lay Pastoral Associate.

P: And I ask of you, the members and friends of St. James, will you also accept the service of this servant of God when called upon by our congregation; will you support, respect, and acknowledge Donna in her commitment to serve us, receive through her the message of salvation, respect her in her gifts, honor her for her work's sake, and help Donna as a caring leaders among us, in all things striving to live in peace and unity in Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to grant us the grace, wisdom, and holy and loving ways so to do.

P: We hereby fully acknowledge you in your commitment to serve the Lord as a Lay Pastoral Associate.

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Donna from the
Montana Synod and the Church at St. James, Columbus, MT.*

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of

merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Hear the Reading of Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart. the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 12: 9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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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: 21-28

²¹From that time on, after Peter confessed Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon: “God’s Word Becomes Joy For Us”

Hymn for Reflection: “Fill My Cup, Lord”

Vs 1 Like the woman at the well I was seeking; For things that could not satisfy.
And then I heard my Savior speaking: “Draw from the well that never shall run dry.”

Chorus:

*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord; Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

Vs 2 There are millions in this world who are craving, the pleasure earthly things afford.
But none can match the wondrous treasure; That I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Back to Chorus:

Vs 3 So my brother, if the things this world gave you, leaves hungers that won’t pass away.
My blessed Lord will come and save you, if you kneel to Him and humbly pray.

Back to Chorus:

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.

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

*Communion will look a little different during our season of Covid-19.
It will still be the Lord's supper.*

We **WILL OPEN** our pre-packaged wafer and partake the body of Christ **with Pastor.**

We **WILL OPEN** our pre-packaged juice and partake the blood of Christ **with Pastor.**

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Send Me Jesus"

Vs 1 Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Vs 2 I am willing; I am willing; I am willing, willing, Lord.

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.....

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

Donna completed the LPA training from the Montana Synod ELCA this spring.

Thank you for joining us today 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!

Also, TODAY

Church Council Meeting after Worship Service

Tuesday September 1st:

*Bible Study @ 2:00pm

***B.Y.O.B. & B. - Bring your own Beverage and Bible.**



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

Larry & Joy Goehner and Brian & Sheri Luepke for leading our hymns last Sunday.

Donna Zeigler for reading the lessons.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

August 2020 Altar Guild: Karen McDonald

September 2020 Altar Guild: Chris Hollingsworth

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

September 2020 Cleaner(s): Chris & Brett Hollingsworth

August Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Brian & Sheri Luepke & Larry & Joy Goehner

September 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



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 Luepke 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

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 continued prayers for:

God's healing for Jeri, Steve Cowan's sister; 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)
August 23 rd Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 235</u>	under monthly budget (\$1,628.33)

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.



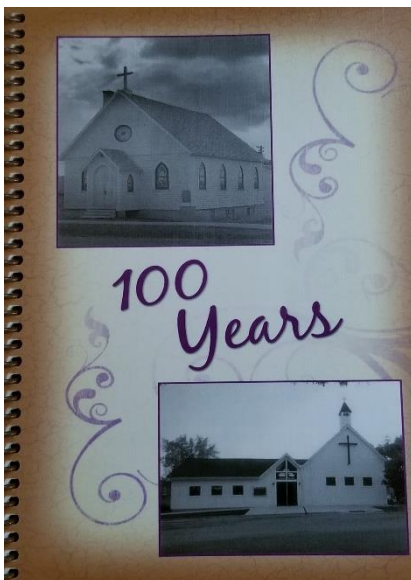
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*Nathan & Stacy Lofing 9/2; Joe & Mina Morse 9/4;
Greg & Kristi Lofing 9/27*



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*



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 Shipps 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.

Mission Offering for September benefits...

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Simple Reminders...

