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!!!!!

God Bless you, Quincy!



St. James was blessed to Baptize
Quincy Davis on Sunday July 17th.
Our church was full of family & friends
to witness & celebrate with Quincy.
Also,

Hoppy Birthday wishes go out to her on August 5th!

In this birthday month, Quincy's family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support this last year. Blessings to all!

Blessings to Quincy, her Parents & God Parents.



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 7th, 2022 - 9th 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





Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Read Psalm 33:12-22 responsively by whole verse

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage! ¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind. ¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth. ¹⁵God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds. ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength. ¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save. ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love, ¹⁹to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine. ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield. ²¹Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust. ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear they are seeking a homeland. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40

Jesus said: ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and

knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Your Father's Good Pleasure"

Reflection Hymn: "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

- Vs 1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!
- Vs 2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!
- Vs 3 Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!
- Vs 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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: "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"



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.



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

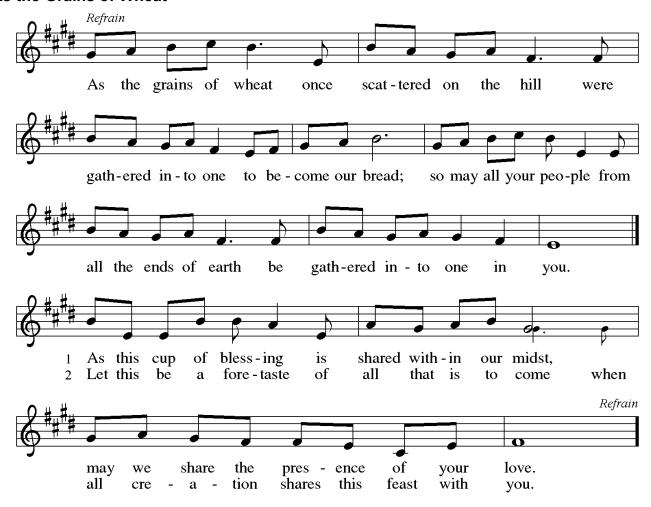


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"Let Us Break Bread Together"



"As the Grains of Wheat"



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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Go My Children"

Vs 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

- Vs 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace & pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- Vs 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
 Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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

Project Hope announces:

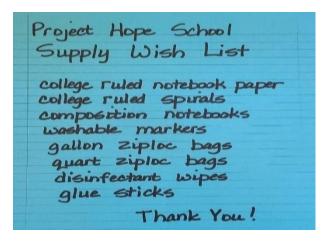
We have a new date--please join us Saturday, August 6th – 6:00pm for a groovy 70s party!

Catering by Cajun Phatty's and live music by Dave Oltrogge and company. Thank you to our main event sponsor, Sibanye Stillwater, and to our other generous sponsors, Stillwater Wind/Pattern Energy, Yellowstone Bank, and Big Horn Tire, for making this event possible!



Also, St. James is continuing to collect this month.... School Supplies for Project Hope!!

FYI..... A tub is available for your items. Let us know if you need us to pick them up for you! THANKS!



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

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

August 2022 Reader(s): Will someone sign up to read this month?

August 2022 Communion Helper(s): Will someone sign up to help this month?

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

August 2022 Usher(s): Will someone sign up to help this month?

Thank you Rae Ellen Strickland for ushering last Sunday.

August 7th, 2022 Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler & Chris Fleury

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;



James

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

When I received this card from Connie for my birthday, it reminded me of the dedication and love she has given all of us each month for so long!



We give you sincere THANKS for sending out anniversary and birthday cards each month to our St. James members who signed up on our "birthday/anniversary list" at least <u>5 years ago!!!</u>

God's blessings to your dedication and love!

***If you are NOT on our list and would like to be, please email info to btyames@yahoo.com

Vicky & Bill Thompson invite the members of St. James Lutheran Church to the Retirement Party for their son, Brent.



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

- > Tuesday August 9th or Thursday August 11th,2022
 - "Having Fun with Faith" email with Summer Activity Sheets.
- Wednesday August 10th, 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.
- Thursday August 11th, 2022 St. John's United

Summer Concert @ 7pm

This **FINAL** concert will take place at "Windstone" in the Billings Heights.

Opener: Halladay Quist

Headliner: Rob & Halladay Quist

Friday August 12th or Saturday August 13th, 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

vour family & friends.

Future dates:

Sunday September 4th, 2022 -

Help Pastor Tonia with services at Meadowlark (2pm) and Beartooth (3pm)

- > 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!! Watch for the upcoming "ask" to bring cookies!!
- Sunday September 18th, 2022 "End of Summer" Picnic for St. James
 *** Watch for future 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.
 - ~The NEW Walking Group formed by UCC. Gather @ 8:30am @ the little Stone Church. All are Welcome! Coffee & rolls will follow at 9:15am



This Week's Events:

Summer Storytime w/Ms. Lisa came to an end last week and the Director states "We had such great fun!" She also thanked all of the local business donors for their pretty amazing prizes. They hope to see everyone again next June!

School & Daycare Outreach: The library will be delivering weekly storytimes to the schools, daycares and homeschool co-ops along with STEAM/STEM and/or craft programs.

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.



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.

The Church Council would like to invite you to donate fabric that you may not be using (cotton or cotton blend only). In addition to fabric, spools of thread are needed in 250-300 (yards each). If you can donate fabric and/or thread, please pick up a sheet of requirements after church during the month of June. We will promote this campaign this summer and be ready to ship these kits to Lutheran World Relief this fall. If you have any questions, please call Donna at 406-322-4452. If I don't answer, please leave a message so I can get back with you. This is a good time to clean out that fabric you haven't used but find it hard to let go of them and instead put them to good use through the Lutheran World Relief. Donna Zeigler



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Fabric Kits

ewing is a valuable skill that can help men and women earn reliable income. Fabric Kits provide fabric and thread for vocational training programs teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses.

Please review the General Assembly instructions on Page 1 before assembling Fabric Kits.



- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below. Pieces do not need to match:
 - 2 1/4 yards of 58"-62" wide fabric, or
 - 3 yards of 42"-45" wide fabric, or
 - 4 yards of 34"-37" wide fabric
- Two spools of matching or neutralcolored general purpose thread. 250-300 yards each



Here are the size requirements.



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......

July 3 rd Offering gratefully received	\$1,105.00
July 10 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,230.00
July 17 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,970.00
July 24 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 800.00
July 31st Offering gratefully received	\$ 655.00
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July Total so far: \$5,760.00

**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) =YTD UNDER Monthly Budget by minus (\$3,785.84)

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!

<u>Tithe.ly</u> (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 new prayers for:

Leslie Mullins as she grieves the death of her mother, Renae. Comforting God, be with Leslie and her family as they mourn the death of her mother. Be near to the family, bless memories and their time together as they grieve. We also lift up Roger and ask for Your healing, for wisdom for his doctors and specialists. Strengthen Leslie as she cares for him. We give You thanks for your constant presence. Amen.

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.

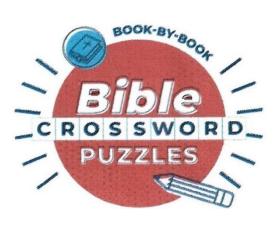
Those living with cancer: Bob Rouane; Roger Mullin; Shane DeHaven; Mary Ann Conners; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those affected in our surrounding area by the recent flooding & the needs for its clean-up & lasting effects. 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.

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

** Check Wednesday 8/3 Email for these puzzles



2 Samuel

- 1. NONE
- 2. Mephibosheth
- 3. Jebusites (across)
- 3. Jonathan (down)
- 4. Michal
- 5. Uriah
- 6. Absalom
- 7. Hair
- 8. Bathsheba
- 9. Solomon
- 10. Amnon

Ephesians

- 1. Church
- 2. Power
- 3. NONE
- 4. Predestined
- 5. Transgressions
- 6. Faith
- 7. Hostility
- 8. Household
- 9. Armor
- 10. Patient