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!



Click on image OR FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana



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!!!!

Friday September 23rd,2022



\$50 will purchase a ticket for this Special K Ranch Dinner!

**Click on the picture for the link to information for the entire evening

Sunday September 25th, 2022 -

Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship



Reminder.....

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS at St. James!!

We are again providing the St. James "Taxi" Service from Meadowlark to Church, this time for Jo Lind.

Signed up for this Sunday 9/25 is Brian & Sheri Luepke.

Please give her a call on Saturday and again on Sunday morning @ (406) 322-4497 to let her know what time you will be arriving to pick her up. She is living in Suite #13.

September Mission offerings.....



for the Project Hope Food Bank!

Happy <mark>September Anniversar</mark>y

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

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 September 25th, 2022 – 16th 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

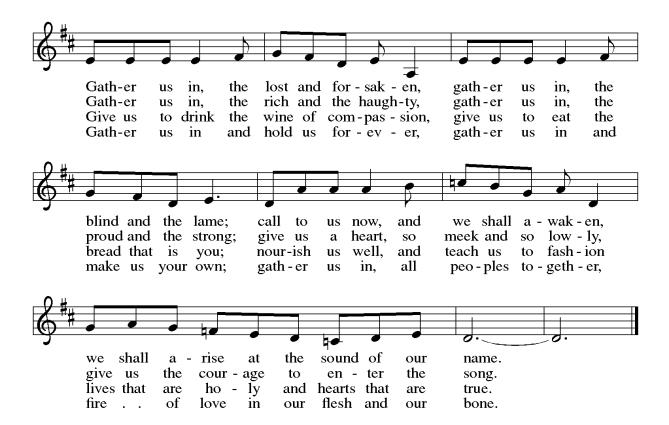
Confession & Forgiveness

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path which leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Gather Us In"





Prayer of the Day:

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure which comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Read Psalm 146 responsively by whole verse

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God; ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all which is in them; who keeps promises forever; ¬who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free. ⁶The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁶The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of the wicked. ¹oThe Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. 11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession. I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

Jesus said: 19"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Merciful Reversal of Fortune"

Reflection Hymn: "Christ Be Our Light"



The 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.

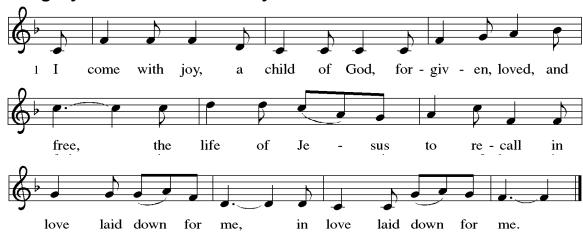
Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing The Offering Hymn: "We Are an Offering"



Offering Prayer

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "I Come with Joy"



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

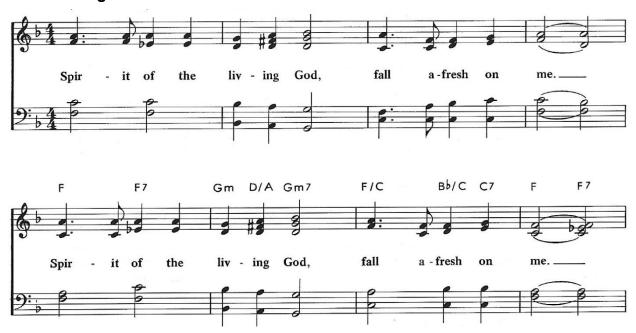
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

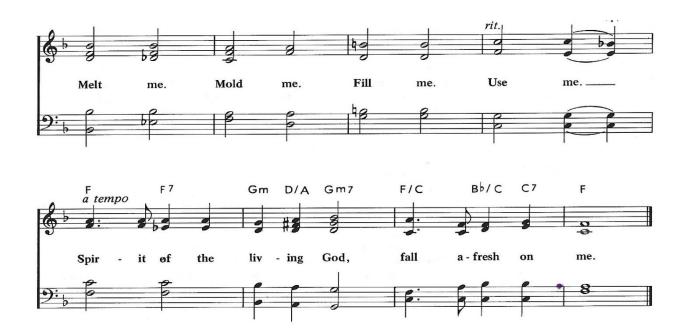
Invitation to Communion

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:

"Spirit of the Living God"

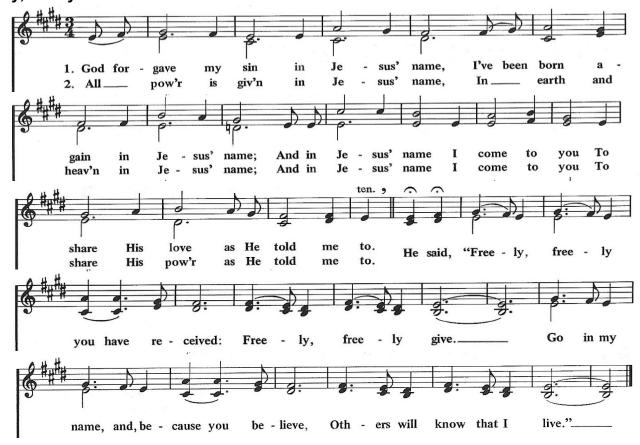




"Heavenly Father, I Appreciate You"



"Freely, Freely"

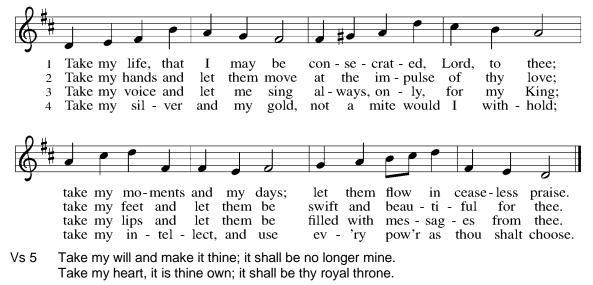


Prayer after Communion.... and we say: Amen.

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Take My Life, That I May Be"



Vs 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for thee.

Dismissal Go in peace, with Christ beside you. Thanks be to God.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

September 2022 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

October 2022 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

September 2022 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Mina Morse & Jean Voldseth **October 2022 Cleaner(s):** Lance & Patty Sundberg and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

September 25th, 2022 Reader(s): Donna Zeigler

Thank you, Donna Zeigler for reading last Sunday

October 2022 Reader(s): Randy & KayDel Shelton

September 25th,2022 Communion Helper(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke

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

September 25th,2022 Usher(s): Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?

Thank you, Carrie Williams for ushering last Sunday.

September 25th,2022 Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler & Chris Fleury

October 2nd,2022 Gate Keepers: Joy Goehner & Brian Luepke

2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

October Mission offerings.....

~ Your continued support benefits





Kruizin' 4 Seniors' mission is to give back and brighten the lives of area elderly by fulfilling wishes primarily at Christmas, but also throughout the rest of the year.

Also, we are collecting...... for Project Hope Food Bank



Peanut Butter &



Jelly!

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:

Bob & Bev Kem who came down with Covid last week and for Vi Ekle who went to the hospital on Tuesday with Covid. We pray for healing for them as they battle this disease, and wisdom to their doctors and care givers.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Bonny Rouse; Joy Goehner; 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: Pastor Tonia; Bob Rouane; Roger Mullin; Shane DeHaven; Mary Ann Conners; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; 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.



Justin Lofing 10/3; Leslie Mullin 10/3; BJ Morse 10/5; Toni Rouane 10/9; Brian Luepke 10/10; Joni Morse 10/20; Pastor Tonia Fisher 10/23; Ken Hajek 10/24; Molly Adams 10/25; Mary Hajek 10/26

Happy October Anniversary

Roger & Leslie Mullin 10/1

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......

September 4th Offering gratefully received \$962.00 September 11th Offering gratefully received \$1,710.00 September 18th Offering gratefully received \$1,485.00 Total received so far this month \$4,157.00

**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) + August (\$2,250.33) =

YTD UNDER Monthly Budget by negative (\$8,284.50)

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)



Dwelling in the Word

Join in a 30-minute Zoom conversation with others around the Montana Synod for a time of "Dwelling in the Word", a practice of listening to a passage of scripture and pondering what the Holy Spirit might be saying to each person during the time together. Since March of 2020, DEM Peggy Paugh Leuzinger and others in the Synod have joined in this time to pray, converse, and support one another. The same Zoom link with be used for the rest of 2022. Please save the link to your calendar to use each week or as often as you are able to join.

Topic: Dwelling in the Word every Thursday 8:30 am

Every week on Thu, until Dec 29, 2022, 18 occurrence(s)

To Join Zoom Meeting: Click on the link below:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84336859392?pwd=OXR1ZXNCSjFuZTJOaUZHWWVmK3F6OToq

Meeting ID: 843 3685 9392

Passcode: 740661



SUMMER - PROJECT FABRIC KITS



We <u>COULD</u> use more spools of thread (general purpose – 250-300 yards).

**Use these pictures to match the fabric or just purchase a neutral color.

FYI: Each kit needs 2 pieces of fabric and 2 matching spools of thread.



.....for this wonderful donation of fabric & / or spools of thread.

Watch for the specific date in October when we will be putting these kits together.

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

REMINDERS:

- Every Tuesday or Thursday "Having Fun with Faith" email with Activity Sheets.
- Every Wednesday 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.
- Every Friday or Saturday 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 & enjoy and share with your family & friends.

FUTURE DATES:

➤ Wednesday September 28th,2022 – Choir Practice @ UCC 7:00pm **Notice the time

Sunday October 2nd,2022 – Pastor Appreciation Sunday



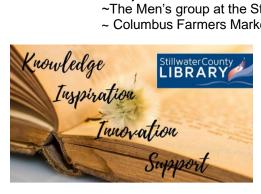
** Watch for more information for this very special day!!

Combined Choir from St. James/UCC will sing!

ALSO: ** St. James will have a service and visit the residents at Meadowlark 2pm & Beartooth 3pm and would love you to help. Join Pastor Tonia for this wonderful service.

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 embroideretts 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.
 - ~ Columbus Farmers Market Granite Peak Park 4:00pm



Upcoming Future Library Events:

"Banned Book" Week – Sunday Sept. 18th – Saturday Sept. 24th
Banned book trivia Night, Age 14+ - Tuesday Sept. 20th 6:00- 7:00pm

"Sunflower Oil Pastel Drawing" Saturday, Sept. 24th 10:30am – 11:30am All supplies are included for FREE! AGES: 12 and up!

- Upcoming Choir Practices @ UCC
- Saturday October 22nd,2022

**Dates & Time to be decided



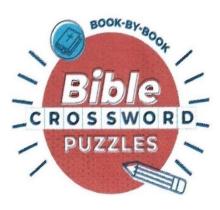
- Sunday October 30th,2022 Reformation Sunday
- Sunday November 6th,2022 All Saints Sunday
 - ** Please let Donna Zeigler know of any loved ones who have passed this year!!

Also.....
Sunday November 6th:



THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

** Check Wednesday 9/21 Email for these puzzles



Esther

- 1. Vashti
- 2. Hadassah
- 3. Mordecai
- 4. Twelve
- 5. Xerxes
- 6. Haman
- 7. Perish
- 8. Banquet
- 9. Impaled
- 10. NONE

Titus

- 1. Righteous
- 2. Salvation
- 3. Hope
- 4. Crete
- 5. Lie
- 6. Rebellious
- 7. Gluttons
- 8. Twice
- 9. Unproductive
- 10. Authority

Simple Reminders...

