

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

Below are the suggested recommendations for our process of Worship each Sunday.....

- The wearing of a mask is now considered “optional”.
***Please respect the decision of others, as they choose to wear or not to wear a mask.*
- You continue to have the opportunity to watch FB Live or YouTube Live on our Website, if you still do not feel comfortable to attend in person.

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!

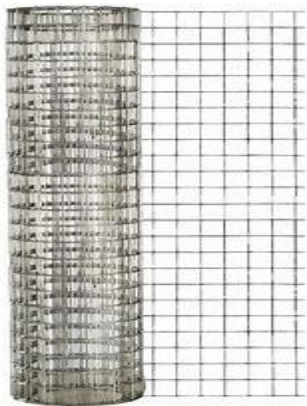


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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

****Scroll down to “Click here for the St. James YouTube link”**



FOR SALE...

The church parsonage fencing and posts around the garden area has been removed. We have approximately 35-40 posts and 5' of fence.

ASKING: \$2 a post and \$20 for the fence.

Contact Pastor Tonia if you are interested!

Mission Offering for September 2021 benefits...

Pastor's Discretionary Fund



...for your continued support of our monthly missions.
Your generosity is welcomed and so appreciated!

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 26th, 2021 -
18th Sunday after Pentecost**



**This is Lewis and Clark's salt works in Seaside, OR.
They boiled salt water 24/7 to collect enough salt for their trip home.**

FYI - Uses for salt:

To preserve food just pack it in salt

Salt enhances the flavor of many foods and it brings out subtle flavors

Salt is used as a Cleanser - To remove stains, rub salt into the cloth while it is damp

Salt absorbs stains

You can soak colored cloth in salt water

To clean brass, mix salt and vinegar until it makes a past

Pouring boiling salt water on weeds will kill them

Freshen smelly shoes = sprinkle salt inside

Pour onto grease spill

Gargle w salt water to get rid of sore throat

To refresh a sponge, soak it in cold salt water 10 minutes

Honey/Salt Mixture:

Mixing salt (Himalayan Sea salt is recommended) and honey makes a perfect mask for your face - and it is a great remedy for acne. It can also help with depression by regulating serotonin levels in the brain. It also helps regulate melatonin, which is essential for sleep. All you have to do is combine five teaspoons of raw, organic honey with one teaspoon of pink Himalayan Sea salt in a jar. Then, place a small amount of this mixture under your tongue right before you head off to bed.

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

Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God, joining us by watching the live/recorded service or in spirit and prayer.

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 our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "O Savior, Precious Savior"



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Prayer of the Day:

Generous God, Your Son gave his life so we might come to peace with You. Give us a share of Your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to

them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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

Read Psalm 19:7-14 responsively by whole verse

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;** ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.** ¹¹Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²**Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.** ¹³Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark: Glory to you, O Lord.

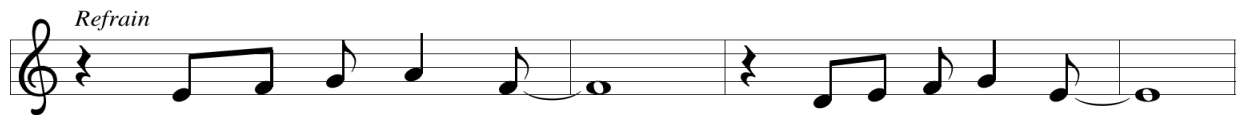
Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

Sermon: "Pass the Salt"

Hymn for Reflection: "Change My Heart O God"



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

.....and also with you.

MEAL

...we thank you for your faithful generosity to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings which allows us to do God's work with our hands.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Table Setting Hymn: "As the Grains of Wheat" (Refrain only)

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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

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:

“Now the Silence”



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



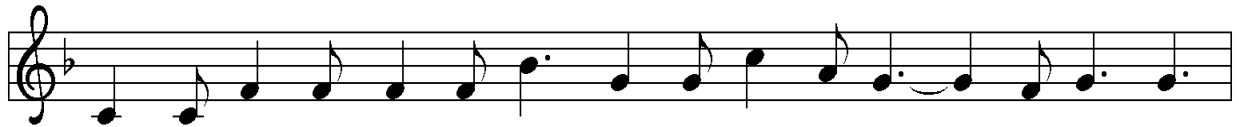
Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

"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.

"In the Singing"



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



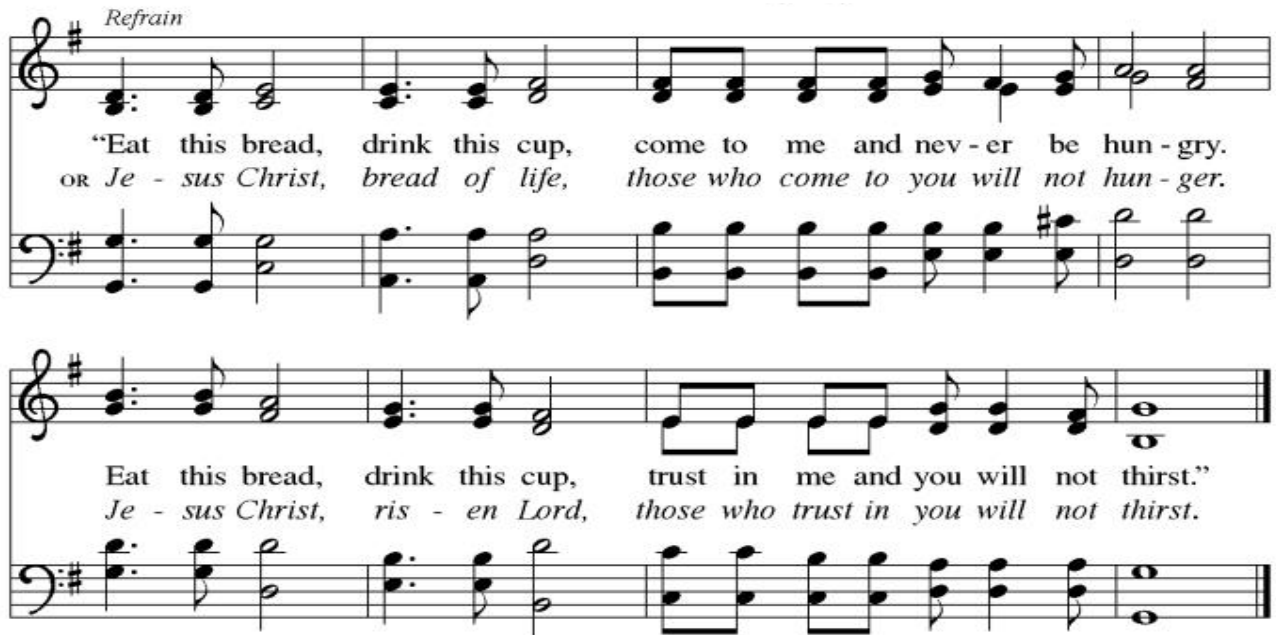
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

“Eat This Bread”

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Dismissal:

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God.

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An opportunity to care for the Lord's Table....

Altar Guild is looking for new members..... The schedule has been arranged to be more flexible to meet your needs. A specific task list and personal instruction will be

given to anyone who would like to be involved in this ministry.

For more information, please contact:

Kim Behrent (406) 321-2535 or **Pastor Tonia** (406) 656-9557

STILL SERCHING.....

Is there any member interested in assuming the ministry of Prayer Chain requests?



A group email list of those who have been interested in receiving this information, will be provided to you. Church members will contact you with a prayer request, providing you with names (ask for sp. if you are unsure) and all pertinent and correct information. You will then email the request to the specified group. Please let Pastor Tonia or Betty Ames know if you'd be interested in this ministry.

Thank you for your consideration.

In the meantime, continue to contact Pastor Tonia with your requests, either by text (406) 656-9557 or email toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, & those battling cancer or other illnesses.

We offer new prayers for:

Connie Bokma, who received an abnormal reading on her mammogram this past week. She will be having an ultrasound and possible biopsy. God of healing, comfort Connie as waits for her tests, give compassion and skill to those who perform them and wisdom to those who will read it. Thank You for your presence with Connie on this journey.

Patty Sundberg's mother, Joan, who is in a hospital in Billings suffering a blood clot in her leg and lungs.

Lord of healing, give Joan Your peace, wisdom to her doctors and comfort to Patty and family. Amen.

The Harry Peck family as they mourn his death. God of comfort be with Julie, Lorie and Jan as they grieve.

We offer continued prayers for:

The family of Dennis Gauthier as they celebrate his beautiful life on Sunday, 9/26 @ Noon at the Columbus High School Gym. A reception will immediately follow in the Commons Area.

The family of Teri Allsup as they honor her beautiful life on Saturday, 10/2 @ 2:00pm with a short memorial service at St. James Lutheran Church. The family is kindly asking people to please wear masks to this event. Immediately following will be an outdoors reception at Kroney Island (4655 Hwy 78).

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Steve Cowan; Baby Quincy Davis; Dorcus Atzbach; Bev Kem; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

Those living with cancer: Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola; Ashley Foster; Aracelii Enano; Ann Pomeroy; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson
Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects, especially Vi's brother, Ron.

**Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically and overseas,
As well as their spouses and children at home.**

Reminders..... Coming this week....

- Bible Study Tuesday September 28th @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB September 29th or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to an email or can be found on our Website.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

September 2021 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

September 2021 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Chris Fleury

September 2021 Reader: Will you sign-up to help?

September 2021 Usher(s): Will you sign-up to help?

September 2021 Communion Helper(s): Will you sign-up to help?

September Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan,
Larry & Joy Goehner, Brian & Sheri Luepke, Chris Fluery & Judy Bjorkman

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

St. James has INTERNET!

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE, PHONE or IPad/TABLET,
CLICK ON - **St. James**

Then, USE THIS PASSWORD: **95theses1517**



Take a few minutes to visit our St. James' Website.

Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org **

**Bookmark this page for your own future use

"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.

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).



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



Happy September Anniversary

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

St. James wants to CELEBRATE this year - 2021!



**“Celebrate Good Times
Come On”**



**What does the planning team
need us to do to make this happen in 2021?**

- 1) YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EMAIL INVITATION AND WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE RESPOND TO Carrie Williams or Denise Cowan WITH YOUR RSVP INFORMATION.**
- 2) If you don't have email, WATCH YOUR P.O. BOX for YOUR INVITATION AND PLEASE RESPOND TO Carrie W. & Denise C.**

- 3) IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SUNDAY SERVICES – Pastor will send sign-up sheets around with the items that we hope you can help us with to make this a successful event.**
- 4) IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING AS OF YET, the 1st of October we will be calling our members to ask you to sign up to help bring, donate, setup, decorate etc. WE DO HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER HELPING AND ATTENDING THIS VERY CELEBRATION.**