

WELCOME TO:

St. James' Worship Service - 9:30am
Clap Your Hands as We Sing to the Lord!
Worship Service will be held in the Sanctuary this morning.

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

“WATCH” our physical distancing –

We have designated pews for us to sit in to make sure we are distanced properly.

“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 September 4th FB Page

From the Stillwater Billings Clinic are up 40 cases with **8 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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September 6th, 2020 – 14th 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

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

Vs 1 Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me.

Vs 2 To me, He is so wonderful, To me, He is so wonderful, To me, He is so wonderful, Because He
first loved me.

Vs 3 And now, He is my righteousness, And now, He is my righteousness,
And now, He is my righteousness, Because He first loved me

Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything which is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷⁻⁹ "You, son of man, are the watchman. I've made you a watchman for Israel. The minute you hear a message from me, warn them. If I say to the wicked, 'Wicked man, wicked woman, you're on the fast track to death!' and you don't speak up and warn the wicked to change their ways, the wicked will die unwarned in their sins and I'll hold you responsible for their bloodshed. But if you warn the wicked to change their ways and they don't do it, they'll die in their sins well-warned and at least you will have saved your own life. ¹⁰ "Son of man, speak to Israel. Tell them, 'You've said, "Our rebellions and sins are weighing us down. We're wasting away. How can we go on living?"' ¹¹ "Tell them, 'As sure as I am the living God, I take no pleasure from the death of the wicked. I want the wicked to change their ways and live. Turn your life around! Reverse your evil ways! Why *die*, Israel?'

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

Hear the Reading of Psalm 119:33-40

GOD, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course. Give me insight so I can do what you tell me—my whole life one long, obedient response. Guide me down the road of your commandments; I love traveling this freeway! Give me a bent for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot. Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets, invigorate me on the pilgrim way. Affirm your promises to me - promises made to all who fear you. Deflect the harsh words of my critics - but what you say is always so good. See how hungry I am for your counsel; preserve my life through your righteous ways!

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸⁻¹⁰ Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is *love*. ¹¹⁻¹⁴ But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

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

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 18:15-20

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love. ¹⁸⁻²⁰ "Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

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

Sermon: "The Watchman"

Donna Zeigler, LPA

Hymn for Reflection: "Just As I Am"

- Vs 1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
- Vs 2 Just as I am, tho' tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
- Vs 3 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

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.

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

- 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 and 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:

Remember the poor as you are sent to **reflect the love of God.**

Go in peace.

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TODAY September 6th:

Donna Zeigler for leading our worship service.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES THIS WEEK & BEYOND.....

Pastor Tonia is on vacation from 9/3 thru 9/11.

If you have any pastoral emergencies, please contact:

Pastor Robert Leaverton @ (406) 321-2980 (c) or (406) 328-6520 (h)

If you have a general church concern, please contact
one of the Council Members.

Tuesday September 8th:

*Bible Study @ 2:00pm

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

CONGRATULATIONS DONNA!



LPA Commissioning Service for Donna Zeigler

Donna completed the LPA training from the Montana Synod ELCA this spring. Thank you for joining us last Sunday when we honored our newest LPA.



Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition and flowers to Donna from the Montana Synod & St. James Church and Council Members.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

September 2020 Altar Guild: Chris Hollingsworth

September 2020 Cleaner(s): Chris & Brett Hollingsworth

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



Lutheran Disaster Response

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran Disaster Response - ELCA



Hurricane Laura, a powerful Category 4 storm, has hit Louisiana and parts of Texas with devastating force, causing at least three deaths, major damage and leaving hundreds of thousands without power. With extremely dangerous storm surge and

winds of at least 150 mph, it's one of the most powerful storms to hit the area in a century, and it left widespread destruction in its wake.

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response (Upbring) and the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Southwestern Texas synods, which are assessing the immediate needs and initiating a response. While the extent of the damage is not yet known, we will accompany devastated communities from immediate relief through long-term recovery.

Your gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100%) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

REMINDER.....

Are you starting to put change into YOUR "PIGGY" Bank or "BARNYARD" Bank?



ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.



***There are extra banks in case you haven't picked yours up yet!
OR bring your coin in a baggie with your name on it
OR write us a check and designate in the memo "for Piggy Bank" fund!***

Just \$30 can provide a piglet to a family in need. When this little piggy grows up, she will give birth to as many as 16 piglets each year. Pigs help fertilize fields, provide food to eat and can be sold at market for much-needed income. What a BIG difference a pig can make! We are distributing these coin boxes for our entire congregation to collect offerings.

Just bring your bank full of coin (the banks are EXTREMELY HAPPY we are sharing our coins with them) or cash to the church and Donna will deposit it for you.

***Thank you, Donna for starting this opportunity to help
ELCA – God's work, Our hands,
who emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in
Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world.***

*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 new prayers for:

Please pray for Gloria Brown and her family as her husband, Jon Brown died unexpectedly. Please pray for Gloria and her family, as they grieve the loss of Jon. Please pray for God's comfort and peace to surround them.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Phil Neiman, a resident of Special K Ranch as he died recently. Please pray for God's comfort and peace as his family and friends grieve the loss of Phil.

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)
August 30 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 665</u>	under monthly budget (\$ 963.33)

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.



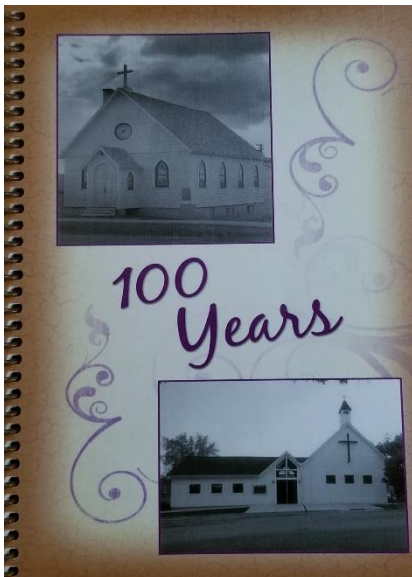
Happy September Anniversary

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



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 September benefits...
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

*Simple
Reminders...*



Lord

Please fill our hearts with
the splendor of the season.

Our souls are tired, it's
been a hard year.

Autumn reminds us
that change can be
beautiful.

*Thank you for the blessings
ahead.*