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 Bible Printable 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!!!!



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 10/16 is Betty Ames

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.

CALLING ALL YOU CRAFTY PEOPLE!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WREATH MAKING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 10 A.M. TO 12:30 PM.

Columbus Community Congregational Church --- 138 N. 4th St.



*CALL 423-650-0786 TO SIGN UP/GET FURTHER INFORMATION

Speak with this instructor if you wish to learn to make these items at another time

A VARIETY OF CRAFT PROJECTS WILL BE DISPLAYEDTHEN THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE A WREATH WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY**

**\$10 donation suggested for supplies/may bring your own if you wish

Hope to see you there!

St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1st Ave. N. Columbus, MT 59019 Leader: Pastor Tonia Fisher (406) 656-9557 Email: toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,

share our faith and serve with the love of God"

Sunday October 16th, 2022 – 19th 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.

Call to Worship: "I Saw the Light"

Vs. 1 I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin. I would-n't let my dear Savior in. Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night. Praise the Lord, - I saw the light.

Refrain:

I saw the light. I saw the light. No more – darkness, no more - night. Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, - I saw the light.

- Vs 2 Just like a blind man I wandered along. Worries and fears I claimed for my own. Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light. **Refrain.**
- Vs 3 I was a fool to wander and stray, straight is the gate and narrow the way.

 Now I have traded the wrong for the right. Praise the Lord, I saw the light. Refrain.

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: "This Little Light of Mine"



Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Read Psalm 121 responsively by whole verse

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? ²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. ³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep. ⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep; ⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand; ⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life. ⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

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

The Gospel Acclamation:

We say: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. We say: "Glory to you, O Lord"

Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord. We say: "Praise to you, O Christ"

Sermon: by Susan Leaverton, LPA

Reflection Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River"



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the hap-py gold - en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv - er with the mel-o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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

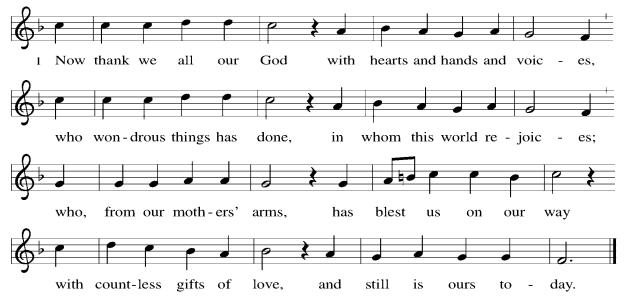
.....and we say: and also with you.

Special Music: "I've Been Changed" by Betty Ames

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: "Now Thank We All Our God"



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: "Here is Bread"



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 praisewe join their unending hymn:

<u>We say:</u> 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:

"Jesus Loves Me"

Vs 1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Vs 2 Jesus loves me! Loves me still; Tho' I'm very weak and ill. That I might from sin be free, Bled and died upon the tree.

Refrain

Vs 3 Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Refrain

Vs 4 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for thee. *Refrain*





"Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"



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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away.

To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life had flown, I'll fly away.

Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.

To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, oh glory, Yes, I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

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

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While Pastor Tonia is on Sabbatical,

Please direct any pastoral emergency needs to:

Donna Zeigler (406) 322-4452 (h) or (406) 321-4452 (c)

or to our friends:

Pastor Robert Leaverton (406) 321-2980 (c) and Susan Leaverton (406) 321-1711.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

Leader for October 16th,2022 – Susan Leaverton, LPA & Donna Zeigler, LPA

** Please stay after worship for a thank you reception for our leaders.

Note: Thank you Donna Zeigler for the wonderful goodies last Sunday.

October 2022 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

October 2022 Cleaner(s): Lance & Patty Sundberg and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

October 2022 Reader(s): Randy & KayDel Shelton

October 16th, 2022 Communion Helper(s): Will you help this Sunday?

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

October 16th, 2022 Usher(s): Will you help this Sunday?

Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday.

October 16th,2022 Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames



If you have fabric for the LWR Fabric Kits, now is the time to bring it to the church. The kits are being packaged for shipment. Call me if you need your fabric donation picked up (406-322-4452). Thank you for your support of this mission project. Donna Zeigler

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......

October 2nd Offering gratefully received \$2,220.00 October 9th Offering gratefully received \$1,995.00 **Total received so far this month \$4.215.00**

**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) + September (\$1,432.33) =

YTD UNDER Monthly Budget by negative (\$9,716.83)

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).



Happy October Birthday

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 10/17

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 continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Bob & Bev Kem; Vi Ekle; Bonny Rouse; Joy Goehner; Pete Hegg; 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.

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 October 19th,2022 Choir Practice @ UCC 4:00pm
- Pick up your copy of "Name That Town" or print this page, fill out and deliver to County News or mail before 10/20.





October Mission offerings.....

~ Your continued support benefits Kruzin' 4 Seniors

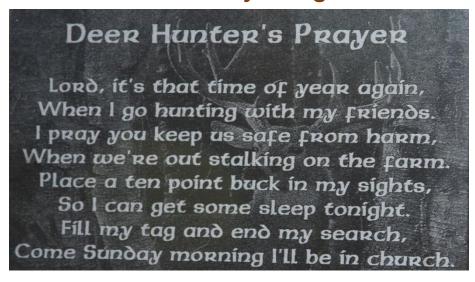


Kruizin' 4 Seniors' mission is to give back and brighten the lives of area elderly by fulfilling wishes primarily at Christmas, but also throughout the rest of the year.

Also, we are collecting..... for Project Hope Holiday Food Boxes Canned Pineapple (chunky or rings – no crushed)

& Canned Mandarin Oranges!

A Prayer from St. James' archery and general hunters.....



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:



Sunday November 20th, 2022 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE Time and Place TBA



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=QXR1ZXNCSjFuZTJQaUZHWWVmK3F6QTo9

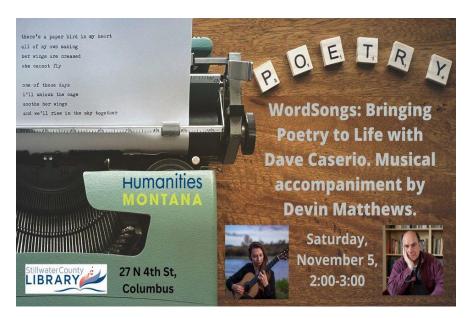
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MORE Community Events for St. James:

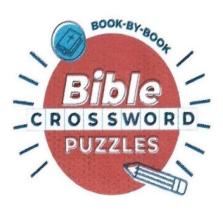
- Every Monday we are invited to join:
 - ~The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-11am.
- Every Tuesday we are invited to attend:
 - ~ The Women's Adult Group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 9:30am and/or 7:00pm for an inductive study on Revelation
 - Absarokee Quilting Group 10am in the basement of the Cobblestone building.
 Knitters, crocheters and embroideretts are welcome.
- Every Wednesday we are invited to to join:
 - ~Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
 - ~The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-11am

Stillwater County Library...



THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

** Check Wednesday 10/12 e-mail for these puzzles



Proverbs

- 1. Understanding
- 2. Knowledge
- 3. Rubies
- 4. Heart
- 5. Flawless
- 6. Prosper
- 7. Establishes
- 8. Destruction
- 9. Wrath
- 10. NONE

James

- 1. Righteous
- 2. Trials
- 3. Generously
- 4. Deeds
- 5. Orphans
- 6. Angry
- 7. Life
- 8. Shudder
- 9. Teach
- 10. Favoritism

Simple Reminders....

