# 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

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facebook.

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 10/30 is Sally Bisch & Jim Dickey

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.

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!

# St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1<sup>st</sup> 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"

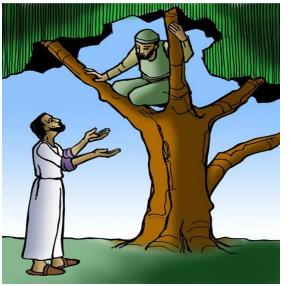
# Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost *Reformation Sunday*

# 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 all .....and also be with you.

Call to Worship: "We Will Keep Our Faith Alive!"

by the Combined Choir



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: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

- Vs 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
   For still our ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe, with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no equal.
- Vs 2 If we in our own strength confide, our striving turns to losing; the righteous one fights by our side, the one of God's own choosing. You ask who this may be: Christ Jesus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name. No other God we claim! None else can win the battle.
- Vs 3 Though all the world with devils fill and threaten to devour us, we tremble not, we trust God's will: they cannot overpow'r us. Though Satan rant and rage, in fiercest war engage, this tyrant's doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail! One little word shall triumph.
- Vs 4 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs, shall end all their thanksgiving.
  The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living.
  Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
  though all of these be gone, they yet have nothing won. The kingdom's our forever!

# Prayer of the Day:

*Merciful God,* gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WORD

# Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. <sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more; <sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup>learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend

the orphan, plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

# Read Psalm 32:1-7 responsively by whole verse

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! <sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit, there is no guile! <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

# Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. <sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it.<sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

# The Gospel of the Lord:

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

# Sermon by Susan Leaverton, LPA

# Reflection Hymn: "Day by Day"



# **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.

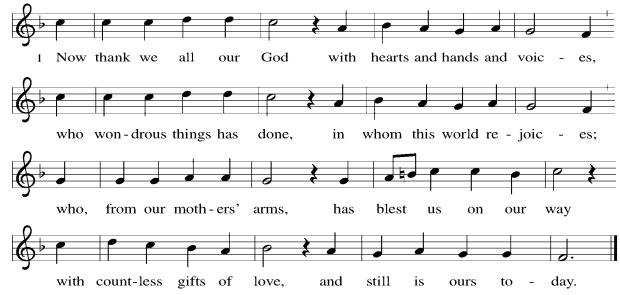
# Passing of the Peace

.....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: "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 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:

#### "Beautiful Savior"

- Vs 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- Vs 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- Vs 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- Vs 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

### "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, though 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,
- Vs 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Vs 1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

#### Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

- Vs 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- Vs 3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

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

# SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"



DismissalGo in peace, with Christ beside you.Thanks be to God.Music Published by Permission, CCLI #11445215Worship Service recorded by Permission, CSPL #168651

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(s) for October 30<sup>th</sup>,2022 – Susan Leaverton, LPA & Donna Zeigler, LPA

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

Note: Thank you Joy & Larry Goehner for the wonderful goodies last Sunday.

October 2022 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke November 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent October 2022 Cleaner(s): Lance & Patty Sundberg and Bob & Maureen Hemphill November 2022 Cleaner(s): Lance & Patty Sundberg October 2022 Reader(s): Randy & KayDel Shelton November 6<sup>th</sup>,2022 Reader(s): Randy & KayDel Shelton November 2022 Reader(s): Will someone sign up to help the rest of this month? October 30<sup>th</sup>,2022 Communion Helper(s): Will someone sign up to help this Sunday? Thank you, Kim Behrent & Chris Fleury for helping with communion last Sunday November 2022 Communion Helper(s): Will someone sign up to help for the month? October 30<sup>th</sup>,2022 Usher(s): Will someone sign up to help this Sunday? November 2022 Usher(s): Will someone sign up to help this Sunday? Thank you, Larry Goehner for ushering last Sunday. November 2022 Usher(s): Will someone sign up to help for the month? October 30<sup>th</sup>,2022 Gate Keepers: Leslie Mullin & Rae Ellen Strickland November 6<sup>th</sup>,2022 Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022,

\$96,100 was the yearly approved 2022 budget ÷ 12 months = \$8,008.33 needed each month.

#### FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER......

October 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$2	2,220.00
October 9 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$1	,995.00
October 16 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$	615.00
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$	90.00
Total received so far this month \$4,910.00		

\*\*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 (\$1,868.33) = 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



# Happy November Birthday

Linda Alton 11/4; Carli Lofing 11/4; Brenna Rouane 11/14; Stacy Lofing 11/22; Amber Lofing 11/24

Happy November Anniversary

Bob & Lanita Maurer 11/15

# 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 and Roger Mullin, daily, for strength and comfort. Visitation is not recommended because of Roger's need for rest and medical teams in attendance for Roger. Please send a card or note letting them know they are in our prayers.

Steve & Denise Cowen during this time of medical stress. Steve has a heart catheter on Monday Oct. 31. Denise has a follow up doctor's appointment to evaluate her medication.

Strength and comfort for Chris Fleury as she travels to California to be with her childhood friend whose cancer has metastasized and is suffering from severe physical issues.

The children of the world, this is a big request, but God is big. Children who are food insecure & home insecure. Pray especially for a little boy named Luke and a little girl named Nevaeh.

### We offer continued prayers for:

Safe travels for Pastor Tonia and her sister during their trip to and from Italy.

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 November 2<sup>nd</sup>,2022 – Choir Practice @ UCC 4:00pm

### When It's Hard to be Merry

*Holiday Blues*, a gentle evening for those experiencing grief, personal struggles, worry, or stress during the holidays, and for those accompanying others through the grief process. This secular program will be on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6:30 pm at the Little Stone Church, which is located between Columbus City Hall and Columbus Community Congregational Church (138 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street). Devin Matthews will offer classical guitar music along with the program planned by Kate Stulce, storyteller extraordinaire. For more info, call or text her at 423-650-0786.

#### > Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>,2022



You are invited to come help the Stillwater Youth Center celebrate and say Thank You to the Wayland Family as they take their next step of growth! They want to express their gratitude for all the dedication and hard work this family has poured into the Youth Center and the community of Stillwater County over the last 6 years!!

What exciting venture does God have in store for them?

Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>,2022 All Saints Sunday

\*\* Please let Donna Zeigler know of any loved ones who have passed this year!!



> Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>,2022 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

4:00pm @ the Assembly of God Church

> Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>,2022





# 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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336859392?pwd=QXR1ZXNCSjFuZTJQaUZHWWVmK3F6QT09</u>

Meeting ID: 843 3685 9392 Passcode: 740661

# **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
    - 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.

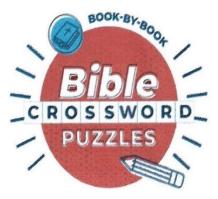


# Stillwater County Library...

# THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

\*\* Check Wednesday 10/26 e-mail for these puzzles

# Song of Songs 2 Peter



- 1. Valleys
- 2. Apple
- 3. Winter
- 4. Cedar
- 5. Pomegranate
- 6. Foxes
- 7. Beloved
- 8. Vineyard
- 9. Perfume
- 10. Myrrh

- 1. Repentance
- 2. Promise
- 3. Interpretation
- 4. Heresies
- 5. Perseverance
- 6. Welcome
- 7. Thousand
- 8. Judgment
- 9. Knowledge
- 10. Eyewitness



# Seriously, Stop Wasting All The Pumpkins.

In the U.S. alone, over I BILLION pounds of pumpkins are tossed into landfills each year.

Use the Inside Flesh to Create Pumpkin Puree Turn the Hollowed Pumpkin into a Makeshift Planter

Use the String "Guts" to Make a batch of veggie broth! Throw a Smash Party and Compost It!

Willes

Make some Pumpkin Candies & Smoothies Roast the Seeds for an epic snack