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!



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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!!!!!

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 September 11th, 2022 – 14th 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

Call to Worship Hymn: "God's Work, Our Hands"

to the tune of "Earth and All Stars"

- Vs 1 God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.
- Vs 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal. Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your Gospel.
- Vs 3 God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear, praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least.

 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.
- Vs 4 God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and breads on the rise!

 Washed and set free, humbled, and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.

 Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your Gospel.

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: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"



Prayer of the Day:

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The LORD said to Moses, [©]Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them, and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce

wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Read Psalm 51:1-10 responsively by whole verse

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. ²Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. ⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb. ⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within. ⊓Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. ⁶Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice. ⁰Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my wickedness. ¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it; he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ¬Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹¹Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Turn Around"

Reflection Hymn: "Canticle of the Turning"



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.

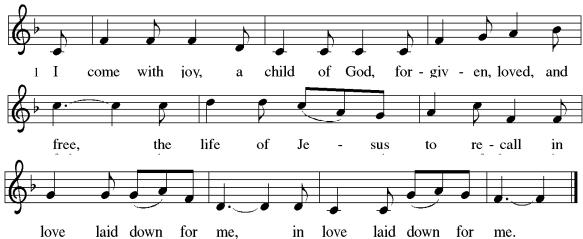
Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing **The Offering Hymn:** "We Are an Offering"



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 praisewe 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

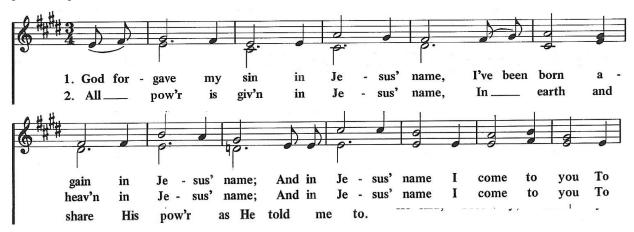
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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:

"Freely, Freely"





"Heavenly Father, I Appreciate You"



"Spirit of the Living God"



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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

- Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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



REMINDER:

THIS Sunday September 11th, 2022 – God's Work, Our Hand's Service St. James will be delivering cookie plates to our shut-in members and to those who "have to work" on Sunday's!!

THANK YOU for signing-up to bring cookies **AND** we hope you will be able to stay to help plate the cookies and possibly help deliver!!!

September Mission offerings.....

~ Your continued support benefits "Pastor's Discretionary Fund"

Also, we are collecting....... YUP! CRACKERS!



for the Project Hope Food Bank!

People of God at St. James

In Ephesians we are told how God gave gifts to equip His people to build up the church. We are gifted to serve, to serve God and one another. One of these gifts is the gift of Giving. This is the ability to give freely and with joy from material wealth to further the work of God. Gome people have the ability to work hard and to earn and are blessed with a heart which is thankful and wants to give from their financial success.

I am blessed when I hear of how people use their gifts. Blessed with the gift of giving, Bob Kem's brother and sister-in-law, Dave and Judith Kem, have given a generous gift of \$10,000 to St. James, in thanks for our support to the Kem family over the years. This gift is presented to St. James from the Florence and Charles Kem family.

A similar gift was given to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee, where the four Kem siblings were baptized.

As I visit with Bob and Bev, I often hear of Dave and Judith's generosity. I have been struck with their generosity and how God has blessed them with this gift of giving. We gratefully accept this gift and will use it in our service to God.

Thanks be to God Pastor Tonia

Judith and Dave 2121 Persa Street Houston, TX 77019 713 521 9852 (H) 713 703 2408 (C) raines-kem@msn.com

August 19, 2022

Dear Bob and Bev,

Following up on our conversation, since we went to church with you guys a month or so ago, it's crossed our minds that both the St. James Church and the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee could probably use some financial support. Considering that the churches have supplied so much support to our family over the years, Judith and I would like to make a donation to each of them.

Most of my personal memories are tied to the Church in Absarokee because that was pretty much the place we attended until I left for university. All four of us of course were baptized and confirmed there and you were married there as I recall. Lots of friends from the Absarokee area and congregation of course. Also the memories of helping Dad build the electrical spools for the magnetic switches for the organ Is another tie to Immanuel for me.

If you could kindly get these checks to the respective Churches we would appreciate it. We would like them presented as being from the Florence and Charles Kem family. Perhaps even Tyler would want to present the one to St. James.

Actually, it doesn't matter to us who or how, as long as they get them.

Thank you,

Love,

YOU HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED BY GOD FOR THE WORK OF HIS MINISTRY TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 4:12



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Dave and Judith

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

September 2022 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

September 2022 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Mina Morse & Jean Voldseth

September 11th,2022 Reader(s): Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?

September 11th, 2022 Communion Helper(s): Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?

Thank you, Kim Behrent & Chris Fleury for helping with communion last Sunday

September 11th, 2022 Usher(s): Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?

Thank you, Larry Goehner for ushering last Sunday.

September 11th,2022 Gate Keepers: Brian Luepke & Leslie Mullin

2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames



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

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 **Total received so far this month \$ 962.00**

**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).

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 Joy Goehner; Pete Hegg; Bev Kem; Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, Eva; Woody DeHaven; Steve Cowan; Zane Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Sevmour.

Those living with cancer: Pastor Tonia; Bob Rouane; Roger Mullin; Shane DeHaven; Mary Ann Conners; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; 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.

REMINDER: WE have one more month to gather for this very important project for Lutheran World Relief!! Take time to clean out that unused fabric, purchase a few spools of thread and deliver to the church! Thank You. Donna



LUTHERAN SUMMER - PROJECT FABRIC KITS

Lutheran World Relief provides for our personal involvement in uplifting people around the world. Central & South America, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. "Sewing is a valuable skill that can help men & women earn reliable income". LWR promotes sewing kits as well as other kits that help in the daily lives of people in those countries.



Thankin advance for your donation of fabric & / or spools of thread.

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester) cut to size below: \checkmark 2 ½ yds of 58" – 62" wide or 3 yds of 42"-62" wide or 4 yds of 34"-37" wide
- Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

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

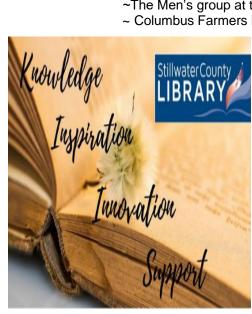
- > Tuesday September 13th or Thursday September 15th,2022 "Having Fun with Faith" email with Activity Sheets.
- Wednesday September 14th,2022 Watch Pastor Tonia's "Word on Wednesday" message on FB or open the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.
- Friday September 16th or Saturday September 17th,2022 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 and enjoy &/or share with your family & friends.

Future dates:

- ➤ Wednesday September 14th, 2022 1st Choir Practice @ UCC 4:00pm
- Sunday September 18th, 2022 "End of Summer" Picnic for St. James
 *** Sign up to bring your choice of side dish for this great event!
- > Sunday September 25th, 2022 Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship
- Sunday October 2nd,2022 Pastor Appreciation Sunday

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 Events:

Learn to use the Heritage Quest database with Yellowstone Geneaology Forum - Saturday Sept. 10th @ 11:00 - Noon

Saturday Sept. 17th -

Writing Montana with Dave Caserio @ 10:00am – 12:00pm

An outdoor workshop based on close observation of the natural world and exploration of the area. Contact the Library to register & mtg details.

The Foundations of English @ 1:30pm - 3:30pm

From Beowulf to Chaucer to Shakespeare – Dramatic, interactive, and sometimes comic presentation.

"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!

An opportunity for you......

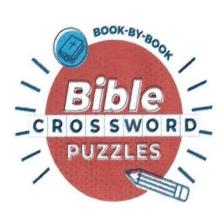


Do you enjoy working with children? As the Youth Programs Coordinator at Stillwater County Library, you have the opportunity to bring the love of reading to children in the library and in the schools and preschools throughout the county. The position is currently 29 hours a week (Tuesday-Friday) with occasional weeknights and Saturdays.

Apply today at https://stillwatercounty.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=78

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

** Check Wednesday 9/7 Email for these puzzles



Ezra

- I. NONE
- 2. Nebuchadnezzar
- 3. NONE
- 4. Forever
- 5. Zerubbabel
- 6. Zechariah
- 7. Darics (across)
- 7. Darius (down)
- 8. Passover
- Artaxerxes
- 10. Foreign

1 Timothy

- 1. Mediator
- 2. Persecutor
- 3. Noble
- 4. Reproach
- 5. Spirits
- 6. Good
- 7. Young
- 8. Money
- Knowledge
 Genealogies

Simple Reminders...

