



St. James Lutheran Church

Celebrating 100 years in 2020

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*Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,
share our faith and serve with the love of God"*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP.....

Sunday, June 28th, 2020 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Ps 122:1

For those of you who will worship at home, we ask you to, if you wish.....



**PRINT THE ATTACHED BULLETIN..... to follow along with
Sunday's Worship Service - Streaming live on FB @ 9:30am.**

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This month St. James was able to present Project Hope with a check for \$1250. This money came from grants made available to ELCA churches from the MT Synod Covid Relief and the Lutheran Disaster Response Covid-19 fund.

The grants were awarded to churches for ministries they support in their community.



This money came from two grants. Knowing needs are increasing and financial support is uncertain, Pastor Tonia applied for the state grant. Strong supporters

of Project Hope, both our Bishop, Laurie Jungling, and our Director of Evangelical Mission, Peggy Paugh-Leuzinger, were involved in seeing we received \$750 from the Lutheran Disaster Response Covid-19 Relief and \$500 from the MT Synod Covid Relief Fund.

These grants were made available for ministries supported by ELCA churches which feed the hungry and care for those in need, especially during this time. The money was given to St. James to gift to the Project Hope.

It is a blessing for the people of St. James to be a part of the ministry of Project Hope. Many of our members have been blessed to volunteer there and many of us are faithful to donate items to their thrift store and food to the food bank, as well as support through Mission Offerings.

We give thanks for our Bishop and for our DEM, who went above and beyond to see we received two grants. We give thanks for the Funds which provide money and support during disasters, both local and global. We give thanks for the members of our church for having supported the ELCA Disaster Response fund with regular mission offerings. We give thanks to God for the ministry of Project Hope and for those who volunteer there.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sunday June 28th: Council Meeting by ZOOM – 1pm

Tuesday June 30th: Bible Study @ 2:00pm

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

*May this time of isolation and fellowship drought,
not have been one of spiritual drought, also.*

Our Lectionary Bible Study is held in the Fellowship Hall at St. James. We will honor physical distancing and sanitize our hands. If you are eager to gather together in a small group for study and fellowship, you are welcome to join us. We honor the decision of those who do not yet want to venture out. May God bless you as we cautiously wander out of the drought of Covid19.



Mission Offering for June benefits...

Our Local Columbus Fire & Rescue.

In memory of Randy Sekora and Harold Houghton.

As the Church Council continues to review the members questions and information re. procedures in place for the safety of our members, our decision is to remain OPEN for Worship on Sunday's @ 9:30am and continue with the same plan of precautions. Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God, joining us by watching the FB Live service or in spirit and prayer.

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:

Denise Cowan as she will undergo surgery for retina detachment on Tuesday. Please pray for a safe and successful surgery and for her comfort and peace.

We offer praise for the ordination of Dawn Busch, daughter of Steve and Denise Cowan, as well as for the safe travel of family members who were able to join her at her services.

We offer continued prayers for:

God's healing for Harold Riensche; Pete Hegg; Sally Bisch; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

We lift up those living with cancer: Denis 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 - May 2020) \$3,711.97 OVER monthly budget

FYI: May 1st PPP Granted \$9,800 to be used for Pastor's salary/benefits for 8 weeks!

June 7 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$2,000</u>	under monthly budget (\$6,008.33)
June 14 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,055</u>	under monthly budget (\$4,953.33)
June 21 st Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 925</u>	under monthly budget (\$4,028.33)

"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 your 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).
We should consider His church to be the same.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

June 2020 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

July 2020 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

June 2020 Cleaner(s): RaeEllen Strickland, Chris Fleury and Larry & Joy Goehner

July 2020 Cleaner(s): Bob & Toni Rouane and Brian & Sydne Wanner

June & July Gate Keepers: 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



Happy July Birthday

Vi Ekle 7/4; Alex Tangen 7/5; Chris Fleury 7/7; Karen McDonald 7/17;

Lindsey Adams 7/17; Jim Dickey 7/21; Betty Ames 7/22;

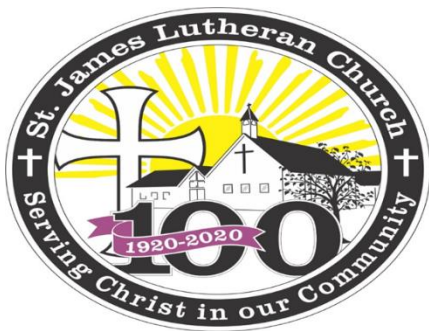
Gloria Brown 7/22; Lanita Maurer 7/22; Ken Hegg 7/23; Salkly Bisch 7/23;
Evelyn Williams 7/25; Pat Lashley 7/28; Denise Cowan 7/29; Judy Martin 7/30



Happy July Anniversary

Ian & Joni Morse 7/6; Brian & Sydne Wanner 7/18;

Ken & Pete Hegg 7/23



Due to Covid19 your

100th Anniversary Celebration Committee

has voted to **postpone the following events until next year, 2021:**

Our 100th Anniversary Worship Service and Banquet

Celebration scheduled for August;

Our German BBQ scheduled for September and

Our Norwegian Dinner re-scheduled for November.

Keep watching for "Save the Date" information for these events re-scheduled in the year 2021.

Exciting note: The cookbook team has completed the 100th Anniversary St. James Cookbook which will include your favorite recipes, great pictures and small excerpts of our history throughout the decades. Thank you, Karen, Sandra and Denise and the rest of the team, for your hard work to create such a wonderful memory for us. As soon as Karen receives the order (approx. July or Aug) these books will be ready for purchase! Watch for the notice!

Also, for purchase "sometime" this year, will be beer mugs and wine glasses which have our logo etched on them. Please watch for that notice as well.

We will have so much to celebrate next year. Until then, we gather to worship each week in the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

*Simple
Reminders...*



Closing Thought.....



**Have a happy
and
safe 4th of July!**