



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, July 5th, 2020 – 5th 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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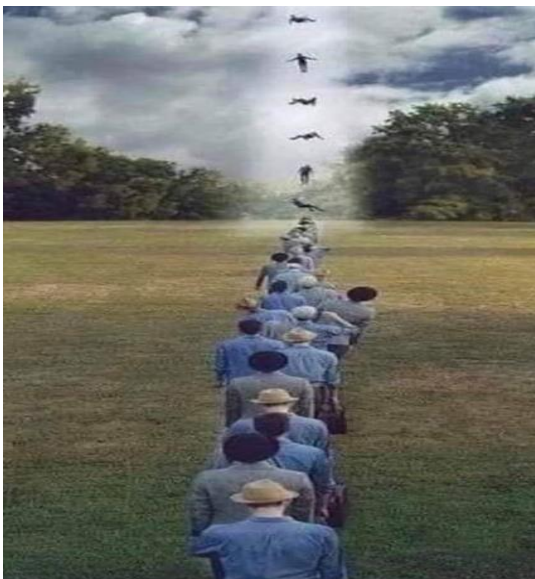
*When we are asked to pray for the families of one of our friends at St. James who passed away,
 this poem is in my heart.*

*As we think of every minute someone leaves this world behind,
 I ask you to think about us all in "the line" without knowing it.*

We never know how many people are before us. We can not move to the back of the line.

We can not step out of the line. We can not avoid the line.

So, while we wait in the line.....



- Make moments count.
- Make priorities.
- Make the time.
- Make your gifts known.
- Make a nobody, feel like a somebody.
- Make your voice heard.
- Make the small things big.
- Make someone smile.
- Make the change.
- Make up.
- Make peace.
- Make sure to tell your people they are loved.
- Make sure to have no regrets.
- Make sure you are ready.

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

Saturday July 4th:

Happy Independence Day, America!

[Click Here](#) to listen to:

“God Bless the USA”

by Lee Greenwood, 2020 version



Tuesday July 7th: 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.

Sunday July 12th: Outdoor Service “On the Lutheran Lawn” - 9:30am
Clap Your Hands as We Sing to the Lord!

Bring a Lawn Chair & Umbrella

We will honor physical distancing

We encourage all to wear masks.

Watch for more information next week. We hope you will join us!

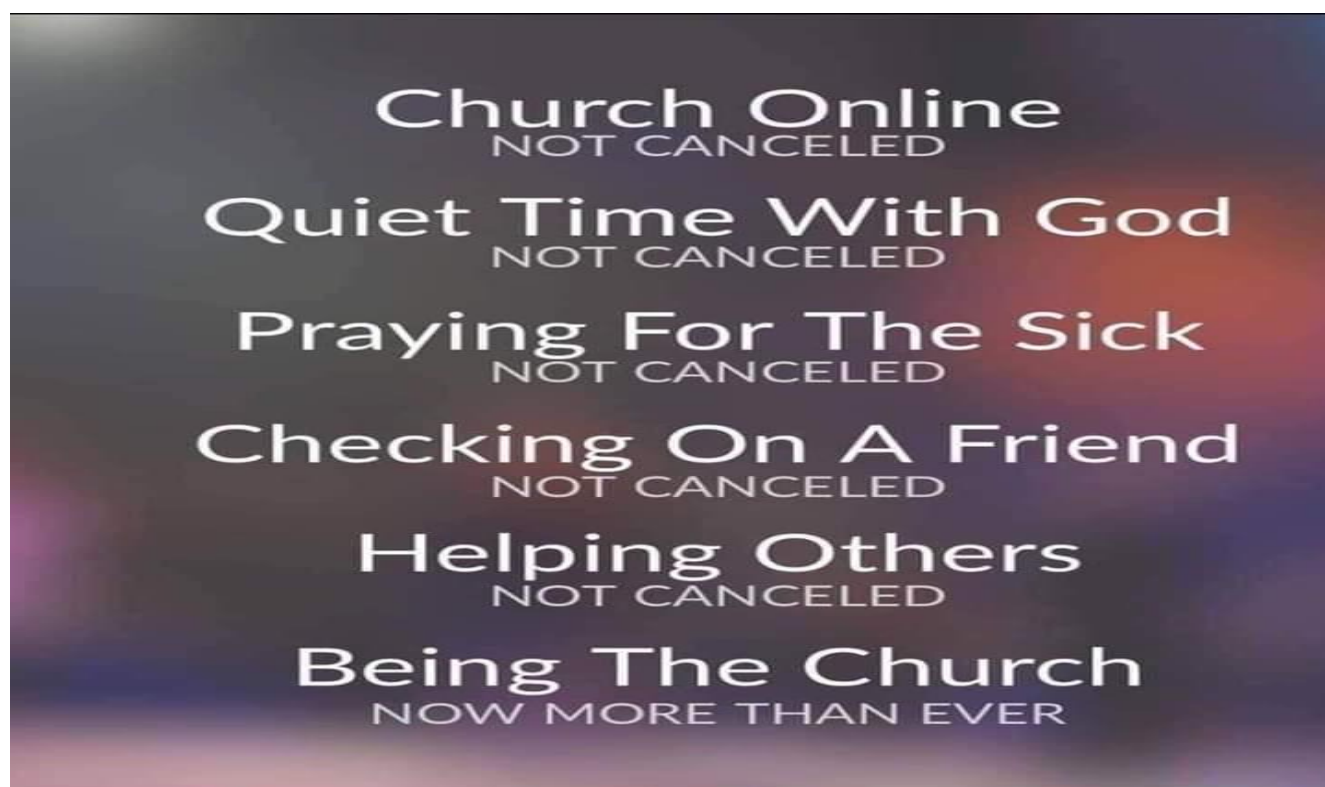
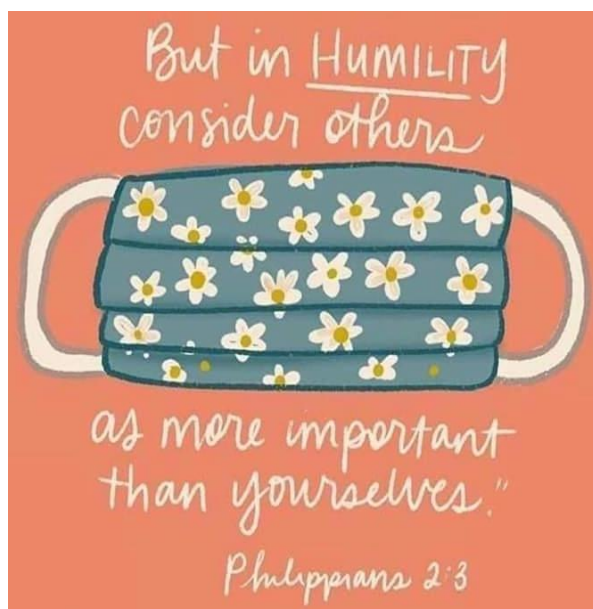


Mission Offering for July benefits...
Our Local Stillwater Youth Center

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.

So as many of you know, I have shared images or sayings for as long as I have been creating this church newsletter, to reflect the month, holiday or special moment. We have a lot of unrest in our congregation re. the tough decisions your council had to make for the “Love of One Another”. Remember, we are “being church” for the good of others, now more than ever.

I received these images just this week from our members & wanted to share with all of you. B.



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:

The family of Gloria Swanson as she passed away June 30th at her home. Please pray for God's grace and peace as Gloria's family and friends mourn her loss.

Aubree Mitchum as she blew out her knee while playing basketball. Please pray for comfort and healing.

Bonnie Sherwood, mother of Jenny Steffenson, as she undergoes surgery for a heart valve replacement next week. Please pray for a safe and successful surgery and a speedy recovery.

We offer continued prayers for:

God's healing for Denise Cowan; 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)
June 28 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,090</u>	under monthly budget (\$2,936.33)

"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

July 2020 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

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

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



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.

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



As I went to my mailbox this past week, imagine my surprise to receive this beautiful Thank You note from a family from St. James.

The heartfelt, hand-written thank you message inside could not have come at a better time for me. It brought me so much love & joy and also a bit of humbling. Thanks for your thoughtfulness and very kind words!

I think we are all feeling the weight of this "different" time we are in and we are all trying to keep our lives, our jobs, our church, our community as "normal" as one can.

So dear friends in Christ, my simple reminder for this week is for YOU to reach out and touch the lives of your family and friends. We all NEED each other now more than ever and we also NEED the daily blessings given by God!

**May God be with you all,
Betty**