

## **MAY DESIGNATED OFFERING- LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Our Social Ministry Committee chose this important ministry this month because of the current flood, loss, and ongoing recovery in the Midwestern States, especially Nebraska. Please place your offerings in the pew envelopes and mark Social Ministry Committee.

## **REQUEST FOR TREATS**

Mother Hubbard has a bare cupboard and she is requesting treats for our weekly coffee hour. Thank you!

## **FAIR TRADE ITEMS**

Fair trade coffee, olive oil, and chocolate are available for sale in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday's or anytime by contacting Mait Board.

## **DEADLINES**

Please submit any announcements that you would like included in the weekly bulletin by Wednesday at Noon. The deadline for the June & July Herald (combined next month) is Friday May 17th.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Worship attendance on Sunday, April 28th was 88.

### **Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

*Saint John's Lutheran Church is called by God to be:*

*Centered in Word and Sacrament*

*Identifiably and theologically Lutheran*

*A multi/intergenerational congregation*

*An inviting congregation in which people are easily involved*

*Alive with responsive and creative programs that provide opportunity for people to grow in their faith.*

## **SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY**

The Semi-Annual Congregational meeting will take place following worship today.

## **BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

Today we will bless 191 School Bags and 200 Quilts that will be packed up this week for Lutheran World Relief! Thank you to Liz Schroeder, Nora Johnson, Rosemarie McDonald, Mary Crosby, Betty Randall, Ellen Hanpa, Mary Gardinier, Barb Muir, Wilma Carlson, Evelyn Bourassa, Karen Kmet, Carol Melbey, Linda Roessner, Mildred Twingley, Susan Watne, Karin Steenberg, and our at home sewers for your hard work this year. Special thanks to Marv Olaf for sourcing sheets this year and to Betty Olaf for the handmade cards.

## **SAVE THE DATES: SCHOOL BAGS AND QUILTS**

**Wednesday, May 8th:** 9:00 AM-Quilts boxed up. Adults needed for this project

**Friday, May 10th:** 9:45 AM-Quilts and School Bags loaded onto the trucks. Adults, especially those with muscles, needed for this huge job.

## **GOD'S WORK LITTLE HANDS!**

Like last year the younger Sunday School children raised money for ELCA Barnyard Animals. We sold chicks for a \$1 and this year we will be selling fish. The money will go to a third world country to set up a fish pond with fish for a family so they can sell and eat the fish. Last year the students had so much fun selling the chicks, and learned the lesson of sharing and working together for others. Please help us to help others! Save May 12th coffee hour to help buy some fish!

## **WOMEN'S BANQUET MAY 14TH**

Calling all women, girls, and boys to the annual Women of St. John's banquet on May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Meet Noah and see the Ark. Kids, bring your favorite stuffed animal and ask questions of Noah. Chicken and rolls will be furnished. Bring a salad or desert to share.

### **ST. JOHN'S DISCIPLESHIP CALLING CARDS**

St. John's "calling cards" are now available in the narthex or in the office. Please help yourself to a handful! As the Holy Spirit guides you in evangelism, remember we are ALL worthy of discipleship and we are ALL called to spread the Good News! Maybe these cards can help. Special thanks to Kathy Russell (Norm & Ellen's daughter) for her classic sketch of the church. Also thanks to everyone for their help in designing this card. More cards will be ordered when needed so get out there and have FUN handing out cards. What better news is there that salvation is available to ALL by Grace through Faith!!

### **VBS/DAY CAMP WITH FLBC AT ST. JOHN'S**

Camp is just around the corner and we have another fun week planned with counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp the week of June 17-21. The week is filled with worship, small & large group activities, crafts, outdoor time, special guest presentations and ends with a family BBQ on our lawn at noon. Our theme is God transforming Community and camp is open to all! Kids 4 years old-Kindergarten attend from 9:00 AM-Noon (\$30 for the week) and Kids Entering 1st Grade through 6th Grade attend 9:00 AM-3:00 PM (\$50 for the week). Options for early and after camp care are available for an additional fee and scholarships are available. Pick up your registration form today from the St. John's church office or call 442-6270. Kids love VBS/DAY CAMP and won't want to miss this!

### **LIFT OUR PLANET-FUNDRAISING REQUEST**

Bailey Jacobson, a member of St. John's who is attending MSU, has been selected to represent Montana by volunteering in Thailand this summer with Lift Our Planet, an educational volunteer travel organization participating in humanitarian and conservation development projects. If you are interested in helping to support her project or would like more information please contact the church office for more information.

### **THRIVENT SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY!**

As a gracious Helena community member, we need your help! God's Love in Helena is celebrating its 35th year of providing food, clothing and temporary shelter to anyone who walks through its doors. This past winter, all 38 dorm-style beds were typically filled while an additional 30-36 people were given a place on the floor. In addition, the 9 family rooms housed 17 children and their families. Taking everything into account, the winter was a huge strain on the shelter and its resources. To help, Autumn Keller - Thrivent Financial is hosting a work-day at the shelter Saturday, May 18th from 9am to 4pm to assist with: general repairs around the shelter, painting the outdoor park benches, building a designated donations area in the basement, organizing donations (clothes, shoes, household items, etc) Thrivent Financial has donated money to cover the building, painting and organizing supplies. Yet, we need helping hands to do the work.

The shelter has also requested monetary assistance to cover rent deposits and co-pays to aid those who frequent the shelter in securing a place to live and get them back on their feet. They also need new or gently used: Plates, Bowls, Cups and Utensils, towels, socks, sleeping bags, backpacks, hangers (to organize donations), baby items – clothing, toys, gear, diapers and baby formula are appreciated as well. Donations can be brought to our office, 2600 Winne Ave, Suite B on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the May 18th workday.

Whether you choose to give your time, money or other need items, thank you for giving back to our community and an organization that fills such a desperate need. Join members of our Thrivent Community to help God's Love. Please bring your family and friends along! Refreshments will be available. Call 406-442-6091 with questions or to RSVP for our work day.