



The Herald

May 2019

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church~Helena, Montana

"Growing in grace, walking in faith, serving in love"



Save the Dates: School Bags and Quilts...Help Needed!

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.

Save The Date

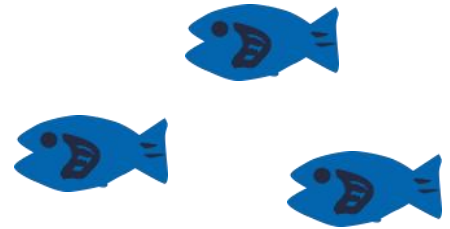
The Semi-Annual Congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, May 5th at 10:45 AM immediately following worship.

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, raising over \$600, and this year we will be selling fish. The money will go to a

third world country to set up a fish pond 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, we decided to sell fish this year. Please help us to help others!

Save May 12th coffee hour to help buy some fish!



Congratulations To Our Graduates!

Graduate School:

Angela Conley

Bachelors and Associates Degrees:

Dakota Dunlap, Nathan Alm,

Emily Powell, Josh Barrows,

Eleanor Wintersteen, Josey Smiedala

High School:

Gwendolyn Roszel, Evan Rankin



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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRAD: SABBATICAL UPDATE

I am so thankful to the congregation for granting me a sabbatical this summer, June –August. The purpose of a sabbatical is to give time to a pastor for renewal, rest, and education and for the congregation to grow in its ability to conduct ministry, do visits, and worship in a vital way.

Renewal: Elaine and I will travel with a tour group to Israel June 22-July 3. We have always wanted to go to the Holy Land and “walk where Jesus walked.” We will see the Jewish, Palestinian, Christian and Islamic sites. I will present a power point program for the congregation which can also be used for educational classes.

Rest: I’m going to Flathead Bible Camp as an “uncle” to give support and comfort to campers and counselors. We’ll present a shortened version of the musical, “Joseph and His Technicolor Coat, ” at the end of the week. I hope to enjoy the Montana outdoors and find a cabin or two to do some reading. I am also signed up to take a pottery class at Archie Bray just for fun. Our children will be home for a few times this summer and we’ll enjoy some weekend get-a-ways.

I will pay for the expenses of my sabbatical, using some of my continuing education funds. The congregation has saved up funds for paying for Pastors and lay people leading worship during the summer.

Education: I will be going for a week to a theological continuing education retreat at Christikon Bible Camp July 29- August 4 where Pastor Mark Gravrock will teach a Bible Class entitled “Reading Scripture with a Partnering with God” and Dr. Chris Johnson, former Director of Servant Leadership at Gustavus Adolf College in Minnesota, who will speak on “Vocations: Congregations as Communities of Calling.” I also plan to do some reading on equipping senior saints in ministry and congregational outreach.

Elaine and I will miss worshipping with you this summer but with the rotational leading of worship by Rev. Wayne Olsen, Mr. John Mundinger, Rev. Patricia Harant, and Rev. Ken DuVall you will be in good hands. Should pastoral care emergencies come up the Pastor who will be preaching the next Sunday will be available for call. See Gretchen for the schedule. Dodie, Gretchen and I have a format for worship planned for the summer. I thank them for the extra time and effort they will give in my absence. I will be available for questions during and after the Semiannual meeting on May 5. I will also submit a report to the congregation about my sabbatical when I return from it.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity, your support and prayers. I will pray for you and be with you in Spirit. I will return to ministry at St. John’s on September 3 renewed and ready for an exciting fall!

In Christ,
Pastor Brad Ulgenes

ST. JOHN’S WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS

WOMEN’S BANQUET

Calling all women, girls, and boys to the annual banquet on May 14th at 6:00 PM. Meet Noah and see the Ark. Kids, bring your favorite stuffed animal and ask questions of Noah. Chicken and rolls are provided. Please bring a salad or desert to share.

NEWS AROUND ST. JOHN'S AND THE MONTANA SYNOD

THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S!

Friends...thank you AGAIN for your generous support of our youth group on Easter Sunday. We appreciate all of the manual labor, donated baked goods, and monetary donations that were given to our kids. \$625 was raised and 100% of the money will be used towards FLBC Scholarships and the 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis with the ELCA. Thank you to Thrivent for the generous Action Team Grant that was used to purchase the supplies. Thank you!

HELP WANTED!

We have a full and exciting line-up for our upcoming VBS/Day Camp June 17-21...which means we need a lot of behind the scenes help. Some things to consider...office help, help preparing morning snacks, donation of healthy snacks, help preparing and serving the food for the family BBQ on the lawn...please prayerfully consider how you might be able to plug in during this week. We are also looking for guest presenters from our Helena community for an hour session in the afternoon and if you know of someone who relates well with kids and has something interesting to share please speak with Gretchen! Past presenters have included firefighters, policemen, Food Share, Venture Scouts, worm composters, and therapy dogs.

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.

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!!

THRIVENT SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY! 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 workday 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. Please bring your family and friends along! Refreshments will be available. Call 406-442-6091 with questions or to RSVP for our work day.

May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	We
			1
Family Promise Week 4/28-5/4			9:00 am-Quilters
5 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Sunday School 10:45 am-Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm-Linda Mosness Studio Recital	6 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:00 pm-Bells	7 10:30 am-Staff Meeting 6:00 pm-4H in Fellowship Hall	8 9:00 am-Boxing of t
12 LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Fish Sunday & Sundae Sundae!	13 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:00 pm-Bells	14 10:30 am-Staff Meeting Noon-Finance Committee 6:00 pm-WOSJ's Banquet	15
19 SENIOR SUNDAY & SUNDAY SCHOOL MODEL PRESENTATION 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Fellowship Hour 1:30 pm-Walsh and Conley Studio Recitals	20 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:00 pm-Bells 6:00 pm-Men's Group	21 9:30 am-Morning Circle 10:30 am-Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-Church Council	22
26 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Fellowship Hour	27 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:00 pm-Bells	28 10:30 am-Staff Meeting 7:00 pm-Evening Circle	29

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	7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir	PASTOR AWAY AT KOGODUS IN DEER LODGE GRETCHEN AWAY	
the Quilts	9	10 9:45 am-Loading of the quilt truck 3:00 pm-Communion Service at Masonic Home	11
	16	17	18 9:00 am-Thrivent Work Day at God's Love with Autumn Keller
	23	24	25
	30	31	

COMMUNITY

**GENEROSITY...INCLUSION...COMPASSION...
JUSTICE...FORGIVENESS...TRANSFORMS COMMUNITY**

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
Romans 12:2*

**2019 VBS/DAY CAMP HOSTED BY ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH
FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP**

CAMP IS OPEN TO ALL!!!

Come spend the week with us learning how God transforms our communities.

**Monday, June 17th-Friday, June 21st
(camp ends at noon on Friday with a Family BBQ on the lawn)
worship, small & large groups, crafts, outdoor time, special guest presentations,
daily snack provided**

**Kids 4 years old-Kindergarten 9:00 AM-NOON \$30/week
Kids Entering 1st Grade through 6th Grade 9:00 AM-3:00 PM \$50/week
Options for early and after camp care for an additional daily fee
(\$5/Day for Morning & \$10/Day for Afternoon)
Scholarships Available**

**Special Middle School & High School Youth Night
Wednesday, June 19th 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
Free of charge**

Things to Bring: a water bottle, a cold lunch, a sweatshirt

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In Our Prayers...

For Healing: churches in our cluster who are looking for a pastor, flood victims in Nebraska, Tim Westby, Paula Blessinger, Georgine Larsen, Mt. Highway Patrol Trooper Wade Palmer, Gary Johnson, Bing Crosby, Tom Morrow, Michael Carter (nephew of Ron Mosness), Bob Hanson, Carol Alpiner, Beth Tait, Holly Morgan-Fitterer, Dustin Michelle, Dwight Crawford (recovering from surgery, brother of Linda Wollitz and son of Irene Crawford), Dorothy Bird, Steve Tielking, Violet Kerr, Randy Holmes, Dave Hanson (Mildred Twingley's Son-in-Law), Lester Anderson, the children at Intermountain, for those who are alone, for those who suffer from depression, and for all who seek health and wholeness



For The Family And Friends Of Those Who Mourn:

Carol Dean, Charles Leonard Jacobson, Steve W. Hadley, Donald Conley, Debbie Niederklein, Gary Weber, Beverly Whitley, Ernie Dygert, and all the Saints in heaven

For Those In Residential Living Centers, Extended Care Or Homebound:

Mike Kieckbusch, Donna Anderson, Marilyn Metropolis, Mary Phelan, Pat Tyanich, Esther Fuehrer, Bob Hanson, Evelyn Whitesitt, Ken Bolland, Sally Miller, Annie Stegmann, Ada Harlen, Maury Knutson, Marge Mihelish, Audrey Anderson, Irene Crawford, Dan Brosten (in Columbia Falls), Phillip Kerr, Doris Crider

Missionaries: Willie, Anne, and Micah Langdji in Cameroon
Mark and Marina Dotson in Russia

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
(Romans 12:12)*

May Birthdays

1	Zoey Wall	25	Claire Bebich
2	Bing Crosby	26	Mariah Adsem
3	Connie Conley		Jarrett Alm
	Justice Gard		Jeanne Lee
	Liz Schroeder	27	Cliff Roessner
6	Jennifer Wintersteen	28	Sam Erickson
7	Gary Johnson	31	Bill Harant
8	Andrea Scherting		Aaron Paulsen
9	Sydney Carlson		
14	Betty Lou Gunstone		
15	Dillon Schulz		
16	Caitlin Field		
	Devin McGee		
18	Paula Blessinger		
	Les Timmer		
	Celeste Valle		
21	Heath Caldwell		
	Willow Daughetee		
	Nora Johnson		
24	Zoe Erickson		



May Anniversaries

3	Kent & Dorothy Lindsay
6	Paul & Dawn Valle
17	Randy Rake & Sarah Fenton
20	Merwin & Sandra Barrows
28	Todd & Jean Branscum

Help us keep our records up-to-date! If you would like your Birthday or Anniversary listed or if you need to make a correction to what we have listed please contact the office. We would like to be able to celebrate your special day!

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Worship Services Sunday

9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am-Fellowship

Office Hours

9:00 am-1:00 pm
Monday-Friday

Ministering at

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Witness to the Gospel	Members of SJLC
Pastor	Brad Ulgenes
Organist	Dodie Walsh
Choir Director	Connie Conley
Bell Choir Directors	Renee Slocum Christina Tielking
Director of Youth & Family Ministries	
Office Manager	Gretchen Munding
Treasurer	Karen Hicks
Financial Secretary	Randy Rake
Missionaries	Anne & Willie Langdji, Cameroon Mark & Marina Dotson, Russia
Sexton	Pat Gober

*St. John's Social Ministry Outreach Offering
for May is Lutheran Disaster Response*