

# The Herald

November 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Helena, Montana

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

## Worship Services

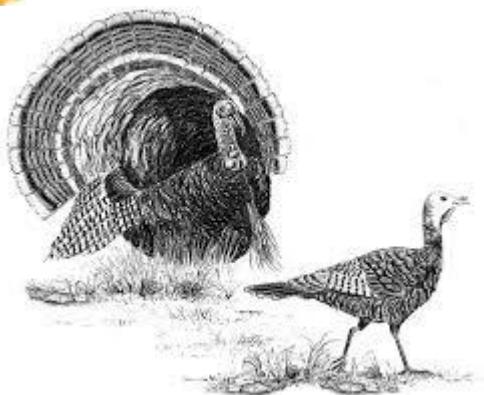
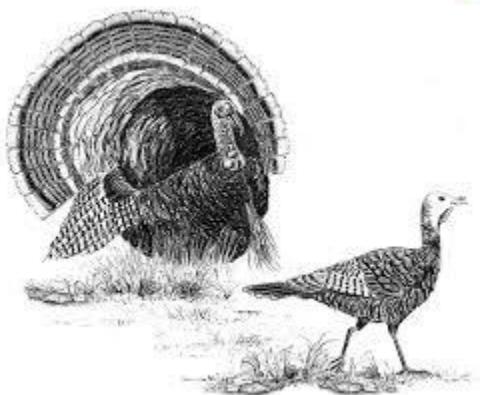
Sunday 9:30 am

In-person and online via our  
Facebook page

Services uploaded to YouTube

Touchmark Service: Second Thursday at 2:00

HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*



# November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lefsa Making 9 am
2 Service 9:30 am <b>All Saints Day</b> Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:45 am Day Light Savings	3 Staff meeting 10 am Celebration Ringers 6 pm	4 Caring Friends noon Hospitality 5:15 pm 4-H 5:30 pm	5 Quilting 9 am	6 Choir 7 pm	7	8 Krumkake baking 1 pm
9 Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:45 am <b>New Member Sunday</b>	10 Staff meeting 10 am Celebration Ringers 6 pm	11 WELCA noon Krumkake baking 1 pm	12 Quilting 9 am	13 Touchmark 2 pm Choir 7 pm	14	15 Rosettes 9 am
16 Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:45 am <b>WELCA Thank Offering</b>	17 Staff meeting 10 am Celebration Ringers 6 pm	18	19 Quilting 9 am	20 Choir 7 pm	21	22
23 Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:45 am <b>Christ the King</b> <b>Organ Commission</b>	24 Staff meeting 10 am Celebration Ringers 6 pm	25 Circle Bible Study Touchmark 9:30 Fireside Room 6:30 Ecumenical Service- 6:30, 3580 N Benton	26 Quilting 9 am	27 <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Office is closed</b> NO Choir Rehearsal	28	29
30 Service 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study 10:45 <b>1st Advent</b>						

## **Festival of Angels**

The 2025 Festival of Angels will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 9 am. Recipients of all proceeds will be split between local Project Warmth for the unhoused and our companion Synod's Lutheran ministries in South Africa (Cape Orange Synod). Please join us for upcoming work days.

Lefse making work days: Friday, Oct. 31 (9am) and Saturday, Nov. 1 (9 am)

Krumkake cookie baking: Saturday, Nov. 8 (1 pm) and Tuesday, Nov. 11 (1 pm)

Rosettes: Saturday, November 15 9am

Please begin to bake holiday cookies and freeze them for our assorted cookie trays. These are very popular and we always sell out. Thank you for your support in this wonderful tradition of the church.

## **Funny Church Signs**

**“Life without Christ is like an unsharpened pencil- no point”**

## **First Tuesday of Every Month at noon.**

**Caring Friends** is a small but mighty ministry within St. Johns. Our mission is to provide love, support and fellowship to congregants and community members by way of in person visitation, phone calls and or e-mails.

We visit receptive home bound, senior living, and assisted living residents as well as hospital patients and serve the sacrament of communion when desired or requested. We are reaching out to the congregation to request any referrals you may know of that may appreciate what we have to offer. Also, any St. John's members that may be interested in joining our ranks are asked to call Greg at 406-439-4505 or 406-266-4464. As a group, we meet every 1st Tuesday each month for a one hour, very informal get together at the church at 12:00 noon. We share fellowship, prayer and updates on our visitees and any new prospects to visit. If you're interested in a great way to enhance your faith journey in a fun and rewarding way, please check us out.

## **The Hospitality Committee**

meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:15 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to bring treats for our coffee hour after  
Sunday Service.

## **\*Volunteer Opportunity\*** **Communion Preparation** **and Clean-Up**

We are looking for volunteers—**families, couples, or individuals**—to help with preparing and cleaning up communion trays for worship. Each volunteer signs up to serve two weeks during a month, either on Saturday or Sunday morning before service. If you're interested or have questions, or to choose the month that works best for you, please contact Barb Muir at 406-431-1841. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve!

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### **Bible Trivia Questions**

- 1. Who did Jesus meet on the Mount of Transfiguration?**
- 2. Matthew 17:4; Moses and Elijah**
- 3. Where in Egypt did Joseph settle his father and brothers?**
- 4. Genesis 47; Goshen**
- 3. Which of David's sons rebelled against him?**

**1 Kings 1**

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Colossians 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

### **In Our Prayers:**

Linda McDonald, Susan Olson, Mike McDonald, Paula Blessinger, Diane Evans, Tammy Tetrault, Susan Boettcher, Rosita Moe, Deb Berg, Meg Biggs and family, Richard Bomar, Jeff Shirley, Jeremy Stockstad, Tatiana Ceaicovschi, Randy Holmes, Kamila Ruth Baker, Brent Bushnell, Tom Andersen, Jana Clark, Dan Jacobson, Craig Steenberg, Thurston Dotson, John Gravely, Bob and Jane McGlynn, Wayne Olson, Barb Muir

### **For those in residential living centers, extended care or homebound:**

Mary Marty, Rev. Wayne Olsen, Rosita Moe, Esther Fuehrer, Julie Wolff, Adeline Rasmussen, Susan DeBree, Jimmie McGee

### **For those who are deployed and getting ready to deploy:**

**For St John's Lutheran Flock:** Angela Conley, Matt and Angie Eckdahl, Steve and Michelle Adsem, Jessica Gutierrez, Jeannie Kieckbusch, Greg and Deby McNally, Kevin and Kristi Skaalure, Steve and Christina Tielking, Jessica Obrecht, Greg Zeihen.

### **For those who have died and now rest in God's merciful care:**

All the Saints in Heaven

**For Missionaries:** Missionaries around the world; Willie Langdji in Cameroon

## 2026 Budget Submissions & Annual Meeting Reports Due

All ministry committees and church groups are reminded to submit their **2026 budget requests** and **2025 annual reports** to the church office **no later than November 2, 2025**. These submissions are essential for planning our ministries for the coming year, and for preparing materials for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Please ensure that reports are complete, accurate, and submitted on time. Electronic submissions are preferred and may be emailed to [saintjohns@helenastjohns.org](mailto:saintjohns@helenastjohns.org), or printed copies can be delivered to the church office during regular hours. Thank you for your faithful service!

### St. John's Sanctuary Choir

Rehearsals are Thursdays  
7-8 PM

### Quilters

Meet every Wednesday at 9 am.  
New members are welcome!

### Celebration Ringers

Rehearsals on Mondays  
from 6-7 PM  
New Ringers are welcome!



**2005 Milk  
Campaign Goal**  
**\$25,300**

**Grant Awards**  
**\$5000 Town Pump  
Foundation**  
**\$1000 MT Synod  
Hunger Team  
(spring 2025)**

Prayer is a vital part of our faith journey, a practice that deepens and transforms our relationship with God, with ourselves, and with one another. This year, the council members at St. John's Lutheran Church have chosen to focus on discipleship as a key aspect of our shared ministry.

In response to this, the council and ministry team have decided to engage in a special prayer initiative over the next 12 to 18 months. Each month, they will randomly select a member or family from our congregation to lift up in prayer. As part of this, you may receive a phone call or a letter asking for any specific prayer requests you might have.

I have also invited the council members to share any prayer requests with me so that I, too, can include you in my prayers and the prayers of the church. It is always comforting to know we are held in prayer, and it can be a powerful experience to hear our prayers voiced by others.

May we continue to support one another in prayer as we “walk in faith, grow in grace, and serve in love.”

In Christ Love,  
Pastor Keith

*Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12*

Please pray for these families through November:

Angela Conley, Matt and Angie Eckdahl, Steve and Michelle Adsem, Jessica Gutierrez, Jeannie Kieckbusch, Greg and Deby McNally, Kevin and Kristi Skaalure, Steve and Christina Tielking, Jessica Obrecht, Greg Zeihen.



Life is better together.

## *Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service*

November 25, 6:30 pm

3580 N Benton Ave, Helena

Our Redeemer's Lutheran - St. John's Lutheran

First Presbyterian - St. Peter's Episcopal - New Life Lutheran

# November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dane Moser	11/4
Matthew Wintersteen	11/4
Renee Slocum	11/9
Christina Tielking	11/9
Tamara Bushnell	11/10
Leland Rhodes	11/11
Britani Ford	11/12
Susan Frey	11/17
Teresa Kinley	11/18
Shawn Blessinger	11/19
Kai Moser	11/19
Kate Lee	11/21
Ben Spiger	11/22
Deanne Stegman	11/22
Brent Bushnell	11/24
Mallory Grimsrud	11/27
Christopher Hoy	11/24
Monica Grimsrud	11/28
Karin Steenberg	11/28
Lorrie Vennes	11/28

## Happy Anniversary

Chad and Jeanne Lee; November 11

Mike and Dawn Lopach November 20



## Option for Online Giving

Please use the code here for a mobile device online giving option.

Questions on how this works? Please contact the church office.

## Famous people born in November

### Clive Staples Lewis

Nov.29,1898 -Belfast, United Kingdom

Nov. 22, 1963

"Believe in GOD like you believe in the sunrise. Not because you can see it, but because you can see all it touches". C.S. Lewis

### Bible Trivia Answers:

1. Moses and Elijah; Matthew 17:4

2. Goshen; Genesis 47: 27

3. Adonijah; 1 Kings 1:5

## Social Ministry information

Lutheran Campus Ministry is our Social Ministry Cause for November.

Some facets of this ministry of our Montana Synod:

- a long-time presence at our universities in Missoula and Bozeman
- providing a variety of ministries with students and staff: worship, counselling, service projects, collegiality
- a primary training ground for future ELCA pastors
- following in the tradition of Martin Luther, a campus pastor in 16th century Wittenberg, Germany, and of a Lutheran church that has always valued all levels of public education

Use the pew envelopes and/or the Cats vs. Griz ballot boxes for your money gifts.

Thank you!

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At our WELCA Fall Gathering in September, we were given a presentation regarding the new Family Promise shelter for women and families which is set to open in December. The Helena Soroptimists are spearheading a "Shower for the Shelter" and we agreed to participate in this by displaying a sign and bin to help gather suggested items.



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Pastor email: [pastorkeith@helenastjohns.org](mailto:pastorkeith@helenastjohns.org)  
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**Worship Services**  
**Sunday 9:30 am**  
**Fellowship 10:30 am**  
**New Testament Bible Study 10:45 am**  
In-person and online via our Facebook page  
Services uploaded to YouTube

**Office Hours**  
9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Monday-Thursday  
Office Closed on Friday

**Ministering at  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran  
Church**

<b>Witness to the Gospel</b>	Members of SJLC
<b>Pastor</b>	Pastor Keith Weatherford
<b>Choir Director</b>	Connie Conley
<b>Worship Musicians</b>	Connie Conley
<b>Director of Youth &amp; Family Ministries</b>	Gretchen Mundinger
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Bonnie Stevens
<b>Audio and Video</b>	Angela Conley
<b>Treasurer</b>	Karen Hicks
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Randy Rake
<b>Sexton</b>	Pat Gober
<b>Church Council</b>	Paul Hilchen, President
	Lee Rhodes, Vice President
	Jennifer Wintersteen, Secretary
	Bing Crosby, Brian Tetrault
	Teressa Kinley, K'Lynn Sloan Harris
	Jenny Taylor

**Submission Deadlines: For Bulletin- Wednesday by noon  
For the Herald - 25th of each month**