

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Fair trade coffee and chocolate is available for sale in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday's or anytime by contacting Laura Nachtsheim.

DEADLINES

Please submit any announcements that you would like included in the weekly bulletin by Wednesday at Noon. The deadline for the May Herald is Friday, April 20th at noon. Thanks!

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.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Growing in Grace, Walking by Faith, Serving in Love"

Sunday, April 15, 2018—Easter 3

Liturgy: "Now the Feast and Celebration"

Opening Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" #619 vs. 1-4

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" #364

Sending Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #815

Special Music:

"God So Loved the World" by J. Helgen
St. John's Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Ministering in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Bradley Ulgenes
Organist	Dodie Walsh
Choir Director	Connie Conley
Bell Choir Directors	Renee Slocum and Christina Tielking
Acolyte	
Lectors	MT Synod Weekend Youth
Greeters	MT Synod Weekend Youth
Communion Servers	MT Synod Weekend Youth
Altar Guild	Betty Dotson, Lynda Faulkner, Ela Shields, Linda Wollitz
Ushers	MT Synod Weekend Youth
Bulletin Folders	Erma Polich and Mildred Twingley
Witness to the Gospel	Members of St. John's Lutheran Church

CARDS FOR DR. BOB & EVELYN WHITESITT

The Dotson's will be paying a visit to Dr. Bob & Evelyn later this month. If you would like to send a card or letter with them please bring it to the church office by Wednesday, April 18th. Thank you!

SPRING BAND CONCERT

The Helena New Horizons concert Band will present their spring concert on Sunday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The evening will feature a special guest appearance by The Queen City Swing Band and admission is free.

PAVE THE WAY

The "Paving the Way" fundraising campaign is motoring along. We have passed the 50% mark with \$22,404 of the \$43,000 goal raised. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH

The Social Ministry Outreach Special Offering for the month of April will go towards Flathead Lutheran Bible camp and helping them sustain their mission of sharing Christ's grace through meaningful relationships, shared adventures and purposeful service, with summer camp families and God's children of all ages. Please use one of the pew offering envelopes and check the social ministry outreach box. Thank you!

CANS

To those of you who separate the steel cans from the aluminum cans...thank you! It is a real time saver. Just place them in the barrel by the kitchen door or beside the barrel if it is full. Thank you—Cliff & Linda Roessner

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, April 8 was 132 and Wednesday, April 11th was 28.

COMPREHENSIVE MINISTRY REVIEW

We are planning a comprehensive ministry review led by Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger from the Montana Synod and her team which is scheduled for April 27 – 29th at St. John's.

On Saturday, the Synod review team will meet for 30 min. sessions with each of our staff and then spend the day (from 9:30 – 5:00) with our leadership team.

The ministry review team will attend worship on Sunday morning, and join in a congregational forum in which the congregation will be asked to respond to a series of questions and be able to ask questions of the ministry review team.

The ministry review team from the Synod plans to come back in late May to present the report to our leadership team and council during a 2 hour meeting. The report is typically about 15 pages long and reviews what happened, what was said and summarizes what was learned

END OF YEAR HELP FOR QUILTERS

The quilters are asking for help on the following dates in May. On May 9th we will box up, label, and weigh the quilts. Hands and muscles are needed! On May 11th we need help at 10:00 am to move all the school bag boxes and quilt boxes out to the curb. The truck arrives around 10:30 am-11:00 am and we will load it. Muscles are REALLY needed again. Many hands make light work. Thank you for all your help and support for these two great projects. God's Work, Our Hands!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The chicks are coming....

Welcome and God's peace be with you. We are thankful you are here and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in this congregation.

- * Individual listening aids are available from the ushers.
- * Children are always welcome to worship at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please ask one of our ushers or greeters for a Children's Worship Bulletin and activity bag. A nursery is available for children ages 0-4 during the service.
- * All who are baptized are welcome to receive the forgiving and gracious presence of Christ in communion. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.
- * Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs following the service for a time of fellowship. All are welcome!

In Our Prayers This Week

On the Occasion Of Their Baptism: Calvin James Rider

For Healing:

For those suffering devastation from hurricanes, earthquakes, forest fires, and violence, Hailey Dunk, Jean Buckingham, the Northern Cheyenne and those adversely affected by the snow, Esther Fuehrer, Violet Kerr, Randy Holmes, The Bernstein Family, Debbie (Barb Muir's daughter), Doug and Becki Watkins, Jim Kembel, Jim Moe, Dave Hanson (Mildred Twingley's Son-in-Law), Zoe B., Barb Knutson, Kris Olson, Lester Anderson, Luke Almas, 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:

John Bakke, Mary Jo Ronshaugen, Theresa Lindgren, Donna Muffick, Karen Sloan

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

Pat Tyanich, Esther Fuehrer, Bob Hanson, Dr. Bob & Evelyn Whitesitt, Ken Bolland, Annie Stegmann, Jean E. Munding, 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)*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 15h:

9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am-Sunday School

10:30 am-Social Ministry Committee

10:30 am-Thank You Coffee Hour

Monday, April 16th:

6:00 pm-Venture Scouts

6:00 pm-Men's Group

6:30 pm-Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 17th:

10:30 am-Staff Meeting

6:30 pm-Church Council

Wednesday, April 18th:

9:00 am-Noon-Quilters

1:30 pm-Book Club @LCPL

MIDWEEK CONNECTION

5:30 pm-Community Meal

6:25 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion

7:00 pm-Bible Study

Thursday, April 19th:

7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 20th:

Saturday, April 21st:

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, April 24th:

9:30 am-Circle at Touchmark

7:00 pm-Evening Circle

Friday, April 27th:

5:30 pm-Fellowship Friday at Perkins

April 27-29th Comprehensive Ministry Review

Sunday, April 29th: Quilt Dedication Sunday

SPECIAL GUEST

Today we warmly welcome Calvin James Rider and his family on the occasion of his baptism. May God bless and keep you always!

YOUTH WEEKEND AT ST. JOHN'S

Today we welcome over 40 youth and their leaders from around the state in worship today! We had a fun filled weekend of service, games, worship, "Being in the Light" and small group study. Thank you to those who helped contribute snacks and helped in the kitchen, to Thrivent for providing the Action Team Grant, to our community partners who helped arrange our service projects, to Pr. Jason Asselstine for organizing and coordinating the event, and to Pr. Jessie Obrecht for her presentation on hunger, Pastor Brad, and to our sponsors The Montana Synod, The Hetzel Foundation, St. John's, and Our Redeemer

THANK YOU COFFEE HOUR

Join us downstairs following the service for a special thank you coffee hour dedicated to those who were busy here at St. John's this winter. We greatly appreciate all of the hard work that our bathroom remodel crew put in (Marv Olaf, Gerald Watne, Jens Jensen, Mark Blessinger, Vern Grimsrud, Wayne Olsen, and Charles Tielking for installing the plumbing.) Our snow removal crew certainly had their work cut out for them this year and we are grateful to Vern Grimsrud and Ron Stegmann for your round the clock work.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The St. John's Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 at the Lewis & Clark County Library, in the small conference room. Mary R will lead discussion of *Death in a White Tie* by Ngaio Marsh.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thank you for directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's last month. By directing Choice Dollars through Thrivent choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations and \$255 was directed towards St. John's. Thank you!