

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 8, 2018—Easter 2

Liturgy: "Now the Feast and Celebration"

Opening Hymn: "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright" #384

Hymn of the Day: "Now The Green Blade Rises" #379

Sending Hymn: "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" #535

Special Music:

"O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing" arr. Aaron David Miller
St. John's Sanctuary Choir

Ministering in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Bradley Ulgenes
Organist	Dodie Walsh
Choir Director	Connie Conley
Bell Choir Directors	Renee Slocum and Christina Tielking
Acolyte	Heath Caldwell
Lectors	Barb Muir
Greeters	Erma Polich and Mildred Twingley
Communion Servers	Ramey Rogness, Ela Shields Gerald and Susan Watne
Altar Guild	Betty Dotson, Lynda Faulkner, Ela Shields, Linda Wollitz
Ushers	Paul Evanson and Jens Jensen
Bulletin Folders	Erma Polich and Mildred Twingley
Witness to the Gospel	Members of St. John's Lutheran Church

ST. PETER'S HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT EDUCATION SUPPORT GROUP

St. Peter's is sponsoring a seven week support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Sessions begin Wednesday, April 18th, from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Group size is limited and registration is required by April 13th. Call Melanie Trost at 422-6431 or Karissa Bennett at 431-5006 for further information or to register.

HELP!

The quilters are in need of more sheets-specifically any size flat sheet made out of cotton. Questions? Speak with Linda Roessner or Mildred Twingley.

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!

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

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.

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!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Palm Sunday was 153, Maundy Thursday was 50, Good Friday was 28, Sunrise Service at Kleffner Ranch was 36, Easter Sunday Festival Worship was 261.

EASTER BREAKFAST

A huge thank you for all your help in making our youth sponsored Easter Breakfast such a success again this year. We appreciate your generous help in preparing the meals, supplying baked goods, washing dishes, and to Thrivent for providing the action team grant. We raised over \$1200 dollars for our youth programs here at St. John's! THANK YOU!

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!

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!

For Healing:

For those suffering devastation from hurricanes, earthquakes, forest fires, and violence, Jean Buckingham, the Northern Cheyenne and those adversely affected by the snow, Esther Fuehrer, Violet Kerr, Randy Holmes, The Bernstein Family, Tom Morrow, 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 8th:

9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am-Sunday School

10:30 am-"How to Mend a Broken Heart" Adult Forum with Dr. Fenton

Monday, April 9th:

6:00 pm-Venture Scouts

6:30 pm-Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 10th:

10:30 am-Staff Meeting

Noon-Memorial Service for John Bakke

Noon-Finance Committee

Noon-WOSJ's

Wednesday, April 11th:

9:00 am-Noon-Quilters

1:30 pm-Executive Committee

MIDWEEK CONNECTION

5:30 pm-Community Meal

6:25 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion

7:00 pm-Bible Study

Thursday, April 12th:

1:30 pm-Music & Worship Committee

2:30 pm-Memorial Committee

7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 13th:

3:00 pm-Communion Service at Masonic Home

6:00 pm-MT Synod Youth Weekend at St. John's (4/13-4/15)

Saturday, April 14th:

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 15th:

10:30 am-Social Ministry Committee

10:30 am-Special Thank You Coffee Hour

Wednesday, April 18th:

1:30 pm-SJLC Book Club

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

HOW TO MEND A BROKEN HEART

Dr. Sarah Fenton will give a presentation during the adult forum today on the different types of heart diseases and how they are diagnosed and treated. Join us for some coffee and conversation immediately following worship down in the fellowship hall.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S LUNCH ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH

The speaker for the Women of St. John's April meeting this week is Steve Erb, a former Marine and National Guard helicopter pilot and now co-owner of the only commercial spinning mill in Montana. Steve and Nancy operate the Fair Winds Llama Ranch which includes both Llama's and Alpaca's. Their booth at the Farmer's Market has quilted items, fabric bowls, and yard. All ladies are invited to join us at noon in the Guild Room on the 10th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make Holy Week so special this year. MANY people were working hard behind the scenes-cleaning the church, preparing the flowers, prepping for worship, rehearsing special music, cracking eggs, washing dishes, setting up worship spaces...the list is long! Thank you good and faithful servants!

YOUTH WEEKEND AT ST. JOHN'S APRIL 13-15

Middle School & High School Youth from all over Montana will be taking Helena by storm and staying at St. John's April 13th-15th. It will be an exciting weekend of games, worship, fellowship, service projects, bible study, and dancing! We could use extra help with the following:

- Providing cookies/sweet treats for lunch on Saturday
- Help in the kitchen on Saturday, April 14th (setting out breakfast food, preparing lunch)
- Interested in participating in a community service project? All of the kids and chaperones will be heading out to various community centers in Helena on Saturday the 14th from 9:00 am-Noon and we welcome anyone and everyone who is interested in helping give back to our community.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex and you can speak with Gretchen if you have any questions. *It will be a great weekend and we would love for you to join us for part or all of it!*