

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.

DEADLINES

Please submit any announcements that you would like included in the weekly bulletin by Wednesday at Noon. The deadline for the March Herald is **Friday, February 16th at noon**. Thanks!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Sunday 2/4 was 109 and Wednesday 2/7 was 29.

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.

COMFORT FOOD CHALLENGE TODAY AT 4:30 PM

Family Promise's biggest fundraiser, the Comfort Food Challenge, is today from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds. Our own Betty Olaf, Linda Roessner, and Mildred Twingley will be serving "Rainbow Jello" as part of St. John's contribution. Tickets are \$15.

SOUPER SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Souper Bowl last Sunday. A Total of 161 pounds of food and \$531 was donated for Helena Food Share.

FAMILY PROMISE BRUNCH AND TRAINING

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Family Promise of Greater Helena will be holding a training session for anyone interested in serving as a dinner or overnight host on February 18, following the service. The Social Ministry Committee will be providing brunch and the training will start at 11:00 and should end by 12:30. Those who have already attended training are encouraged to come for a refresher – and for the food!

MAKEUP PHOTOS FOR NEW DIRECTORY 2/18

Makeup photos for the new pictorial directory will take place on Sunday, February 18th beginning at 8:30 am. Any questions? Please contact the church office.

MAKENZIE RIVER PIZZA NIGHT

Take your community voucher (*found in the narthex*) into MacKenzie River Pizza on Monday, February 26th and St. John's Youth Group will receive 20% of your meal total to help offset the cost of attending the 2018 ELCA Gathering in Houston, Texas! Present the voucher when you pay for your meal and give one to a friend!

GIVING STATEMENTS

Your 2017 giving statements are available in the narthex.

WOSJ'S VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH

Women of St. John's are invited to a Valentine's Day Lunch on Tuesday, February 13th at Noon. Desserts will be furnished. Bring a salad or hot dish to share.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The St. John's Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 21st from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm at the Lewis & Clark County Library, in the small conference room. We will be discussing *Where We Belong* by Emily Giffin.



ASH WEDNESDAY & THE BEGINNING OF LENT

The Holy season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th with Ash Wednesday. Services with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be held at Noon & 6:30 pm. Beginning Wednesday, February 21st join us for our traditional soup suppers and worship. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm. Different committees will provide the soup each week and a schedule and sign up sheets to bring rolls, jams, extra soups, etc. can be found in the kitchen.

MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPER/LENTEN OFFERINGS

- Feb. 21 St. John's Youth: "This Changes Everything"**
Help send our youth to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.
- Feb. 28 Intermountain**
Begun in 1909 by Rev. Van Orsdel (Brother Van), this ministry provides residential and community-based services to more than 1500 Montana children and families each year. Supported by Presbyterian, Methodist, UCC and ELCA churches. intermountain.org
- Mar. 7 Montana Synod House**
Ground-breaking took place in April of 2017, and an ELCA Mission Builders crew worked on the Great Falls site in the summer---with lots of help from church folk from around the synod. Here's our opportunity to help!
montanasynod.org
- Mar. 14 Seafarers International House in NYC**
An amazing ELCA ministry for seafarers and immigrants in the Union Square neighborhood of New York City. Tourists are welcome to stay there as well, thus helping to support this 'Harbor of Hospitality'. sihnyc.org
- Mar. 21 Senegal and The Gambia: Growing the Church**
The young Evangelical Lutheran Church of The Gambia has 2000 members in nine congregations. With a \$100,000. goal, the ELCA plans to establish two Lutheran education centers for training of evangelists, office space, and staff stipends. elca.org