

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 15th.

ATTENDANCE

Worship attendance on Sunday, January 6th was 128 and Wednesday January 9th was 27.

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, January 13th, 2019--Baptism of Our Lord

Liturgy: "Now the Feast and Celebration" by Marty Haugen

Gathering Hymn: "Baptized in Water" #456

Hymn of the Day: "You Are Mine" #581

Special Music

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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
Greeters	Erma Polich and Mildred Twingley
Lector	Mait Board
Ushers	Paul Evanson and Jens Jensen
Acolyte	Samuel Fitterer
Communion Servers	Karen Tobel Brad, Justin, and Tyler Tobel
Altar Guild	Ellen Hanpa, Judy Kembel Noma Middlestead, Linda Roessner
Bulletin Folders	Erma Polich and Mildred Twingley
Witness to the Gospel	Members of St. John's Lutheran Church

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE?

Want to contribute to worship occasionally? It's easy to fit into your personal schedule. Ask these folks for more information:

Usher: Cliff Roessner 442-6767

Communion Servers: Norm Hanpa 422-9891

Greeters: Elaine Ulgenes 442-6443

Lectors: Gwynn Munding 449-8996

Flower Contributions: Office 442-6270

Altar Guild: Betty Dotson 442-9126

Feel free to ask any member listed above at the Fellowship Hour. We love to share.

WARM HEARTS BLANKET AND TOWEL DRIVE

The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Associates are again sponsoring a blanket and towel drive January 12-February 3 and we are one of the collection sites this year. Please bring in new twin blankets, bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths to be distributed to our various aid organizations in town.

FLBC REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp summer programs is now open! You can register online at www.flbc.net and brochures are available in the narthex. There are options for all ages and interests and we want to help make this possible. Scholarships of all dollar amounts are available to ALL campers from SJLC. Contact the office for more details!

FAIR TRADE ITEMS

Fair trade coffee, olive oil, and chocolate are available for sale in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday's or anytime by contacting Mait Board.

UPCOMING YOUTH SERVANT RETREAT FEBRUARY 15TH-17TH

Our upcoming service retreat to Rocky Boy Reservation is open to all Middle School & High School kids and we'd love to take you up with us. The weekend will be spent in service to our neighbors by building bunk beds for needy families. We will be learning to walk alongside our Native Brothers and Sisters in faith, take part in a powwow and experience life on a Montana reservation. Call the office or speak with Gretchen if you have questions. **Deadline to register is January 16th.** The registration fee will be covered by the church. We will leave after school on the 15th and return in the afternoon on the 17th. You will be responsible for one meal and any extra spending money.

NEWS FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

The Social Ministry Committee has chosen Family Promise as the recipient for January's benevolence and outreach donations. Family Promise's annual fundraiser, the Comfort Food Challenge, is scheduled for Sunday, February 10 – so save the date. Each participating church raises money for Family Promise by having a "ballot box" for money donated during the month leading up to the Challenge. Your January donations will be used to stuff St. John's ballot box and all proceeds from the money you donate will go directly to Family Promise of Greater Helena. Please place your offerings in the pew offering envelope and check the Social Ministry box. If you have any questions about the Comfort Food Challenge, please contact one of our Team Captains – Betty Olaf, Linda Roessner and Mildred Twingley.

MAKE SPACE TO REFLECT AND FOR MEDITATION

St. John's WELCA unit will be hosting a "Quiet Day" for the Great Divide Cluster on Feb 9, 2019. We will be focusing on finding time for the Lord in our busy lives and will take time for prayer and contemplation. Plan to join us for coffee and a continental breakfast at 8:30 on Saturday, Feb 9. It's fun to meet with fellow Christian women within our cluster of WELCA!

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY RETURNS

All are welcome to join us at Perkins Restaurant on Friday, January 25th at 5:30 pm for a meal and a time of fellowship. Any questions? Please speak with Betty Dotson.

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.
- * 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

In Our Prayers This Week

For Healing: for the victims of the tsunami in Indonesia and all those who are suffering in the aftermath of natural disasters, Richard Wolgamott, Pr. Steven Tibbetts and Zion ELCA Church, Kim Newman, Vicki Alpiner, Mike Belville, Amy Wolgamott, 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, Debbie Grebenc, 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:

Ernie Dygert, Jean E. Munding, Trapper Armstrong, June Stanley, Ed Stremcha, Doris Guidi, Jean Buckingham, 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)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 13th:

9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 am-Adult Forum: A celebration of baptism and discussion on Pastor Brad's plans for sabbatical to be taken June-August 2019

10:45 am-Sunday School

Monday, January 14th:

6:00 pm-Venture Scouts

6:00 pm-Bells

Tuesday, January 15th:

9:30 am-Morning Circle ***new day! Meet at Touchmark in the Garden Wing Room*

10:30 am-Staff Meeting

6:30 pm-Church Council

Wednesday, January 16th:

9:00 am-Quilters

1:30 pm-Book Club @LCPL

MIDWEEK CONNECTION

5:30 pm-Dinner: Breakfast

6:30 pm-Worship

7:00 pm-Study for All

Thursday, January 17th:

7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir

Friday, January 18th:

3:00 pm-Communion Service at Masonic Home

Saturday, January 19th: Pastor away 1/19-22

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 20th:

10:45 am-Social Ministry Committee

2:00 pm-Therapy Dog Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 21st:

6:00 pm-Men's Group

Tuesday, January 22nd:

7:00 pm-Evening Circle

Thursday, January 24th: Gretchen Away at Youth Conference 1/24-29

Friday, January 25th:

5:30 pm-Fellowship Friday at Perkins

Sunday, January 27, 2019:

10:45 am-Annual Meeting

Monday, January 28th, 2019:

8:00 am-4:00 pm-NRIT Workshop in Fellowship

Family Promise Week 1/27-2/2

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM TODAY

"I have called you by name, you are mine," says Isaiah. This day is about being named and claimed as God's own and we will honor the newly baptized from the past few years here at St. John's as well as honor our own baptisms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH

If you would like your committee report included in the Annual Report for our upcoming Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27th, please submit your report to the office no later than Monday, January 14th! Thank you.

JANUARY ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

All are welcome to join us following worship for a time of discussion, fellowship, and treats! Our January schedule is as follows:

January 13th: A discussion on baptism as well as Pastor Brad's plans for sabbatical to be taken June-August 2019

January 20th: Fellowship

January 27th: Annual Meeting

MORNING CIRCLE MEETING

Morning Circle has grown and in order to schedule a bigger room at Touchmark, Morning Circle changed its meeting date to the third Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Jan 15th, 9:30 am, in the first floor Garden Wing room (our old meeting room). Evening Circle will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

ST JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The St. John's book club will resume meeting at 1:30 on the third Wednesday of every month in the Small Conference Room of the Lewis and Clark County Library, starting on Wednesday, January 16. We will be discussing "The Bean Trees" by Barbara Kingsolver. Hope to see you at the library!

ALTAR GUILD MEETING, SUNDAY JANUARY 20TH

The Altar Guild will meet in the altar area following worship on Sunday, January 20th for an important meeting.