

**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 6th, 2019-Epiphany**

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

Gathering Hymn: "Bright And Glorious Is The Sky" #301 verses 1-3

Hymn of the Day: "Bright And Glorious Is The Sky" #301 verses 4-6

#### **Special Music**

"Only a Baby Came" by N. Sleeth

St. John's Sanctuary Choir

### **Ministering in Worship**

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| <b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b> | Pastor Bradley Ulgenes  |
| <b>Organist</b>                  | Dodie Walsh   |
| <b>Choir Director</b>            | Connie Conley   |
| <b>Bell Choir Directors</b>      | Renee Slocum and Christina Tielking                                       |
| <b>Greeters</b>                  | Gerald and Susan Watne  |
| <b>Lector</b>                    | Janice Larison  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                    | Merwin Barrows and Karl Kallin  |
| <b>Communion Servers</b>         | Merwin and Sandra Barrows<br>Ellen Hanpa, Laura Nachtsheim                |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>               | Ellen Hanpa, Judy Kembel  |
| <b>Bulletin Folders</b>          | Noma Middlestead, Linda Roessner  |
| <b>Witness to the Gospel</b>     | Erma Polich and Mildred Twingley<br>Members of St. John's Lutheran Church |

### **SAVE THE DATE – FEBRUARY 9, 2019**

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. More info to come!

### **PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is running low. Thank you!

### **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.

### **THE SOUL OF AGING**

Cathy Barker will be leading The Soul of Aging-a 10 session course in the style of Geography of Grace, with essays and poems, journaling and silence, listening and sharing. The Soul of Aging will be offered on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at Cathy's home at 1718 Winne beginning January 8th. For more information please contact her directly at 422-3346 or at Heronsbalance@mindspring.com. All are welcome!

### **DEADLINES**

Please submit any announcements that you would like included in the weekly bulletin by Wednesday at Noon. The deadline for the February Herald is Friday, January 12th.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Worship attendance on Sunday, December 30th was 109.

### UPCOMING YOUTH SERVANT RETREAT FEBURARY 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.

### 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!

### 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.

Family Promise's new Executive Director will be joining us for coffee hour on Sunday, January 6, to thank St. John's for its ongoing participation in this ministry and can also answer any questions you have about how Family Promise spends the money it raises.

If you have any questions about the Comfort Food Challenge, please contact one of our Team Captains – Betty Olaf, Linda Roessner and Mildred Twingley.

**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, Kim Newman, Vicki Alpiner, Mike Belville, Amy Wolgamott, Holly Morgan-Fitterer, Anne Kania, 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:

Jean E. Munding, Trapper Armstrong, June Stanley, Ed Stremcha, Doris Guidi, Jean Buckingham, Plato Marshall Kinley (*Teresa Kinley's father*), 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 6th:

9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 am-Adult Forum: Glenna Wortman-Obie from Family Promise

10:45 am-Sunday School

### Monday, January 7th:

6:00 pm-Venture Scouts

6:00 pm-Bells

### Tuesday, January 8th:

10:30 am-Staff Meeting

Noon-WOSJ's Lunch Meeting and Guest Speaker Charlotte Neill

7:00 pm-4H in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm-Caring Friends in Fair Chapel

### Wednesday, January 9th:

9:00 am-Quilters

Noon-Music & Worship Committee

#### MIDWEEK CONNECTION

5:30 pm-Dinner: Shepherds Pie

6:30 pm-Worship

7:00 pm-Study for All

### Thursday, January 10th:

Noon-Finance Committee

7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, January 11th:

3:00 pm-Communion Service at Masonic Home

### Saturday, January 12th:

#### LOOKING AHEAD

### Tuesday, January 15th:

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

6:30 pm-Church Council

### Wednesday, January 16th:

1:30 pm-Book Club @LCPL

### Sunday, January 20th:

10:45 am-Social Ministry Committee

### Sunday, January 27, 2019:

10:45 am-Annual Meeting

## 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 6th: Presentation by Glenna Wortman-Obie from Family Promise

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

## CARING FRIENDS MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

Caring Friends will meet in the Fair Chapel on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm.

The topic will be depression and sadness. We will also have a short business meeting to discuss a possible new meeting day and time.

## CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

A celebration of baptism will be held on Sunday, January 13th and we will honor the newly baptized from the past few years here at St. John's.

## 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.

## 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.