

## **JULY DESIGNATED OFFERING**

The Social Ministry Committee has designated YMCA Helena Children's Programs for July. As a charitable organization, the Helena YMCA provides financial assistance to those who cannot afford the cost of programs, membership, or service. From early learning to job training, the YMCA offers programs and services that meet the needs of communities. They work with infants, preschoolers, school-age children, young adults and active seniors. In Helena projects have ranged from an Eagle Scout project at Camp Child to help more kids enjoy camp, helping struggling readers in the Summer Literacy Academy program, making sure Bryant kids are safe after school, to helping families spend quality time together. Our donations will help with kids and teens of all ages and backgrounds a better chance to reach their full potential. Please place your offerings in the pew envelope and mark the Social Ministry Box. Thank you for your generosity!

## **HYMN SING**

During the summer months we love to sing your favorite hymns! Join us before worship for our sing along and please put your favorite hymn numbers on your attendance slip so we can incorporate them into our service this summer!

## **DEADLINES**

Please submit any announcements that you would like included in the weekly bulletin by Wednesday at Noon. The deadline for the September Herald is Friday, August 23rd.

## **FAIR TRADE ITEMS**

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

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance on Sunday, July 14th was 86.

## **THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to Pastor Patricia Harant for preaching and presiding today while Pastor Brad is on sabbatical this summer. We appreciate it!

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us downstairs for coffee hour today – with treats supplied by the French/Barrows families. If you have not hosted coffee hour in the past, summer is a great time to start. Consider asking a partner to join you and sign up for one of the remaining summer weeks. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee hour table.

## **SWIM NIGHT @ LAST CHANCE SPLASH PARK**

Sunday, July 21st from 5:15pm to 7:15pm.

Bring your whole family and some friends for a FREE night of fellowship and fun in the water. We are partnering with Our Redeemer's and New Life and will have the pool exclusively for these two hours including the pool, lazy river, water slides, diving boards, and splash deck. There will be life jackets and lazy river tubes available at no additional charge. So, bring your family and friends, a picnic dinner and some water or lemonade for an amazing and free night of fun with the family! We will be collecting soaps for God's Love and Lutheran World Relief Kits. Bring your hotel shampoos and bar soaps or any bars of soap or laundry detergent to help those in need! Thank you to Thrivent for helping to make this FREE night of fellowship possible!

## **JULY REQUESTS FROM FOOD SHARE**

We are working more closely with Helena Food Share to help them meet their most immediate needs. This month they could use:

- Meals in a can (Chili/Beef Stews/Etc...)
- Canned Soups
- Cereals
- Peanut Butter
- Fruit Cups
- Graham Crackers

We have a donation bin in our narthex that you can use or you can drop off items at Food Share. Thank you!

### **REQUEST FROM FALL FEST COMMITTEE**

The FALL FEST committee is looking for the following donations if you have any extra around your home:

COOKIE JARS (please no chips or scratches)

FLORAL FOAM

1 YARD REMNANTS OF SEASONAL/HOLIDAY FABRIC

TURKEY PLATTER

EXTRA LARGE BASKETS

NEW UNUSED PILLAR CANDLES, LED VOTIVES

If you are working on a theme for a Fall Fest basket please let us know.... The Fall Fest this year is October 27. Janice, Ela & Miki

### **FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE**

Family Promise is currently hosting three families for a total of eleven guests (5 adults and 6 kids). While two of the families may be graduating soon, we should have at least one family still in the program through St. John's next host week, which starts on Sunday, September 1.

Pastor Neal is back from his travels and will be sending out a schedule for overnight hosts soon, and Paula will be looking for dinner hosts, starting July 21.

### **Volunteer Training**

If you would like to join the dedicated St. John's Family Promise volunteers, please consider attending the August 8 training, which starts at 6:30 pm at First Christian Church, 311 Power. We have one more host week after September, starting on November 10.

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Michael Everett, from troop 215 is organizing a clothing swap on July 26th from 10 AM-4 PM. Bring any clothes you no longer need to 3116 Saddle Drive. They will be washed and sorted. On Friday, July 26th all of the donated clothes will be available for anyone to take home. Please spread the word and you do NOT need to donate clothes to participate. Want to help volunteer? Please call 406-430-9847.

### **WATCH FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY SALES THIS SUMMER!**

Supplies needed for each school bag:

4 – 70 sheet note books.

1 – Ruler (centimeter and inches).

1 – Pencil sharpener.

1 – Blunt scissor.

5 – Unsharpened #2 pencils.

5 – Ball point pens (black or white).

1 – Box 24 crayons.

1 – 2 ½ inch eraser.

Children around the world thank you!

God's Work, Our Hands.

### **QUILTER FELLOWSHIP**

While the quilters may have wrapped up their sewing at church for the summer season, that doesn't mean that we can't meet for a time of fellowship! Save these dates: August 21st. We will meet for coffee and cookies in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

### **HELP!**

The quilters are grateful for all the sheet donations! We desperately need materials for quilt tops and school bags. We use cotton and cotton/poly for our quilts and poplin, cotton, corduroy, and denim for our school bags. Please no knits. Thrift stores and garage sales are great resources. Thank you for your continued support! Linda & Mildred

### **INTERMOUNTAIN VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING**

Volunteers who signed up to help lead VBS at Intermountain will meet for an informational session on Sunday, July 28th following worship. We will go over the curriculum and answer any questions you may have. Volunteers are still welcome and we'd love for you to join us for any/all of our mini camp week! Reminder that the dates are July 30th-August 1st from 3:30 PM-5:00 PM at Intermountain.

### **SAVE THE DATE-BLOOD DRIVE**

St. John's will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, August 15th. If you have any questions or if you would like to help, please speak with Mary Crosby.