

DEADLINES-IMPORTANT!

Please submit any announcements that you would like included in the weekly bulletin by Wednesday at Noon. **The deadline for the June & July Herald (combined next month) is Friday May 17th.**

COFFEE HOUR TREATS FOR SUMMER

Mother Hubbard has a bare cupboard and summer is coming! Please consider bringing treats for our weekly coffee hour. Thanks!

MAY DESIGNATED OFFERING- LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Our Social Ministry Committee chose this important ministry this month because of the current flood, loss, and ongoing recovery in the Midwestern States, especially Nebraska. Please place your offerings in the pew envelopes and mark Social Ministry Committee.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Worship attendance on Sunday, May 5th was 122.

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.

FISH SUNDAY! GOD'S WORK LITTLE HANDS!

Like last year the younger Sunday School children raised money for ELCA Barnyard Animals. We sold chicks for a \$1 and this year we will be selling fish. The money will go to a third world country to set up a fish pond with fish for a family so they can sell and eat the fish. Last year the students had so much fun selling the chicks and learned the lesson of sharing and working together for others. Please help us to help others! Visit our fish booth in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship!

SUNDAE SUNDAY

Today is our last day of Sunday School for the season. THANK YOU to all of our volunteer teachers who help fulfill the baptismal promises we make to our kids-helping them to grow in the Christian faith and life. Special thanks to Betty Olaf, Janice Larison, Brent Bushnell, Jenny Taylor, Danyel Bauer, Chad Lee, Amy Smiedala, and Jodee Alm for all that you do for our kids! To celebrate, please join us for ice cream sundaes downstairs immediately following worship.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Let us give thanks for all of the women in our lives. As a small token of our appreciation we have a flower for every woman to taken home today. God bless you!

VBS/ DAY CAMP HELP

Camp is around the corner and there are many behind the scenes need to help pull this wild week off with out a hitch! Current needs include providing healthy snacks, help in the kitchen in the morning to prep snacks, housing for counselors, office help, help with the final BBQ on Friday, help with youth night on Wednesday, providing a lunch for 5 hungry counselors.....please consider where you may be called to serve and speak with Gretchen. Thank you!

WOMEN'S BANQUET MAY 14TH

Calling all women, girls, and boys to the annual Women of St. John's banquet on May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Meet Noah and see the Ark. Kids, bring your favorite stuffed animal and ask questions of Noah. Chicken and rolls will be furnished. Bring a salad or desert to share.

ST. JOHN'S DISCIPLESHIP CALLING CARDS

St. John's "calling cards" are now available in the narthex or in the office. Please help yourself to a handful! As the Holy Spirit guides you in evangelism, remember we are ALL worthy of discipleship and we are ALL called to spread the Good News! Maybe these cards can help. Special thanks to Kathy Russell (Norm & Ellen's daughter) for her classic sketch of the church. Also thanks to everyone for their help in designing this card. More cards will be ordered when needed so get out there and have FUN handing out cards. What better news is there that salvation is available to ALL by Grace through Faith!!

VBS/DAY CAMP WITH FLBC AT ST. JOHN'S

Camp is just around the corner and we have another fun week planned with counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp the week of June 17-21. The week is filled with worship, small & large group activities, crafts, outdoor time, special guest presentations and ends with a family BBQ on our lawn at noon. Our theme is God transforming Community and camp is open to all! Kids 4 years old-Kindergarten attend from 9:00 AM-Noon (\$30 for the week) and Kids Entering 1st Grade through 6th Grade attend 9:00 AM-3:00 PM (\$50 for the week). Options for early and after camp care are available for an additional fee and scholarships are available. Pick up your registration form today from the St. John's church office or call 442-6270. Kids love VBS/DAY CAMP and won't want to miss this!

LIFT OUR PLANET-FUNDRAISING REQUEST

Bailey Jacobson, a member of St. John's who is attending MSU, has been selected to represent Montana by volunteering in Thailand this summer with Lift Our Planet, an educational volunteer travel organization participating in humanitarian and conservation development projects. If you are interested in helping to support her project or would like more information please contact the church office for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Did you know you can dedicate flowers for the altar on Sundays to celebrate the special occasions in your life? If you are interested please speak with Noma 442-6141 or Laura 442-6831

THRIVENT SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY!

As a gracious Helena community member, we need your help! God's Love in Helena is celebrating its 35th year of providing food, clothing and temporary shelter to anyone who walks through its doors. This past winter, all 38 dorm-style beds were typically filled while an additional 30-36 people were given a place on the floor. In addition, the 9 family rooms housed 17 children and their families. Taking everything into account, the winter was a huge strain on the shelter and its resources. To help, Autumn Keller - Thrivent Financial is hosting a work-day at the shelter Saturday, May 18th from 9am to 4pm to assist with: general repairs around the shelter, painting the outdoor park benches, building a designated donations area in the basement, organizing donations (clothes, shoes, household items, etc) Thrivent Financial has donated money to cover the building, painting and organizing supplies. Yet, we need helping hands to do the work.

The shelter has also requested monetary assistance to cover rent deposits and co-pays to aid those who frequent the shelter in securing a place to live and get them back on their feet. They also need new or gently used: Plates, Bowls, Cups and Utensils, towels, socks, sleeping bags, backpacks, hangers (to organize donations), baby items – clothing, toys, gear, diapers and baby formula are appreciated as well. Donations can be brought to our office, 2600 Winne Ave, Suite B on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the May 18th workday.

Whether you choose to give your time, money or other need items, thank you for giving back to our community and an organization that fills such a desperate need. Join members of our Thrivent Community to help God's Love. Please bring your family and friends along! Refreshments will be available. Call 406-442-6091 with questions or to RSVP for our work day.