



The Herald

June 2018

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church~Helena, Montana

"Growing in grace, walking in faith, serving in love"

**THE JULY HERALD WILL BE ARRIVING DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY.
WISHING YOU A GREAT SUMMER!**

VBS/DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

"THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING"

REGISTER NOW FOR VBS DAY CAMP WITH FLBC COUNSELORS!

Join us June 18th-22nd and experience how the life-changing love of God in Christ-GRACE-changes everything. Day Camp is open to kids ages 4-5 (9:00-noon; \$25) and kids entering 1st grade through 6th grade (9:00-3:00; \$40). Early and late daycare is also available for an extra fee. Camp ends on Friday, June 22nd at noon with a family BBQ on the lawn. Contact the office to register today or pick up a blue registration form in the narthex.

SUMMER VBS DAY CAMP NEEDS & OFFICE NEEDS

We could use help with the following from June 18-July 3rd:

- 1) Daily office help from 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- 2) Housing for 2 counselors
- 3) Lunch for 5 hungry counselors (4 days only, you choose 1 day)
- 4) Healthy snacks for day campers (pretzels, goldfish crackers, grapes, string cheese, yogurt, etc.)
- 5) Help with craft time and snack time
- 6) Help on Friday, June 22nd with the family BBQ

Contact the church office or speak with Gretchen if you have any questions-thanks!



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 1st to elect one Council member and to approve Bylaw revisions required by the latest Constitution updates. The meeting will take place at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRAD

Summer Joy: Youth Trip to Houston, Vacation Bible School, Flathead Bible Camp

This summer three youth events of great joy will take place. Gretchen and six excited youth will travel to Houston by bus to attend the National Youth Gathering. When I attended the national gathering in San Antonio with kids from Havre, the experience of meeting with 30,000 youth from all over the United States made a deep and lasting impression. The kids knew that they were not alone in their faith journey. Our youth will hear world class speakers and musicians, spread out through Houston for service projects for a day, and participate in dynamic worship services and Bible studies. The theme for the week is "This Changes Everything." Their theme verse is, Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Please pray for our youth that this experience will be a life changing, inspirational time.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 18-22. It will be led by our wonderful counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp under the theme "Jesus Changes Everything." (Sounds familiar, doesn't it?) Please pray for this week of joy. You can help in five ways: share time by volunteering, share food for snacks, share the VBS registration with families who have children, share a donation to help bring in the counselors, pray for this week of joy. VBS is growing every year! Get registrations in early!

I will be attending MAD Camp Flathead Bible Camp July 8-13. MAD stands for Music, Art, and Drama. A joy filled choir concert caps off the week Night. Pottery, art, and a play will also be shared. The time spent at Bible camp where kids are bathed in the joy and love of Christ is three times the amount of time that kids will spend in a whole year of Sunday School or Confirmation. The church pays \$50 for each camper who attends. Scholarships and discounts are provided by St. John's and Flathead so any child wants to go may do so. It's not too late to sign up. Check out and register at FLBC.net. Flathead is holding a 75th Anniversary Birthday party Saturday, June 9th and the celebration is open to all. Please RSVP.

Who says the Christian life is boring? These summer events show that the church cares about its youth and that we can celebrate with joy. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10 May you have the joy, joy, joy, down in your heart!

Pastor Brad

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL: JANUARY 2018-APRIL 2018

Contributions have exceed expenditures. However, the Council also notes that general fund offerings are down by approximately 4.5% compared to this time last year.

	2018 January-April	2017 January-April
General Fund Contributions	\$79,569	\$83,763
General Fund Expenses	\$77,218	\$76,592

ST JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS

FIFTEEN HELENA WOMEN ATTEND SPRING RETREAT!



The Women's Retreat at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp took place the third weekend of April. Fifteen (9 from St. John's, 4 from New Life and 2 from Our Redeemer's) women from Helena attended. The retreat was jointly planned by the Great Divide and Five Valleys Clusters of Women of the ELCA with a total of 70 women from all over western Montana. The

theme was "Poured Out for Justice, Courage & Compassion." Pastor Peggy Paugh-Leuzinger was the guest speaker, leading three sessions featuring strong and bold women of the Bible: Deborah: Do Justice, Mary Magdalene: Be of Good Courage, and Lydia: Model of Compassion.

We had many fun activities to choose from during the weekend: yoga in the mornings, sewing curtains and gardening as service projects for the camp, baking scones for the tea party, a book discussion, listening to a talk on the life of Katie von Bora Luther, campfire sing-a-long, hiking, napping or just enjoying free time. And the meals...yum! The highlight of Saturday afternoon was the tea party to which we wore our favorite hats and enjoyed tea, scones and conversation.

Next year the women's retreat will be April 26-28. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun, relaxing retreat on beautiful Flathead Lake.

JUNE NEWS AROUND ST. JOHN'S AND THE SYNOD

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The St. John's Book Club will meet on Wednesday, June 20th from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm at the Lewis & Clark Country Library in the small conference room. We will be discussing *The Little Paris Book Shop* by Nina George.

THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S

We want to thank the people of St. John's for their help and concern when we lost our van and thank you for the monetary help we received from the congregation. We were so taken aback and thankful. A special thank you to the Hanpa's who helped us out with the loan of their van. God continues to show His love to us through the people of St. John's. Thanks to all of you and God's blessing.
~Jens & Alta Mae Jensen

PAVE THE WAY

The "Paving the Way" fundraising campaign has passed the 50% mark with \$25,780 of the \$43,000 goal raised. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far.

PRAYER SHAWLS

New yarn and patterns for both knitting and crochet are available in the "Nametag" room in the narthex in the lower cupboard to the right of the sink. If you have never made a prayer shawl you only need basic skills. If you have any remaining yarn left please return it to the box.

SCHOOL SUPPLY WISH LIST

Please be watching for all the school supplies on sale this summer. The following items are needed for each school kit that is sent to Lutheran World Relief:

- 4-70 page lined notebooks
- 1-ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1-pencil sharpener
- 1-BLUNT scissors
- 5-unsharpened pencils
- 5-black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1-box 24 crayons
- 1-2 1/2 inch eraser

ATTENTION RECYCLERS

Pacific Steel does not pay for steel, but we found a place that collects all kinds of steel for charity. The Montana City Volunteer Fire Department collects for "Scrap Steel Metal to Conquer Kids Cancer." A huge dumpster is at Green Meadow market. They also take steel appliances. We will take steel over to Green Meadow but keep the aluminum and tin cans coming for our parking lot fundraiser. Thank you! ~Cliff & Linda Roessner

OUR CONGREGATION IS NUMBER ONE!

Liz Schroeder spent last summer sewing 192 school bags and quilt tops. Nora Johnson strung all the cord for the bags and also sewed tops. Others were busy at their homes sewing tops and cutting out squares for tops. Great job everyone.

One April 4 a total of 18 youth and adult volunteers came to stuff and box up the school bags. There was a lot accomplished in a short time. Thank you for all the donated school supplies to make this gift possible for children around the world.

The quilters made 215 quilts to ship overseas. Another 40 quilts are being held back for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Rocky Boy Reservation, the graduates and miscellaneous needs. If anyone knows of someone in need of a quilt please let Mildred Twingley or Linda Roessner know.

On May 11th five strong men loaded up the big truck from Belgrade while three women supervised. They loaded 54 boxes weighing over 1200 pounds. Thank you men!

The quilters meet every Wednesday from 9:00 am-12:00 from after labor Day until middle of May. Please come and help cut squares, sew tops, or tie quilts. Everyone is welcome. A coffee break is required (!!!) with coffee and treats served at 10:30 am.

Thank you again to everyone who helps make this ministry possible.
God's Work, Our Hands—The Quilters

NEWS FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY

HELENA AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY --- our special offering for June!

Habitat for Humanity is an international housing program, well known for providing affordable, simple, and decent houses for families that commit themselves to reasonable mortgage payments and many hours of "sweat equity" on their own and other HFH homes. The Helena chapter is very strong, with nine families currently involved in the process. And don't forget the recently renovated HFH Restore on National Avenue. It's a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center. The store accepts and then sells new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances. Proceeds go to build and repair homes for families in the Helena area, as will our money gifts in June. Use the pew offering envelopes and check the Social Ministry Outreach box. More info: helenahabitat.org

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES CHICK SUNDAY

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the younger Sunday School students Chick Stand. Your donations total of \$685.76 will be sent to the ELCA Good Gifts—God's Global Barnyard Program where monies will help support the neediest in the world and transform their lives. You have shown our students that this congregation serves others as Jesus taught us. A BIG THANK YOU for all your help in buying chicks! Gods Work, Our Hands...no matter how small!! ~Janice and Betty, Norah, Maria, Ben, Elizabeth, Allison



Check out our "Bible Super Heroes" down in the Fellowship Hall and our "Last Supper Model" in the narthex!

June 2018 – July 14

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
3 PASTOR AWAY AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	4 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts	5 10:30 am-Staff Meeting 5:15 pm-Evangelism Committee 7:00 pm-4H Meeting in Fellowship Hall	6
10 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	11 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts	12 10:30 am-Staff Meeting	13 1:30 pm-Executive
17 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	18 VBS DAY CAMP w/FLBC <u>Daily 8:00 am-5:15 pm</u> 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts	19 6:30 pm-Church Council	20 5:30 pm-Youth N 1:30 pm-St. John' @LCPL
24 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	25 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts	26 10:30 am-Staff Meeting	27
<u>JULY 1</u> 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Special Congregational Meeting	2 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts	3 10:30 am-Staff Meeting	4 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY 4TH OF
8 PASTORY AWAY @FLBC 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	9 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts	10 10:30 am-Staff Meeting	11

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Synod Assembly in Great Falls June 1-June 3	2
	7	8 3:00 pm-Communion Service at Masonic Home	9
re Committee	14	15 Musikanten Choral Festival All Day	16 Musikanten Choral Festival All Day 7:30pm-Musikanten Concert
ight w/FLBC s Book Club	21	22 Noon-VBS Day Camp Family BBQ on the lawn	23 YOUTH GROUP LEAVES FOR ELCA GATHERING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS Gretchen Away June 23-July 3rd
	28	29	30
D JULY	5	6	7
	12	13	14

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2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

On June 23rd, 6 youth and 1 youth leader will be traveling by bus with the Montana Synod to Houston to participate in the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Thanks to the generosity of St. John's the entire cost of the trip minus a portion of the food money, spending money, and a non-refundable deposit have been covered by all fundraising efforts! Follow along with us on St. John's facebook page for trip updates! We can't wait to share what we learn and experience with you when we return. THANK YOU for helping making this life-changing trip possible!


Name: Makayla Pinson
Current School & Grade as of May 2018: CHS, 12th Grade
Extracurricular Activities: archery, camping, playing with my dogs and cat
Hobbies: drawing & painting, reading, movies
Fun fact: I've been to Six Slags in San Francisco, I don't have Facebook, twitter, or Instagram
Favorite Bible verse: "Be patient. God isn't finished yet." Philippians 1:6
Why I want to go to Houston: I want to go because not only do I want to learn something new and meet new people, but I want to help people by community service and helping clean up after the natural disaster in 2017.



Name: Jarrett Alm
Current School & Grade as of May 2018: CHS, 10th Grade
Extracurricular Activities: weight lifting
Hobbies: gaming and being outside
Fun fact: I could have died at birth
Favorite Bible verse: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10
Why I want to go to Houston: Because I want to meet new people and it would be a good learning opportunity.



Name: Gwendolyn Roszel
Current School & Grade as of May 2018: HHS, 11th Grade
Extracurricular Activities: Art Club, drawing, babysitting
Hobbies: art, cartoons, movies
Fun fact: I was kissed by a sea lion
Favorite Bible verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13
Why I want to go to Houston: To experience the amount of people my age who all have a common goal of helping everyone and who have many experiences to share.



Name: Meghan Rake
Current School & Grade as of May 2018: HMS, 8th grade

Extracurricular Activities: soccer, piano, jazz band, percussion, track

Hobbies: knitting, reading, watching Netflix

Fun fact: My favorite food is strawberries

Favorite Bible verse:
"The one who comes from above is above all"
John 3:31



Why I want to go to Houston: I think that going to Houston will be a very fun step in my religious journey. I also want to get to learn about other peoples lives and the culture in Houston.

Name: Tyler Tobel
Current School & Grade as of May 2018: CHS, 10th grade



Extracurricular Activities: wrestling

Hobbies: video games, wrestling, trumpet

Fun fact: I'm good at video games. I'm good at eating and sleeping.

Favorite Bible verse: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father as the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

Why I want to go to Houston: I will get the chance to not only travel, but also I get the chance to grow/strengthen my relationships.

Name: Justin D. Tobel
Current School & Grade as of May 2018: CHS, 9th Grade

Extracurricular Activities: track

Hobbies: running, gaming

Fun fact: I am good at eating fruit and at Call of Duty games

Favorite Bible verse: "Love bears all things..."
1 Corinthians 13:7

Why I want to go to Houston: It sounds fun and it is an opportunity to meet new friends.



Name: Gretchen Munding
Director Youth & Family Ministry

Extracurricular Activities: being a mom, teaching voice & piano, organ sub, music directing at Grandstreet

Hobbies: knitting, reading, gardening, cooking, watching movies with my family

Fun fact: I have been skydiving

Favorite Bible verse:
Colossians 3 because it reminds me how to be a good Christian and decent person in this crazy world

Why I want to go to Houston: As a kid I never attended church

camp or gatherings and I'm making up for lost time! I can't wait to experience 30,000 people worshipping together and am looking forward to hearing the guest speakers. We have great kids at St. John's and it'll be a blast to get to hang out with them for 10 days.



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Pam Campbell, a long-time Family Promise volunteer and licensed counselor in the Helena Public School system has agreed to serve as the interim Family Advocate. She is in the process of screening families for the program – which means we are likely to have a family for our July host week.

Because we had volunteers to fill all the slots in April and they were not needed, our plan is to fill the July dates with the same people, to the extent possible. Here is our proposed schedule:

Sunday July 22

Dinner Hosts/Preparers – Teresa Kinley and Rebekah French

Overnight Hosts – Neal and Mary R

VC – Rebekah

Monday/Tuesday July 23/24: HCCL

Wednesday July 25

Dinner hosts/preparers and VC from HCCL

Overnight hosts – Jens Jensen and Jonathon Schoof

Thursday July 26

Dinner hosts/preparers – Betty Olaf and Shirley Hautzinger

Overnight hosts – John Munding and Mark Langdorf

VC – Neal R

Friday July 27

Dinner hosts/preparers – Mildred Twingley and Barb Muir

Overnight hosts – Mark and Paula Blessinger

VC – Paula Blessinger

Saturday July 28

Dinner hosts/preparers – Karen Kmet and Janice Forseth

Overnight hosts – Rebekah French and Annette Jacobson

VC – Rebekah

If you cannot fill the overnight slot for which you are scheduled, call Neal Reudisili at 459-7671. If you cannot prepare and host dinner on your assigned night, call Paula Blessinger at 449-7516

Family Promise has developed a team approach for future fundraising and is looking for volunteers to serve on the following teams:

Events Team – will plan the Comfort food Challenge, concerts and other events determined by the team.

Grants Team – will research various grant opportunities and write the grants.

Community Nights Team – will research and organize fundraising nights at local businesses.

Individual Donor Development Team – will focus on holiday appeals, 321 campaign, state employee giving campaign and programs like Thrivent choice.

Sustainable Sponsorship /Donor Development – will develop ways and strategies to cultivate long range donor giving and corporate sponsorships.

Churches Team – will coordinate with the churches who have supported Family Promise in the past to check on continued support and reach out to new church sponsors.

If you are interested in one of these teams and are willing to help, or if you have a question, please contact Mary Larson at director@familypromisehelena.org

In Our Prayers...

Our Graduating Seniors:

Koda McMillin-Mattfeldt, Jessica Tielking, Makayla Pinson, Jackson Keller, Breanna Humphrey, Elijah Harant, Maggie Smiedala, Ashley Carlson, MacKenzie Mosness

For Healing:

For those suffering devastation from flooding, Sandra Copenhauer, Joe Munzenreider, Hailey Dunk, Jean Buckingham, Esther Fuehrer, Violet Kerr, Randy Holmes, The Bernstein Family, Debbie (Barb Muir's daughter), Jim Kembel, Jim Moe, Dave Hanson (Mildred Twingley's Son-in-Law), Zoe B., Barb Knutson, Kris Olson, Lester Anderson, Luke Almas, 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:

Dr. Bob Whitesitt, Beccki Watkins, Marie Hanson, John Bakke, Mary Jo Ronshaugen

For Those In Residential Living Centers, Extended Care Or Homebound:

Pat Tyanich, Esther Fuehrer, Bob Hanson, Evelyn Whitesitt, Ken Bolland, Annie Stegmann, Jean E. Munding, 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)*



June Birthdays

5 Karen Bryson
7 Tordis Brosten
Greg Field
8 Connie Ford
Karen Kmet
Kristi Paulsen
12 Cheyenne Branscum
Steven Tielking
14 Zachary Paulsen
15 Michelle Adsem
Gary Rankin
16 Sandra Barrows
18 Kindra Dunlap
Bailee Field
Josey Smiedala
19 Betty Dean
Betty Dotson
Vern Grimsrud
20 Angel Tetrault
21 Annette Jacobson
22 Casey Almas
Laurie Blakely
Doris Crider



23 Marjorie Mihelish
24 Ellen Hanpa
25 Kyler McMillin
26 Darcie Dunlap
Judy Kembel
Ela Shields
27 Gretchen Munding
29 Jack Taylor

June Anniversaries

3 Halvdan & Tordis Brosten
4 Ron & Deanne Stegmann
9 Jerry & Georgia Bradley
10 Geoff & Stephanie Higgins
12 Bill & Jeannette Mattfeldt
15 Mark & Paula Blessinger
John & Mait Board
John & Gwynn Munding
16 Jerry & Debbie Grebenc
17 Tom & Ellen Livers
21 Kevin & Kristi Skaalure
23 Vern & Gayle Grimsrud
24 Jens & Alta Mae Jensen
25 Mike & Darcie Dunlap
26 Jim & Judy Kembel

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Worship Services

Sunday

9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am-Adult Forum and Fellowship

Office Hours

9:00 am-1:00 pm
Monday-Friday

Ministering at

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Witness to the Gospel	Members of SJLC
Pastor	Brad Ulgenes
Organist	Dodie Walsh
Choir Director	Connie Conley
Bell Choir Directors	Renee Slocum Christina Tielking
Director of Youth & Family Ministries	
Office Manager	Gretchen Munding
Treasurer	Karen Hicks
Financial Secretary	Randy Rake
Missionaries	Anne & Willie Langdji, Cameroon Mark & Marina Dotson, Russia
Sexton	Pat Gober

*St. John's Social Ministry Outreach Offering
for June is Helena Area Habitat for Humanity*