



The Herald

November 2018

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

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

COMING UP THIS MONTH AT ST. JOHN'S....



ALL SOULS CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 7:30 PM

Musikanten Montana will present a "Requiem Mass" by Herbert Howells for contemplation of loved ones we have lost this past year. The evening features soloists Heather Barnes, Anne Kania, Brandon Higa, and Art Bumgardner. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$15.

PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Pageant rehearsals start on Sunday, November 4th at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. All children are welcome to participate!



FESTIVAL OF ANGELS GOODIES

Have you always wanted to learn to make Lefse, Rosettes, or Krumkake? Check out the calendar on pages 4 -5 for all the times and dates. No experience necessary!



AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Join us at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 7th at HMS for a special evening of music featuring the African Children's Choir. We will meet for dinner at church at 5:30 pm downstairs and a crew will head over together for the concert. St. John's is helping to sponsor this concert along with main sponsors Life Covenant Church & the Cathedral of St. Helena. The concert is free with a free-will offering collected at the door.



HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

The high school youth group will meet at church on Friday, November 9th to help with the Special Olympics dinner at 5:00 pm, eat dinner together, and then we'll stay to watch Incredibles 2. All are welcome!

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

The youth group will be hosting Grandma's Attic again this year during the Festival of Angels. 100% of the proceeds will be used to offset the cost of our "mini mission trip" to Rocky Boy with the Montana Synod over President's Day weekend. Please bring items to donate to the church anytime during the week or on Sunday. We love your gently used treasures!



SAVE THE DATES NOW FOR VBS/DAY CAMP

We have our 2019 VBS/Day Camp dates. Mark your calendars now for **June 16-21, 2019.**



Don't forget to set your clocks back this Sunday!

Day light savings time ends.

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRAD: BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

"God gives attention to the appearance of wildflowers-most of which are never seen-don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do the best for you? What I'm trying to do here is get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know how God works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God provisions. Don't worry about missing out.

You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met." Matthew 6:30-36 " The Message

At a recent Wednesday night service the above verses were read by Nora and Jack. I looked at the altar paraments and saw the beautiful sunflower parament that was draped over the altar. Beth Adams, the Legacy Gifts Co-coordinator from the ELCA, said something like, "the wildflowers- most of which are never seen-just imagine that!" There are more flowers in the world that God has created, most of which we will never see. God truly has blessed us who live in the Helena area with a beautiful creation which we take for granted. God gives and provides with great abundance. Paul Zaitar wrote, "There is a natural law of abundance which pervades the entire universe, but it will not flow through a doorway of belief in lack and limitation. "

Most of you have received the \$1 or \$2 or \$5 in our reverse offering. It's a reminder that every gift comes from God. At Flathead Bible Camp we sang a shortened version of the musical "Godspell". One of the songs says, "All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord, for all his love." So, how can we use God's gifts to bless God's creation and world? I will be anxiously awaiting to hear how you've used your "blessing bucks" to bless others.

Clarence Stoughton said, "Stewardship is what we do after we say I believe." Thank you for your pledges and promises to fuel the mission of the church through St. John's Lutheran during this month of stewardship. Together we are changing lives, sharing the Gospel, and loving people with the great love of Christ. Thank you!

With warmest regards and deepest gratitude,
Pastor Brad Ulgenes



FINANCIAL UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

	2018 (through September)	2017 (through September)
General Fund Contributions	\$164,562	\$168,483
General Fund Expenses	\$169,419	\$166,864

Through September, year-to-date General Fund contributions are approximately \$3,900 (2%) less than last year (this gap has decreased three months in row). General Fund expenditures to-date are just over 73% of the 2018 budget, with 75% of the year completed.



SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH FOR NOVEMBER

This month Social Ministry has chosen Lutheran Campus Ministry to receive the special offering for the month of November. The mission of campus ministry in the ELCA is to invite people in academic settings to engage more deeply with both the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples. Campus ministry is a vital resource for connecting young people in this new phase of life and both MSU and UM have vibrant ministry programs that meet regularly with students and young adults to talk about life, faith, and to create friendships. On Sunday, November 4th, Pr. Kathie Aasheim from MSU will join us during the Adult Forum to talk more what is happening in Bozeman with campus ministry and to help us kick-off a friendly Cat/Griz competitive offering. Stay tuned for more details! During the entire month you may also place a special offering designated for this important work in the pew offering envelopes and check the Social Ministry Outreach box.



ST. JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS



WELCA Thankoffering Sunday is November 18

We will be receiving our Thankofferings at the service on November 18. Joining other women across the nation, we will come forward on that Sunday with our Thankoffering boxes and jars full of coins and dollar bills that we have been putting in throughout the year, or with our checks that we have just written. The money collected goes directly to the churchwide Women of the ELCA to support their many ministries. Thankofferings are essential to WELCA, comprising 22% of the organization's total revenue. Please be generous.

Circles Meet on November 27

We will conclude the Gather Bible study on repentance with the third session Turning as the church to the world. This month we explore our relationship as the church to the world. The word repentance often refers to an invitation that brings people into the church. But what happens when the church turns outward to the world? The Morning Circle meets at Touchmark at 9:30. The Evening Circle will be at church at 7:00. Neither Circle has a hostess signed up for November. All women are welcome and encouraged to come.

NEWS AROUND ST. JOHN'S AND OUR MONTANA SYNOD



CARDS 4 KIDS

CHRISTMAS CARDS are coming starting December 2 and will be sold in packages of 15 for \$5.....a real deal! Come support our youth ministries here at St. John's. Many thanks for all who have purchased cards during the past year and to those who have contributed cards, stickers and envelopes toward this ministry. Cards will also be sold on December 9 and 16. If you have questions please call 443-6451--Janice Larison

DRIVE THROUGH ACCESS NOW OPEN

There is now an entrance near the front of the church (west side) where you can come off the street and drive your car to drop off people who may have walking impairments. Please feel free to take advantage of this drop off driveway. We only ask that you not park there permanently. This drive through was paid for by the generous gifts you gave to the parking lot campaign. Thank you so much!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE BASEKTBALL TOURNAMENT DINNER

St. John's will be providing a meal for 40-50 athletes and coaches on Friday, November 9th. Volunteers are needed to help with shopping, meal preparation, serving, and cleanup. We will be preparing the meal at the church around 3:30 pm. Athletes arrive at 5:00 pm and finish up by 7:00 pm so they can attend a victory dance and carnival. Anyone interested in helping please contact Paula Blessinger at 461-8172.

TOUCHMARK MINISTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Dear church members, there are several residents up at Touchmark, because of memory issues, need reminders and assistance in attending the Senior Saints Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM. A volunteer would need to come at 10:00 AM to remind residents of the Bible Study. The study ends at 10:30 and most of the residents then go to lunch following the study. Please prayerfully consider helping with the ministry, even it's a couple times a month. This is one way we can "serve in love" and help an elderly brother or sister to be encouraged in the faith. Thanks, Pastor Brad



BOB'S PANTRY SPECIAL COLLECTION DRIVE NOV. 1-DEC. 9




We strive to live out the St. John's Mission Motto Statement "Growing in Grace, Walking by Faith, Serving in Love" and it has become apparent that our friends across the street at HMS need help supplementing Bob's Pantry. The sad reality is that there is a large and growing number of kids who need assistance. Between now and Dec. 9th we are collecting the following, desperately needed items for their pantry: Feminine hygiene products, new socks, new underwear, gloves, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, face wash, gas cards (used for parents who can't afford gas but who are trying to come in for school meetings, etc.), grab & go snacks (granola bars, apple sauce, nut packets). Collection boxes will be in the narthex. Please drop items off at church anytime during the week or on Sundays.

November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<p>4</p> <p>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Adult Forum: Pr. Kathie Aasheim from MSU 10:45 am-Sunday School pageant rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 am-Krumkake 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 am-Krumkake 10:30 am-Staff Meeting 7:00 pm-4H in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters MIDWEEK CONN 5:30 pm-Dinner: CH 6:30 pm-African CH @HMS</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-All Church Study on Stewardship 10:45 am-Sunday School pageant rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED- VETERANS DAY 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>10:30 am-Staff Meeting Noon-Finance Committee Noon-WOSJ'S Lunch Meeting TBD-Organ Turning</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters MIDWEEK CONN 5:30 pm-Dinner: Sa 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Study for A</p>
<p>18</p> <p>WELCA THANKOFFERING SUNDAY 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Adult Forum: TBA 10:45 am-Sunday School pageant rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:00 pm-Men's Group 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:30 am-Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-Church Council</p>	<p>21</p> <p>No Quilters No Midweek Conn</p> <p><i>Joint Thanksgi with ORLC, d</i></p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Social Ministry 10:45 am-Fellowship 10:45 am-Sunday School pageant rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am-Circle at Touchmark 10:30 am-Staff Meeting 7:00 pm-Evening Circle</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters MIDWEEK CONN 5:30 pm-Dinner: Po <i>Special offering for B</i> 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Study for A</p>



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 12:05 pm-Pie with the Pastor 7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>2 9:00 am-Lefse 7:30 pm-Musikanten Montana All Souls Concert</p>	<p>3 9:00 am-Lefse</p>
<p>SECTION Chicken Soup Children's Choir</p>	<p>8 12:05 pm-Pie with the Pastor 7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>9 9:00 am-Rosettes 3:00 pm-Communion at Masonic Home 3:30 pm-Special Olympics Dinner prep in kitchen 5:00 pm-Special Olympics Dinner 7:00 pm-HS Youth Movie Night</p>	<p>10 9:00 am-Rosettes</p>
<p>SECTION Usage & Taters All</p>	<p>15 12:05 pm-Pie with the Pastor 7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00 am-Rosettes</p>
<p>Section <i>Worship Service</i> <i>Details TBA</i></p>	<p>22 OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>23 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am-Lefse</p>	<p>24 9:00 am-Lefse</p> 
<p>SECTION Potluck Bob's Pantry All</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

NEWS AROUND ST. JOHN'S AND OUR MONTANA SYNOD, *cont.*



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

As you know, St. John's completed its first (and last) host week for 2018 in October. Thanks to everyone for your patience and support during 2018 and for your willingness to serve, even when our host weeks were cancelled. Special thanks to the overnight and dinner hosts who worked with our two families in October – Neal and Mary Ruedisili, Mait Board, Mark Langdorf, Jonathan Schoof, John Mundinger, Annette Jacobson, Mark and Paula Blessinger, Bing and Mary Crosby, Barb Muir, Mildred Twingley, Jennifer Wintersteen and Karen Kmet.



Upcoming Events – Save the Dates

John Floridis Concert – St. Paul's Methodist Church – December 11 at 7:00 p.m.

John Floridis is a Missoula based guitarist, singer-songwriter and composer who supports Family Promise of Greater Helena by presenting a concert every year in December. There is no admission charge, but free-will offerings are accepted.

Comfort Food Challenge – February 10, 2019

Mildred Twingley and Linda Roessner have already signed on as co-captains for the St. John's team and hope to enlist Betty Olaf, who has served as co-captain for the past few years. Plan to attend this fun event and vote for the St. John's team!

St. John's 2019 Host Weeks

January 27 through February 3

April 28 through May 5

August 25 through September 1

November 10 through November 17



REPORT FROM FLBC ANNUAL MEETING

The Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC) Annual Meeting on Oct. 5th & 6th, 2018 was attended by Pastor Brad and Paul & Jena Hilchen.

THE BEST THINGS ABOUT CAMP:

Great food and coffee; they are open year round; Heat, electric, and bathrooms in cabins; wide, gentle wood chip paths between cabins for easy walking; You can drive right up to your cabin to unload and there is help available (You may even park right at Hagen Hall if you stay there.); It's for all ages; Great views!

DID YOU KNOW:

They have never turned anyone away for their inability to pay and provided \$83,000 in camperships last year; Special diets can be accommodated and are part of the registration form; The camp subsidizes every weekly camper by half the cost. Prices listed are already subsidized; You can schedule your own group retreat or family reunion there; You can volunteer for a week, stay at FLBC and help out, enjoy great food, and meet wonderful people (a \$75 weekly fee is charged to cover food costs) It's for everyone: Camp and retreat attendees may be of any faith or no faith background.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Celebrated FLBC's 75th anniversary!; Mortgage for the Cockrell Center (the 2-story kitchen & dining hall with large worship & activity area) was paid off this year and celebrated with a mortgage burning ceremony. The mortgage was paid off in under 10 years; Lakeside Cabin was torn down this year to make way for a new year round ADA accessible cabin with easy access to the dining hall and activities; Camp is working towards American Camp Association accreditation; Vote approved to add two board selected and board approved delegates that fully support the mission and purposes of FLBC. The purpose is to provide help with areas where the board has a limited knowledge base: i.e. finance, environmental regs, ever-changing non-profit issues; Vote approved to have 2 delegates from every owning congregation to vote at annual meeting and a pastoral associate may fill in to vote for the pastor.

In Our Prayers...

For Healing: Peace and comfort for those experiencing devastation from hurricanes, tsunamis and earthquakes, for Lutheran Disaster Relief, Dorothy Bird, Karen Larsen, Joanne Larsen, John Ulberg, June Stanley, Jeanette Mattfeldt, Doris Guidi, Steve Tielking, Joe Munzenrider, Violet Kerr, Randy Holmes, Debbie Grebenc, Dave Hanson (Mildred Twingley's Son-in-Law), 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: Jean Buckingham, Plato Marshall Kinley (Teresa Kinley's father), Helen Moze, Jim Moe, and all of the Saints who have gone before us

For Those In Residential Living Centers, Extended Care Or Homebound: Marilyn Metropolis, Mary Phelan, Pat Tyanich, Esther Fuehrer, Bob Hanson, Evelyn Whitesitt, Ken Bolland, Sally Miller, Annie Stegmann, Jean E. Mundinger, 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)*

November Birthdays			
2	Ada Harlen		23 Shirley Reese
3	Debbie Grebenc		Ruger Wells
4	Dane Moser		24 Brent Bushnell
	Matthew Wintersteen		25 Bailey Humphrey
	Robert Wirth		Ron Mosness
5	Brenna McGee		26 Jay Smetana
6	Lacy Jo Wirth		Carter Smetana
9	Renee Slocum		27 Mallory Grimsrud
	Christina Tielking		28 Monica Grimsrud
	Lane Ulberg		Donna Jensen
10	Tamara Bushnell		29 Norman Hanpa
	Denise Pennington		
11	Irene Hanson		November Anniversaries
12	Britani Ford		19 Mike & Karen Doig
18	Teresa Kinley		Carl & Marlys Mattfeldt
19	Shawn Blessinger		20 Mike & Dawn Lopach
	Kai Moser		27 Troy & Samantha Humphrey
21	Sarah Fenton		
22	Janice Larison		
	Troy McGee		
	Rowan Rankin		
	Deanne Stegmann		

Help us keep our records up-to-date! If you would like your Birthday or Anniversary listed or if you need to make a correction to what we have listed please contact the office. We would like to be able to celebrate your special day!

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Worship Services

Sunday

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

Midweek Connection-Wednesday

5:30 pm-Dinner
6:30 pm-Worship with Holy Communion
7:00 pm-Study for all ages

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 November is Lutheran Campus Ministry.*