



The Herald

October 2018

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

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



Date: Sunday, October 28
Time: 3pm-7pm
Activities include:
Games/Crafts/ Silent Auction
Soup/Chili Supper to begin at 5:30pm
Fall-themed Bake Sale



Proceeds from auction go towards St. John's Building & Restoration Fund

FALL FEST INFO AND NEEDS

We are looking for TONS of Fall themed BAKED TREATS for the Fall Fest Bake Sale Table!! We love to see creative ideas for the Bake Sale with an emphasis on Halloween and Thanksgiving homemade breads, cookies, pies, candy treats, jams, canned fruits/relishes etc are all welcome...plus there is so much more!!! The Bake Sale is a free-will offering and we hope for a great variety of items!!

Bake Sale items can be brought to the church Saturday, October 27 as the decorating committee will be there to receive them. Also items can be brought to church on October 28 and placed in the kitchen.

Please remember to have your baskets ready by October 15...you can give one of us on the committee your finished basket or if you wish for us to wrap it we will. The Basket Making Party is on Saturday, October 20 from 9-12 in the Fellowship Hall. Ribbons, cellophane etc is available and everyone is encourage to come and participate!!!

We are looking for people to make SOUP/CHILI for the dinnerwe need a total of 15 pots/crockpots of soup for the event. Rolls will be provided. Please see Elaine Ulgenes if you wish to bring soup.

In addition to the Bake Sale, we need COOKIES for dessert!! A sign up sheet for bringing cookies/bars just for the dinner will be available in the Narthex.

For further information on creating a basket for the auction it is not too late!! Theme cards and a sign up sheet will be available at church for you to get ideas!!

Finally.....a sign up sheet for helping during the Fall Fest will be available in the Narthex starting the beginning of October. Your assistance the day of the event is so very important! We thank everyone for your generous participation!!!

FALL FEST COMMITTEE

Janice Larison....Ela Shields....Miki Wilde

Check out the October Calendar on page 4-5 for ALL of the ways you can get involved this month. Lot's of fun things in store for you!

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRAD

NAMIWALK EXTRAVAGANZA! OVER \$1200 RAISED!

St. John's NAMI walk fundraiser was a smashing success! Over \$1000 was raised by St. John's

Lutheran to go to the National Alliance for Mental Illness. On Sunday afternoon September 23rd twenty members from St. John's and one dog gathered at the Memorial Park with 1500 other participants to take part in the NAMI Walk of Montana. Those gathered heard Miss Montana Outstanding Teen, Cammy Heck, Sidney Montana, share about her efforts to raise awareness about mental health. The walkers were also "warmed up" by the Helena High and Capital High football teams. Tyler Tobel played in the Jazz Band from Capital High on the walking route and Kat Slocum helped to direct foot traffic. We were even blessed by showers of rain blessings at the end of our walk. We had fun and enjoyed the fellowship and the exercise!



A special thank you is extended to those who walked on our St. John's team:

Mildred Twingley, Bing and Mary Crosby, Rebekah French, Judy Kembel, Neal and Mary Ruedisili, the whole Tetrault family-Brian, Angel, Honora and Ali, Barb Muir, Pastor and Elaine Ulgenes, Kai and Tiffany Moser, Isaac McNally, Amy Smiedala, and Griffen.

We had wonderful donations from those listed above plus generous donations from: Esther Fuehrer, Mark and Paula Blessinger, Deanne and Ron Stegmann, Evelyn Bourassa, Mary Gardiner, Gretchen, John and Gwynn Munding, Dawn and Greg Field, Janice and Larry Larison, Karen Gardiner, Mait Board, and many more offerings given to St. John's through the Social Ministry outreach special offering for October. (My apologies to those I didn't name!) In addition we were given a generous \$250 grant given by Thrivent to pay for our sign and given in-kind donations to NAMI.

Thank you St. John's for your wonderful support and generosity! It goes to show how we in the body of Christ here at St. John's enthusiastically give of our time, talent, and money to reach out through NAMI to help brothers and sisters in need who have mental health problems. We are saving lives and supporting many in need in our community.

"I always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in my prayers, constantly remembering before God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

With a grateful heart,
Pastor Brad

FINANCIAL UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Commentary: Through August, year-to-date General Fund contributions are approximately \$5,600 (4%) less than last year (however, note that this gap has decreased two months in row). General Fund expenditures to-date are just over 65% of the 2018 budget, with 67% of the year completed.

	2018 (through August)	2017 (through August)
General Fund Contributions	\$146,453	\$152,019
General Fund Expenses	\$151,862	\$149,919

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS

Salad Lunch Meeting on October 9

The Women of St. John's return to our regular salad lunch and general business meeting on the second Tuesday, October 9, at noon. Linda Roessner and Mildred Twingley are the hostesses. Our speaker is Pastor Patricia Harant who will be telling us about her work and ministry with the women at the Riverside Recovery Center. We can help Pastor Patricia with this ministry by bringing in yarn that the women use in their crafts and our Gather magazines when we are finished with them. You can put the yarn in the box in the narthex and the magazines in the box on the women's table downstairs. So bring a salad and come to enjoy, learn and make decisions for our unit.

Circles Meet on October 23

We will continue the Gather Bible study on repentance with the second session Turning to Others. This month we explore how Jesus' call to repentance is a call back to the ways of God's reign on earth: justice, peace and mercy for the neighbor and the community. The Morning Circle meets at Touchmark at 9:30 am. The Evening Circle will meet at the home of Rebekah French at 7:00 pm. The address is 2155 Alpine Dr. and you can call Rebekah at 495-9336 for directions. Parking is limited, so some people plan to meet at church at 6:45 pm to carpool. All women are welcome and encouraged to come.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH FOR OCTOBER

The Social Ministry Outreach special offering for October will help with ELCA Lutheran Disaster Hurricane Response. As the storm Florence pushes away, residents of the Carolinas still struggle with the aftermath of a disaster that damaged tens of thousands of homes, isolated the region and took lives. Your gifts designated for Hurricane Response will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those in path of these hurricanes.

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States. As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from the hurricanes. Lutheran Disaster Response is assessing the situation and coordinating with synods and affiliated social ministry organizations in the areas that are in the path of these storms.

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Updates on gifts received

Together in July we raised \$670 for Good Samaritan and in August \$1674 was raised for Bob's Pantry. Thank you!

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
	<p>1</p> <p>6:00 PM-Human Trafficking Seminar @Carroll College 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:15 pm-Evangelism Committee 6:30 pm-Caring Friends Potluck</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters 10:30 am-Staff Meeting MIDWEEK CONNECTION 5:30 pm-Dinner-Potluck 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Study for Adults</p>
<p>7</p> <p>FAMILY PROMISE WEEK 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-"All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir" visit from Intermountain Therapy Animals (all ages in Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am-Staff Meeting Noon-Finance Committee Noon-WOSJ'S Lunch Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters MIDWEEK CONNECTION 5:30 pm-Dinner-Potluck 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Study for Adults</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Sunday School (ages K-2nd grade) & All Church Study on Gratitude (3rd grade on up!) 6:00 pm-YoPro in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:00 pm-Men's Group 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 am-Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-Church Council 7:00 pm-4H in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters 1:30 pm-Book Club MIDWEEK CONNECTION 5:30 pm-Dinner-Potluck 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Study for Adults</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Adult Forum: "Sharing Your Faith-Responding to Others" & Sunday School (4-2nd grade & 3rd-6th grade)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am-Circle at Touchmark 10:30 am-Staff Meeting 7:00 pm-Evening Circle</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters MIDWEEK CONNECTION 5:30 pm-Dinner-Potluck <i>Special offering for Holden</i> 6:30 pm-Worship- Holden Evening 7:00 pm-Study for Adults</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Social Ministry 10:45 am-Fellowship & Sunday School (4-2nd grade & 3rd-6th grade) 3:00 pm-Fall Fest!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30 am-Staff Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters No Midweek Connection Happy Halloween 6:30 pm-Musikanten</p>

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NEWS AROUND ST. JOHN'S AND OUR MONTANA SYNOD

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your family at St. John's would like to come and support you! If you are participating in a concert, or sporting event, play, giving a special presentation, etc. please let us know. There are folks here who would love to attend your event.

NEXT YOPRO, SUNDAY OCTOBER 14TH

Our next meeting for our YoPro group (college students & young adults) will be on Sunday, October 14th at 6:00 pm down in the Fellowship hall. We will have a homemade meal and conversation. We'd love to see you! If you are interested in providing future meals and desserts please speak with Gretchen.

ALL GODS CREATURES GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

Sunday October 7 meet the therapy pets -- calm, friendly dogs, cats, and miniature horses that work in Helena hospitals, schools, and other facilities. At 10:45 a.m., the Helena Chapter of Intermountain Therapy Animals will visit St John's following the service at 10:45 am in our Fellowship Hall, Guild Room, outside so you can meet and pet these friendly animals and learn about the ITA program. ITA has visited our children at VBS these past 3 years and they use our space for testing a few times a year. All ages welcome. Tell your friends!

NEWS FROM THE QUILTERS

We received a wonderful gift of five baby baptism quilts and bags of beautiful fabric from an anonymous donor. On behalf of the quilters and our congregation "THANK YOU" for the special gift.

SCHOOL BAG UPDATE

Another successful year is underway. Enough supplies have already been gathered from our generous congregation. Assembly of the school bags will be after the new year. Thank you! God's Work, Our Hands!
Linda Roessner & Mildred Twingley

THANK YOU ST. JOHNS

The Keller family would like to thank our St. John's family for the generous scholarship awarded to Jackson. As an engineering student, the books and online programs required are substantial. The scholarship covered those expenses for the first year. While we are thankful for the scholarship, we are most thankful for the safe and loving community you provided to Jackson over the years. That kind and caring spirit will stay with him as he finds his own path. While Jackson is on the mend from a broken arm that required surgery, Kurt and I decided to help him out with the thank you note writing. His right arm is in a cast and this past weekend he was able to get back on the soccer field. You can follow him at George Fox University athletics. Thank you again for providing such a wonderful church community for our boys.

The Keller Family

SAINT JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

We will be meeting at the Lewis and Clark County Library on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 1:30 to discuss "The Yiddish Policemen's Union" by Michael Chabon.

WE WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

St. John's would like to keep in touch with our college students and send them care packages periodically. Please contact the church office with their mailing address and information. Thank you!

In Our Prayers...

For Healing: Peace and comfort for Susan Hammell, John Ulberg, June Stanley, Jackson Keller, Jeanette Mattfeldt, Doris Guidi, Steve Tielking, Joe Munzenrider, Jean Buckingham, Violet Kerr, Randy Holmes, Debbie (*Barb Muir's daughter*), 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 Morrison, Plato Marshall Kinley (*Teresa Kinley's father*), Rev. Donald Melchert, Val Fry, Kit Lieberg, baby Josiah Rueb (*son of Gordon and Sharon Stockstad's nephew*), Helen Moze, Jim Moe

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. 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)*

October Birthdays

5 Joshua Bebich
6 John Ulberg
7 Amy Smiedala
8 Karen Doig
Pr. Wayne Olsen
10 McKenna Hanson
12 Lee Paulsen
16 Blake Lieberg
17 Tyler Tobel
21 Dale Hart
23 Evan Rankin
24 Mike Lopach
26 Tom Livers
28 Mary Crosby
29 Roger Pasch
30 Ayla Munding-Adsay

October Anniversaries

1 William & Debra Berg
Richard & Mary Crosby
3 Victor & Billye Vincent
12 Larry & Ela Shields
20 Keith & Marlene Swenson
21 Steve & Michelle Adsem



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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

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ELCA Lutheran Disaster Hurricane Response*