



The Herald

September 2018

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

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



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

**COME CELEBRATE THE KICKOFF OF OUR PROGRAMMING AT ST. JOHN'S
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH!**

**ALL STUDENTS--PLEASE BRING YOUR BACKPACKS FOR THE BLESSING OF
THE BACKPACKS!**

**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 9:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES AT 10:30 AM**

**WE ARE WORKING HARD TO SHAPE OUR PROGRAMMING AND LOOKING
FOR WAYS TO LIVE OUT OUR MISSION**

**MOTTO STATEMENT: GROWING IN GRACE,
WALKING IN FAITH, SERVING IN LOVE.**

**THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS FOR YOU TO
GET INVOLVED THIS YEAR! CHECK INSIDE
THIS MONTHS HERALD FOR MORE
DETAILS AND BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE
CALENDAR. QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL
THE OFFICE.**

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRAD

Pie With The Pastor Thursday Bible Class: *Fretheim Explores Genesis*

I invite you this fall to come to a nine week, noon discussion on Genesis using a video series entitled "*Fretheim Explores Genesis*".

When does it start?

Thursday, September 20th

Time?

12:05-12:50 PM

Cost?

\$10

What to bring?

Sack lunch, A Bible and an appetite for delicious pie.

Where?

Fellowship Hall

This Genesis course will begin with a 25 minute video session with Dr. Terence Fretheim, a renowned Old Testament Professor from Luther Seminary. "*Fretheim Explores Genesis*" will solve some riddles for you, and confront you with new questions as this in-depth study takes on the book of Genesis. It is an engaging way to study the first fundamental stories of the Christian faith.

Weekly sessions are:

Genesis 1-2 *The Morning of the World*: The creation story in all its wonderful diversity

Genesis 3-6 *Fall Up, Fall Down, or Fall Apart*: The story of the fall and its disastrous effects

Genesis 6-11 *God will Never Do That Again!*: The flood story, God's promise to "all flesh"

Genesis 12-15 *God's Unconditional Promise*: The Call of Abraham and promises given

Genesis 18-19 *Sodom and Gomorrah*: Intercession and Judgement

Genesis 16, 21 *Children of Abraham*: Jews, Muslims, and Christians Tracing their heritage

Genesis 25-33 *Wrestling With Faith*: Jacob's story, wrestling with conflict

Genesis 34-35,38 *Women With Stories*: Dinah, Tamar, and Rachel, three neglected women

Genesis 37-50 *A Family Reconciled*: God working through Joseph and Jacob's sons

With this teacher, viewers will grasp the wonder of creation, human relationships, sin, freedom, promise and God's grace. Come explore Genesis and the early stories of our Christ faith.

Growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior with you!

Pastor Brad

UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Commentary: Through July, year-to-date General Fund contributions are approximately \$6,800 (5%) less than last year (however, note that this is an improvement since June). General Fund expenditures to-date are just under 57% of the 2018 budget, with 58% of the year completed.

	2018	2017
General Fund Contributions	\$129,404	\$136,156
General Fund Expenses	\$133,816	\$130,129

MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE

Council has approved the July meeting minutes and a copy is available in the narthex on the bulletin board for you to review.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS

Come on September 18 to Hear Diane Evans

The Women of St. John's are meeting on the third Tuesday instead of the second in September for a potluck dinner and interesting speaker. All are encouraged to come for a fun and informative time. Chicken and rolls will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. We will begin at 6:00 with the potluck to be followed by Diane's presentation.

Diane Carlson Evans is the Founder of the Vietnam Women's Memorial, dedicated in Washington DC near the Wall of Names on Veterans Day, 1993. As a former Captain in the Army Nurse Corps who served in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969, Diane Carlson Evans had a profoundly personal interest in remedying the omission of recognition for women veterans. Working in surgical and burn units, her first-hand knowledge of the casualties of the Vietnam war and the sacrifices of the women who volunteered to leave the comforts of home to support their fighting brothers in a foreign land, led her on a ten year mission – during which she had to convince government agencies, Congress, journalists and the public that building a Vietnam Women's Memorial was a necessary part of the healing process for female war veterans.

The memorial is an everlasting tribute to the 265,000 women who served during the Vietnam War. Ms. Evans was the first woman in American history to spearhead a campaign to place a national monument in the nation's capital that recognized the contributions of military women to their country, as well as civilian women's patriotic service. She lives today in Helena, Montana with her husband, a Vietnam Era veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

Circles Meet on September 25

Circle meetings resume after the summer break on Tuesday, September 25. The Morning Circle meets at 9:30 at Touchmark. The Evening Circle will meet at the home of Betty Dotson at 7:00 (3845 Kitt Drive--located in Pleasant Valley off of Frontage Road). We will begin *Gather* magazine's three-session Bible study on the theme of repentance. Session one is entitled *Turning to God, time after time*. Both circles welcome new women to join us. This fall is a good time to turn over a new leaf and meet with us. Hope to see you there.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS, *cont.*

Register Now for the Montana SWO Fall Gathering

The Montana Synodical Women's Organization invites all women to a one-day event on September 29 beginning at 9:00 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Townsend. The theme is *Empowered by the Holy Spirit* with Margie Neugebauer from South Dakota as the featured speaker. The registration cost is \$50, which includes inspirational fellowship, learning, lunch and worship. Let's have a big delegation from St. John's and carpool there for a fun day. Pick up your registration forms on the table downstairs.

SEPTEMBER NEWS AROUND ST. JOHN'S AND THE SYNOD

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Thank You to Janice Larison, Janet Lieberg, Paul Evanson, Shirley Hautzinger, Laura Nachtsheim, Pastor Brad and the five amazing staff from United Blood Services that made our first blood drive a success. We did have some walk-ins and 19 blood products were obtained (our goal was 20...not bad!) We met some wonderful people before and during the drive. Thank you!

--Bing and Mary Crosby

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING PAINTERS

Thank you once again to our property committee and their team of volunteers for keeping our church in tip-top shape. Our kitchen now looks bright, clean, and beautiful! Thank you to Gerald Watne, Jens Jensen, Vern Grimsrud, Paul Evanson, Tyler Tobel, Justin Tobel, and Randy Rake.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY-9/24-11/19 AT NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

Are you ready to take charge of your finances? New Life Lutheran Church is offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University on Mondays, September 24 - November 19, 6-7:30 pm, and all are welcome! We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Contact New Life to for more info and to enroll.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

We want to keep our directories up-to-date. If you have any changes that need to be made or if you need to schedule a photo session please contact the church office. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB

September is NEA Big Read month in Helena. Free copies of the book, "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" are available at the Lewis and Clark Library. The author, Roz Chast, will be speaking at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on September 5th at 7:00 pm. Not to be outdone by the Methodists, the St. John's Book Club will be hosting a discussion of the book on Wednesday, September 19th, in the library's small conference room, starting at 1:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

FALL FEST NEWS

Many thanks to all who took baskets and theme cards to prepare for this year's FALL FEST which will be on OCTOBER 28 FROM 3-7PM. We encourage families to put together a basket or donate an item for this year's Silent Auction in the Guild Room. The FALL FEST is great fun for everyone with games for prizes (adults and children) and crafts too!! We will once again have the "famous" MYSTERY GIFT PASS which is enjoyed every year. A Soup/Chili dinner will start at 5:30pm and we hope to see all of you come and have a wonderful time celebrating our beautiful Autumn season!

If you wish for us to assemble your basket please give us your supplies by no later than October 15. The Basket Making Party will be on Saturday, October 20 in the Fellowship Hall from 9-12noon if you would like to come and put your basket together then. We still are looking for extra large baskets to have available for those who need them.

FALL FEST COMMITTEE

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER

NAMI Montana is the Montana chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots organization for people with mental illnesses and their families. Founded in 1979, NAMI has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country. NAMI Montana supports, educates, and advocates for Montanans with severe mental illness and their families. The 2018 Montana NAMIWalk will be held on Sunday, September 23rd at Memorial Park and St. John's will be participating in the walk this year. Social Ministry has designated NAMI Montana as our special offering for the month of September. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important work by walking on September 23rd; offerings may be placed in the pew offering envelopes and mark Social Ministry Outreach.

FAITH, SCIENCE, AND CLIMATE ACTION CONFERENCE

October 12th (4PM)-13th (4PM) at the Emerson Cultural Center, Bozeman MT

Our Holy Scriptures teach the wholeness of Creation, calling humanity to be good stewards of the earth and to care for the most vulnerable. You are invited to attend the Faith, Science, and Climate Action Conference to discuss climate change and to acquire the practical tools to empower care of creation for our families, neighbors, future generations, and vulnerable populations. Practically and locally, our call as Christians includes caring for 'the least of these', our Montanan neighbors who are most affected by flooding, drought, crop failure, and fires. Highlights include presentations by The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, and Dr. Bruce Maxwell, and breakout sessions on Landscape Health=Human Health, Faith-Led Advocacy, Solar Infrastructure, Food Security & Environmental/Social Justice, and Creation Cries in Eager Longing.

Detailed information is at www.fscaconference.org

To purchase tickets click on "Register Now" at www.fscaconference.org

Updates on facebook.com/fscaconference

Contact Rev. Connie Campbell-Pearson at info@fscaconference.org or 406-333-1851

YARN NEEDED

The ladies at Riverside Correctional Facility knit and crochet items as part of their community service project and are in need of more yarn. A collection box will be in the narthex. Thank you!

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED-LABOR DAY 6:00 pm-Venture Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 am-Staff Meeting 5:15 pm-Evangelism Committee 7:00 pm-4H in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters</p>
<p>9</p> <p>CELEBRATION SUNDAY Kickoff of programs at St. John's 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-All Church Study (<i>ages 3rd grade on up</i>) & Sunday School (<i>age 4-2nd Grade</i>) 2:00 pm-Broadwater Hot Springs</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 am-Staff Meeting Noon-Finance Committee 7:00 pm-4H in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters Noon-Music & Wo MIDWEEK CONN 5:30 pm-Dinner-Ch 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Study for A</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Social Ministry 10:30 am-Adult Forum: <i>"The Bible & Mental Health"</i> & Sunday School (<i>4-2nd grade & 3rd-6th grade</i>) 6:00 pm-YoPro in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:00 pm-Men's Group 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30 am-Staff Meeting 6:00 pm-WOSJ'S Dinner 6:30 pm-Church Council 7:00 pm-4H, location TBD</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters 1:30 pm-Book Club MIDWEEK CONN 5:30 pm-Dinner-Ra 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Study for A</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Adult Forum: <i>"Community & Church Resources for Mental Health"</i> & Sunday School 12:30 pm-NAMIWalk</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 pm-Venture Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 am-Circle at Touchmark 10:30 am-Staff Meeting 7:00 pm-Evening Circle 7:00 pm-4H in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am-Quilters MIDWEEK CONN 5:30 pm-Dinner-Po <i>Special offering for H</i> 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Study for A</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship & Sunday School</p>			

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			<p>1 1:00 pm-Memorial Service for Helen Moze at St. Paul's, Missoula</p>
	<p>6 7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>ership SECTION ili Night All</p>	<p>13 7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>14 Noon-Memorial Committee 3:00 pm-Communion at Masonic Home</p>	<p>15</p>
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SEPTEMBER NEWS AROUND ST. JOHN'S AND THE SYNOD, *cont.*

HAGEN HALL PROJECT UPDATE

The report from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC) is that they are about \$4000 short on the Hagen Hall project that the Tri-Lutheran Fellowship (Our Redeemers, New Life Lutheran, and New Life) had supported with the chili cook-off and other fun events. FLBC provides many wonderful ministries and Midweek Connection has committed their potluck offering at the end of September to helping with the completion of Hagen Hall. Please consider donating to FLBC towards this important project.

NEW PODCAST FROM THE ELCA

The ELCA has a new monthly podcast called "Three Sides". Typically, it's said there are two sides to every story. But often a middle or third side of the story is revealed, providing another perspective to consider. As a church that believes God is calling us into the world--together, Three Sides will present diverse voices from across the ELCA. Listen as we share unique stories from across this year. In the first full episode, hosts Shanna Crawford, Philip LaDeur and Andrew Steele introduce you to ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; Dr. Sylvia Sloan Black, a retired professor and now an executive coach; and Wendy Davidson, president of U.S. Specialty Channels at the Kellogg Co. The three leaders speak about the role of women in religious, educational and corporate settings, how these roles evolved, the inspiration that led them down each path, the challenges they've faced and what the future looks like for female leaders. Subscribe and listen today!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

5/11



"BAPTISM RENEWAL" AT BROADWATER HOTSPRINGS

Join us at Broadwater Hot Springs on Sunday, September 16th from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Cost is \$10 adults or \$9 children/seniors/military. No need to sign up-just show up for an afternoon of fun!

FEAST AND FELLOWSHIP AT PERKINS RESTAURANT

A group will gather for dinner at Perkins on Friday, September 28th at 6:00 pm. Speak with Betty Dotson for more information and reservations.



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Family Promise has hired a new Executive Director, Glenna Wortman-Obie, who started work on August 7th. Glenna brings wonderful skills, great professional experience, and a caring heart to Family Promise. She worked for Intermountain for the last 12 years, most recently as the Director of Communications and Marketing. Family Promise is in the process of hiring a Family Advocate, and has been blessed with a volunteer who is currently filling that role and looking for families to join the program. Saint John's next host week starts on October 7th, and we should have a family by then. You will be hearing from Neal or Paula soon about serving as dinner or overnight hosts. As always, thank you for your support of this ministry.

YOUTH AND FAMILY AT ST. JOHN'S CELEBRATION SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 9TH!

Our fall programming for spiritual renewal and education is just around the corner and St. John's has so many ways for you to get involved! We have great plans for digging into the Word this year, fellowship activities planned, and more service opportunities so stay tuned. There are some areas where we need help. Please take a look at these needs and prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve in one or more of these areas:

- **Ministry Media Team**-helping to revamp how we use our church website, social media, etc. The first planning meeting will be mid-September
- **Culinary Team**-helping with Midweek Connection meal prep on Wednesdays and the occasional meal for our new YoPro group (graduates and college students) that will meet once a month this fall
- **Education Team**-helping to plan Adult Education Classes
- **Sunday School Teachers**

We are also looking for 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in confirmation classes. Please speak with Gretchen or Pastor Brad for more details!

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL RENEWAL--10:45 am-11:15 am

Our church community, Pastor, and church council worked in August to further shape our educational and spiritual renewal programming at St. John's-especially our time following worship every Sunday. This is prime time for reflecting on the Word, working with leaders in our community, and for fellowship. We are proposing the following schedule for the fall.

1st Sunday of the month: Community Guest Presentation

2nd Sunday of the month: All Church Study (ages 3rd grade on up in the Fellowship Hall

3rd Sunday of the month: Adult Study in Fellowship Hall

4th Sunday (and 5th Sunday if needed) of the month: Fellowship

Children ages 4-2nd grade will meet each week in their own classroom and children 3rd-6th grade will meet upstairs.

***Check your Herald calendar for updated schedules and discussion topics.

Grab your coffee and cookies and join us downstairs beginning September 9th!

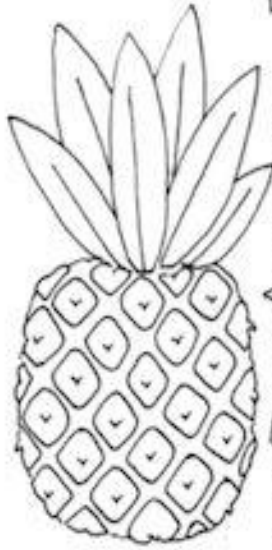
MIDWEEK CONNECTION KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 12TH

Midweek Connection kicks off on Wednesday, September 12th. This space of grace that serves as a bridge between Sundays is open to all ages. Wear your favorite school or team colors to celebrate the new year! We begin with a community meal at 5:30 pm (*suggested donation of \$3/person and the meal is provided-menu listed on the calendar, last Wednesday of the month is a potluck with a special designated offering each month*), worship with Holy Communion is at 6:30 pm, and then study for all ages at 7:00 pm. Come to any part or all of the evening. We have a great time and would love to include YOU!

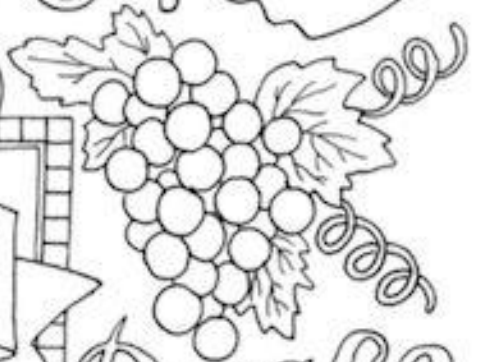
YOPRO GROUP STARTING 9/16 AT 6:00 PM

St. John's is blessed with a growing group of young adults, college students, and young professionals (YoPros!) and we are dedicated to growing our faith together, supporting one another, and creating strong connections. If you are 18-24 please join us down in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM for a casual evening of dinner and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

LOVE JOY



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Fruit
of the
Spirit



Peace

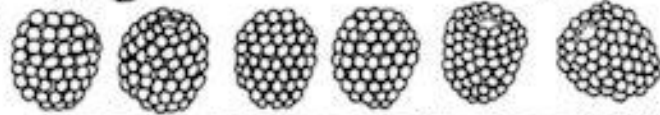


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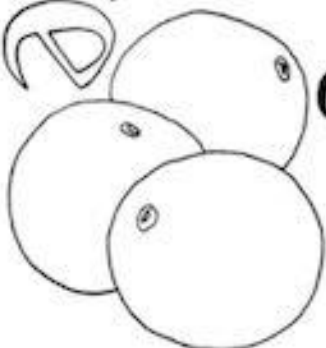
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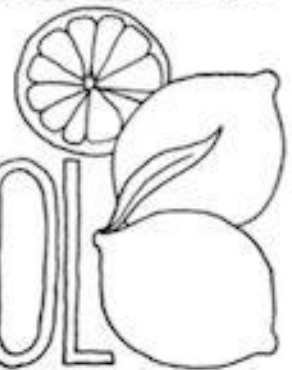


FAITHFULNESS

gentleness



SELF-CONTROL



In Our Prayers...

For Healing:

For those suffering devastation from flooding, peace and comfort for Jackson Keller, June Stanley, Jeanette Mattfeldt, Doris Guidi, Mary and Mike Phelan, Steve Tielking, Maury Knutson, Dodie Walsh, Joe Munzenrider, Jean Buckingham, Violet Kerr, Randy Holmes, Debbie (*Barb Muir's daughter*), Dave Hanson (*Mildred Twingley's Son-in-Law*), Zoe B., Barb Knutson, 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:

Rev. Donald Melchert, Val Fry, Kit Lieberg, baby Josiah Rueb (*son of Gordon and Sharon Stockstad's nephew*), Helen Moze, Jim Moe, Charles Gunstone, Jim Kembel, Mary Jo Ronshaugen

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

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)*

September Birthdays

1	Addison Wall	21	Jeannie Kieckbusch
5	Laurie DeLong	23	Jean Branscum
6	Gerald Watne	24	John Munding
7	Karen Johnson	26	Karen Tobel
	Jonathan Schoof	27	Eleanor Wintersteen
	Lowell Wollitz	28	Gary Alm
10	Shirley Hautzinger	29	Bill Christianson
	Larry Larison	30	Todd Branscum
	Johanna Tielking		Parker Keller
12	Dakota Dunlap		
	Bailey Jacobson		
14	Sherryl Perdue		
18	Joyce Ludtke		
19	Laura Nachtsheim		
20	Philip Duncan		
	Kimberly Shields		
	Victor Vincent		
	Dodie Walsh		



September Anniversaries

3	Jay Erickson and Ann Gilkey
5	Gerald and Susan Watne
15	Ryan and Holly Berry
16	Terry and Donna Campbell
	Don and Jan Holmquist

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Worship Services

Sunday

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

Midweek Connection-Wednesday beginning 9/12

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 September is NAMI Montana*