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By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you show love or only talk about it? Do you say 'I love you' or does it show in your actions? Imagine if your spouse said 'I love you' but never showed it, no hugs or kisses, no gifts, no words of praise, nothing. How would you feel? I am sure you would not feel very loved after a while.

Love is not something that we merely talk about. It is not merely an emotion that we feel. Rather, it is something that we act upon. Our love for others shows itself in our thoughts, words, and deeds. As Saint John writes, 'if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?' If we see someone in need, have the resources to help them, and we do not, can we say that we are truly Christians? John would argue that we are not as shown by our actions. We have merely talked about love, not letting it show forth in our actions.

Showing love through our actions is not easy to do because it requires us to sacrifice ourselves, our time, our talents, our possessions, everything that we have and are. This is something that our sinful nature wants to rebel against. We want to use what we have for ourselves, not for the needs of others. Yet, by showing love for others, by caring for their needs, Whose love are we emulating? 'By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us.' We are emulating our Lord, Jesus Christ, who gave everything, left the very glory of heaven to become a baby in the womb. To grow up, live a perfect life, and die. Jesus died for us while we were still His enemies, to make us His dear beloved children, giving us the forgiveness of our sins and the salvation of our souls.

When we show love to our spouse, to our neighbor, friends, and family members, we have an opportunity to show them the love that Christ has for them. We do not merely talk about love, or merely say it. Rather, let it flow from us, in our thoughts, in our words and in our deeds. Let us love, not in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone who donated baby items for the layettes that are taken to the hospital by Denise Combs.
Everyone who made fleece blankets for Denise Combs' layettes.
Val Martin, Tristin Reinke, and Gloria Creek for playing the organ during our worship services.
Kevin Aguiar for overseeing the recording of our services each Sunday.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes on Sundays and Wednesdays.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
All of the quilters for the beautiful quilts you make all year.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ **Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Baby Shower** for Denise Combs who gives baby layettes to the mothers at Benefis who have babies but have no clothes in which to take them home. She is very thankful for our help and continued support of her endeavor.
- ♥ **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper** will be on March 2 at 6 PM. Two different soups will be served and ladies will bring bread and crackers. Please plan to attend and help in any way that you can. Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be at 7 PM.
- ♥ **Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. with a Bible study.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will establish a nominating committee for the elections in May. Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **Remember that Purple Pockets are due to Linda Aguiar at the end of March.** This money goes to our missionary Rev. Eric Stinnett in Ethiopia. Thanks for your continued support.
- ♥ **Montana District Convention is coming up in April!** Mark your calendars for **April 29, 30 and May 1, 2022** in Helena. Our theme is "Only Jesus" based upon Mark 9:8: And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only (ESV). Watch for more details as they develop.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Services

Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022 and is just around the corner! We will have Lenten services each Wednesday at 7 PM. These services will also be live streamed. Bulletins will be available on the website at the "Bulletin" tab. Services can be viewed by going to the website and clicking on the link at the bottom of the opening page. The theme is "Witnesses to Christ" based on the Gospel of John. Lent devotion booklets will be available to enhance your Lenten meditations. Soup suppers will begin at 6 PM. If you or your group would like to host a soup supper, please sign up on the calendar in the Fellowship Hall. LWML is sponsoring Ash Wednesday's soup supper.

Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! Mention the coupon when you order and they will be sure Wee Disciples gets credit. Hours for the fund raiser are between **5 and 9 PM on February 15**, and Fuddruckers will give 20% of your total ticket to Wee Disciples!



Baptismal Anniversaries

February	4	Rebecca Gerard
	8	Jamie Franczyk
	9	Connie Juden
	23	– Kyrie Scott
	23	– Lydika Scott
	23	– Deklan Scott
	29	Kim Bibler



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 8 year old with kidney cancer
- Jody Decker** – Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Ed and Sarah Ostlund**, in assisted living in Billings
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons
- Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

Ushers for February

6	James Onstad Kevin Aguiar
13	Greg Franczyk Arnie Gidlow
20	James Onstad Lyle Onstad
27	Mitch Martin Eric Fletcher

Ladies Bible study Schedule

It's been a month of 2022. How are your New Year's Resolutions going? You know, getting organized, more exercise, studying God's word... Some of us do better when we have the help of others. The Friday Ladies Bible Class can help you with that last one! You are on your own with the organization and exercise.

Ladies continue to gather around God's Word studying the book of Acts on February 4th, 11th, and 18th from 1-3pm. Join them at Ann Nimmick's home at 2327 15th Avenue South. You won't be disappointed!

Plans for the monthly lunch have been flexible during the pandemic. The group plans to eat at the Black Bear Restaurant in the private room, but often because of high transmission of covid in our county during the week of the lunch date, the lunch is changed to "Bring Your Own Sandwich" to the home of the host. Please check with Ann, 761-2910, if you intend to go to the lunch to see what the group has decided. Plan A is meeting at the Black Bear, 1420 Market Place Drive on Friday, February 25th at 11:45am. Plan B is meeting for lunch at 11:45am at Ann's. After lunch the group will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Avenue South, for a delightful hour of hymn singing and a devotion. You can't imagine how much the residents at Highgate look forward to this activity!

Camp Dates

Camp Dates for our annual congregational camp at Trinity Camp in Bigfork are August 11 – 14, 2022. Mark your calendars now and save the dates to come and have a great time at camp. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Pastor Reinke.

Seder meal – Pastor Reinke is asking for help with the Seder Meal this year. It will be served on Maundy Thursday, April 14. If you would like to help in anyway, please talk with him!

