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“But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month, we are gathering together for Vacation Bible School. It will be a time of fun for everyone involved as we play games, do crafts, eat great food, have fun with friends, and most importantly learn about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As I am sure you can imagine, this takes a lot of time and effort from multiple people to do successfully. Why do it? Why put in all of that time and energy for a whole week?

It would be easy to get discouraged if we view this from a limited aspect of only time and money. We can get lost in the time and effort aspect of things, especially if all we do is see the same kids year after year time after time. If outreach is our only goal, then we become depressed and think, ‘Why do it if no one new is showing up?’ Outreach is a good goal, but it is not our only goal. Think of the kids who come year after year. As they come they get to hear the stories anew, to grow in the faith as relationships are deepened and strengthened with teachers and friends, both old and new. If new kids come, great! They get to hear about Jesus and learn more about what He did for us, through His perfect life, suffering and death upon the cross, and His rising again from the dead.

We do Vacation Bible School, because as Jesus said, the Kingdom of heaven is for one such as these. When the disciples tried to bar the children from coming to Jesus, Jesus rebuked them. Jesus did not bar even little infants from His presence and neither do we. It is the same reason that we baptize infants, even they are in need of a Savior. It is a joy to see and hear the hymns, creeds, and liturgy of the church come from the mouths of children as they join together in learning about their Savior, and returning back to Him thanks and praise.

Is it a lot of work, time, effort, and cost? At times yes. Is it worth it? Always, because as the church, we are in the business together of nurturing and tending souls. Jesus died and rose for all, even children. Vacation Bible School is one of the ways that this great message is proclaimed, in games, in crafts, in eating, in fellowship, and in worship.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone who came and helped and participated at Family Night.
Marge Johnsten for opening her home for the ladies to have Bible study each Friday.
All of the people who have offered to serve the Lord as officers for Peace Lutheran Church.
Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ during our worship services.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
 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.

Please continue to keep Dr. Lyle and Tara Onstad and his parents in your prayers as they leave June 3rd for South Africa for a humanitarian mission trip.



June Anniversaries

- June 12 William and Ruth Rozokat
- June 12 Bun and Barbara DeLange

Baptismal Anniversaries

- June 1 Dennis Nivens
- 3 Maverick Meierhoff
- 9 Joshua Baumer
- 11 Jennifer Lewis
- 12 Linda Aguiar
- 14 Angela Fletcher
- 16 Alicia Fletcher
- 18 Phyllis Schaaf
- 20 Toni Nivens
- 27 Marge Johnsten

Summer Worship For Travelers

Are you going to be traveling this summer and far from a church on a Sunday morning? We have prepared a brochure called *Summer Worship For Travelers* which you can take along with you on your trip. It has a brief order of worship from *Lutheran Service Book* and a listing of all the Bible Readings for the summer months. Take one with you for the times you can't be in church this summer. Copies are on the table outside the Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf office.

INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard**, 8 year old with kidney cancer
- Michael Drummond**, Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer**, ALS
- Taylor Martin**, recovering from car accident
- Ed and Sarah Ostlund**, in assisted living in Billings
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons

Members of First Lutheran in Fort Benton:

Jody Decker, Henry Schnackenberg, Ron Van Horn, Roger Casteel and the Van Oman family.

Ushers for June

- Deacon: Arnie Gidlow
- June 6----- Gary Link
- Pat Lewis
- Deacon: Peter Doscher
- June 13 ----- Greg Franczyk
- James Onstad
- Deacon: Kevin Aguiar
- June 20 ----- Mitch Martin
- Eric Fletcher
- Deacon: Mitch Martin
- June 27 ----- Darrell Greenwood
- Tyler Denning

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- ♥ **During the month of June, we will be collecting items to be given to the newly opened Toby's House, an emergency child care center for children newborn to 6 years old.** Here is their response when asked them for a wish list.

“We are blessed with many donations of food, clothing, and toys. Some of the things that we are in need of are household supplies. If this would fit your mission we would love for you to help us. We would love to have the following help with these items.

**Laundry Soap,
Dryer sheets,
Bleach,
Hand Soap,
Dish Soap,
Kitchen cleaner (Antibacterial or degreaser spray),
Trifold paper towels (for our bathroom and diaper changing areas),
Blue Nitrile Exam Gloves Size large (we use them to change diapers),
Toilet Paper,
Size 4, 5, and 6 diapers,
Baby Wipes.”**

Please bring any or all of these items and we will be sure they get to Toby's House at the end of June. Thank you!

- ♥ Newly elected officers are **Val Martin**, President, **Helen Lewis**, Vice-president, **Cheri Magnuson**, Secretary; **Linda Aguiar**, Treasurer. Thank you, ladies, for offering to serve the Lord with Gladness in this capacity.
- ♥ **Our planning meeting will be Monday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and participate in the planning of the coming year's activities and servant event projects. Many new and exciting ideas will be talked about and planned!

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Friday Ladies Bible study

What a blessing all of May's moisture was for our farmers and ranchers! Praise the Lord for abundant rains when we need them! The showers have given an extra boost to Montana's wildflowers as well. Generous amounts of spring moisture produce bountiful blossoms in the Lord's flower garden. Try to get out to the mountains to see the variety of orchids, roses, geraniums, daisies, columbine, bear grass, blue camas, and lupines. Yes, you can pick them if it's not a state or federal park. Just don't pull up the roots.

Between visits to the mountains for wildflowers, the FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS is doing something different this summer -- continuing their Bible study! Previously they have always stopped during the summer. However, having just gotten a start in April, they decided to extend through the next three months. In June they will begin the study of ACTS. They will meet June 4th, 11th, and 25th from 1-3pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave So. Perhaps it is easier for you to get out in the summer. You are always welcome!

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Remember to bring your **baby bottles** from Echoz Pregnancy Center back to the church on or before **Sunday, June 20, Father's Day.**
Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful program!