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¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. Mt 3:13–15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever tried to prevent someone from doing something? It is hard! Maybe you tried to prevent a child from touching a hot stove before they burned themselves. Maybe you tried to prevent a friend, family member, or loved one from making a horrible mistake in their lives and hurting themselves yet again. This is a hard thing to do. It is hard because of our sinful natures; we do not always want to hear what others have to say. We want to be the boss. We want to be the ones in authority and make our own decisions about our own lives. We do not want to listen to other people's advice, rules, or regulations.

When Jesus came to be baptized by John, John tried to prevent Him. John thought that Jesus was in the wrong, that it should have been the other way around in John's eyes. How could he, as a sinner, baptize the Righteous One? Yet, our Lord says, "It must be this way to fulfill all righteousness." This has to happen in order for the plan of God to be complete.

The plan of God? It is that plan laid down before the very foundations of the world were laid. That the Father would send His beloved Son, Jesus. Jesus is baptized, the sinless one bearing our sins in our place. As the beloved Son, He is perfectly obedient to the will of the Father, living a perfect life in our place. As the Obedient One, Jesus goes to the cross. There, He suffers and dies the death that we deserve. Rising again from the dead, He gives to us the forgiveness of our sins, the salvation of our souls, and life with Him forever and ever.

Prevent Jesus from being baptized, prevent Him from perfectly fulfilling all righteousness? Thanks be to God that there is no way He could be prevented. He has perfectly done everything needed for our salvation.

As we continue this new year, let us continue to give thanks to our God for the wonderful things that He continues to grant to us.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season.
Everyone who came and baked the goodies for the baskets for the shut-ins.
Val Martin for being so generous with her Thrivent Action Team cards and paying for the baking supplies for the goody baskets and everything else she bought.
Everyone who helped during the potluck meals during Advent.
Tristin Reinke and Toni Nivens for leading the adult choir.
Val Martin for accompanying the choir.
Tristin Reinke for leading the bell choir.
Everyone who sings in the choir and plays the bells in the bell choir.
Tristin Reinke, Val Martin and Gloria Creek for playing the organ and piano during all of our worship services.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school and Bible class on Sundays.
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.
Everyone who counts the offering.
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.

Ladies Bible study schedule

Happy New Year! As we thank God for all the blessings of 2022, let us renew our efforts to encourage others as we walk in faith together in 2023.

Friday Ladies Bible Class will be in recess during January. Check the Sunday bulletin for the date it will resume in February.

Only the lack of a piano player halts Assisted Living Ministry. Hooray for Gloria, Val, and Alice whose talent keeps it going! Join them at The Lodge, 1801 9th Street South, on Friday, January 6th from 10:00-10:45am to enjoy singing favorite hymns and a devotion with the residents. Later in the month the group will go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South, from 1:30-2:30pm on Friday, January 27th. Prior to the Highgate event friends will gather for the no host monthly lunch at 11:45am at Good Time Charlie's, 3801 10th Avenue South. Come and be part of the fellowship at the restaurant and the singing at the assisted living residences. You encourage others when you participate!

Family Night resumes

Family Night resumes on Wednesday January 4th. The potluck dinner will be at 6:00 with the theme being Chinese food. We will continue our study of Christ in the Old Testament. Join us for this time of fellowship and fun. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Reinke.

Sign Language Class resumes

The sign language class will resume on **Wednesday, January 11**. This gives pastor an extra week to prepare.

Offerings December 22 2022	
Total Offerings & Interest Income	\$ 14,945.66
Expenses	\$ 12,903.41
Overage	\$ 2,042.25

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♥ **During the month of January**, we will have a Baby Shower for Denice Combs who gives baby layettes to the mothers at Benefis who have babies but have no clothes to put on them. You may bring new or clean, gently used baby items and place them in the box provided. We will also be making no sew fleece blankets that will be given to Denice Combs.

♥ **Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. with a Bible study.** We will be making no sew fleece blankets for the layettes that Denice Combs makes for the hospital. If you want to make a fleece blanket, bring 1 and ¼ yards of any print fleece and we will show you how to make the blankets. There will also be Bible study and a business meeting. All ladies of Peace, CLCD and First are invited and encouraged to join us. Remember your Mite Boxes!

♥ **Ladies mark your calendars for Saturday, February 11th** when we will meet again to plan the “Parade of Tables” which is set for **Saturday, March 11 from 11AM to 1 PM** with an Easter theme!



Baptismal Anniversaries

January	3	Mitch Martin
	4	Dan Martin
	11	Gary Lux
	16	James Onstad
	17	Peter Doscher
	17	Talitha Reinke
	19	Shirley Smelser
	19	Deloris Brown
	26	Ken Meske
	28	Kaye Franczyk

Ushers for January

1	Pat Lewis Arnie Gidlow
8	Darrell Greenwood Greg Franczyk
15	James and Lyle Onstad
22	Mitch Martin Peter Doscher
29	Pat Lewis Tyler Denning

Voice Choir and Bell Choir will resume practice on **Tuesday, January 10 at 5:30 and 6:30** respectively. New voices and players are always welcome! Thank you, Tristin Reinke, for stepping in to direct the voice choir in Toni’s absence.



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:
The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 9 year old with kidney cancer
- Deloris Brown**, shut-in
- Marylan Dallum**, Fort Benton
- Jody Decker** – Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Ed Ostlund**, in assisted living in Billings
- Pam Schaaf**, Ovarian cancer
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons and Covid
- Richard Schottey**, The Lodge
- Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

