

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today's Light

Read through the Bible
in two years.

Scripture readings
for this week:

February 22 - Jeremiah 38-40
February 23 - Jeremiah 41-43
February 24 - Jeremiah 44-45
February 25 - Jeremiah 46-49
February 26 - Jeremiah 50-51
February 27/28 - Jeremiah 52

"Places of the Passion" ~ in this service in Lent, the place of the Passion is Bethany, as we remember that Jesus is anointed for burial by his friend Mary, at her home in this small town. We are called to prepare our hearts for Christ's death as well, while still looking toward the fragrant surprise of the empty tomb. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with Bethany help us to grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.

Guests ~ a special welcome to you! If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to consider First Lutheran! We love to share the Good News of our Savior and the help that God's Word gives for our everyday lives! We would love to tell you more about our congregation. Please join us again!

Lenten Devotions ~ "The Marks of Love". The season of Lent is meant for deep reflection. Sent by the Father, His Son's mission and ministry was to call us "out of darkness into His Marvelous light." Read of Jesus' unwavering love for mankind by picking up a copy of your 2021 Lenten Devotions today. These devotional booklets have been authored and developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries and printed and folded and collated by our Administrative Assistant and volunteers.

Jesus' Second Coming ~ is our Bible study from First Thessalonians today! Class begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Please join us for coffee and study of this challenging topic from this challenging New Testament book!

Our Midweek Lenten Service this Wednesday ~ finds us in Bethany again as we visit the "Places of the Passion" and journey with our Savior to His Cross and the Open Tomb for us and for our salvation. Please join us at 12:10 or 6:30 p.m. to be blessed by even more of God's Word!

"Grandparents - Pray, Play, and Proclaim" ~ is our theme, topic, and the name of a booklet which will be the focus of our OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Saints) gathering for February (this Thursday, the 25th). starting at 11 a.m. and ending by 1 p.m., in the Fellowship Centre. Watch your email (or pick up a handout) for further details!

Volunteers Wanted ~ Do you love kids? Would you be interested in supporting our school with your time and abilities? Do you have a morning or two each week that you would like to spend with our great group of preschool and prekindergarten kids? We are looking for extra eyes and hands to help out in our preschool/prekindergarten classroom. It would be a blessing to have another adult in a room full of bustling children. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Sue Taylor, School Director at 442-6913 or 461-0272 or suetaylor120@gmail.com.

Our Live Worship Services ~ can be viewed online at www.firstlutheranhelena.org on the weekend after we hold them in our Sanctuary! Our many thanks to Tempest Technology (Shawn and Lisa Peterson) and Brian Buhr for the hours they give to make this available week after week after week!

Our HIS Kids! and Chancel Choirs ~ meet on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. (respectively) in the sanctuary. Contact Shari for any questions.

Our Elders ~ are ready, willing, and able to help. Just give them a call! Brian Buhr ~ 449-9961; Allen Keim ~ 459-0877; Rick Northrup ~ 422-7319; and Marty Baumann ~ 442-8114.

God Has Done Great Things ~ for us and for others at all times! Let's bring God's mercy to help meet the needs in our congregation and beyond, as God allows. If you know of folks needing our help, give us a call!

You Can Give Your Gifts and Tithes and Offerings ~ to Your Lord and His Church in person in our worship services, or online at www.firstlutheranhelena.org, or by mail, or by dropping it off in the office, or placing it in our safe and secure mailbox on the parking lot side of the building. Your good stewardship continues to enable us to minister to our congregation and communities in response to God's love!

Are You Receiving Pastor Miller's Emails ~ each weekend? If not, please leave us your current email address on Susan's desk in the office, or email it to the church or to pastor Miller at revelry.flc.007@gmail.com and we'll add you to our list. Thanks!

On the Lutheran Hour Next Sunday ~ "Where a Kid Can Be a Kid". Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler An impossible situation need not be a hopeless one. (Mark 10) The Lutheran Hour may be heard Sundays on Christian Satellite Network, 91.1 FM at 8 a.m.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year ~ “Do not lay your hand on the boy ... the Lord will provide” (Genesis 22:12-14). Don’t mothers and fathers experiencing surprise pregnancies have the need—and the right—to hear this plea from God Himself? And what a privilege we have to repeat the holy prohibition and promise! Jesus Christ has stepped into every sinner’s place (Mark 1:9, 13), and no other death is necessary or sufficient. His alone will atone for all of our shortcomings.

Please Pray For ~

+ **Those Needing God’s Help and Healing ~** Dave Tudor, Alice Anderberg, Martha Janes, Lori Northrup, Becky Baumann, Gretta O’Rourke, Vi Erdman, Ted Eklund (Conrad’s father), Ruth Baker (daughter of Marylin and Wally Smith), and members and friends of our congregation and school dealing with covid and other struggles of body and soul!

+ **Those On the Frontlines ~** caring for others affected and afflicted by the coronavirus, financial worries, violence in our cities, and so many other challenges of this time of epidemic at home and abroad, that God would especially watch over, protect, and deliver them.

+ **Our Montana Legislature ~** for God’s direction and blessing as they make choices and decisions that will impact every Montanan’s life;

+ **That We may Grow in Faith ~** during our Lenten Journey to the Cross (and the other “Places of the Passion”) where Jesus suffered and died and rose again for us and for our salvation!

+ **Each of Us ~** that we may realize that being a follower of our Savior is not mostly about what we may receive, but what we can share with others.

And Praise God for ~

+ **The Unique Opportunities He Gives Us ~** to share His love in all sorts of ways during these interesting times, in the family of God and beyond, in word and deed to share God’s care and cures!

+ **Helping Us to Get through These Challenging Days and Times ~** by His grace, through His Word!

+ **Making it Clear ~** that life in His kingdom isn’t about “get” but about “give”!