

Ripples

Stillwater Free Lutheran Church

“Sharing Jesus Christ with Our Neighbors”

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Feeding the Flathead

We served 75 to-go sacks with a hearty turkey sandwich, fruit, chips and snack on Monday, September 28th.

Thank you very much to Karla who helped me serve, make coffee and pour milk. Kalispell Creamery still donates 2 gallons each month!

These meals are really appreciated. I am always reminded how God provides in every way!

Our next meal service is Monday, October 26th.

Lori Switzer and Susan Shea

Nicole will be out of the office from October 22 to November 2. Please get any information for the November Newsletter to her by Tuesday October 20th.

Did you know...

In 1995 the Stillwater Quilters made 66 quilts and 6 quilted pillows, all were given away!



Women's Missionary Federation

15 women met on September 18th at Early's house at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and the kick-off of the Women's Retreat. Sherri and Sue organized our meals and the dinner was perfect! Sue also made us an excellent ice cream cake. After dinner Nicole organized a 'mixer' and 'get-to-know-you' game for everyone to play. Next, Lavonne gave devotions and we were reminded of the Armor of God and how to wear it every day. The game for the night was a Montana trivia game put together by Nicole. It was challenging but there was a lot of laughter and fellowship. The winner was Karla Cartwright!

6 Women stayed the night at Early's house and 9 came Saturday morning for breakfast and Bible Study.

Early was our guest speaker this year and she shared with us from "365 Promises from God's Word in Color." There were many scripture verses that she shared with us about life, God, evangelism and loving each other. Early also shared her testimony about her life and growing up in Texas. Her life story is truly fascinating! We shared a great lunch together and Neila walked us through making a scarf. This year's retreat was definitely one for the books and we invite everyone to come next September.

At the October meeting we are planning to have a Zoom baby shower for Jessi Wisner, she is registered at babylist.com/baby-jessi-wisner. The meeting will be at 10:00 am at Gayle's house. If you need directions or want to carpool from the church, please contact Nicole or Gayle.



Submitted by Nicole

Building Committee Report

Our General Contractor Matt Lee is now working on a major project in Whitefish! With all the development going on in the construction business it has been difficult for him to get subcontractors to complete some of the unfinished work such as installing sheetrock in the North and East entryways. Some of his crew will return to our job site once this work is completed to work on uncompleted tasks. Kalispell Electric, Jeff Timlick is also waiting for this work to be completed so his crew can finish electrical work in these entryways.

There are still a few tasks left to complete as defined under Phase One and Two (i.e. interior door installation, sheetrock, electrical). At present Phase Three will be completing the bathrooms and perhaps some additional interior framing. I am working with Matt and Jeff to get a more detailed list of what this phase might entail. Phase Three also includes construction of our new sand mound drain field septic system. Trent Neuman Construction Co. plans on starting work in early October. I have applied to the County Health Department for a permit to begin this construction. We will also be installing a 42-inch door into the storage room to make it easier to get the chair and table carts in and out. Rick Martinez will coordinate the installation of snow breaks on the roof when we decide to do so.

Please keep this project in your prayers and give thanks to God for the blessings He has poured out on us. Remember it was just one year ago October 2019 when we celebrated the groundbreaking and look how far we have come with God's blessings and the gifts that His people have given to make all this happen. To God Be The Glory!

In His Service, Ed Van Scoten

Free Flyers Youth Group

The Free Flyers are committed to serve the community through our strength in Jesus Christ.

Welcome to October everybody, jump right in, the water's freezing, but praise the Lord for a fruitful September with new faces and all church programs starting up again. As we roll into this new month, I encourage all of us to think and pray about the future, whether that be in our own lives, or the future for others, just pray that we will make ourselves instruments for Christ with whatever the future might hold. Pastor Craig recently gave a sermon on being far-sighted verses being near-sighted in terms of our walk with Jesus, and he says I never listen, well maybe he did, I wasn't paying attention, but it was an excellent message with many reminders about the promises we have from our Holy Lord. We know that Jesus is coming back again, He is a living, loving Savior, He tells the disciples in John 14:2-3, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." Being a Christian doesn't mean life gets easier, any Christian can tell you that, but it 100% does mean that we have the greatest gift anyone could receive waiting for us at the end of our earthly trials.

So, with that in mind, let's think about the future, being fishers of men, wanting everyone we know in eternity with us and also remembering that no matter how phewy (excuse my French) circumstances may get in our lives, we always have the wonderful promise of paradise with Jesus, hallelujah!

The youth group officially had their last summer group on September 2nd, we held on as long as we could, but it's hard to say summer group when you have to wear snow boots and a parka to come to the church. We used the new building for different games and a big Bible trivia bowl, and the building is still standing, so it was a great way to finish off our summer schedule and get us into the new school year! Our regular youth group began again on the 16th, and continued our curriculum from last year, Journey Through the New Testament, and instituted a new points system to encourage memorizing verses and bringing friends. If you show up, you receive one point, memorizing the weekly verse is two, and if you bring a friend, you receive three points (imaginary friends and kidnapping do not count), but whoever has the most points by the end of the year receives a \$100 gift card to any store of their choice pending parent approval. Praise the Lord that we saw the fruits of that last week with one student bringing three friends giving us a total of 11 kids getting to

listen to and study God's Word, but we have a new building so hopefully we can fill it up with all of the youth's friends and family. I recently built a nine square frame out of pvc pipe for the youth, afterschool kids, and anyone else who trusts their knees and hips enough to run around and hit a ball, but it's just a variation of four square where you hit the ball into other people's square and wait for them to return it, and so far the kids have enjoyed it. For this school year, the youth group times are 6-7:30 every Wednesday and anyone from 7th grade to 12th are invited and encouraged to swing by for awesome, loud games, funny smells, and wonderful lessons about Jesus! I have also started teaching confirmation for the year, with our first gathering taking place on the 27th, but there is plenty of time for any 7th grader that would be interested to start. Since I got to channel my inner 7th grader (it didn't take much) and teach confirmation, I am looking for volunteers to take over high school Sunday school that we started last year, so if you feel the Lord calling you to that ministry, don't say no to God, you'll get swallowed by a big fish, just let me know and hopefully we can get a teacher for these wonderful high schoolers. Confirmation and high school Sunday school like children and adult Sunday school start 10:45 and go to 11:45 or so every Sunday, we have a Sunday school for everyone and would love to see everyone!

Our strongest weapon no matter where we are or what we're doing is prayer, and how amazing that we serve a God who not only hears us but answers every single prayer and petition we offer Him. No one except our omniscient Father knows what's going to happen in the long run, but the beauty of His plan is that we don't have to know or worry what's going to happen, we just have to trust the Creator of the universe, doesn't sound too bad to me. Keep the youth, the midweek program, adult Bible study, all the Sunday schools, and the entire congregation in your prayers as we march into October that we always remember who we serve, have a great month to all!

God bless,
Bryce Timmerman

Prayers for October

Please take this home and use it all week long.

"Whatever you ask in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matt 21:22

Church Work & Ministry

Sharing Jesus Christ with our Neighbors
Building Project and Committee
Church Leaders, Staff & Worship Tea
Stillwater Men's Group & Youth Group
Stillwater & National WMF
Feeding the Flathead
After School Program
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

General Prayers

Marriages and Families
Our Country and Leaders
Workers in the Harvest Field

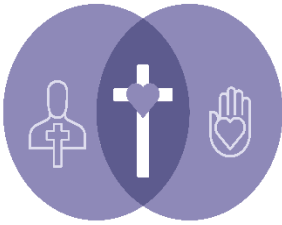
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David Askvig (Bruyer)
Issac Saenz
Katherine Elgin
Aaron Burns
Andrew West
Gauge Triplett
Johnathan Gelormino
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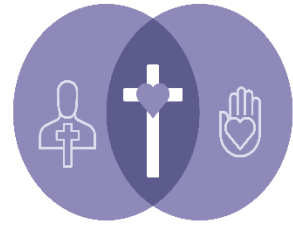
Health Concerns

Al Pittman (Shea)
Sylvan Herset
Justin Latta (Herset)
Joyce Banzet
Maverick Bench (Jorgenson)
Jeremy Hartle
Cindy Houtonen (Jorgenson)
Jim Meyer
John Cluba (Shea)
Kelly (Stahlberg)
Bob Cartwright
Bonnie Upton
Steve Seinknecht (Elgin)
Pastor Mike McCarlson (Hirtes)
Chris Trost (Shea)
Charina Haynes' Dad
Cindy (Askvigs)
Luke Heupel (Tutvedt)





Sunday School



We are exploring our Bibles using the “**Enduring Faith**” curriculum. We will teach Sunday mornings and reinforce what they heard again at our Wednesday evening midweek program. This program nurtures lifelong disciples of Jesus as students learn all about their Savior, Jesus Christ and what their Savior means for them. Each week, students will hear, discuss, and learn a Bible lesson and Bible verse through activities that will build skills to strengthen Bible learning.

Wednesday Evening Bible Exploration

We are excited to invite students in pre-K - 5th grade to join us each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm! We will gather for an opening that transitions into our Bible time, activities and games. The evening concludes at 7:30 pm

PreK through adults have the option to come for dinner each Wednesday, provided by the members of Stillwater Lutheran Church from 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm in the basement of the church.

After-School Program

We are still in need of a couple volunteers to help with the program. Even if you can only dedicate one day of the month it would help us out tons!

Please continue to pray for this ministry!

Contact Karla, Nicole, Craig or Bryce

Rummage Sale

We will have our sale on November 6th & 7th. Nicole is heading up the sale this year and can use many volunteers to set up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that week. Also, if you have any clothing racks that we can use please let her know! Goods can be brought into the church Activity Center starting on October 26th, please stack items in the Northwestern end of the gym! We ask that you don't bring old TV's or large heavy Sauder furniture as they don't sell well.

Hebrews 12:6-11

Yes... it's true; whom the Lord LOVES He DISCIPLINES. It seems harsh but it is that sure and steady strengthening process. 2020 is such a great time for us to grasp this lesson.

I especially think of our deacons and deaconesses of which I am no longer "officially" one but still feel called to this office. Each one has "suffered" some discipline. Cancer, loss of loved ones, illness, and they persevere. They pray. They reach out in and through their own pain and tears to rejoice with us and grieve along with us in our journey through this thing called life.

My husband came home from a board meeting and said, "you will never believe this. The property that we looked at to square up our church acreage is up for sale." (Yes we have been members of Stillwater for three decades now.) To our limited vision we would say... horrible timing. It's a seller's market. But if working alongside Ed Van Scoten SR on the building committee has taught us anything it is this. Trust in the Lord and stop doubting. There you have it folks. My sermonette for today.

And if you are in a disciplining season. Hold on because Jesus will show up with His precious love. He loves you and so does your church family!!!

Lavonne

Given the high number of COVID cases we have decided to cancel our Harvest Dinner this year. We feel it would be irresponsible to have a large meal at the church right now.

The October calendar is not attached, given the uncertainty of the scheduled activities, we thought it best to go week to week.

Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	. . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn	. . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn	. . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn	. . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn	. . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn	. . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn.	. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn	. . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn	. . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn	. . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn	. . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn	. . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.		He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph	. . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	. . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	. . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	. . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	. . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.