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Why does St. John's Foundation provide a free concert series?

- Concerts bring joy to our seniors, their families and our staff.
- Concerts allow our residents to welcome you to their home and into the life of our dynamic campus.
- Concerts provide a precious occasion for interaction and sharing across the generations.
- Best of all, they are a lot of fun and help make our community a great place to live.

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Porta Potties are located northeast of the Food Court.

The campus of St. John's Lutheran Ministries is smoke-free.

Be considerate and safe! Hard balls such as baseballs, footballs, golf balls, etc. are not allowed on the lawn.

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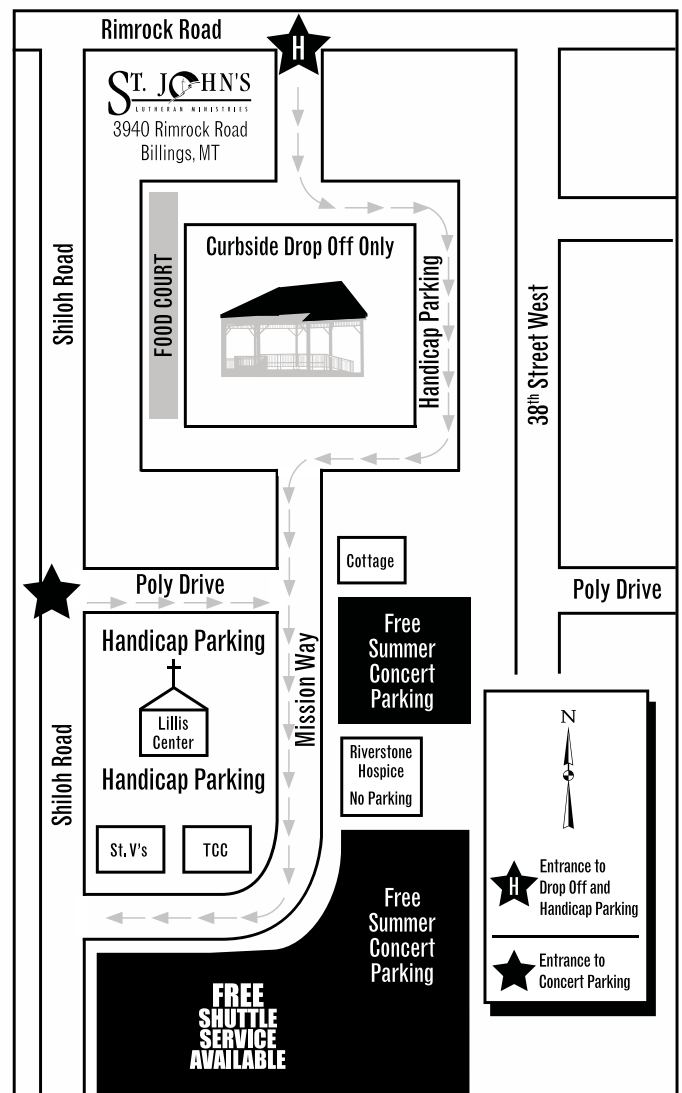
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PARKING FOR 2016





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When you take Celtic, Spanish, and Italian Music, and mix it up, you get the true nature of the Black Irish. For twenty-five years this band has created an original sound that no other band has. With over 500 concert performances to date and airplay around the world, the band has kept very busy spreading their brand of progressive folk music to a large audience. Performing both traditional and original music the band is very focused on presenting acoustic music in a very exciting up-beat way that appeals

to all ages. The band has written and recorded over 96 original songs that appear on any of the bands twenty-five CD recordings. Many of the original works written by the band are based on Celtic history.

Patrick Michael Karnahan and Richard Restivo met on the set of "Back to the Future III" in 1989. This is when the idea of the Black Irish Band began to first bloom. Both Patrick and Rick were in the "Hill Valley Brass Band," while future band mate Steve McArthur was given a speaking role as festival man #1. During filming breaks, Patrick and Rick began to formulate the idea for a traditional folk group that would cross cultural and musical boundaries...an acoustic folk band with no limits! At the first band meeting the name Black Irish was chosen. The strong vocals and up-tempo instrumentals breathe new life to old songs and present original material with a distinctive flair. The original songs of Patrick Michael Karnahan have received considerable airplay on various folk-rock and public radio stations.

Talent

It's our good fortune to witness

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John began playing the piano at the age of 5 while living on an isolated ranch in Southeastern Montana. There was no TV, but there was a piano. At age 11 he picked up trombone to play in the grade school band. After graduating in 1996 from Montana State University-Billings with a BA in Music Performance, John moved to Los Angeles to earn his Master of Fine Arts in Western Orchestral Trombone Performance from California Institute of the Arts.

After 16 years in Los Angeles, John is currently on staff in Montana at MSU Billings as a Jazz, music theory, low brass and World Music instructor. He also maintains a private studio, ranging from beginning to college level musicians, teaching brass skills, classical repertoire, production, jazz and commercial theory and improvisation. Along with his private studio, he regularly works and performs as a clinician and guest artist in schools, continuing to hone his skills as an educator by sharing the "real world" of music with his students.

John is active in the Montana and Los Angeles performing and studio scenes as an arranger, bandleader, session player and composer. Most recent works are the new Dr. Dre production, "Straight Outta Compton," and Ricardo Lemvo's new Cuban-West African album.

When not dabbling in the world of music, John is likely found coaching soccer or wandering through the hills and rivers with his wife and children.

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In 1997, a small group of physicians began gathering regularly to play music and relax away from the pressures of their vocation. Bob Snider, Mac McClave, and Doug Ezell would play and sing old folk tunes and rock standards. After a while, though, they added two more doctors: Hal Forseth and Jim Epler. Paula McClave joined. Then for Christmas, 1999, their wives booked them a gig! It was the following April at the Club Carlin. They practiced! A lot!! They came up with a name. The MidLife Chryslers were born!

Epler retired from the band then Mark Moak joined as drummer. Just as they were getting going, the death of Bob Snider in March 2001 dealt them a major setback. However, the music and the spirit of Bob called them back and the Chryslers re-formed. With the additions of Russ Harvey and Cathy Hansen Brown.

In 2006, Mac and Paula left the band; Scott Millikan came on to share lead guitar with Russ. Then Cathy departed and Holly Malloy Hanson joined the Chryslers as lead female vocalist. In 2008, four horn players joined the band. Aaron Morgenstern on saxophone, Steve Patton on trombone, and brothers Doug and Kevin McBride on trumpet.

With the departure of the golden voice of Dr./Colonel Russ Harvey, they searched far and wide for a singer. The Chryslers are excited to announce as of Spring 2016 the addition of Chris Smith, music director at Faith Chapel, as male lead vocalist. And since he lowers the average age of the band members, we can still call ourselves "midlife!!"



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in Red Lodge. With two guitars, an upright bass, and three part western harmony, their traditional sound has been compared to The Sons of the Pioneers and Marty Robbins. They are now currently members of the Western Music association.

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Guthrie Brown is a young buck, up and coming songwriter based out of Nashville TN. His songs paint pictures of wild western skies as well as colorful love stories. His songwriting is always expanding along with the sound of his band “The Family Tree”, in which there is indeed a family dynamic between Guthrie and back up singer/sister,

Maddy Brown. Though the other band members, John McNally (Guitar), John Ogelby (Drums), and Will Honaker (Bass) are not blood related, the musical chemistry between the bunch is as dynamic as a family band. Guthrie Brown and the Family Tree have been a band since the summer of 2013. Guthrie first released an EP that was recorded in his bedroom of a small house in North Nashville in 2012. He went on to release a second EP with “The Family Tree” that was collectively produced by Stuart Mathis of The Wallflowers, Lucinda Williams and Trey Grey of Ronnie Dunn. This EP was entitled “Spirit of the Elk” and can be found on Spotify and iTunes.

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Each week, a different group of volunteers assists St. John's residents who wish to come out and enjoy a concert. These groups come from churches, youth groups, and scout troops.

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The St. John's Foundation recently received an estate gift of \$100,000 from the Phillip L. and Margaret E. Dawes Trust. The expressed intent of this gift is that funds be used to establish an Endowment in their names, and that a portion of earnings be exclusively utilized each year for St. John's Lutheran Ministries employee scholarships. Sherry O'Conner, Trustee and niece, wrote: "The employees of St. John's played an important role in providing exceptional quality care for Phil and Marge during their senior years at St. John's. It was the wish of Phil and Marge that this endowment would serve as a 'thank you' for their professional service and friendship."

Prior to becoming residents at Mission Ridge in October, 1999, Phil and Marge lived for decades in Alaska, where they were married in 1947. Phil worked for the Bureau of Public Roads in the Juneau area until Alaska achieved Statehood in 1959. He then transferred to the newly created Alaska Department of Transportation until retirement in 1978. In Territorial days, Marge worked for the Social Security Administration. After Statehood she became the School Lunch Director within the Department of Education until retirement in 1977.

The continuum of care available to residents of Mission Ridge became a valued asset to Phil and Marge. When independent living was no longer possible for Phil, Marge testified that he received excellent care from loving staff at St. John's. Friends recall Marge visiting him every day until his death in 2006. That same year Marge transitioned from Mission Ridge to assisted living at The Vista, where she expressed gratefulness for excellent care received. Marge was famous for her cross stitch talent, which included the creation of elaborate Christmas cards until her death in November of 2015.

The love that Phil and Marge received from caring staff at St. John's has now come full circle, becoming love given. Many employees will benefit from student scholarship funds annually generated by this Endowed gift. Our thanks for the generous philanthropy of Phil and Marge Dawes.



Shoes to Boots

By David Trost, President and CEO

Big shoes to fill, yes indeed. No way am I going to try. Kent Burgess was my mentor, friend and of course boss for the last 21 years. What has been accomplished at St. John's during Kent's tenure of 25 years is nothing short of amazing. More fitting is to take those symbolic shoes and bronze them in my mind to appreciate and provide prospective of how St. John's has transformed over time. However, it will not take shoes for me to move forward, it will take boots.

The timing of executive transition is concurrent with increasing pressures and opportunities. Pressures from a shrinking workforce, increasing Medicaid subsidies, increasing federal regulations, rising healthcare costs, and an aging population. While that doesn't seem like a lot of fun, there are opportunities that I look forward to attacking head on:

- Strengthening our philanthropic efforts to ensure nurturing environments for all.
- Supporting our leaders and volunteers to be present among those we serve to bring hope to all.
- Engaging our community from every vantage point to inspire dignity for all.
- Treating all as family, thus loving all as family.

These opportunities are a framework for me as I look to fulfilling our mission, "to provide living opportunities within nurturing environments of hope, dignity, and love."

While these tenants above are vital to our success, they are no easy task. Will you say "yes" when asked to support the poor? Not everyone is comfortable being in accompaniment with the frail, poor, ill, and dying. While dignity for all sounds nice, why is there so much hatred in the world? And lastly treating all as family is not easy, just ask my children, who I will always love.

I will need my size 7 boots to come close to fitting into those bronze size 11 shoes.

Recognition & Gratefulness

All ministries of St. John's are made possible by help of generous supporters and valued partners. During the 2016 Annual Meeting, recognition and gratefulness was extended to our Business Partner of the Year and Philanthropists of the Year.

BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Collaborative partnerships are key to St. John's evolution and growth in offering quality human services and constructing facilities through which to deliver those services. Since the mid-1990's, the Professional Corporation of Moulton Bellingham has been an especially valued partner.

It was then that need first arose for legal assistance with a joint venture aim between St. Vincent's Healthcare and St. John's. That aim eventually created Missions United and the Mission Ridge senior living project. Attorney, John Jones, drafted the original organizational documents. Going forward, a true friendship with John and the good folks at Moulton Bellingham grew. Within remarks during St. John's Annual Meeting, John affirmed this friendship and stated, "St. John's has become one of Moulton Bellingham's best business customers; a relationship that began as a friendship."

Andy Forsythe of Moulton Bellingham has been an equally valued friend and help to St. John's – especially with regard to human resource counsel and first introducing Marlene Moran to St. John's. Marlene went on to faithfully serve for over 15 years as Vice President of Human Resources and Culture Development.

As borrower's counsel, Moulton Bellingham has assisted with over \$100 million of financing and refinancing work related to Mission Ridge, the WyndStone, and St. John's facility projects. Most recently, John Jones helped St. John's convert \$55 million of public tax exempt bonds into private placed tax exempt bonds for the purpose of securing a more favorable interest rate.

In gratefulness for skilled counsel in matters of human resourcing and corporate affairs, St. John's is pleased to honor Moulton Bellingham as Business Partner of the Year.

PHILANTHROPISTS OF THE YEAR

Ben and Joei Uselman are counted among the most joyful financial supporters of St. John's Lutheran Ministries for the past quarter century. Their generous hearts have led to regular annual fund gifting, Foundation endowment fund gifting, and capital campaign gifting. Frequently, before an ask is even made, Ben and Joei appear with gift in hand and a smile on their faces.

As Phase I of the Legacy of Love Capital Campaign reached conclusion in 2015, they offered a capstone gift of \$15,000 – enough to remodel an entire resident room, thus creating a more comfortable home for those whom St. John's serves. Already, they are cheerleaders for Phase II of the Campaign to go forward.

Ben was a valued member of the St. John's Foundation Board for many years, including service as Board Chair. Both he and Joei are strong advocates of St. John's commitment to serve the growing needs of senior adults. When the idea surfaced to move the Faith Lutheran Church Building from Box Elder, Montana, 277 miles to future site for the WyndStone Senior Living project in the Billings Heights, Ben and Joei stepped forward with a lead \$1,000 gift. When presenting the check Ben told Kent Burgess, "Move that church!" The Little White Church is now the "soul" of the emerging WyndStone campus.

In gratefulness for their ongoing advocacy and financial support for the needs of senior adults and related ministries, St. John's is pleased to honor Ben and Joei as Philanthropists of the Year.

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Retired President and CEO, Kent Burgess,
received the award on behalf of St. John's
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