



This summer, we will take advantage of our beautiful Mount Helena backdrop and worship outdoors every Sunday! We aim to beginning on May 30<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair and join us at this joy-filled 9:30 am celebration! See our website for final details.



# OUR REDEEMER'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THE VOICE

May 2021



#### An invitation to the future...

*"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly, from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

*Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Act 2:1-4*

Pentecost Sunday is just around the corner, Sunday, May 23rd.

What is Pentecost? Why would you know? It is not that Pentecost gets a lot of press. People don't decorate their homes for Pentecost or buy each other Pentecost presents. So what is Pentecost, and why should we care?

On Christmas, Christians celebrate the birth of Christ. We recall God Immanuel, God with us. On Easter, Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, the promise of resurrection given to all God's people. And on Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit – the gift of God's comfort, power, and strength given to God's people.

In the Hebrew Scripture, the Jewish people celebrated a holiday known as the "Festival of Weeks" (see Exodus 32 and Deuteronomy 16). While the Temple stood in Jerusalem, the celebration of Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) occurred 50 days after the celebration of Passover. The Greek-speaking Jews of the first century called the festival "Pentecost," meaning "fiftieth day."

According to the book of Acts, it was on the day of Pentecost that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to tell the story of Jesus. Amazingly, all who heard it, regardless of their language, understood what was being said.

Christians have come to understand Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. But it is much more than a historical event. On this day, we invite the Holy Spirit to fill us and transform us. Furthermore, we invite the Spirit to lead us into the future.

In our confession of faith, the third article of the Apostles Creed declares the work of the Holy Spirit. In Luther's explanation of the article, we remember how the Spirit works in our lives.

*"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. Similarly, He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church, He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day, He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."*

Just as the Holy Spirit turned the lives of the disciples upside down, leading them into a new way of life, so the Spirit leads us into a new future. Join us for the celebration of Pentecost. It is Sunday, May 23rd. As you are able, wear red!

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Arne



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Help Needed for Celebration for Pastor Arne



Pastor Arne’s last day will be June 13, and we would like to have a party to thank him and Susan. We’ll need some help planning and putting this event on and getting a team put together now. If you would like to organize this event or help, please let Jan Martin know at 406-459-3339 or jomvallymt@gmail.com.



With the Helena School District moving to a five-day a week schedule, my office hours will again be shifting:

- Sunday 8:30 am-12:30 pm
- Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

In Christ’s Service,  
Pastor Kendra

TED Talks Discussion Group

What: a small group that views the same TED talk then meets via Zoom to discuss. For May, please preview “Why Corporate Diversity Programs Fail—and how small tweaks can have big impact” before we meet.

When: May 24, 7:00 pm

Where: via Zoom. RSVP to Pastor Kendra to receive the link

Who: anyone who is interested in vibrant conversation about a pressing issue



Caregivers Support Group



What is it? A support group for those who are caregivers for loved ones

When will it meet? Every first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. For April and May, we will meet via Zoom and then reevaluate.

What will be provided? Caregivers will meet to share experiences and information and pray together.

Please contact Pastor Kendra to indicate interest in the support group.

Grief Support Group



**Who:** Anyone who is grieving. We experience many losses in our lives - loved ones, jobs, homes, pets, opportunities. Whatever or whomever you grieve, you are welcome.

**What:** The group is intended to be a place to share, listen, and support one another.

**When:** We will meet on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Where:** Community Room

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If you have questions or concerns and would like to visit with a council member, please feel free to contact any of us at the following email or phone:

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Voice articles due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month  
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## Long Term Prayer Concerns

Help us update our Long Term Prayer Concerns list by calling the church office.

### Our Members

Phyllis Bauer	Christine Hoffman	Jessi Putnam	Kim Venetz
Richard Carey	Carol Kimble	Mike Robinson	Lynn Wakefield
Roberta Carey	Blake McHugh	Verna Strand	Adam Williams
Malinda Diamond	Dale Mickus	Joe Toro	

### Our Family and Friends

<b>Allie</b> (Luci Pearson)	<b>Patsy Link</b> (Luci Pearson's sister-in-law)
<b>Zachary Ark</b>	<b>Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade</b>
<b>Brandon Bach</b>	(Roberta Carey's great nieces)
<b>Victor Bachmier</b>	<b>Ricki McDanold</b> (Denise Richards)
<b>Lisa Bell</b> (Lynnette Avery's niece)	<b>Amanda Miller</b> (Larry & Delores Rosin's granddaughter)
<b>Julie Bliss</b> (Nadine Sim)	<b>Lee Nees</b> (Tami Wadham's mother)
<b>Steve Boyter</b>	<b>Chris O'Connor</b> (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
<b>Dean Bunkowske</b>	<b>Laura Oleson</b> (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
<b>Cody Carey</b> (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)	<b>Elsie Phillips</b> (Teresa Schulz's mother)
<b>Tom Carter</b>	<b>Jacki Riley</b> (Lori Walter's sister)
<b>Vanessa Chavez</b> (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	<b>Evelyn Sabo</b> (Janet Erickson's mother)
<b>Matt Cragwick</b> (Shawn Moore)	<b>Carmen Sharp</b>
<b>JLD</b> (Gary and Joy Novota)	<b>Bob Shearer</b> (Kaytlyn Shearer)
<b>Jake Dirks</b> (Lori Chase)	<b>Dorothy Tangen</b> (Craig Erickson's aunt)
<b>Stormy Flinders</b>	<b>Mark Thompson</b> (Kim Anfinson's brother)
<b>The Fox Family</b> (Brooke Sampson)	<b>Ray Lynn Van Oort</b> (Carol Kimble)
<b>Tom Hammond</b> (Sue Hill's dad)	<b>Will</b> (Luci Pearson's brother)
<b>Cristy Hartman</b> (Luci Pearson)	<b>Doug Williams</b> (Leona Williams' son)
<b>Carter Hasselbach</b> (Friend of the Preschool)	<b>Families of suicide victims</b>
<b>Carol Henry</b> (Luci Pearson)	
<b>Shelby Howke</b> (Amber Lamping)	
<b>Donna Hurni</b> (Neal Hurni)	
<b>Ed Kinsey</b> (Kim Ewing)	
<b>Ken Kolar</b> (Carol Kimble's brother)	
<b>Shawn Kraft and Family</b> (The Arks)	
<b>Chelsi Kral</b> (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)	
<b>Jared Larsen</b> (Ruth Reed's grandson)	

### Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

<b>Jeremy Bauer</b>	<b>Jackie Copenhaver-Girard</b>	<b>Wade Hemry</b>	<b>Keith Nordquist</b>
<b>Chad Beley</b>	<b>Ryan Girard</b>	<b>Cody Johnson</b>	<b>Chris Oelkers</b>
<b>Lonnie Cook</b>	<b>Austin Grieve</b>	<b>Colton Johnson</b>	<b>Scott Pocha</b>
<b>Erin DenHerder</b>	<b>Travis Gronley</b>	<b>Chance McDowell</b>	<b>Courtney Rath</b>
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<b>Grant Gagnon</b>	<b>Anela Hemry</b>	<b>Brian Neal</b>	

### Our Seminarian

Baird Linke

## HUNGER TEAM NEWS

### Mooooove over Covid! It's Summer Milk Campaign Time!

Year after year, our congregation has shown we are "udderly" committed to feeding hungry children in our community. The ORLC Hunger Team shall launch our summer 2021 milk campaign for the Kid Pack Program on May 16. A local foundation will once again match donations. Our \$6000 goal would thereby guarantee a gift of \$12,000 to the Helena Food Share Kid Pack Program. (Whoopee!)



Just like last year, rather than competing on teams, we ask everyone to unite together as "Udderly Committed" to this cause. There are many easy ways to contribute. One donation bucket will be located at the Helena Food Share display near the church's north entrance. If you cannot congregate for worship, you may send contributions directly to the church at 3580 N. Benton Ave., Helena, MT 59602. Be sure to designate HFS milk money on the memo line. Finally, if you prefer to give online, you may do so at [www.ourredeemerlives.org/give](http://www.ourredeemerlives.org/give). (The green 'Give Online' button will lead you to the Online Donation page. Once there, find the heading 'Other Offerings'. You may enter your donation amount under 'Milk Money'.) Thank you for keeping our kiddos fed!

### Hosting Family Promise

Our Redeemer's will be hosting Family Promise the week of May 2-8. Families will still be spending the nights at First Christian Church. But our church will be responsible for providing overnight hosts and four meals for that week. We are always in need of volunteers, especially to serve overnight. New beds and mattresses have been purchased for the overnight hosts, who are housed in separate accommodations from the guests. If you are willing to sleep away from home for one night, your help would be greatly appreciated. We can't continue this ministry without you. To volunteer or receive more information about the program, please contact our church coordinators, Kathy Olson ([kathyolson8686@gmail.com](mailto:kathyolson8686@gmail.com) or (406) 431-8686) and Janet Whitmoyer ([whit6513@gmail.com](mailto:whit6513@gmail.com) or (406) 459-6513).



### Got Seeds?

Our Redeemer's community garden will soon be ready for planting. If you have seeds or plants you would like to donate to the Helena Food Share plot, please contact Carolyn Meyer ([carolyn.sierra@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.sierra@gmail.com) or (303) 513-6695). And remember, many hands make light work. Carolyn can always use extra hands for planting, weeding, and harvesting, as well as for general upkeep. And, of course, the garden can use your prayers for a grasshopper-free summer.







The family of Rev. Ralph Nelson expresses its appreciation to the congregation for the many kindnesses you bestowed upon us in recent weeks. Your cards, phone calls, flowers, memorial funds, and assistance with his service certainly showed your appreciation for his life and the love you continue to share with our family. We remain ever grateful for your expressions of sympathy and concern.



Dear Members/Friends of Our Redeemer's,

This is to express my deepest gratitude and blessings to all who assisted Cullen during our time at ORLC. He really enjoyed our church family and the opportunities

presented to us. Cullen also enjoyed the Wednesday morning men's gathering for coffee and homemade cinnamon rolls at Touchmark prior to his attending the weekly Bible study later that morning led by various pastors from the community!

Thank you to so many of you for your "attendance" at Cullen's virtual memorial service October 16. I am very grateful, too, for all the cards, notes, phone calls, visits and donations to the Perpetual Scholarship Fund at Our Redeemer's in Cullen's honor since his passing September 30, 2020.

Your prayers, love and support have truly been blessings to me and to my entire family.

In Christian love,

Lorna Meyer



**A week at camp is often the highlight of a young person's summer!** While Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp has had to adjust their summer programming with the impact of COVID-19. Last summer, we were able to attend in two separate groups and we had a blast learning and growing in faith and in God's beautiful creation! We've hear so much about it throughout the winter, we decided to doffer it again this summer! Join Liz and Jackie for an incredible Christ-centered experience in a retreat-style format.

**What does a retreat-style camp look like?** While there, a camp staff member will guide guests through the various activities that camp offers (swimming, Bible study, worship, canoeing, archery, sailing, hiking, etc.). At camp, groups will remain distanced to the best of their ability, with specific mealtime procedures, scheduled activities, and more as guided by the CDC and Flathead County Health Department.

**Jackie Bartz & Liz Swenson would like to take a couple groups of youth to experience camp:**

- July 18-23 - A full week adventure for older youth (8<sup>th</sup> grade and older)
- August 1-4 - A shorter trip (4 days/3 nights) for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

By splitting up the groups, we will be better able to gage levels of activities, bedtimes, bible studies, etc. for each group.

FLBC requires us to bring 1 adult female (myself) and 1 adult male as chaperones for the time at camp as well as masks for all (to be worn only when needed in doors and when in close proximity to other groups). More information on specific forms and info will be distributed closer to the beginning of summer.

As camp is trying to limit outside folks dropping in, we will travel as a group using a 15 passenger van to transport our group to and from camp. *Please note that as we will be traveling together, social distancing will not be a possibility during transport, but we will follow camp rules for safety and social distancing once on site.*

**\*\*\*WELCA (Women of the ELCA) also offers camp scholarships to any student who needs financial assistance to attend Bible Camp. Applications are available in the narthex and can be turned into the church office.**

**Registration for camp is due two weeks prior to the start date of each trip (June 28th and July 5th) to the church office as we will be registering as a group!**



## **ORLC @ Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Summer 2021**

**Select one:** ☐ July 18-23(8th grade+) ☐ August1-4 (3rd-7th grade)

Adult Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name and Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any dietary restrictions or considerations that you may have:

☐ I am willing to be an adult chaperone.

**\*Please return this registration form with payment to ORLC office ASAP or at least two weeks prior to trip.**


- The Church Council met on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 6 pm. The Council adopted the agenda for this meeting and approved the minutes from the March Council meeting.
- Opening devotions were led by Pastor Kendra regarding hospitality from a biblical perspective and how that relates to partnering with secular institutions to move forward with ministry in regard to the Church property.
  - Beth Johnson, Treasurer, gave the March financial report. The Council authorized forwarding the benevolence calculated based on February giving to benevolence partners.
  - The Council approved the family leave policy as revised by the Personnel Committee with an amendment made by Ryan Holm regarding military order submission in the event of a military leave.
  - Cody Salo, Church Council Representative for the Property Development Committee, reported that the Request for Proposal was published for crafting a development plan for the vacant portion of the Church property.
  - Glenn Erickson was re-elected to the Perpetual Fund Committee.
  - The Council has accepted a bid to seal cracks and re-stripe the entire Church parking lot.
  - The Council will maintain financial support of the ORLC preschool through the end of 2021 at the level paid during the first three months in 2021.
  - Jan Martin, Council President, provided information about forming a Transition Team Committee in response to Pastor Arne’s pending retirement. The Council has been tasked with appointing members of the Transition Team Committee.
  - The Council has authorized interviewing and negotiating a contract with an Interim Pastor appointed by the Synod.
  - The Council approved the authorization of Holy Cow Consulting to perform a congregational survey as part of the transition process.

Submitted by Beth Johnson  
Church Council Treasurer



MAY BIRTHDAYS  
(Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!)

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|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Carol Calkins      | 10 Mady DeFilippis | 17 Richard Knatterud     | 28 Cameron Dole   |
| Audrina Combs        | Amber Lamping      | 18 Lisa Williams-Mathews | Colton Dorrington |
| Teresa Schulz        | Pam Lemieux        | 19 Kennedy Bartole       | Linda Robbins     |
| 2 Vicki Downhour     | 11 Greg Johnson    | Carol Kimble             | Mykaylee Verworn  |
| Joe Wadhams          | Donna Thomas       | Lexi MacMillan           | 29 Liz Bacon      |
| 3 Pastor Ron Paulson | 13 Steven Ziegler  | 20 Charlie Gustovich     | Cody Smith        |
| 4 Adeline Juers      | 14 Erika Ackerlund | Connor Lamping           | 30 Judy Golob     |
| Iris Ziegler         | Linda Lynch        | Katie Lindner            | Lora Johnson      |
| 5 Parker Grundmeier  | Dallas Miller      | Curt Little              | Dora Lindner      |
| 6 Cindy DeTienne     | Mark Redfern       | 21 Pat Keim              | 31 Bob Calkins    |
| Libby Linder         | Liz Swenson        | Kellen Murray            | Clair Schilling   |
| Tizer Mummey         | 15 Gretchen Coble  | 22 Donald Gilbertson     |                   |
| Kelly Robertson      | Dan Gaughan        | Anya Wilde-Spiger        |                   |
| Clayton Schenck      | Marci Sim          | 23 Sharon MacMillan      |                   |
| 7 Jeff Martin        | Tami Wadhams       | Gary Novota              |                   |
| 8 Alli Darlow        | 16 Fred Goughnour  | 24 Kim Anfinson          |                   |
| Bonnie Johnson       | Jenna Lauf         | 25 Chace Bingham         |                   |
| Jim McFarland        | Mark Sharkey       | 26 Merlyn Huso           |                   |
|                      | Kimmy Skiftun      | 27 Bill Goosen           |                   |



**May Anniversaries**  
*Celebrate with those married 40 years  
or more this month!*

5/25/1974	Linda & Randy Coty	47 years
5/19/1979	Roger & Liz Bacon	42 years
5/31/1980	Richard & Pauline Knatterud	41 years



Deaths

- |           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| 3/25/2021 | Jack Dunn         |
| 3/25/2021 | Rev. Ralph Nelson |
| 3/28/2021 | Marian Hotvedt    |
| 3/30/2021 | Jerry Steinmetz   |

PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE...

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church to let us know.  
During this time we are unable to visit but we would love to include you in our prayers.





Keeping our promise,  
we teach children to: love God,  
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### Come to the Table

We were blessed to share First Communion with 8 fourth graders and their families on Maundy Thursday. Our First Communicants were: Kendall Salo, Kruz Green, Addie Juers, Alayna Boe, Tess Jensen, Faith McAlpin, Shane Sampson, and Dayna Willcut. Congratulations to each of them!



## KidTime is BACK!!

*KidTime has reconvened in person during the **10:30** worship service in the Great Room!*

*All children PK-2nd grade are welcome to attend and participate. Kids will get the opportunity to learn about the gospel lesson in a meaningful way.*



Liz and Jackie are planning to take youth ages 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-7<sup>th</sup> grade to camp as a group on **August 1-4, 2021!** Registration forms can be found on the ORLC website under Youth Ministry.

We hope you will join us!  
Contact Liz with questions.

### Dylan Maharg

Dylan is the son of Sean and Marla Maharg and is graduating from Helena High School. Dylan has been a member of Lewis & Clark County 4-H for 13 years. He participates in ORLC Safehouse and is a student leader. At Helena High, he plays Varsity Soccer and Varsity Tennis and was captain for both teams. He was selected to the AA All State Soccer twice, the AA All Conference soccer team once and received three Academic All State awards. At HHS, he participates in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Link Crew, 3-7-77s, and is a member of National Honor Society. He assisted with Night with the Stars, a prom for those with disabilities held at ORLC in 2019 and organized it for 2020 although it had to be canceled due to Covid -19. He also volunteers with Special Olympics.

Dylan is passionate about sports and plans to pursue a degree in Sport Administration and Management in order to work for a college or professional sport organization. He will attend MSU for his freshman year.



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### Hannah Robertson

Hannah is the daughter of Mark and Mary Robertson and is graduating from Helena High School. During high school, Hannah participated in band and was on the dance team. She enjoys cooking, baking, traveling with her family, and decorating and designing.

Hannah plans to start her college experience at Helena College. In the future, she would like to pursue fashion.



### Julia Goughnour

Julia is the daughter of Beth Johnson and Fred Goughnour and is graduating from Helena High School. Julia is a member of the National Honor Society and a Dedicated Singer in the Our Redeemer's Spark Band. She enjoys listening and making music as well as writing and drawing.

Julia plans on attending Montana State University this fall.





# MEET THE GRADUATES

In celebration of our graduating high school seniors, we would like to highlight several of these amazing young adults in the May and June Voice publications. Could you please help by providing some information? Please include any noteworthy accomplishments, future plans, etc. The rest of the congregation would enjoy learning about you and your plans for the future. Please e-mail your information to [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org).



## Ella Nelson Krumm

Ella is the daughter of Blair and Gretchen Krumm and is graduating from Capital High School. Ella has been running cross-country and track for all four years of her high school career, except when cancelled for the pandemic. She received Academic All-State for Cross Country and Track. Ella is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Green Club, a student leader at Safehouse, and participates in the Grandstreet Theatre School.



Ella plans on attending Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. While she is undecided in her field of study, she does plan to continue running at Macalester.

## Clay Perry

Clay is the son of Sandie Gustovich and Gabe Perry and is graduating from Capital High School. Clay loves to hike, camp, backpack, and be outdoors. Clay is skilled at playing the cello and enjoys being a part of the orchestra. This summer, Clay will be a camp counselor at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. He is very excited to start adulthood and see what life has in store for him.



Clay would love to get his Wilderness First Responder Certification and start working toward becoming a guide in a remote setting.

## Amanda Lynn Haab

Amanda is the daughter of Kent and Melissa Haab and is graduating from Capital High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, and Bruin Pure Performance. She also participated in volleyball, swim team, track and field, orchestra, and enjoys ceramics. Amanda is the co-valedictorian, a Bear Award recipient and a Helena Education Foundation Distinguished Scholar. Amanda also was awarded the Presidential Volunteer Service Award through ORLC and the Montana State University Provost Scholarship.



Amanda plans on attending the Honors College at Montana State University this fall majoring in Microbiology.

# Congra CLASS OF



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## VBS 2021!!

June 14th—18th  
9am-Noon

At ORLC we will hold an in person VBS this summer!  
Rocky Railway-Kids explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop!  
Please go to the following link to fill out the registration form today OR point your phone camera at the QR code below!

<https://forms.gle/MS4ppSiS5pLLidWSA>



**Volunteer opportunities!**  
We need more volunteers than ever before! Opportunities for purchasing supplies, teaching, decorating, and much more! Please go to the following link to fill out the registration form today OR point your phone camera at the QR code below! <https://forms.gle/LM7uoBuYBMsaYtWv8>



**Registration closes on May 24th!**  
Contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) for more information.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS

Would you like to help bring God's word to  
**100 families?!**



Did you know about 50% of the children who attend VBS are guests? What a great evangelist event! Check out the VBS board in the Great Room and help us with supplies and food.

## YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Contact Liz ([liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org)) for more info.



## Children's Ministry Calendar

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**- Last day of *KidzEd*  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>** - Last day of *Sunday School*  
*KidTime* runs all Summer!!  
**June 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** -Vacation Bible School!



Have a great Summer!!

Please keep an eye on your email. We will plan to have a couple of outdoor events as a group this summer!



# Summer Preschool Fun 2021!

Week-long day camp programs offered at  
**Our Redeemer's Preschool**  
**3580 North Benton Avenue**

We are excited to announce our Summer Preschool Fun program for July 2021! These multi-age programs will provide your 4, 5 or 6 year old child a full week of exciting projects, adventures, and activities.

## Camp Offerings 2021

### **Bugs in the Garden**

Explore the world of insects and plants through science, art, and exploration.  
**July 12-16 9:00 a.m.- noon**

### **Movin' Along**

All things transportation from bikes to planes to boats.  
**July 19-23 9:00 a.m.- noon**



### **Beside the Sea**

Spend a week exploring the wonders of the ocean.  
**July 26-30 9:00 a.m.- noon**

- ◆ Children are invited to bring a sack lunch as we will eat during the last part of the morning. A snack will be provided.
- ◆ Class size is limited so register early!
- ◆ Session cost is \$125 for the first session and \$115 for additional sessions (or for siblings). This fee covers all supplies, a daily snack, and a special Preschool t-shirt!
- ◆ For more information or to register, please call:

**Our Redeemer's Preschool**  
**442-7842**



## HOLY COMMOTION!

*Wassup with our youth?*



**Not sure what to do on Wednesday nights without Spark Worship and Wednesday night activities?** Come join us for Mix-It-Up May! Each Wednesday in May we will meet for a night of fun and fellowship. Eighth through twelfth grade welcome! Bring a friend!

Questions?! Contact Jackie at 442-7842 or [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org)

## **BARBEQUE & GAMES**

**When?** May 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 9:00pm

**Where?** We will meet in the Community Room

**What?** We will cook hot dogs and s'mores on the fire pit outside, and then play crazy games like Giant Twister, Capture the Flag and many others!



## **Hike Mt. Helena with the Safehouse Crew**

**When?** May 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 9:00pm

**Where?** We will meet in the Community Room

**What?** Meet Ryan and Lynnette for an evening hike in God's Beautiful creation! Plus there might be Otter pops to enjoy afterwards!

## **FUGITIVE**

**When?** May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 pm

**Where?** Meet in the Community Room at ORLC

**What is Fugitive?** This game is a fast-paced game in which youth try to get from point A to Point B without being caught!



## **Let's Play Shoe!!**

**When?** May 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 pm

**Where?** Meet in the Community Room at ORLC

**What is Shoe?**-Shoe is a crazy fun scavenger hunt in which teams hide an item somewhere in town and then write clues as to it's location. The teams exchange clues and then go off in search of the item. The first team to find their item returns to home base and they are the winner of that round. We will play as many rounds as we have time to play and return to the church for root beer floats at 8:30pm.

**NEEDED - Mature, responsible drivers!**







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Wassup with our youth?



Meet our student leaders for the 2018-2019 year – Madison Robertson, Chelsea Gates, Ann Dodds, Emma Coble, David Hanson, Nathan Spangenberg, Nathanael Hafer, Alyssa Tompkins, Shawn Moore, Treven Maharg, and Ryan Quinn.



## GRADUATION BANQUET

A special banquet honoring our graduating high school seniors is being planned for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Great Room. Graduates, family and friends are invited to an evening of great food, entertainment and a time to share memories. The main dish, dessert, beverages and rolls will be provided. Reservations required. Call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.

## Calling All High School Under Classmen and their parents!

A special banquet honoring our graduating high school seniors is being planned for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Great Room and **we need your help!**

We are in need of **5** underclassmen and a couple of parents that would be willing to help decorate, serve and clean-up for a couple of hours on this evening. Servers are asked to dress in a white top and black bottoms.

Please let Jackie know if you are willing and/or able to help serve that evening or decorate earlier in the morning. Thank you for helping us honor our amazing high school seniors!



## BLESSING OF GRADUATES

The congregation of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church would like to recognize, celebrate, and bless our graduates, **both high school and college**, as they achieve this exciting milestone in their lives. Graduates are invited to wear their caps and gowns to worship services on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** as a part of the celebration. Treats will be served following the service in the Great Room.

Please let Jackie know you are coming by May 16th so that we may properly celebrate you and your achievements.

## Want to know what's the latest happenings with Safehouse?!

Follow [ORLC Safehouse](#) on Facebook to be in the know! And if you are in need of quick text reminders about Safehouse events and happenings, you can sign up for quick text updates and reminders by texting **@safehouse2** to **81010**.

Also, email Jackie at [Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.org](mailto:Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.org) to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.



**A week at camp is often the highlight of a young person's summer!** Last summer, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp had to adjust their programming with the impact of COVID-19. However, we were still able to attend in two separate groups and we had a blast learning and growing in faith and in God's beautiful creation! We've heard so much about it throughout the winter, we decided

to offer it again this summer! Join Liz and Jackie for an incredible Christ-centered experience in a retreat-style format. While there, a camp staff member will guide guests through the various activities that camp offers (swimming, Bible study, worship, canoeing, archery, sailing, hiking, etc.).

**Jackie and Liz are leading two groups of youth:**

- July 18-23 —A full week adventure for older youth (8<sup>th</sup> grade and older)
- August 1-4 —A shorter trip (4 days/3 nights) for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**For more information and registration please visit our website:** <https://www.ourredeemerlives.org/flbc-summer-2021/>



## May Bible Study

Our combined Bible study date for May will be announced.

**The WELCA Board:** TBA

**Quilting for Lutheran World Relief:** Tuesdays at 9:00 am

**Sew in Love Service Group:** Thursdays at 9:00 am

## Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Scholarships

WELCA will again offer a scholarship to any student in the congregation who needs financial assistance to attend Bible camp. Applications are available in the narthex and should be submitted to the church office.

The Perpetual Fund Committee is pleased to announce that grants and scholarships are available for qualified applicants and projects from the ORLC Perpetual Fund and Seminary Scholarship Fund for 2021.

Awards from the Perpetual Fund are intended to enhance certain ORLC missions and ministries which have not received funding from the general or designated church giving. Examples of eligible activities include: (1) missions of the ELCA at home and abroad, including professional leadership, educational ministries, global mission, and social ministries; (2) outreach into the community, including grants to campus ministries, social service agencies, and special programs in our parish area who are in spiritual and/or economical need; (3) scholarships or grants to members of ORLC for church-related education or church related leadership conferences, or such other training which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people.

Seminary scholarship funds are available to Montana Lutheran students in good standing from local area churches who are enrolled or attending an ELCA seminary.

Call 406-449-2877 for additional information or clarification. Perpetual Fund electronic applications are available on the church website under the "Faith Formation" or "Serve" tabs. Applications are due by May 28, 2021.

# May 2021

AD = Administrative Wing  
CR = Classrooms  
PS = Preschool  
HS Loft = High School Loft

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>2</b>  <b>8:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary</b> 9:30am - Sunday School <b>10:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary</b> 10:45am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft  -----	<b>3</b>  7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Zoom  -----	<b>4</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief  -----
<b>9</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>  <b>8:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary</b> 9:30am - Sunday School <b>10:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary</b>  <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>10</b>  6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room	<b>11</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
<b>16</b>  <b>8:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary</b> 9:45am - Baptism Class <b>10:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary</b> 11:30am - Grief Support Group - Community Room	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 5:30pm - Hunger Team - Community Room & Zoom 6:00pm - Council Meeting
<b>23</b> Pentecost Sunday Blessing of the Graduates  <b>8:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary</b> <b>10:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary</b>	<b>24</b>  7:00pm - TED Talk - Zoom	<b>25</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>5</b>  6:30pm - Mix it Up May - BBQ  -----	<b>6</b>  9:00am - Sew In Love  -----	<b>7</b>  -----	<b>8</b>  6:00pm - Confirmation Celebration  -----
<b>12</b>  6:30pm - Mix it Up May - Mount Helena Hike	<b>13</b>  9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Voice Articles Due</b>
<b>19</b>  6:30pm - Mix it Up May - Game of Fugitive	<b>20</b>  9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  6:00pm - Graduation Banquet
<b>26</b>  6:30pm - Mix it Up May - Game of Shoe	<b>27</b>  9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

Due to the Covid –19 Pandemic, this calendar may change rapidly, any change in worship will be on the website, emailed and a message will be on the church phone reflecting the changes. If you have questions, please call the church office at 406-442-7842.