



PALM SUNDAY
April 10 at 8:30AM, 11:00AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 14 at 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY
April 15 at Noon, 6:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY
April 17 at 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 11:00AM

**JOIN US FOR
HOLY WEEK
2022**



OUR REDEEMER'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE VOICE

April 2022



Random things, all of which are very important!

Some months my *Voice* article has a clear central point. This month it is a hodge-podge of good news and things to look forward to.

Prayer ministry expanded

If you'd like to be part of the expanded prayer ministry of Our Redeemer's, email Lori at LoriW@OurRedeemerLives.org or give her a call in the office at (406-442-7842).

An active prayer ministry is a strong source of connection in a congregation, as we walk with one another in times of need and rejoice with our sisters and brothers in times of joy. This is a ministry that everyone can be involved in - no experience needed!

In addition to increasing our care for one another, we are now able to use technology that provides us with increased data protection and confidentiality. Thanks to Roberta Carey, who for many years has sent out prayer requests through the Women of the ELCA's prayer chain, and who will still be reaching out via the traditional "phone tree" to those who aren't online.

Prayer requests can be sent to Orlc@OurRedeemerLives.Org or give Lori a call.

Potluck and Open Forum on April 3

As I mentioned the Sunday we returned to coffee and cookies after worship, coffee and cookies are all well and good, but what we really need to get back in the swing of things is a good old-fashioned potluck. Sunday, April 3 at 12:15pm, we will gather to feast. And so we don't wind up with only salads and no sweets: A-H bring a main dish, I-M bring a salad, and N-Z bring a dessert.

We will also join in a time of conversation hosted by the Generosity Committee (formerly called the Stewardship Committee). At this Open Forum, one of the primary topics will be our next steps as the *Join the Journey* campaign formally comes to an end. We will get an update on the status of the mortgage and our general financial health. Folks involved in the property development project will be present to answer questions, and we will check in on the progress of the Call Committee as they seek our next pastor.

Calling all Our Redeemer's cooks and eaters: Don't miss this time of fellowship!

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EMBRACED BY GOD'S LOVE WE REACH OUT TO SERVE BECAUSE OUR REDEEMER LIVES

Holy Week 2022

Holy Week is filled with drama.

From the joyous shouts of *Hosanna!* on Palm Sunday
to Jesus’ teachings on the meal we share
and our call to serve one another on Thursday,
to the horror of the crucifixion on Friday,
and finally that empty tomb of Easter morning.

This year we will be employing storytelling for all of these services.
Our youth will lead us on Palm Sunday
as we remember the hope that Jesus brought.
Student Pastor Baird Linke will draw us to the Garden of Gethsemane
and the anguish there on Thursday.
Kevin Mathews will bring us back to that first Good Friday
in the character of Peter.
And I will share with you a modern retelling of what Jesus’ life, death
and resurrection mean for us on Easter morning.

Come join us as we once again hear the story that changed the world.

Baird Linke’s internship assignment and upcoming farewell

Thanks to all who prayed for Baird and his classmates as they discovered where they’d be spending their seminary internship year. Baird will be with the people of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, beginning in August. (Lucky them.)

We have been so blessed by Baird’s presence with us in this time of transition. It was a true work of the Spirit that he was here in Helena and available to help us after the departure of Pastor Kendra.

Baird’s final Sunday as our student pastor will be May 8. Please join us that Sunday as we thank him, bid him farewell, and send him with our blessings.

Shawn Juer’s call to ordained ministry

And as if one excellent seminary candidate wasn’t enough, we rejoice with the Juers family as they announce that Shawn senses a call to ordained ministry and will begin seminary this fall. Sara, Addie, and Kaden will be part of this adventure as the family heads to Dubuque, Iowa, and joins the Wartburg Theological Seminary community. Please hold the Juers in prayer as they look ahead to this new time in their lives, and watch for more information on how you can help support them. Later this spring, we’ll hear more from Shawn himself on how he’s experiencing the Spirit’s call.

So much good news and things to look forward to. The Holy Spirit is working mightily in our midst right now, people of God.

Pastor Trina

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Our Redeemer’s Church Council

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month
Tuesday, April 15 @ 5:00pm
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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	Malinda Diamond	Dale Mickus	Vicki Poore	Kim Venetz
Richard Carey	Christine Hoffman	Beth Mehl	Jessi Putnam	Adam Williams
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Jim Poore	Verna Strand	

Our Family and Friends

Allie (Luci Pearson)	Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)
Zachary Ark	Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)
Brandon Bach	Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)
Victor Bachmier	Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)	Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)	Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Steve Boyter	Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Tom Carter	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Mrs. Coggins (Debbie Hurni's friend)	Jacki Riley (Lori Walter's sister)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)	Carmen Sharp
Stormy Flinders	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	Families of suicide victims
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)	

Did You Know?

Did you know ... that there is a platoon of “old guys” who meet for an hour or so every Wednesday morning and talk about any issue that comes to mind. Recently we talked about all the people in our church who willingly volunteer to do activities that enhance the many ministries and thereby our mission. However, you might not know it because they work behind the scenes and do not seek, or need, any acknowledgement. So, each month one of us interviews one of these folks and shares the little known facts with you.

Did you know ... Bruce and Judy McMaster coordinate the preparation of the monthly mailing of this Voice newsletter? They do this while coordinating 18-20 volunteers to produce the monthly Kid Pack’s ministry. Additionally, they are hosts for the Family Promise families, and they recently volunteered to set up and take down the equipment needed to host the Family Promise program at ORLC. If that wasn’t enough, they increase their giving presence by being the long standing ORLC liaisons with God’s Love.

Did you know ... that those are just the “indoor” ministries for Bruce and Judy. Moving “outdoors” they maintain 25% of the Benton Boulevard, and weed the garden as members of the Hunger Team.

Bruce and Judy enjoy doing all these activities with others, too. So, call them if you would like to join them anytime at 465-7118.



Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Chad Beley	Ryan Girard	Colton Johnson	Chris Oelkers
Lonnie Cook	Austin Grieve	Corey Longbottom	Scott Pocha
Erin DenHerder	Travis Gronley	Chance McDowell	Courtney Rath
Sage Ellis	Charlie Heidbreder	Kent McGowan	Tanner Reddig
Micah Emmons	Roger Henschel	Dean McLain	Cody Stipcich
Jessilyn Emmons	Paul Horst	Sawyer Linke	Darrell Stipcich
Joe Fischer	Anela Hemry	Erin Mills	Victoria Stipcich
Grant Gagnon	Wade Hemry	Brian Neal	Tait Strom
Adam Guay	Cody Johnson	Keith Nordquist	

Our Seminarian

Baird Linke



Grief Support Group

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in January. We will continue to meet in the Conference Room between the first and second services. For those wishing to join the group or receive more information, you can contact Jane Peachey at 234-567-1461 or email jepeachey60@gmail.com. For those of you who do not know me, I am a retired hospice social worker and bereavement facilitator. I have retired my licenses as well, so anyone desiring formal counseling should explore available resources. I welcome phone calls and hope to journey with you through your grief if you desire the support.



Caregivers Support Group

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

When will it meet? We will meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.

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

Please contact Lori Bigwood-Pecarina at 406-672-2470



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the Fiscal Year for the Montana Synod has come to a close, on behalf of the Synod Council and the whole Synod, thank you so much for the generous giving that you and your congregation have provided for the work of the Montana Synod in 2021! We are awed and inspired again by the ways that the congregations in northern Wyoming and Montana have given generously! Here are ways that Mission Support has equipped the Montana Synod to do ministry:

- There are 11 congregations who have called and installed new pastors in the Synod in the last year.
- There are 8 congregations who have been participating in the Faithful Innovation process.
- There are 20 members of congregations who are finishing up the Lay Pastoral Associates training and 21 more who will begin the LPA training in April.
- There are 9 people in the Synod who are in the ELCA Candidacy process (attending Seminary) to serve as rostered leaders in the ELCA.
- There are about 25 leaders in the Synod who have been participating in some aspect of leadership development, either through Excellence in Leadership, Thriving Leaders or Coaching.
- Colter McCarty, from the Synod staff has assisted 37 congregations in the Synod with technology support over the past year.
- There have been 5 congregations engaged in the Fed By Ravens pilot process on stewardship and generosity.
- And so much more!

Thank you! The Synod's budget came in at about 97% of the budget. You have all done so much as you have been church together, equipping one another for the ministry of the Gospel!

The Montana Synod Council, Bishop Laurie Jungling, and Synod staff



Dear Our Redeemer's,

I wish to thank all the friends at our church who remembered me on my 100th birthday. I'd have liked to have a big celebration, but the virus has changed many things.

I pray for all of you and that Our Redeemer's will grow & prosper, bringing many to know the Lord.

Love to all,
God Bless,
Phyllis Bauer



Montana Jewish Project is working to reacquire the state's oldest synagogue and establish a statewide Jewish community and cultural center.



Join us for
Passover and Easter: An Imaginative Journey
Montana Jews and Christians in Conversation

Rabbi Mark Kula
currently serves Missoula, Billings, and other Jewish communities in the West.

Rev. Jessica Crist
retired Bishop of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Sunday, April 3, 2022
4-5pm MT
Zoom
Register at:
<https://bit.ly/PassoverMJP>



DPHHS Launches New Office to Engage Faith and Community Organizations

[Department of Public Health and Human Services \(DPHHS\) Director Adam Meier announced today the establishment of a new office to strengthen partnerships with faith and community organizations, which will expand the department’s ability to connect more Montanans to services and promote resilient families.](#)

“We know that faith and community organizations play a fundamental role in supporting holistic health and wellness, as well as self-reliant individuals,” Meier said. **“We aim to further partner with these organizations, including by providing information and resources about programs that serve all Montanans and better involving these organizations in the work that we do.”**

[The Office of Faith and Community Based Services](#) was established as part of the Gianforte administration’s sweeping department reorganization and is headed by Tracy Moseman.

[Moseman previously led health and safety initiatives at the Office of Public Instruction \(OPI\) in several positions, including her most recent role as Chief Program Officer. Prior to joining OPI in 2014, she spent 13 years at the community and school district level in student support services.](#)

“With a passion for helping students and families, Tracy is committed to supporting Montana families and communities and brings a wide network of relationships, experience, and understanding of faith and community organizations to this position,” Meier said.

He also noted that the organizations are pivotal in promoting the wide variety of resources and initiatives offered by DPHHS, including supports for aging Montanans, suicide prevention, foster parent recruitment, substance use prevention and more.

Moseman said the office will serve as a conduit between DPHHS and faith and community organizations across the state, creating a two-way flow of information, resources and programs to serve the identified health and wellness needs in each community.

“Through effective collaborations, it’s my overarching goal with the office to expand resources and strategies for effective prevention and intervention to improve health outcomes for all Montanans,” Moseman said.

Moseman noted that one in four individuals who seek help for mental health turn to faith leaders before they seek health from clinical professionals.

She said because faith and community organizations hold community trust, they naturally play a fundamental role in sharing local information. In fact, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration identifies eight components of wellness, with spirituality being one key component. Faith communities often provide supports to people in their communities to enhance emotional, financial, social, occupational, physical, intellectual, and environmental health. Examples include helping with housing, food, and clothing needs, as well as accessing mental health and substance abuse services and supporting survivors of trauma and violence.

Montana Catholic Conference Executive Director Matthew Brower said the faith community, in general, is often heavily involved in connecting people to services, especially in times of crisis. **“In many instances, we are all serving the same individuals and without regard to religious affiliation,”** Brower said. **“In the end it’s all about helping people, building relationships and getting those in need connected to critical services. I look forward to growing this partnership and am excited about its potential.”**

[While the Faith and Community Based Services Office is new to Montana, the concept has long existed in other states with federal support and successful outcomes. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Center for Faith and Opportunity](#) exists to support states in the integration of faith and community partnerships when addressing health and wellness at the community level.

In addition, faith communities can serve as important catalysts in strengthening healthy families. Practical family lifestyle shifts such as eating dinner as a family, reducing screen time, and increasing family communication can be promoted and encouraged through faith and community organizations as no cost strategies to impact overall physical and mental health, reducing long term substance use and other risk behaviors in youth.

At the new [FCBS website](#), Montanans, faith and community organizations, and other stakeholders can receive updates, program information, and access to training and supports by subscribing to a monthly e-mail newsletter.

The Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Present were: Pastor Trina Johnsten, Lynn Voss, Kevin Mathews, Cody Salo, Jan Martin, Beth Johnson, Tom Johnson, Tracy Moseman, Julie Penner, and Clint Mingay. Absent were: Ingrid Childress and Carolyn Meyer. Visitor: Sarah Magee. Pastor Trina opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion. She asked for single words describing what we hope for ORLC; responses were: growth, harmony, vitality, and joy.

Water Rights Report

ORLC members Bonner Armstrong, Jerry Hoover, and Ryan McLane (a water rights attorney) presented findings of an investigation into the status of ORLC’s water rights ownership. ORLC owns water rights associated with a well on our property, but they should be expanded up to a program default threshold. All surface water rights were assigned to the seller in the original land purchase agreement, but official state records still assign a portion to ORLC. Ryan volunteered to prepare and submit documents required both to expand the well water rights and to coordinate state surface water rights records with the original purchase agreement. Council authorized him to do so and approved payment of fees, which are expected to be minimal.

Perpetual Funds Overview

Jim Penner provided an overview of the endowment funds managed by the Perpetual Fund Committee. In total, the funds hold approximately \$350,000, and interest from this amount is paid out as requested and according to fund policies. Council approved Karen Caplis as a new member to replace a vacancy on the Perpetual Fund Team.

Financial Report

Building Fund donations for February were \$8194. Our monthly goal is \$10,933. Council directed that the monthly mortgage obligation be paid using the February Building Fund donations plus \$2740 from cash reserves. General Fund donations were \$40,920 with a calculated benevolence of \$2041, which will be sent at a later date. ORLC’s cash flow varies from month to month, with February often being a low month, followed by higher months in March and April due to the extra services in Lent and Holy Week.

Sarah reported that an ORLC member is planning to sell some property and donate a portion of the proceeds to the church. Because ORLC is listed on the deed as a partial owner, Council approved Lynn Voss, as Council President, to sign sale-related documents on ORLC’s behalf.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports

Pastor Trina

Pastor Trina and members of the staff submitted written reports summarizing their ministries’ ongoing and planned work. Pastor Trina reported that she and the executive committee of the council have identified and will implement specific changes to the ORLC prayer ministry to better safeguarding sensitive information and increase participation opportunity. The first prayer request will go out via email on Wednesday, March 16th, to the current e-

news distribution list. It will include a button for opting in to future emails from the prayer ministry. Council enthusiastically supported these improvements.

As part of ongoing efforts to improve outreach, ORLC staff published a Facebook “event boost” for Lenten Holden Evening Prayer services. This targets Facebook members who live near ORLC and have similar interests or events that they’ve put on their own Facebook pages. Staff also plans to send out a postcard detailing ORLC’s Holy Week worship opportunities to households near ORLC.

Property Development Team

Cody announced that the project’s architect consultants are reviewing certain design features in light of comments received from a February presentation hosted by the City of Helena.

Generosity Team

The Generosity Committee has been conducting cottage meetings with select church members to share information about the conclusion of the *Join the Journey* campaign, plans to continue supporting the Building Fund, and ORLC activities and plans. The meetings have also provided important feedback to church leaders. A church-wide presentation and pot-luck lunch is scheduled for Sunday, April 3rd.

Preschool

The Preschool Board plans to make an offer for the Preschool Director position. Council authorized members of the Preschool Director Search Committee to make a final hiring decision.

Money Counting Ministry

Although the [Money Counting Ministry](#) has gained some additional help, more is needed to fill gaps and create a more sustainable level of commitment required of ministry members. A new ministry coordinator is also needed.

Old business

Covid risk is ‘Low’ in Lewis & Clark County according to CDC guidelines. Accordingly, all Covid-related restrictions and protocols have been removed from ORLC activities and building usage.

ORLC will be hosting Family Promise the first week of May. Program participants will stay at the church for the first time since Covid restrictions first became effective.

The new electronic door opener is functional, and final wiring will be completed soon.

Sarah is continuing to investigate optional replacements for the church’s phone system, replacement parts for which are difficult to find due to the system’s age.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Mathews, ORLC Council 1st Vice President
(preparing 3/15/2022 Council Meeting Minutes in the absence of the Council Secretary)

Summer Preschool Fun 2022!



We are excited to announce our Summer Preschool Fun program for summer 2022! These multi age programs will provide your child a full week of exciting projects, adventures, and activities:

*Games and fun *Center time *Outdoor play
*Tasty snacks *Arts and crafts *Songs and stories *Mini hikes

SPF is designed for the following groups:

- Children who turned 3 by September 2021 and have completed a year of Preschool.
 - Children who are 4 and 5 years old (regardless of Preschool attendance)
 - Children who completed Kindergarten this year.
- (Please note: your child does not need to be a Preschool student or alumni to attend.)

Camp Offerings 2022



Pete the Cat June 13-17 9:00 a.m.-noon
Spend a week with everyone's favorite cool cat.



Creepy Crawlies June 20-24 9:00 a.m.- noon
Explore the world of insects through science, art, and exploration.

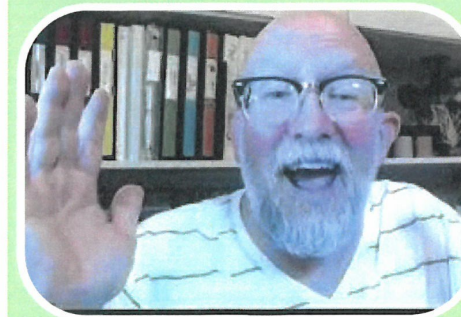


Wildlife of Montana July 18-22 9:00 a.m.- noon
Learn about the animals that call our state home.



Space: the final frontier July 25-29 9:00 a.m.- noon
Spend a week exploring the wonders of outer space.

- ◆ Children are invited to bring a sack lunch as we will eat during the last part of the morning. A snack will be provided.
- ◆ Sessions will be led by two Preschool staff. 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!
- ◆ To register, return the completed form to the Preschool with a \$50 non-refundable deposit (per session). The balance of your fee will be due on the first day of camp.



Lyle Griner serves as the National Peer Ministry Director. With 16 years of experience in dynamic congregational work, Lyle works with and trains people of all ages across the country to become relational leaders.



Retreat begins with Friday Dinner (6:15pm) and ends at 3pm on Saturday (3 meals, snacks, program and lodging all included!!). Contact our office to inquire about extending your stay at camp for time additional time for rest and renewal. Scholarships are available! CEU credits available through Northern Rockies Institute of Theology (NRIT).

YOUTH WORKER'S RETREAT: Peer Ministry Leadership Training WITH LYLE GRINER

April 1-2, 2022 (Friday - Saturday)

Cost: \$100/person (entire event)

Saturday only: \$85

Non-refundable \$75 deposit due by March 18th 2022

Peer ministry is about the practical life skill that empowers us to become Good Samaritan leaders who care for every neighbor, every day, everywhere in every relationship. Peer Ministry is about loving, because God first loved us! 1 John 4:19 This retreat is for adults and youth (Jr high and up) Bring a group from your congregation, scout troop, or come on your own!

We are blessed to welcome Dr. Lyle Grinner who will guide this retreat along with our FLBC staff who will be leading worship, hikes, crafts, games and more!

"This training makes ministry fun, approachable, understandable and, most importantly, doable." -Emma, HS youth

2022 REGISTRATION

Peer Ministry Leadership Training // April 1-2, 2022

Name: _____ // Will be attending: _____ Full Retreat (Fri - Sat) OR _____ Sat. Only

Mailing Address: _____

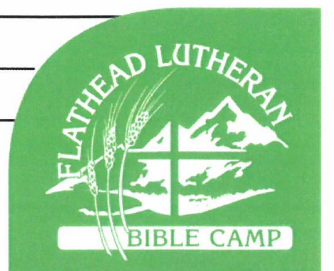
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please list any dietary restrictions, severe allergies, housing needs or roommate requests: _____

Registration & non-refundable \$75 deposit due by March 18th 2022.
Register **ONLINE** or send your registration to: FLBC 603 S Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901 or office@flbc.net
A list of what to bring and a schedule will be sent to you prior to the retreat.



406.752.6602 • 603 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 • office@flbc.net • www.flbc.net

2021 at a glance

We sheltered 24 families in 2021

Our new Prevention and Diversion program served 30 families from May until December. We anticipate serving 60 in 2022. We are still working on starting our Transitional Housing program with guidance of National Family Promise and following other affiliates Transitional Housing program that are in use. We have not found the space that we need for this program. If anyone has any leads on a place that could shelter 4 (or more) families in a transitional environment please contact Renee.

We continue to provide aftercare for our program graduates; many of them use the services which include additional support, case management and emergency assistance should they need it.



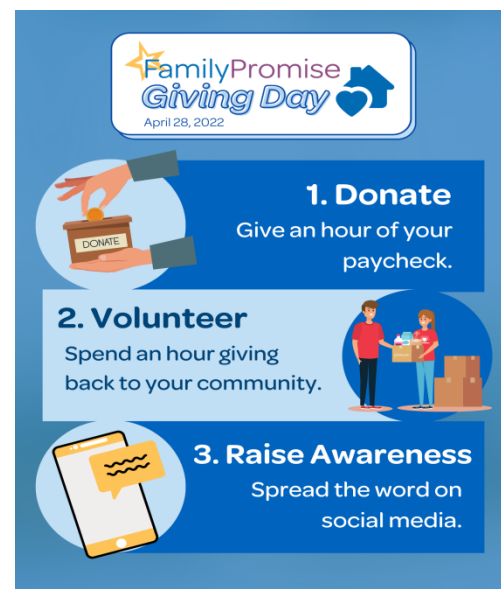
A huge thanks goes out to First Christian Church for their ongoing holy hospitality in hosting our families through the entire COVID time. Without their generosity Family Promise could not have helped the families we did. The Volunteers who graciously helped with overnight hosting and food are to be commended. You all gave of yourselves in a difficult time, and that graciousness did not go unnoticed. We sincerely appreciate you all, and the families realize you risked health and gave of yourselves in truly generous ways. What an amazing testimony in your faith.

Looking forward

As we look forward to spring, we are anticipating providing Easter baskets to our children, outdoor activities and enrolling our kids in Camp Child. We are working with the Y to keep it cost effective for us; this is not a line item in the budget so will need additional funding. The cost is \$190 per child per week. If you want to sponsor a kid at camp please let Kimberly know.

Also needed - Boy's bike with training wheels (3 year old) and one for a 13 year old (adult bike), basketball, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk or any type of outdoor activity!

Coming Soon!



New and Fun carpet and paint is complete in the office area of the Day center, it's fantastic!

SPF Registration

☐ **Pete the Cat**

June 13-17 9:00 a.m. – noon

☐ **Wildlife of Montana**

July 18-22 9:00 a.m.- noon

☐ **Creepy Crawlies**

June 20-24 9:00 a.m.-noon

☐ **Space: the final frontier**

July 25-29 9:00 a.m.- noon

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Best Phone Number _____

Best Email _____

Person(s) Authorized to transport child _____

Emergency Contact (if parent can't be reached) _____

Health Statement

I verify that _____ is:

☐ in good health and able to participate in typical preschool activities.

☐ in good health and able to participate in typical preschool activities with the following exceptions or accomocations _____

Allergies or other concerns: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Return to the Preschool Office with \$50 non-refundable deposit.



Keeping our promise,
we teach children to: love God,
love and serve each other,
learn and share God's story.



Come to the Table

First Communion Come to the Table classes will be held for children in **second, third or fourth** grades and **any** other families interested in learning about Holy Communion.

Please save these dates:

April 10th @1:00pm - Communion 101/Fed and Forgiven: An instructional time for both communicants and parents about Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday, April 14th @ 6:30pm - We invite the children and their families to this very special service to celebrate their deepened understanding of communion and for those who are not yet communing, to receive their First Communion.

An invitation was sent in the mail to all 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students and their families. Please RSVP no later than **April 4th** by emailing or calling!

Nursery care available upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz at Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org or Pastor Trina at Trina@OurRedeemerLives.Org.



Jackie is going to camp as a volunteer **July 31–August 5, 2022!** Please register at FLBC.net today. Let Jackie know if you want/need a ride up to camp. Email Liz or Jackie with questions. (Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org or Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.Org)

Children's Ministry Easter Schedule

- **April 10th —**
Children's Choir Practice 12:00-12:30
(lunch provided!)
- **April 10th —**
Communion 101 Class @1:00-3:00
- **April 14th —**
Maundy Thursday Service @6:30 - Come to the Table
- **April 17th —**
Easter Sunday Children's Choir performance at 8:30am service! No Sunday School or KidTime.



Easter Children's Choir

Lead by Jason, our Sunday School youth will be performing two songs at the **8:30am** service on Easter Sunday **April 17th!**

We will practice weekly during Sunday School, and will have a dress rehearsal practice on **April 16th at 11:30am-12:00pm**
lunch will be provided!



April Bible Study

Our study of the kingdom of God concludes with Session Four, "Living Forever with God." We will explore the question, what do we know about Paradise?

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, April 19 at 10:00am

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, April 20 at 1:00pm

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, April 12 at 10:15am

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

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

College Scholarship

WELCA is pleased to offer a \$1000 scholarship to any student in the congregation who will be a freshman in a religiously affiliated college. Application forms are available from Jackie Bartz and must be received in the church office by May 1.

Flathead Bible Camp Scholarships

WELCA is again happy to be able to offer financial assistance to any student in the congregation needing help to attend Flathead Bible Camp. Because funds are limited and the cost of camps is increasing, all scholarship applications must be turned in to the church office by **April 1**. Once all applications are received, we will determine how much aid we can give to each applicant.

Baby Care Kits

We continue to gather items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits through April 3. There is a tub in the narthex for your donations. Each kit contains the following items:

Cotton knit shirts (no onesies)	Long or short sleeve gowns or sleepers without feet	Cotton receiving blankets
Cloth diapers	Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt	Socks
Hand towel (dark color)	Gentle soap	Diaper pins
New or gently used items may be used, infant to size 2.		

Quilt Sunday

On Quilt Sunday, April 24, there will be a blessing of the quilts and kits before they are shipped to Lutheran World Relief in early May.

Garage Sale

Don't forget to start getting your household "treasures" together for the churchwide garage sale on June 4. You may bring your contributions to the church starting on May 30.



Prayer Ministries at Our Redeemer's

- ♦ Prayer is a cornerstone of our faith and praying with and for each other binds us together deeply. Join our email prayer ministry by contacting the office (442-7842 or email loriw@ourredeemerlives.org).
- ♦ Our Sunday morning prayer teams ministry is starting back up post-pandemic and we need your help! If you are able to attend worship and pray with those seeking prayer during communion, please contact Kathy Olson (kathyolson8686@gmail.com).

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

Got Granola Bars?



Thanks to everyone who provided low-sugar granola bars for the Kid Pack Program at Helena Food Share during the month of March. We'll be collecting more granola bars throughout the month of April. This request is the final one for this school year.

Looking Forward to the Summer Milk Campaign

Stay tuned for further information about the upcoming summer milk campaign. Our goal will once again be to provide enough money to supply the kid packs program with the entire milk supply for the upcoming school year. Last summer, we raised \$7000. We can do this once again. Hope you're onboard for the challenge!



Helena Food Share Spring Food Drive

Helena Food Share is conducting a virtual food drive during the months of March and April. If you wish to participate, please visit the virtual shopping page at HelenaFoodShare.org/Spring-Food-Drive. HFS will also accept donated food at the pantry, 1616 Lewis Street between 8:30am and 3:00pm, Monday-Friday. Suggested items include the following:

Oatmeal	Peanut Butter	Whole Wheat Pasta
Brown Rice	Lentils	Quinoa
Whole Grain Cereals	Dried or Canned Beans	Canned Fruits & Vegetables
Canned Meat	Fresh Produce	

Family Promise Returns to Our Building

The week of May 1-8, we shall once again host Family Promise guests in our building. This is an exciting time for our congregation, as we have not had these folks in our building for over two years. We look forward to welcoming them once again into our space. We are in need of both trained and untrained assistance in order to make our guests feel welcome. We shall need evening hosts (from about 5-8pm), overnight hosts (from 7pm to 7am), dinner meals (delivered to the Day Center midday), and folks to set up the rooms on Sunday, May 1 and dismantle them again on Sunday, May 8. If you missed the Zoom Family Promise training on March 31 but still wish to participate, please contact Kathy Olson (kathyolson8686@gmail.com, 406-431-8686), our Volunteer Coordinator. Kathy is also happy to answer any questions you may have about participating in this worthwhile mission of our congregation.



Got a Green Thumb? Or Wish You Had One?

Plots in Our Redeemer's community garden are now available for the 2022 season. The \$25 rental fee covers water and plot usage. The garden is looking really healthy, and we all know the value of Vitamin D provided by that sunshine! If you are interested in renting a plot, please pick up a rental form in the church office from Lori Walter, (406-442-7842). If you have specific garden questions, contact Vicki Downhour (greenxena@msn.com or 406-465-2197). A team of volunteers is willing to assist you with guidance and encouragement.

God's Love Request

Thank you to everyone who provided special items for the homeless population at God's Love last month. Requested items for April include the following:

Hydrogen peroxide	Band-aids (regular size)	Ibuprofen/Tylenol/Excedrin
Neosporin	Hygiene products, to include travel sizes of the following:	
	disposable razors	
	deodorant	
	shaving cream	
	toothpaste	

In case you are wondering, Dollar Tree is a great place to shop for these items. And thank you for your ongoing support of this important ministry.



VBS 2022

July 5th - 8th 9am-Noon



VBS Camper Registration

This year we are very excited to partner with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp to bring VBS to Our Redeemer's! Six staff members from FLBC will attend and help to lead camp!

Please go to the following link to fill out the registration form today.

<https://forms.gle/2fD9SyxCinSm2roD8>

Boundless: God Beyond Measure-Kids will explore that God is too wonderful to be measured, and all that he can do in our lives!

"I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is." (Ephesians 3:18-19)

REGISTER NOW!

Please contact Liz at Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org for more information.

VBS Volunteer Opportunities

We need YOUR HELP! We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to make VBS possible. Here are the following areas we need help:

- ◆ Crafts
- ◆ Classroom Leaders (must be 16 or older)
- ◆ Classroom Assistants (all ages welcome)
- ◆ Games
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Decorations/Stage Building
- ◆ Set-up and Clean-up Assistance
- ◆ Volunteers to donate supplies and materials
- ◆ Dinner Hosts for FLBC Staff

Please go to the following link to fill out the volunteer registration form

<https://forms.gle/6ECwyHnxYTETZU5DA>

Host Dinner for FLBC Staff (During VBS)

During Vacation Bible School this year we will be hosting 6 FLBC staff members! They will be staying here at ORLC throughout the week, and will have breakfast and lunch materials provided for them. We are looking for families who are willing to either have the FLBC staff members over to your house for dinner OR make and have a meal with them here at ORLC. The FLBC staff will be here July 3rd-July 8th and will need a hosted dinner July 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th. If this is something that your family is interested in doing, please follow the link or email Liz at Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org to sign up today! <https://tinyurl.com/mr2navja>





HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Safehouse in April

High school youth, please join us during the month of April as we enjoy some fun fellowship and seek to answer some deep questions about God and faith. This month, we will be finish the Journey to the cross and walk through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection together. Join us in the Youth Loft from 7:15 to 9:00pm on Wednesdays, but please take note of the special dates below.

- **March 30:** Spring Break - No Safehouse or Small Groups
- **April 10:** Palm Sunday - youth will help with all aspects of worship
- **April 17:** Easter Sunday!
- **April 20:** Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit Build - Bring towels and soap to help!
- **April 27:** Last Spark for the school year



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 to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.



Christian College Scholarships

High School Seniors, are you planning on attending a Christian college next fall? A one-time scholarship is available to students in our congregation, like you, attending a Christian college in the fall! Please contact Jackie Bartz for an application and return it to the church office by **May 1st**. Please take the time to fill out this one page application as there are so many wonderful ladies that wish to help support you in your education and future!



Mark your Calendars for Summer Camp at FLBC!

Summer camp registration opened December 15th and Jackie will be heading up to camp **July 31-August 5**. She is willing to give youth a ride to and from camp. Please register your child at <https://flbc.net/registration/> and sign-up with Jackie for a ride! Spaces fill up fast! Hope you can join for an amazing



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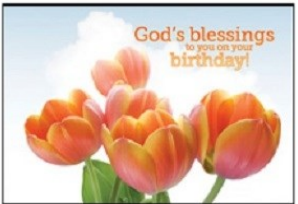


Our youth are beginning to collect donations for our Personal Care Kits to send off to people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life threatening violence as part of our Lutheran World Relief ministry project. Once all donations are collected kits will be assembled on **April 20th**.

They are requesting donations of the following:

- **Light-weight bath size towels (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark colors recommended**
- **Bath size bars of soap equaling (8 to 9 oz. bar), any brand**

Donation boxes will be set out at the church to deposit your supplies donations. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry. Stay tuned for collection updates!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

2	Dan Adams	Brock McDaid	Mark Langdorf	28	Rueben Fink
	Lynnette Avery	Rylee Williams	Rachel Lauf		George Hafer
	Linda Nelson	12 Amy Carlson	20 Karen Caplis		Rosemary Hemry
	Kate Passage	Evan Coble	21 Chelsea Gates		Mary Kay Linke
	Kathy Schenck	Gene Ford	Zayanna Gray		Annette Wakefield
3	Jayme Johnson	Thomas Johnson	Landen Skillman	29	Lynda Hanson
	Jacob Yaeger	Mary Smith	22 Lyndie Ark		Elizabeth Heuser
4	Emma Dole	14 Patti McFadden	Kennedy Pocha		Carl Richards
5	Britton Heuser	McKenna Moore	Kim Quinn		Steven Sim
	Shelby Martin	15 Elizabeth Cook	Bill Straley		Mark Thatcher
6	Jodi Aschim	Barb Penner	23 Ella Krumm		Dennis Trotter
	Ian Flynn	16 Michael Alberts	Ray Read		Aidan Wade
7	Helen Bunkowske	Nate Brunett	24 Bryce Harrington		Denise Wolf
	John Michelotti	Carrie Reynolds	Joan Haubein	30	Finn Doran
	Ben Olmstead	Nadine Sim	Jaylen Tintinger		
	Leona Williams	17 Howard DesRosier	Alyssa Tompkins		
8	Logan Colberg	Trey Moseman	25 Kristi Antosh		
	Kristie Wolter	Travis Gronley	Scott Robertson		
	Lynn Warsech	18 Haleigh Henschel	26 Casey Ebel		
9	Ed McFadden	Annelise Marble	Jeanne McCoskery		
	Jeannie Ryan	McKenna Pocha	27 Sophia Hill		
10	Mike Sheard	19 Markell Ebert	Kevin Mathews		
11	Tess Jensen				

HOSPITALIZED? LET US KNOW...

We have a caring group of individuals who are happy to visit hospitalized members. The hospital staff is not currently asking religious preference or church membership on admission. Please notify the church office if you, your family, or friends are hospitalized. We want to be a part of your healing process.

April Anniversaries



Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

4/18/1981	Mike & Willa Sheard	41 years
4/22/1977	Merlyn & Linda Huso	45 years
4/3/1971	John & Marlene Simms	51 years
4/9/1970	Jeff & Jan Martin	52 years

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

Come to The Water

Baptism Class at Our Redeemer's



Interested in baptism? Please let Pastor Trina know! We offer a one-hour session during which we discuss what Lutherans believe about baptism and go through what happens in the baptismal rite. These sessions are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. Pastor Trina can be reached at trina@ourredeemerlives.org or 406-442-7842.

Worship Assistant Schedule

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Sunday, April 3, 2022		
Captain	Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Williams-Mathews
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover, Craig & Mary Kay Linke, Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Williams-Mathews
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	<i>Team Members</i>
Lector	Ron Paulson	
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Lisa Williams-Mathews

Sunday, April 10, 2022		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb, Pat Lumma	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske	<i>Team Members</i>
Lector	N/A	
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Kim Randall

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022		
<i>Separate sign-ups forthcoming</i>		

Sunday, April 24, 2022		
Captain	Ray Read	<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Bonner Armstrong, Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read, Dwight & Roxanne Hiesterman	Lori Chase
Greeter	Gordon Blomquist	
Lector	Dwight Hiesterman	
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Shannon Bartole



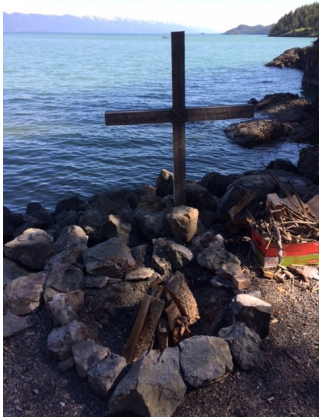
FLBC Memorial Day Work Weekend

May 27-30, 2022

Spring is in the air, and it's time to get busy! All ages are invited to help prepare and transform camp for the summer season! There will projects for everyone, including sewing, planting, cleaning, construction, but there are jobs for all gifts and all ages! This weekend is sponsored by Thrivent and is free to attend, but **reservations are required!** The weekend includes:

- 3 nights accommodations in camp cabins
- 8 meals from Friday Dinner to Monday Lunch
- Fellowship and engaging work projects
- Worship, bible studies, campfires, s'mores, and more!

Please prayerfully consider this ministry opportunity. **There is no cost for the weekend or meals** - all we ask of you is your positive attitude, hard work, and time. It is a great way to get to build meaningful relationships with all generations, teach and learn new skills, and grow in faith and fellowship with one another! Please fill out the registration form below or register at <https://flbc.net/memorial-day-weekend/> and turn into Jackie at the Church office by **May 11th** so we can make sure everyone has a ride or any questions answered!



For more information, please email Jackie at jackie@ourredeemerlives.org or call her at 406-442-7842.

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Work Weekend Registration Form—May 17-30, 2022

Adult Name(s): _____

Youth Name(s) and Ages: _____

Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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

☐ I am willing and able to help transport others camp leaving Friday and returning Monday afternoon.

☐ I am only able to attend a portion of the weekend, but will be there: _____

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Social Statement discussion with Baird - Comm. Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime 12:15am - Potluck & Open Forum	4 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book Club - Carol Will's home	5 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share
10 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Social Statement discussion with Baird - Comm. Rm 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm. 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime 1:00pm - Fed & Forgiveness - Community Room	11 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Community Room 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book Club - Carol Will's home	12 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:15am - WELCA Board meeting - AD-1 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Mtg.
17 Easter Sunday 7:00am - Easter Sunrise Outdoor Worship 8:30am - Worship - Children's Choir & Kids Streamer Parade 11:00am - Rejoice Worship - Kids Streamer Parade	18 Office Closed 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book Club - Carol Will's home	19 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Community Rm
24 Quilt Sunday 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Social Statements with Baird 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	25 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Rm 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book Club - Carol Will's home	26 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 3:00pm - Philip Fortenberry Concert - Sanctuary
6 6:30pm - Lent Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	7 9:00am - Sew In Love	8	9
13 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	14 9:00am - Sew In Love 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Worship - First Communion (2 nd - 4 th gr)	15 Voice Articles Due 12:00pm - Good Friday Worship 6:30pm - Good Friday Worship	16 11:30am - Children's Choir Rehearsal
20 6:30pm - Spark Worship 1:00pm - Rebecca Circle Bible Study-Conf Rm 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft LWR Personal Care Kits	21 9:00am - Sew In Love	22	23
27 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	28 9:00am - Sew In Love	29	30