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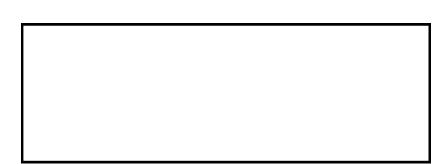
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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

April 2023



Fear not!

The Bible addresses fear a lot. It also tells us not to be afraid a lot (103 times in the King James Version, according to two internet sources). We recently heard Jesus tell Peter, James, and John, "do not be afraid," after they saw Jesus turn heavenly white and heard God's voice at the Transfiguration. We heard a glowing white angel tell the two Marys, "do not be afraid," as he sat on a huge rock he had moved to expose a now-empty tomb.

Typically, though, someone says, "do not be afraid," only when there really is reason to be afraid. Surely, God doesn't expect that we can control whether we experience fear. It's a built-in, often useful emotion. Probably, then, the Bible's "fear nots" are most often less a directive than an assurance that, despite all appearances to the contrary, there is no need to fear a particular circumstance. We are to strive to live, not without the emotion of fear, but without the *attitude* of fear. Though we all walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we do not live in fear, for God is there to guard and guide us.

God calls us to a way of living that frees us from fear. The object of fear is often loss: fear of losing our security, our status, our identity, acceptance and affirmation, the things we've worked so hard to build. But we can't lose these things if they are not ours. If we offer up to God all we are and do and possess, then what happens to these things is God's concern and no longer ours. Then we are free to live fully into the abundant life God has promised and given through Christ. If we seek first the Kingdom of God, if God is our center, our firm foundation, then we need not fear. If, through baptism, we live a new life in oneness with Christ—and we do—then what can assail us? We can never 'lose' God. As Paul wrote to the Roman church, absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God. With that blessed assurance, we are free to live, to love, to give, and even to fail without fear.

This way of living applies to all of us, together, as much as it applies to each of us individually. It's built into our very identity as a church: *Our Redeemer's* Lutheran Church. This gathering of people, resources, plans, and projects is not *ours*; it belongs to our redeemer, Jesus. Yes, God calls us to responsibly steward these gifts, but they ultimately belong to God. So, as we boldly and joyously grow together in faith, as we share our strengths and burdens, worship together, and reach out with God's love to serve our neighbors, let us do these things as offerings to God, who is the perfect love which casts out all fear.

Kevin Mathews Council President

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9:30-11:00am - Special Easter Coffee Hour

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

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK

Our Redeemer's will host Family Promise guests the week of April 23-29. We shall need overnight hosts (available 7pm to 7am); meal providers; and crews to set up and tear down the guest and host rooms on Sunday, April 23 (following 11:00 worship) and Sunday, April 30 (prior to 8:30 worship). Please get in touch with our volunteer coordinators, Kathy Olson (406) 431-8686, kathyolson8686@gmail.com, or Phyllis Michelson (406) 437-1217, phychelson@gmail.com if you are available or wish more details. It takes a village of committed folks to make our guests feel welcome.

IN THE GARDEN

Thank You to Boy Scout Troop #4207 for their commitment to help in the ORLC Community Garden! They will cultivate a portion of the Helena Food Share plot. If you belong to a group that could serve in this way or would like to help maintain the garden, please get in touch with Vicki Downhour at greenxena@msn.com. Zero expertise is required. Hunger Team leads the efforts in the garden, but the team always needs more assistance. Please help us in providing food for our hungry neighbors. And besides, you'll have a great time digging in the dirt, planting the seeds, removing the weeds, and harvesting. It takes all of us to make this happen.

Ah, Spring, when the ground turns to mud and gardeners turn impatient. If you are looking for some soil to cultivate, rent a plot in the ORLC community garden! Plots rent for \$25 (scholarships available) and come in a variety of sizes. Watering and tools are provided, and mentoring is available. Why not try it? Want more details? Contact Vicki at greenxena@msn.com. Ready to commit? Garden agreements are available from either Vicki or Lori Walter, in the church office.

GOD'S LOVE

The shelter continues to ask for our prayers and support and to love the homeless. We thank you for giving a hand to those in need month after month.

For APRIL, God's Love is continuing their request for:

- <u>Hygiene Products</u> razors (for the men getting rid of the winter scruff), shaving cream, small shampoo/ conditioner, soap, hairbrushes, nail clippers, toothbrush/paste, etc.
- Cleaning Products Pine-Sol, Spic N' Span, or any type of floor cleaner, bleach, toilet bowl cleaner
- <u>Backpacks</u> In April, a lot of the folks that have been sleeping on the floor head to the hills. They are welcome to eat and shower at the shelter, but the shelter also likes to provide them with basic hygiene products for their backpacks.

KID PACKS

Thank you for your donations of yummy granola bars during the month of March. As we conclude our collections for this school year, we are requesting **individual juice boxes**. Your generosity for this program continues to be a blessing for Helena Food Share. Last year over 42,000 kid packs were delivered to hungry kids in our community.

Stay tuned for the details on our summer milk campaign, launching in May.

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Voice articles due on the 15th 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 Richard Carey Roberta Carey Luke Den Herder Ann Harris Jim Haubein Linda Huso Pr. Trina Johnsten

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Zachary Ark Brandon Bach Victor Bachmier Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece) Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim) **Steve Boyter** Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson) **Tom Carter** JLD (Gary and Joy Novota) Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom) Stormy Flinders The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson) Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad) Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool) **Donna Hurni** (Neal Hurni) Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter) Larry Kuntz (Dave & Lori Swenson)

Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade
(Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Sharon McLane Ryan & Abigail McLane)
Julie Mehl (daughter of Dave Mehl)
Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin
Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Families of suicide victims

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Kyle Begger Chad Beley Lonnie Cook Erin DenHerder Kellan Elder Travis Elder Sage Ellis Micah Emmons Jessilyn Emmons Joe Fischer Grant Gagnon
Adam Guay
Ryan Girard
Austin Grieve
Travis Gronley
Charlie Heidbreder
Roger Henschel
Paul Horst
Anela Hemry
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Colton Johnson
Corey Longbottom
Chance McDowell
Kent McGowan
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Erin Mills
Brian Neal
Keith Nordquist

Chris Oelkers Scott Pocha Courtney Rath Tanner Reddig Cody Stipcich Darrell Stipcich Victoria Stipcich Tait Strom

Our Seminarians

Baird Linke Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



This month's grief group is canceled as it falls on Easter Sunday. If anyone would like to meet me for coffee or a snack please don't hesitate to let me know. My number is (234) 567-1461. You matter to me and to Lori Bigwood-Pecarina. Wishing you the best this Easter season.

God's Peace, Jane Peachey.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Caregivers share the gift of love on a daily basis. Our support group seeks to be a safe place to encourage and uplift those who provide for loved ones.



Please join us on Sunday, April 23rd at 12:10pm in the conference room next to the church offices. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina (406-672-2470) and Jane Peachey (234-567-1461) lead the group. We welcome your questions and calls.

Generosity Committee Tidbits:

A Medical Care Savings Account (MSA) lallows Montanans to save money for medical expenses and long-term health care while reducing their state income taxes. All resident taxpayers aged 18 and older can establish a ! Montana MSA even if they have another health care plan provided by their employer, a Section 125 (Flexible Spending Account), or a Federal Health Savings Account (HSA). The maximum amount allowed to reduce Montana's taxable income was limited to \$4,500 in 2022. For more information, see the website ! "msuextension.org/" or "montana.edu/ extension," tabbing through "Family & Home," Family economics, Savings & Investments," or consult your tax preparer.

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6:30pm Wednesday Evening Worship Concludes until Fall

Thank you all for participating in Camp Worship, Compline, Evening Prayer Around the Cross, and Holden Evening Prayer throughout this year! Our final Wednesday evening worship will be on March 29th.

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The **Associate Pastor Call Committee**, after a brief scheduling delay, has begun the work of defining the qualities we are looking for in an Associate Pastor. This has resulted in a lot of discussion within the committee and has led us down a slightly different path. Based on the comments we have been hearing, we need to take a step back and educate on how the call process works within the ELCA. Additionally, we would like to take the opportunity to not only share the process with you but open things up a bit to hear any specific skill sets or traits you would be looking for in the next associate pastor – particularly if your views have not already been expressed through the previously held cottage meetings or other communication with the committee or its members. This is probably the most important section of the Ministry Site Profile, and we will take the time to get it right.

We are still working out the final details for the structure of these meetings but will be holding them right after Easter. We will have sessions on Sunday, April 16th, Wednesday, April 19th, and Sunday, April 23rd. These sessions will be held around our scheduled church services. More details will be offered via the enews on 4/13 and 4/20 and in the bulletins on both Sundays (4/16 & 4/23). Thank you for prayerfully considering attending one of these sessions and for your continued prayers that the Holy Spirit guides the committee members.

Take a Meal Ministry

Do you love to cook? Some members of our congregation need meals during hard times in their lives such as death, illness, or cancer treatment. Join our Meal Team and you will be invited to sign up online when it is convenient for you to help. The more who help, the lighter the load. Show your love through FOOD!



Contact Lisa Mathews at 406-465-5580 or lewm03@gmail.com for more information.

Need a Meal? Let Pastor Trina or Lisa know and we will set up a scheduled meal plan for you.



Financial Review

February Ministry Fund	
Receipts\$44,969)
% more than/(less than) Feb. 202210%	
% more than/(less than) Ministry Plan(19%)	
% more than/(less than) expenses1.1%	
February Building Fund (Mortgage)	
Receipts\$21,842	
% more than/(less than) Feb. 2022167%	

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Cash balance before paying benevolence:.....\$12,767 Payable target benevolence, YTD:.....\$4,298

% more than/(less than) mortgage......100%

The council voted to withhold the February target benevolence to the Montana Synod of \$1,637 to facilitate payment of a biannual property tax bill in May. The council intends to pay this benevolence amount later in the year.

The interest rate on our mortgage is due to be adjusted this August. Although the interest rate is expected to increase, we have reduced our principal balance such that monthly payments are expected to decrease slightly.

Ministry Reports

The council expressed its appreciation to all staff persons for the reports they routinely submit about their various activities. All staff have gone above and beyond to keep the church running smoothly during Pastor Trina's absence.

Liz Swenson is in need of additional nursery attendants in the next couple of months. Please contact her if you are interested in sharing your time with these children on Sunday mornings. Thankfully, we have several children in attendance each week who need these services.

Council members reported nearly unanimous positive comments from congregation members regarding the recent mailing of a letter following up on the Youth and Family Ministries position revision to half-time in August. A document providing background information regarding this decision is still available in the church office for anyone who might wish to have a copy; an electronic copy can also be provided upon request.

Committee Reports

- Cody Salo reported for the Property Development Committee.
 - * NWE needs to move a high-pressure gas line that crosses our property. Discussions are ongoing to coordinate with property development plans. Work could begin in July.
 - * The city council approved \$1.58 million for the property development project last week. An additional \$800,000 is still needed to commence the project. Other county monies and some CARES funds may be available, as well as possible waivers of some city fees.
 - * A thank-you letter from the church is being sent to each city council member expressing appreciation for his or her support of this project.
 - * Call committee will set up meetings in April to provide information about the call process and to solicit input regarding desires and perceived needs for the church.

New and Unfinished Business

- The council approved the extension of a contract with Kris Thatcher as interim preschool director through the 2023-24 school year.
- Council also approved the addition of retirement benefits for the position of Children's Ministry director. This relatively low-cost benefit was deemed appropriate for a half-time position.
- ORLC needs a new church directory. If you are willing to work on this project, please contact a member of the church council.
- A large bulletin board will soon be placed near the South Main Entrance to the building. It will feature photos of council members and new members of the church so that we can become better acquainted. The bulletin board will also be available for the display of other appropriate items for the congregation.
- A building signage committee presented recommendations for enhanced signage to create a more welcoming environment for visitors. The council approved the proposal, with minor revisions as needed, for a cost not to exceed \$2,000.
- Council plans to commission a task force to prepare a financial plan for the next three to five years.
 Analysis results will be shared with the council and with the Generosity Team to be used in creating and carrying out appropriate action plans.

Linda Nelson Secretary

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

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2	Dan Adams	9	Jeannie Ryan
	Lynnette Avery	11	Tess Jensen
	Linda Nelson		Brock McDaid
	Kate Passage	12	Amy Carlson
	Kathy Schenck		Evan Coble
3	Jacob Yaeger		Gene Ford
4	Averly Dike		Thomas Johnson
	Emma Dole		Mary Smith
5	Britton Heuiser	14	McKenna Moore
	Shelby Martin	15	Elizabeth Cook
6	Jodi Aschim		Barb Penner
	lan Flynn	16	Laura O'Bryant
7	Helen Bunkowske	17	Bob Amundson
	Ben Olmstead		Howard DesRosier
	Elaine Ulgenes		Trey Moseman
	Leona Williams		Travis Gronley
8	Kristie Wolter	18	Haleigh Henschel
	Lynn Worsech		Annelise Marble

- 19 Mark Langdorf Rachel Lauf 20 Karen Caplis 21 Rachel Dike Zayanna Gray Landen Skillman
- 22 Chris Brott Kim Quinn Bill Stralev Char Baglien 24 Ella Krumm
- Ray Read 24 Abner Folnagy 25 Bryce Harrington Joan Haubein Evelyn Lachapelle Jaylen Tintinger

- 25 Kristi Antosh Scott Robertson
- 26 Kinsley Lachapelle Jeanne McCoskery
- 27 Sophia Hill **Kevin Mathews**
- George Hafer Rosemary Hemry Mary Kay Linke Annette Wakefield
- Lynda Hanson Elizabeth Heuiser Carl Richards Mark Thatcher **Dennis Trotter** 30 Finn Doran

April Anniversaries



Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

4/3/1982 4/22/1977 4/3/1971 4/9/1970

Brad & Elaine Ulgenes 41 years Merlyn & Linda Huso 46 years John & Marlene Simms 52 years Jeff & Jan Martin 53 years

Come to The Water



Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

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.

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.



This is an invitation to take a month's break from "Did you know?". This break is to take time to focus on you.

Perhaps you remember the song the kids sang to us:

"The church is not a building:

The church is not a steeple;

The church is not a resting place;

The church is the people."

Montana's and North Dakota's landscape is littered with old church buildings coated with gray clapboard, weathering and returning to dust for lack of the **people** required to give them life.

The Body of Jesus, the Messiah, on earth is people. And virtually everyone who takes the time to read this is part of His Body. There are **no** unexciting or insignificant life stories at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Helena, Montana! Every single life story is wonderfully important. **Jesus' death on the cross was for every single** person here!

But on a very practical level, we look for and need each other. How many of you, homeward bound, haven't asked each other, "Did you see so and so?" And if it is agreed that the person wasn't at worship, perhaps, "I wonder if she has been 'under the weather,'" or if something is wrong. 'Maybe we should give him/her/them a call.'

And if you have been a part of this congregation for some time, hopefully, a long time, your pastor can probably tell you where you usually sit and will have noted the fact that you were in 'your spot' or not. Nosey? No, it has nothing to do with that. On the contrary, it's that you are that important! True, one person does not make a church, but it is also true that without you, the Body is simply incomplete.

Even if you're a grouch, to Jesus, you are worth it all; you're part of His Body, the Church. Do you question it? The next time you are in eastern Montana, and you see a building that once served the church, but is withering away, ask yourself what's missing. You won't have far to look.

A friend served a parish in Harlowtown, MT, with two outlying congregations. One of the two was basically a single family. He said, "They've talked of closing it and coming into town, but how many parishes have 80 to 100% attendance virtually every Sunday?" He understood, of course, that everybody is important! And Praise the Lord, that includes you!

Easter Morning Coffee Hour



Join us for Easter Morning Sunday Coffee between services 9:30-11:00am. Enjoy fresh cinnamon rolls, homemade lefse, coffee, juice and fruit. Take a moment to sit and socialize with church members on this festive and glorious day.

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Greetings From Preschool!

Calling all three- and four-year-olds for fall registration. We have some openings remaining, but our classes are filling. Please don't wait too long and miss out on securing a space in our program. Contact Kris Thatcher at 406-442-7842, ext. 20.

Many thanks to all of you who have donated items, groups of products, and completed themed baskets for our upcoming silent auction! Once again, your support has been amazing; your generosity and kindness are uplifting in so many ways. The baskets will be on display in the Great Room and open for bidding from April 2 – April 16. Bidding will conclude on Sunday the 16th, at 12:15pm.



A huge thank you as well to those who helped make our **Crumbl Cookie** fundraiser so successful; we received \$415! This was Crumbl's first fundraiser since opening in Helena; they are just as excited and appreciative as we are (well, almost!)! We were also extremely blessed by a generous matching gift from one of our congregation members. **These funds are all extremely helpful to our program**, **thank you!!**











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 Wednesday,
April 5th.

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 (4 to 5 oz. bar), any brand

Donation boxes will be set out at the church to deposit your donations. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.

We are so grateful to be able to have service and fellowship opportunities for

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April Bible Study

This month concludes our study of the Ten Commandments with "Guardrails for Love of God and Neighbor," where we will look at Commandments 7 through 10.

Dorcas Bible Study: Tuesday, April 18 at 10:00am **Rebecca Bible Study:** Wednesday, April 19 at 1:00pm

Both groups meet in the Conference Room.

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: Thursday, April 13 at 10:00am

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

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

Scholarships to Flathead Bible Camp

WELCA is again offering a scholarship to any student in the congregation who needs financial assistance to attend Flathead Bible Camp this summer. Applications are available in the narthex and should be turned in to the church office. The deadline for receiving applications is **May 1**.

College Scholarships

WELCA has a \$1000 scholarship available to any student in the congregation who will be attending a religiously affiliated college or university. Application forms may be obtained from Jackie Bartz and should be turned in to the church office by May 1.

Save the Date

Great Divide and Five Valleys Clusters are sponsoring a Women's Spring Retreat at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp on April 21 through April 23. More information as well as registration materials can be obtained from Linda Nelson at 406-442-2742.

To the people of Our Redeemer's,

Thank you so much for your congregation's generous donation to ELCA World Hunger so far this year! Thanks to your generosity, ELCA World Hunger is able to creatively and courageously work toward a just world where all people are fed. Thank you for answering the call to feed the hungry!

With Gratifude, The Montana Synod World Hunger Team

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Our youth invite you to join them for a Mystery Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 22nd at 5:00pm. Enjoy a lovely Italian dinner with dessert, all while being challenged with table activities, great character interactions, and ultimately solving the question "Who dunnit?"

Tickets are limited and will be sold at the Information booth in the Great Room - \$30 for individuals, \$50 for couples, or \$100 for a family table of 6.

All proceeds go toward youth summer servant trips and camps.

Do you want to get to know our youth better and build meaningful relationships? Did you know that our youth seek the same meaningful relationship with adults in our congregation?



Sponsor A Youth!

The Summer Servant Team would like to do just that by asking you to sponsor youth for a day while on their trip. *On Sunday, April 2nd*, our youth will have decorated envelopes in the Great Room for each day of their trip and will be available to answer questions. By picking an envelope, you agree to sponsor that youth for a day of the trip. Enclosed in each envelope is a biography so you can begin to get to know the individual youth and further instructions. Remember, this is all about building a relationship as well as offering financial support. You will be asked to be prayer partners with the youth, write a letter for the youth to open on the date of your sponsorship, and also invite him or her to coffee or worship with you. In return, your youth will pray for you, write a postcard to you while on the trip, and you will also be invited to an exclusive dinner and presentation after the servant trip.

I pray you would take time to build a relationship with our youth by picking an envelope and sponsoring a youth for a day. It is such a blessing to our youth to have such a supportive congregation behind them! Thank You!

Questions?! Or want to know more, contact Jackie at 442-7842 or email her at jackie@ourredeemerlives.org



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Safehouse in April

High school youth, please join us during April as we enjoy some fun fellowship and seek to answer some deep questions about God and faith. This month, we will serve together, face our doubts, dive into how we support each other in our faith journeys and more! Join us in the Youth Loft from 7:00 to 9:00pm on Wednesdays, but please take note that we are on break from Wednesday evening worship for the summer.

- April 5: No worship LWR Personal Care Kit Assembly
- April 12: No worship Doubting Thomas
- April 19: No worship Finance Literacy & Tithing With the Generosity Committee
- April 26: No worship Last Safehouse before we welcome the 8th Graders

Want to know the latest happenings with Safehouse?!

facebook. Follow ORLC Safehouse on Facebook to be in the know! If you need a quick text reminder 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@ourredeemlerives.org to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.



GRADUATION CELEBRATION

We will celebrate the graduating high school seniors with a special banquet on Saturday. May 13th, at 5:30pm in the Great Room. Graduates, family, and friends are invited to an evening of great food, celebration, and a time to share memories. The main dish, dessert, beverages and rolls will be provided. Reservations required. Call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.

A special blessing for these graduates will occur during worship on Sunday, May 14th. Cake and cookies will be served in between services in celebration!

We are all so excited to celebrate these fantastic youth and to see the amazing plans God has in store for them!

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 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 so many wonderful ladies wish to help support you in your education and future!

YOUTH SUMMER SERVANT TRIP



Southwest Florida Disaster Response, Sarasota, FL July 2-10, 2023

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Join us for our Next Servant Trip Meeting: I

Where: Youth Loft @ ORLC

When: April 16 @12:15pm

What: We'll meet as a team to prepare, plan, discuss

fundraisers, and more!

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

Children's Ministry Easter Schedule

April 2nd - Fed and Forgiven (First Communion) Class @1:00-2:30pm



- ⇒ All 2nd-4th Graders Invited
- April 6th (Maundy Thursday) First Communion @ 6:30pm
- ⇒ All 2nd-4th Graders Invited
- April 9th Easter Kids Parade at 8:30am and 11:00am & Children's Choir performance at the 8:30am service!
- ⇒ NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/KIDTIME
- Contact Liz, Liz@ourredeemerlivevs.org with questions.

NURSERY NEWS!

In search of...

Dedicated and reliable *middle* and *high school* age youth who are interested in helping in the nursery on Sunday mornings from 8:15-Noon.

Please email Liz at Liz@ourredeemerlives.org if interested!





Easter Children's Choir

Led by Jason Callon, our Sunday School youth will perform two songs at the 8:30am service on Easter Sunday, April 9th! We will have one final practice before worship at 8:10am on Easter Sunday.

Please dress nicely!



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Vacation Bible School June 12th-16th, 2023 9am-Noon

The theme this year is STELLAR! During VBS, kids will learn that with life's ups and downs, Jesus is always there to be a light in the darkness. Join us for a Space themed VBS including; crafts, games, music, puppet shows, Bible storytelling AND more!



REGISTER NOW! Please go to the following link to fill out the registration form by May 31st:

https://forms.gle/R4yogkrVGG6CQLSS7

Please contact Liz at Liz ourredeemerlives.org for more information.

VBS Volunteer Opportunities

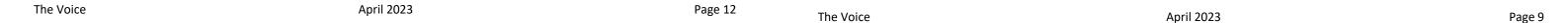
We need YOUR HELP! We are in need of VOLUNTEERS to make VBS possible. Here are the following areas we need help:

- ◆ Crafts
- Classroom Leaders
- Classroom Assistants
- Games
- Kitchen Leader and Assistants
- Decorations/Stage Building
- Puppet Show
- Bible Storyteller
- ♦ Set-up and Clean-up Assistance

Please go to the following link to fill out the volunteer registration form by May 31st:

https://forms.gle/AfBZbHsgioBtAKik7

Please contact Liz at LizDourredeemerlives.org for more information.



April

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AD = Administrative Wing CR = Classrooms PS = Preschool

	HS Loft = High School Loft	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Palm Sunday	3	9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace
8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 1:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 1:00pm - First Communion Class	**************************************	4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehous
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9 Easter Sunday	10	11
8:30am - Easter Worship 9:30 - 11:00am - Special Easter Coffee Hour 11:00am - Easter Worship	6:00pm - Preschool Board - CR5-6	9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm
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8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Associate Pastor Call Process Q&A 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 12:00pm - Associate Pastor Call Process Q&A 12:15pm - Servant Team Meeting - Youth Loft	17	9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:00am - Worship Service at Touchmark 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Rm. 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 5:30pm - Council Meeting - Community Room
23 WELCA Quilt Sunday	24	25
8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Associate Pastor Call Process Q&A 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 12:00pm - Associate Pastor Call Process Q&A 12:10pm - Caregivers Support Group		9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
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Preschool Sing at 8:30am		
8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 9:45am - Last Sunday School I1:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime		
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Wednesday	/ednesday Thursday Friday		Saturday	
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9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 7:00pm - Confirmation University 7:00pm - Safehouse	6 Maundy Thursday 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 6:30pm - Worship	Good Friday 12:00pm - Worship 6:30pm - Worship	8	
12	13	14	15	
9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 7:00pm - Confirmation University 7:00pm - Safehouse	9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board - AD1		Voice Articles Due	

19	20	21	22	
9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conf. Rm 7:00pm - Confirmation University 7:00pm - Safehouse 7:00pm - Associate Pastor Call Process Q&A	9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	Women's Spring Retreat - Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp	5:00pm - Mystery Dinner - Youth Fundraiser	
26	27	28	29	
9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 7:00pm - Confirmation University 7:00pm - Safehouse	9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6			
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