

Christmas Eve  
Worship Schedule

10:00AM

Traditional Organ

4:00PM

Symphonic Wind Ensemble

6:00PM

Rejoice & Spark Youth Bands

10:00PM

Acoustic Guitar Candlelight

“For a child has been born for us,  
A son given to us;  
Authority rests on his shoulders...”  
-Isaiah 9:6

We are so excited to invite you for in-person worship on Christmas Eve at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran! Please invite your friends as we sing, listen, and celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ! Masks will still be required, but we are getting closer and closer to ‘normal’! We will have a variety of musical ensembles play, so pick your favorite: come sing carols with us as we worship together!



U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Non-Profit  
Organization  
Permit No. 96  
Helena, Montana

OUR REDEEMER'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3580 North Benton  
Helena, MT 59602  
406-442-7842

# OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

**“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,  
just as in fact you are doing.” -1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Psalm 121:1-2 says:  
*I lift up my eyes to the hills –  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

These past few weeks and months have been a time when many of us have wondered from where will our help come, as we’ve said good-bye to both Pastor Arne and Pastor Kendra. The answer is that our help comes from the Lord, and to quote part of verse 10 of the text from Ezekiel 37 that Pastor Trina preached on for Pastor Kendra’s final Sunday: *the breath came into them, and they lived.* The Holy Spirit is moving in us and through us, and I am filled with hope.

I want to share this hope with you. The Holy Spirit sent us Pastor Trina, a breath of fresh air, and I’m grateful for her spirit, preaching, compassion and leadership. The Holy Spirit has gifted us with a pastoral intern, Baird Linke, a seminary student who is also a member of Our Redeemer’s who can help Pastor Trina and our staff while enhancing his education. The Holy Spirit has blessed us with dedicated staff, who work together as they have always done. The Holy Spirit has called many volunteers to ensure that all the needs of the members of Our Redeemer’s are met, people like our Deacon and Lay Pastoral Associates who will be assisting with pastoral care, and Jane Peachey and Lori Bigwood-Pecarina who will see that the grief support and caregiver groups continue. And we continue to rely upon the leadership of the church council, the call committee, and all the other committees involved in the life of the church.

There are so many ways the Holy Spirit moves through us and calls us. Are you hearing the Spirit’s voice? Are you being called to greater involvement in this time of transition? One of the positive aspects of so much change is that it can free us to evaluate what *is* working well and what no longer serves us well. Come and join us in grappling with all the Spirit is doing in our midst. How? Be faithful in worship, where the Spirit meets us in music and scripture, preaching and the holy meal. Be faithful in praying for our staff and volunteers and the work of Our Redeemer’s. Be faithful in service by volunteering for one of the many groups that make ministry happen at Our Redeemer’s.

Our help comes from the Lord, who loves us, hears us when we pray, and sends the Holy Spirit to move among us to help and guide us. I am filled with hope as we enter into the season of Advent, and I give thanks to all of you, the people of Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church.

Jan Martin  
Council President

Welcome!

Baird Linke is a Master of Divinity student at Wartburg Theological Seminary and a candidate for Word and Sacrament ministry through the Montana Synod. He grew up with Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, and he is overjoyed to work with ORLC during this time of transition. Baird has worked in ministry settings from Carroll College to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to South Minneapolis and Tacoma, WA. When he isn’t doing schoolwork or regular work, he loves spending time outside with his dog Kintla, mountain biking, running, and skiing.



December 2021



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





# Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

## Our Members

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

## Our Family and Friends

Allie (Luci Pearson)	Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)
Zachary Ark	Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Brandon Bach	Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Victor Bachmier	Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)	Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)	Lee Nees (Tami Wadham's mother)
Steve Boyter	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Tom Carter	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	Jacki Riley (Lori Walter's sister)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Jake Dirks (Lori Chase)	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)	Yvonne (Luanne Tangedal)
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)	Families of suicide victims
Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)	
Ed Kinsey (Kim Ewing)	
Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)	

## Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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

## Our Seminarian

Baird Linke



### Contemplative Prayer

**Who:** All are welcome!

**What:** Most people, when they hear the word “prayer,” think essentially of talking to God, a kind of monologue in which God is listening. Contemplative prayer extends this to speaking and listening and the simple desire to be with God.

**When:** Wednesdays at 10:00am

**Where:** Youth loft



### Annual Budget Meeting December 5, 9:45am

Please join us between services on December 5 to vote on the proposed budget for 2022. It is important that all congregation members that are able attend that meeting.

### JOHN FLORIDIS CONCERT to benefit Family Promise of Greater Helena

Missoula guitarist and singer-songwriter John Floridis returns to Helena on Tuesday, Dec. 14, for a contemplative concert of seasonal music to benefit Family Promise of Greater Helena. The concert at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church will be limited to 200 in-person attendees and also will be streamed online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsUnitedMethodistChurchHelena>. Tickets for the in-person concert are \$15 and will be available beginning Dec. 1 at the Myrna Loy Center and at Birds and Beasleys on the Walking Mall. Donations are gratefully accepted from viewers who tune in on YouTube at: [familypromisehelena.org](http://familypromisehelena.org)



### End of Year Gifting Ideas:

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) - if you have reached the age where you need to take RMD from your traditional IRA, you can avoid paying tax on them by donating that money to charity if done correctly. Distributions must be made directly to the charity, not the IRA owner. All distribution checks must be made payable to the charity. Talk to your IRA custodian about how to make this happen and be sure to leave sufficient time for the funds to reach the charity.

Gifting Appreciated Long-Term Securities - if the security has been held for more than 12 months, a taxpayer that makes a charitable contribution using appreciated securities receives a tax deduction for the FULL fair market value of the security and does not have to pay income tax on the built in appreciation in the security. This can only be used if the taxpayer itemizes deductions. Consult your tax preparer for more information.

CARES Act Deduction: Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) act, taxpayers have until December 31, 2021 to make a fully deductible cash gift to charity of up to \$300 per taxpayer (up to \$600 for a married couple), without having to itemize on their tax return. This is a one-time "above-the-line" deduction that expires at the end of 2021.

# Worship Assistant Schedule

8:30am

11:00am

Sunday, December 5, 2021		
Captain	Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	Team Members
Lector	Joy Novota	
Altar Guild		

Sunday, December 12, 2021		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske	Team Members
Lector	Kristi Antosh	
Altar Guild		

Sunday, December 19, 2021		
Captain		<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson	Lori Chase
Greeter	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma	Team Members
Lector	Jerry Hoover	
Altar Guild		

Sunday, December 26, 2021		
Captain	Ray Reed	<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Bonner Armstrong, Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	<i>helpers needed</i>
Greeter	Gordon Blomquist	
Lector	Ron Paulson	
Altar Guild		



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



## Intergenerational Christmas Event! (ICE)

**When:** Sunday, December 12th from 2:00-4:00

**Where:** The Great Room @ORLC

**Who:** Everyone—All Ages 1- 100!

**What:** Christmas Party to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

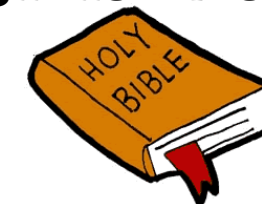
- \* Holiday Themed Snacks (TO GO)
- \* Craft Projects
- \* Games
- \* Carol Singing
- \* Re-telling of the Christmas story
- \* Cookie Decorating



Reserve your Advent in a Box kit today by emailing Liz (Liz@ourredeemerlives.org) or Jackie (Jackie@ourredeemerlives.org)!

⇒ Kits are available in the Narthex at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

## Walk Through the Bible



Our Walk Through the Bible class was a great success! We had four 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who received their bibles and participated in the class. A special thank you to the WELCA for providing the Bibles. They loved them!

If your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader has not received his/her bible please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org), and she can get you one!



## Holiday Schedule



### Sunday School

December 26th - Christmas Break  
January 2nd - Christmas Break

### KidzEd

December 1st - Lessons and Carols (No Class)  
December 29th - Christmas Break  
January 5th - Christmas Break

### KidTime

December 26th - No KidTime





# HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Church  
news

Council Meeting Summary  
November 16, 2021



## Safehouse

High school youth, do you ever wish that there was a place that you could be yourself; a place where you could talk about your fears and your struggles and ask tough questions; a place to form lasting friendships and where you are accepted for who you are? Then Safehouse might be the place for you!

We will meet every Wednesday at 7:15pm (following Spark worship) in the youth loft. Please join us as we seek to grow closer to God and to one another!

### 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.



## GAS, GROCERIES, AND SO MUCH MORE!

Shopping with gift cards is an easy way to support our youth ministries every time you shop. Purchase a gift card at face value and a portion of that purchase goes toward mission trips, retreats, and other youth expenses. **No activation fees!**

The possibilities are endless! Dining out, filling up your gas tank, grocery shopping, your favorite latte, vacations, every day expenses, Christmas gifts. We have some cards available for immediate purchase to popular local stores such as Walmart and Target, but we will be taking orders for any of the hundreds of other retailers who have offered this fundraising opportunity to non-profit organizations. To purchase a gift card or to find out more information, please contact Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.

### 2022 YOUTH GATHERING TEAM MEETING:

**December 12 at 12pm  
Noon in the Youth loft.**

We'll get to know one another as a team, discuss fundraisers, plan trip details and much more!



## FLBC HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT—JANUARY 14–16, 2022

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is hosting a youth ski retreat- a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other youth groups from around the state. Youth Groups will stay at camp and each group will decide whether they would like to ski at Big Mountain or Blacktail Ski Resort on Saturday and Sunday. The Camp will provide all meals, including sack lunches. Evening activities include games, snacks, bonfire, worship and more.

- Cost: \$115 per person (includes all meals, snacks and lodging). Registration forms are available in Youth Loft. **Youth are responsible for their own lift tickets and rental costs at the ski resorts.**

**If you are interested in participating, please turn in the registration form below and registration fee to Jackie by December 19th.** Questions?! Please call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842 or email at [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org)

### Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Retreat Registration Form

RETREAT(S): Senior High Youth Ski Retreat - January 14-16, 2022

Adult Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name (s) and ages \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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



The Council adopted the agenda for this meeting and approved the minutes from the October meeting.

- Pastor Trina led the Council in opening prayer.
- Herb Kulow, lead worker for the Audit Committee, presented the Audit for Calendar Years 2019 and 2020. A few minor recommendations were made, but no exceptions were found and there is no risk for ORLC. He recommended that an external audit firm be hired to perform a future audit.
- Beth Johnson, Treasurer, and Sarah Magee, Finance Director, gave the October financial report. With a cash balance in the general fund, the Council authorized to pay back the council fund shortfalls from June, August and September and the building fund shortfall for August, September and October, and still leave a positive balance in the general fund.
- Beth and Sarah presented a revised 2022 proposed budget for the Council to review and approve for the budget forum to be held on November 21. Sarah has reworked the proposed budget several times in response to decisions by the Council. The date for the Annual Budget meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 5 for the vote by the congregation.
- Jan reported that an electronic vote by the Council was unanimously approved and Baird Linke has been hired temporarily through April a pastoral intern.
- The Call Committee's first meeting was held October 20 and has begun the work of the Ministry Site Profile that, once completed, will be submitted to the Synod Office. Information gathered by the Transition Team, Cottage meetings, and the Holy Cow survey is being used as the Committee develops the Profile. After the Synod Office receives the Profile, Pastor Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop, will submit pastor candidates to the Call Committee for their consideration.
- Cody Salo reported the Property Committee hosted the congregational meeting on November 14. The congregation affirmed the proposed church boundaries which now allows the committee to engage the community partners in discussion about the land to be released.
- Current COVID protocols were discussed and with high transmission rates continuing and high hospital rates, Council determined to continue with the public health officials' recommendation to continue with face coverings and no large gatherings with food. Council intends to revisit these protocols every month.
- Permission was granted to the Creation Stewardship Team to research a grant program offered by Northwestern Energy which could fund up to 90% of the costs for renewable energy projects by churches and other non-profits. The Team is looking into solar power options.
- Council authorized creation of the Kendra Wilde Hunger Endowment Fund. The endowed fund will be managed by the ELCA Foundation. Proceeds will be used by the ORLC Hunger Team.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Summary by Ingrid Childress  
Secretary

Women of the ELCA

### December Bible Study:

The Bible study for this month is a one-session devotion entitled "Women of Advent," where we will discuss how we draw strength from our spiritual grandmothers. We will have combined Dorcas and Rebecca circles on Dec. 15 at noon and meet at the Silver Star Steak Co. for lunch, followed by the Bible study. We hope you can join us for our annual Christmas celebration.

We welcome new members and visitors to join us as well.

**The WELCA Board:** Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 10:15am

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

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

### Thankoffering Sunday:

WELCA observed their annual Thankoffering event on Nov. 21, and we thank everyone who participated in that. The money collected will be sent to the national Women of the ELCA to support their work in providing resources and programs to local units like the one here. We are very grateful to all who contributed to this effort.

### Garage Sale:

WELCA will be putting on a church-wide garage sale on June 4, 2022. Start organizing your garage sale treasures now, and look forward to getting rid of some stuff!

## ORLC Development Planning



Each month, the ORLC Development Planning Team will be offering an article from one of our development partners. We hope that we might come to better understand each of the partners who have joined us in this development planning process through this effort. The following article is from the City of Helena Housing Coordinator.

An increasing number of our fellow community members struggle to find adequate and affordable housing in today's extreme housing climate. The pandemic has exacerbated the issue by driving costs higher and forcing individuals and families to become cost-burdened by their housing bills. The City of Helena is committed to having an active role in the collaborative efforts to solve housing issues in our community. As part of that effort, the City has made some recent moves to positively impact housing availability for those who need it most.

One of the first actions taken by the City was to make several changes to their zoning requirements, including raising the maximum height of a structure, increasing the maximum coverage on a lot, and allowing for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's). Part of those changes also included a potential development fee waiver if the project will serve a population at or below sixty percent of the area median income. For a family of four, that would be approximately \$53,000 or less per year. These changes are meant to allow for infill development and a greater population density.

The City Commission created an Affordable Housing Trust Fund in November of 2020 geared towards lending gap funding to projects that provide housing to low-income people. Staff is working to create an application process and a set of policies around the use of the money. Currently, the Fund has 1.9 million dollars and is on track to accept the first round of project proposals in January of 2022. Projects could include new developments, rehabilitation of existing units, or the purchase of land for the immediate development of affordable housing.

Another program that the City is currently creating infrastructure for is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for single-family housing rehabilitation. The goal of this program is to address the quality of our current housing stock and assist low to moderate income homeowners with repairs they would otherwise be unable to make. This will be a collaborative program in partnership with NeighborWorks MT, Helena Housing, and several developers in town.

As many in the ORLC congregation may already know, the City of Helena was awarded a grant to fund the planning of a future housing project on the grounds to the south of the Church. The project would include housing developed by Habitat for Humanity, the YWCA, and Rocky Mountain Development Council. Once completed, this space will be an example for other communities of what can be accomplished with a shared vision and consolidation of resources.

Finally, the City has also hired a full-time Housing Coordinator to manage the new housing-related initiatives described above. This position will be instrumental in the ongoing efforts to strengthen community partnerships and expand housing options for those in need.

## HUNGER TEAM NEWS

### Kendra Wilde Hunger Endowment Fund

The Hunger Team expresses its tremendous gratitude to all of you who have contributed to the Hunger Endowment Fund in honor of Kendra Wilde. Contributions may be made to the fund at any time. The Hunger Team will be discerning the best ways to distribute the funds throughout the coming months. You may direct your concerns to Kathy Olson (406-431-8686, [kathyolson8686@gmail.com](mailto:kathyolson8686@gmail.com)). Questions about the actual fund itself and the possible tax advantages of such contributions may be directed to Jan Martin (406-459-3339, [jomvallymt@gmail.com](mailto:jomvallymt@gmail.com)).

### Kid Pack for Helena Food Share

We shall continue to collect individual fruit cups for the Kid Pack program throughout December. Helena Food Share is now back to its normal assembly and distribution numbers of about 1000 kid packs weekly. Please leave the fruit cups in the crates at the Helena Food Share display in the hallway. If you wish to assist with kid pack assemblies on the first three Tuesdays of each month, 4-6pm, contact Judy McMaster (406-465-7118, [judy1960@bresnan.net](mailto:judy1960@bresnan.net)). Masks are required for Kid Pack assemblies.

### Why We Do What We Do

By Kathy Olson

This morning I arrived at Jefferson School to drop Hunter off for kindergarten. There was a little girl on the sidewalk who was obviously having a tough time. She was sobbing, and her Mom was trying to comfort her. Her hair was ratty and uncombed. She had a dirty, unzipped coat on and her pajamas underneath. Her Mom left, and she wandered onto the playground, looking incredibly sad and alone.

Hunter told me her name and that she was in his class. Then I realized that she is in our Family Promise program. I found myself praying for her on my way home. Every child deserves to have food, clothing, friends, and a home. That is why Family Promise is so important. That is why we do what we do: to help children like this to have a better life.

Thank you for helping to change the lives of kids like this little girl.

### Thank You for Helping Family Promise

Thank you to those who served as overnight hosts, those who prepared meals, and those who donated funds to help our Family Promise guests the week of November 14-20. Family Promise continues to have families on its waiting list as it struggles to find affordable housing for families ready to graduate from the program. Your time, prayers, and donations are greatly appreciated.

### GOD'S LOVE

Thank you to everyone who keeps that God's Love hamper overflowing. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and sharing of your wallets and hearts in making a difference for many people in our community.

With the cold season about to hit us smack in the face, God's Love would be thrilled to receive:

warm socks [men/women]  
hats[men/women]  
gloves/mittens  
warm clothing [long underwear, flannel shirts, sweatshirts, etc. - size L, XL, XXL]  
boots [do not have to be new, mainly in decent condition]  
blankets - twin/double. [no comforters or queen/king-sized items]  
sleeping bags

It is a wonderful time of the year. God's Love has persevered through this pandemic pretty darn well. And, it is because of all of you choosing to donate, support, offer prayers, and make a difference. In trying to help those in need and in difficult situations, it takes a village. Thank you.







2	Karen Armstrong Alyson Dunkle Libby Martin Chase Sampson John Wadhams
3	Marla Maharg Jim Schulz
4	Jan Anderson Bailey Marble Riley Rummel Thea Swenson
5	Sharlene Kolb
6	Madison Grotbo Dayna Willcut
7	Brooklynn Haab Jessica Salo Kimberly Shaner
8	Tami Darlow Joshua Griffeth Norm Midtlyng
9	Alexander Wickens

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

10	Sam Fischer Kevin Harrington Laurel Orthmeyer Craig Trapp Lacie Willard	21	McKenna Robertson Chris Denning Rhett Quinn Madeline Richards Mariah Thompson
11	Steve Keller	22	Lyle Pratt
12	Ingrid Childress Mike Maynard Martin Russell	24	Ryan Swenson Vonda Dyrdaahl Nikki Goosen Chris May
13	Mackenzie Grimmis Blair Krumm	25	Darrell Stipcich
15	Carol Maynard Mike Randall	26	Hildegarde Krumm Janet Erickson Julia Goughnour
16	Maureen Ward	28	Leah Martin Charlie Brown Adam Liston
17	Jocelyn Gates Kaden Juers Emily Walter	29	Liliana Swenson Jeff Berglund Lauren Heuiser Linda Huso
18	Tim Cail Erin Mills	30	Jenny Moore Cathy Reagor
19	Nolan Burke Ann Harris Mark Robertson		
20	Byron Beley		

### ORLC Development Planning Update from the design team.

Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, along with our partners; The City of Helena, Helena Area Habitat for Humanity, YWCA, Rocky Mountain Development Council, and Trust Montana, were granted \$40,000 of planning money through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This, along with partner matching funds and City funds of \$28,000, are funding a development planning process for our land. This process will help determine partner and congregational goals, community and development goals, and the general feasibility of developing the property around the church. To lead ORLC and our partners through this process, the consultant team of Mosaic Architecture and SMA Architects, along with consultants Stahly Engineering and GL Development have been hired.

During September and October, the congregation was involved in the first phase of this planning effort – to discuss and assess future church mission goals. The goal of these discussions has been to establish a church campus boundary beyond which the congregation is comfortable allowing our housing partners to begin planning housing.

On Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, between services, the congregation held a congregational meeting at which the proposed boundary was presented, and a vote of the congregation affirmed the boundary for the purposes of allowing our planning partners to begin planning housing for the remainder of the property.

This means that the planning team will begin scheduling planning meetings and charrettes with our non-profit and governmental partners. ORLC members will still be engaged in this process, so look for announcements of future planning sessions.

Please feel free to reach out to a member of the ORLC Development Team or our consultant team with any questions, comments, or concerns.

#### Development Team

Jerry Hoover: jerry.r.hoover@gmail.com

Bonner Armstrong: bonnerarmstrong@gmail.com

Cody Salo: Salo3730@gmail.com

Craig Erickson: cerickson@greatwesteng.com

Herb Kulow: herbkulow@gmail.com

Jan Martin: jomvallymt@gmail.com


Nelson Bock: nbock6552@gmail.com

#### Consultant Team

Gretchen Krumm: gretchen@mosaicarch.com

Jeff Downhour: jeff@mosaicarch.com

Tim Meldrum: timm@architects-sma.com



**Baptisms**  
**Sawyer Marc Glueckert**      **11/28/2021**



### December Anniversaries

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

12/27/1976	Bill and Darbie Hess	45 years
12/20/1975	Kapp and Bonnie Johnson	46 years
12/27/1970	Larry and Lynda Hanson	51 years
12/30/1969	Bruce and Judy McMaster	52 years
12/29/1962	John and Karen Darlow	59 years
12/27/1959	Ron and Marian Paulson	62 years

### 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.

# December 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>5</b> <b>8:30am - Worship + KidTime</b> 9:45am - Budget Meeting - Great Rm 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 9:45am - Getting Down to Basics Class - Community Rm 9:45am - Dear White Peacemakers <b>11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime</b> 5:30pm - Symphony Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>6</b> 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Youth Loft 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	<b>7</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Mtg.
<b>12</b> <b>8:30am - Worship + KidTime</b> 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Net Youth Leadership - Youth Loft 9:45am - Dear White Peacemakers 9:45am - Getting Down to Basics Class - Community Rm 9:45am - Net Youth Leadership - Youth Loft <b>11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime</b> 12:00pm - Youth Gathering Meeting 2:00pm - Intergenerational Christmas Event	<b>13</b> 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	<b>14</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:15am - WELCA Board meeting 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share
<b>19</b> <b>8:30am - Worship + KidTime</b> 9:45am - Baptism Class - AD-1 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Getting Down to Basics Class - Community Rm 9:45am - Dear White Peacemakers 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm <b>11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	<b>21</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Conference Rm
<b>26</b> <b>8:30am - Worship</b> <b>11:00am - Rejoice Worship</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Youth Loft 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	<b>28</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:00am - Contemplative Prayer 12:00pm - Development Committee Mtg 5:30pm - Lessons & Carols Rehearsal - Sanctuary <b>7:00pm - Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love 7:00pm - Call Committee - Conference Rm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>8</b> 10:00am - Contemplative Prayer <b>6:30pm - Spark Worship</b> 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Voice Articles Due</b> 10:00am - Contemplative Prayer 12:00pm - Development Committee Mtg 12:00pm - WELCA Circles - Silver Star <b>6:30pm - Spark Worship</b> 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love 7:00pm - Call Committee - Conference Rm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00am - Contemplative Prayer <b>6:30pm - Spark Worship</b> 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Worship 10:00am - Traditional Organ 4:00pm - Symphonic Wind Ensemble 6:00pm - Rejoice & Spark Youth Band 10:00pm - Acoustic Guitar Candlelight	<b>25</b> Christmas Day - No worship
<b>29</b> 10:00am - Contemplative Prayer <b>6:30pm - Spark Worship</b> 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>	<b>31</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.**