



Ash Wednesday & Lent

Lent begins Wednesday, March 2nd with Ash Wednesday services at Noon & 6:30pm. Come for the imposition of ashes and communion. Every Wednesday in Lent we will celebrate Holden Evening prayer at 6:30pm, please join us!

OUR REDEEMER'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE VOICE

February 2022



Pastoral Care Review

One of the primary tasks of the interim pastor is the review and evaluation of all ministry programs. The Holy Cow survey gave us some early direction in this, focusing on worship and music, some basic communication issues, and better information sharing. Next up, all aspects of pastoral care.

What is Pastoral Care?

It may sound like something that just a pastor does, but at Our Redeemer's, there are many people involved in providing faith-based care to those among us who are elderly, ill, struggling with significant change, in a time of crisis, or needing companionship. In times of emergency, like impending death, it is usually the pastor who responds, but to provide ongoing care for a congregation of this size, it takes many offering their gifts of ministry to cover all the needs.

What areas are being reviewed?

Many of the ministries that fall under Pastoral Care were overseen by Pastor Kendra. She and I had already begun reviewing and evaluating their effectiveness before her departure. Together we identified several areas where increased need was occurring, or further education of volunteers would be beneficial, or updated practices needed to be employed.

There are four aspects of care that are being focused upon:

1. Visitation coverage and updating the homebound list
2. The Eucharistic Ministers program
3. Care for those who are hospitalized or in hospice care
4. Updating and expanding the prayer ministry of the congregation

Visitation coverage and updating the homebound list

Updating the list of those who need regular pastoral visits is always a part of an interim, with the goal being a detailed list prepared for the new pastor. I'll be coordinating with Lori Walter and a couple of long-time members to finalize this list and then create a schedule of regular visits by LPAs, Eucharistic Ministers, other interested visitors, Baird Linke, and myself. Often someone who has been a vital active member of a congregation can, through the loss of a spouse or mobility, suddenly find themselves very lonely and in need of this kind of care. **If you know of people who would benefit from regular visits, please let Lori or me know.**

The Eucharistic Ministers program

This is a group of lay people who are trained to bring Holy Communion to our homebound members. It's been a while since they had any continuing education or a chance to share their experiences with their peers, so a refresher workshop will take place in February or March. **We can use more people in this vital ministry. If you're interested, please let me know.**

Care for those who are hospitalized or in hospice care

This part of pastoral care has already been reformatted and is working well. LPA Lori Bigwood-Pecarina has overseen this project. Currently, there is a weekly rotation of volunteers who check in with the hospital to see if there are any Our Redeemer's members hospitalized. If there are, they pay them a visit and report back to me on the person's status and if I need to offer follow-up care.

If we have members under hospice care, I share this with the volunteers, and these folks are regularly visited too. **A reminder: the hospital does not tell us if you are receiving care, and we want to be able to journey with you in a health crisis. Please let us know how we can help.**

Updating and expanding the prayer ministry of the congregation

This is a twofold endeavor, with LPA Lisa Williams-Mathews helping to sort through the prayer list that is used weekly in worship and appears in The Voice, while I will be focusing on updating the ministry description for the coordination of the Our Redeemer's "prayer chain" and expanding the number of people involved in this ministry. Currently, this is a very underutilized way of walking with one another in times of need and rejoicing with our sisters and brothers in times of joy. An active, highly subscribed prayer chain is a strong source of connection in a congregation. Look for more on this in the bulletin and e-news in the coming weeks as we seek to expand the number of people involved in this ministry.

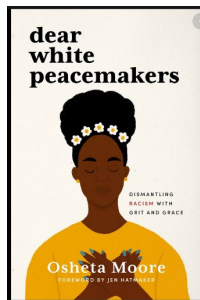
This is a ministry that everyone can be involved in...no experience needed!

Pastor Trina Johnsten

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Did you miss out the first time we offered exploration of this book? If so, here are two more opportunities for you.

Textual Relations Book Club Group

Textual Relations is a bookclub that will read and explore the book *Dear White Peacemakers: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace* by Osheta Moore. This group will meet on Mondays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm beginning February 21st through April 4th. This group will be limited to 8 people to facilitate conversation. For more information or to sign-up, please email Deacon Carol Will at cwill1935@gmail.com or call her at (406) 461-6552. A few copies of the book will be available in the church office or you may order one from your favorite bookstore.

Beginning March 6 and running through April 10, Lon Bechtel and Jane Peachey will be leading an exploration of the book *Dear White Peacemakers, Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace* by Osheta Moore. The group will be offered either between services or at 1:30 depending on which time has the greater number of sign-ups. To register for this class, please email Lori Walter (loriw@ourredeemerlives.org) or call her at 406-442-7842. Please indicate your first choice for time and if you are willing to come regardless of time chosen.

Our student pastor Baird Linke will be leading us in a series on four of the ELCA’s Social Statements each Sunday between services, beginning on February 27th and ending on May 1. We will take two weeks to discuss each statement, beginning with the statement on Caring for Creation. This will be a great opportunity to talk about what our faith calls us to in the world and society, we hope to see you there!



Have you been thinking about growing deeper in your relationship with God, forming meaningful friendships, meeting new people, enhance your prayer life? We would love to have you join us!

When? We meet bi-weekly on Monday nights

Where? In the youth loft

What time? 6:30pm-8:00pm

What do you do? We are currently studying “Before Amen” by Max Lucado

Why? Grow closer to God and connect with others

Questions? Contact Lori Walter in the church office or Kathy Olson 406-431-8686



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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Tuesday, January 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	Blake McHugh	Jessi Putnam	Adam Williams
Richard Carey	Christine Hoffman	Dale Mickus	Verna Strand	
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Beth Mehl	Kim Venetz	

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)	Lee Nees (Tami Wadham's mother)
Tom Carter	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Jake Dirks (Lori Chase)	Jacki Riley (Lori Walter's sister)
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Stormy Flinders	Carmen Sharp
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)	

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

Did You Know?

Did You Know... is an idea dreamed up by a bunch of crotchety old guys to take note of some wonderful people in Our Redeemer's who have done some nifty things, (meaning the kinds of things that God likes so much). The idea is to have a few lines in The Voice each month dedicated to some one who has done/is doing something particularly good for Jesus' sake, especially somebody that many folks might not know about.

Did you know... that ORLC member Pete Mollett, owner of our local Perkins restaurant, has been giving generously to the Helena community over many years? Each year, he provides free breakfast – delivered to the Civic Center! – for a staggering number of community members who transform the Ballroom into a holiday wonderland! The Festival is the primary fund-raiser for Intermountain Children's Home and Services, provider of care and treatment for hundreds of children across the state and from other states as well.

That's not all! Every Mothers' Day, Pete invites the residents and beneficiaries of the Florence Crittenton Home to an "on-the-house", order from the menu, dinner at Perkins.

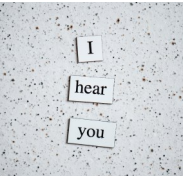
Is that not inspirational?

God's work – our hands!



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 to indicate interest in the support group.



Worship Assistant Schedule

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Sunday, February 6, 2022		
Captain	Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Williams-Mathews
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover, Ron Paulson, Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Williams-Mathews
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	<i>Team Members</i>
Lector	Carol Will	
Altar Guild	Lisa Williams-Mathews	Lisa Williams-Mathews

Sunday, February 13, 2022		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske	<i>Team Members</i>
Lector	Kristi Antosh	
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Lori Chase

Sunday, February 20, 2022		
Captain		<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson, Norm Rognlie	Lori Chase
Greeter	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma	<i>Team Members</i>
Lector	Linda Nelson	
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Shannon Bartole

Sunday, February 27, 2022		
Captain	Ray Reed	<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Bonner Armstrong, Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	<i>helpers needed</i>
Greeter	Gordon Blomquist	
Lector	Jacqui Bartz	
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Kim Randall



February Bible Study

We will look at Session Two of our new four-month study, “The Kingdom of God.” “Mysteries of the Kingdom” is the title of Session Two where we will consider parables, banquets and children.

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 10:00 am

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 1:00 pm
We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 10:15am

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

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

College Scholarship

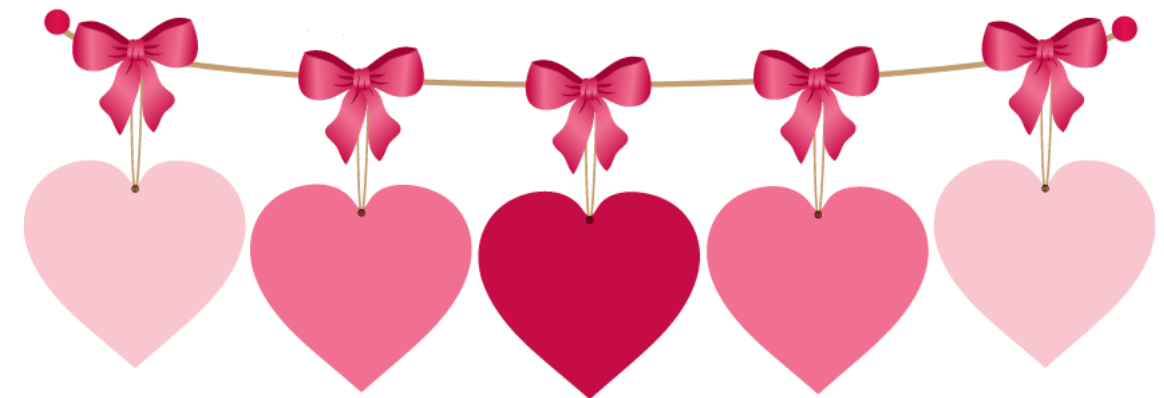
WELCA is pleased to offer a \$1000 scholarship to any student in the congregation who will be a freshman in a religiously affiliated college. Application forms are available from Jackie Bartz and must be received in the church office by May 1.

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.

Garage Sale

Don't forget to start getting your household “treasures” together for the churchwide garage sale on June 4.



* Juicing It Up for February

We're collecting individual juice boxes for the Kid Pack Program this month. Think sweet and nutritious, for the smallest and hungriest in our community. They will ♡ you for your generosity.
Thanks for all who donated January juice, as well. You are the best!

* Family Promise Update

We are happy to announce that four families finally located affordable housing last month and have graduated from the program. God is good! Thank you to everyone in our community who helped with the transition for these four families.
Our Redeemer's will be hosting new families in the program the week of February 6-12. Because of Covid concerns, we shall continue to host at First Christian Church.

How can you help?

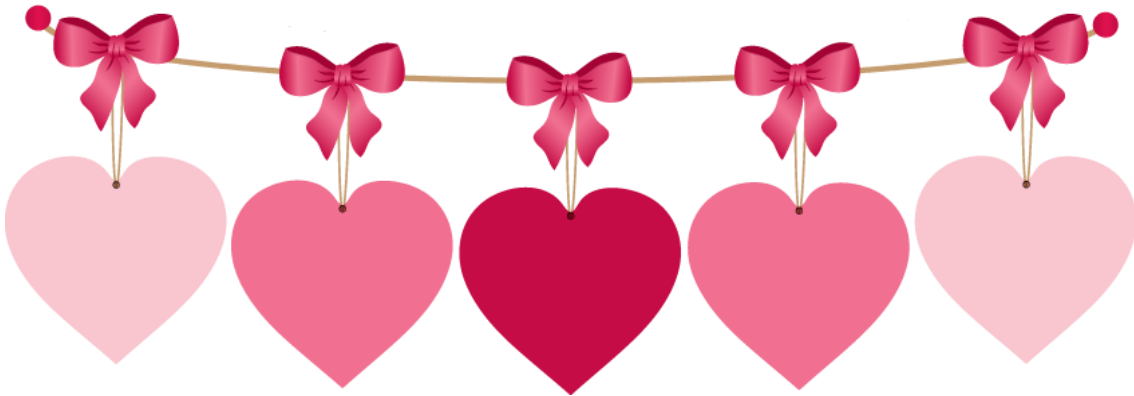
- 1. Pray for our guests and the volunteers who assist them during that week.
- 2. Donate to help with expenses connected with that week (like utility bills at First Christian or cleaning supplies and snacks provided by the host church). You may donate to the Family Promise fund on the ORLC website (ourredeemerlives.org) or indicate Family Promise on the memo line of a check written to ORLC.
- 3. Donate your time by serving as an overnight host (7pm to 7am). **We are desperately in need of two overnight hosts for each evening. We cannot continue to serve as a host church unless we get these volunteer slots filled.** Please contact Linda Coty (cotyak@hotmail.com, (406) 443-5857) for more details.
- 4. Provide an evening meal for our guests. The meals are provided Sunday-Thursday and delivered to the day center (2814 Cooke) early in the afternoon in disposable containers suitable for refrigeration and/or reheating. Please contact Linda Nelson (ralinelson@yahoo.com, (406) 422-3751) for more details.

* GOD'S LOVE

This congregation shows tremendous love and caring for those who are struggling and could use additional help. It is a blessing to have your support and also from our friends and it is never taken for granted. February is such a great month for Hallmark and chocolates. We want to make it a special month for God's Love. We are collecting items to warm the body and soul:

ground coffee	cream	hot chocolate
tea bags	chocolate	

The God's Love hamper is located in the foyer of our church. If you cannot make it to church and have items you would like to donate, I can be contacted at judy1950@bresnan.net. Thank you.



Pastor Trina Johnsten opened the meeting with prayer.

Beth Johnson reviewed the financial report for December that Sarah Magee prepared. 2021 giving was down for the general and building funds; however, there was a balance in the checking account at the end of the year. Council used the cash balance, interest earned, and some external gifts to zero out the payables for the year. Benevolence wasn't paid for April - December 2021.

The balance of John Wright's estate gift to the church will be used to install an electronic door opening system for the North entrance, 12% of the original gift to our benevolence partners, and the balance to remain in external gifts.

Pastor Trina reported on her ministry activities for the past month. Part of her role as Interim Pastor is to review all ministry aspects of ORLC (such as education, pastoral care, organization, and financial). Prior to Pastor Kendra's leaving, they worked on aspects of Pastoral Care, including visitation coverage and updating the homebound list, the Eucharistic Ministers program, care for those hospitalized or in hospice care, and updating and expanding the prayer chain ministry of the congregation. It appears that the prayer ministry could be expanded to better support members in need of special prayers. An organized, active, and highly utilized prayer chain is a strong source of connection throughout a congregation.
Jan Martin reported that the Property Development Team will hold an open neighborhood meeting via Zoom on February 8 at 6:00pm. She hopes it will be well attended by members of ORLC and the neighborhood. The meeting can be accessed through the city website. Jan will establish a team of volunteer content experts to begin compiling a plan that can serve as a blueprint when talks of selling ORLC's land move forward. Important aspects of such a plan include covering the cost of the mortgage, access to church property via Horseshoe Bend Drive, relieving the church of responsibility for upkeep, and that the land will be used for low and middle-income housing.

Beth submitted a response to the Audit Committee regarding the audit for years 2019 and 2020.

Jan reported that a Search Committee has been tasked with procuring a new Preschool Director as soon as possible. Trudy Burke is retiring at the end of the school year.

On behalf of the congregation, the Council extended their appreciation to Craig Erickson, immediate Past President, for his years of service. He will continue his work chairing the Generosity Committee. Other members going off the Council are Ryan Holm and Drew Sielbach. New council members will be elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 30 at 9:45am.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Childress, Secretary

Welcome to our New Members



Kim Mangold

Kim is retired from the Montana Department of Agriculture and runs her own consulting business. She also currently serves on the YWCA Board of Directors. She has two grown children, three teenage grandchildren, and one godson, all in the Helena area.

Toni moved to Helena last year from Hardin, where she retired from a career as a middle school teacher and librarian and provided musical leadership for a Lutheran congregation. She has a newly married daughter in Butte and a career-military son currently in Romania.



Toni Guay



Bob and Linda Winfield

Bob and Linda have lived in Helena since 1995 and are transferring membership from New Life Lutheran Church. They met at Washington State University, where Bob attended on a baseball scholarship, over 43 years ago. Bob is a retired game warden, and Linda is a nurse practitioner with her own practice. They have three grown children.

Lon will be joining as an associate member. He is a retired Lutheran pastor and served as an interim pastor at ORLC from 2009 to 2011. He recently moved back to Helena from Ashville, North Carolina. Last year, he facilitated, along with Jane Peachey, a course at ORLC trying to better understand racism that used the book “Dear White Peacemakers” by Osheta Moore. He and Jane plan to offer the class again this year.



Lon Bechtel

Watch for more new members in the March edition of The Voice.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Please note that each candidate for call to a congregation of the Montana Synod must be a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or an eligible full communion partner denomination, and who is in good standing on the roster of ordained ministers in his/her synod.

I wish to nominate Pastor _____ to the call committee and ask that the committee consider him/her for the position of: _____.

His/her current address is: _____

where he/she is currently serving as pastor of _____ Lutheran Church.

I believe this pastor would be an appropriate candidate to consider for call to our congregation for the following reasons:

Signed _____

Date Submitted _____

Contact Information (optional) _____

An update from the ORLC Call Committee.

We shared earlier that the first main task of the Call Committee is the write up and completion of our *Ministry Site Profile*. This is the document through which we will convey the unique spirit, gifts, talents, and challenges of our congregation and community to any potential candidate. And while this document is still a work in progress, the goal is to have it close to completion by the end of this month.

As the *Ministry Site Profile* nears completion, nominations will be invited from members of the congregation. Nominees for the position of Pastor must be on the clergy roster of the ELCA or eligible full communion partner denominations. Those include the Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, The Episcopal Church, The Moravian Church, and United Methodist Church. Nomination forms will be offered to the congregation for this purpose, or members can provide names to the committee in writing, accompanied by as much information as possible, so as to aid the synod office in identifying the nominees. Nominees are not to be contacted by either the call committee or by the individual making the nomination. Rather, the synod office will determine if nominees in question are open and available for call. Receiving a nomination does not guarantee that the candidate will be presented to the Call Committee. Other factors of congregational fit and suitability are considered by the synod staff.

There are literally thousands of pastors in the ELCA and there is no way the Synod can know all of them and whether they might be the perfect candidate for ORLC. But you know this congregation. You know a good sermon when you hear one. If you are traveling these days and you have an opportunity to worship at an ELCA congregation either on line, or in person, and you hear or see a pastor that you think would be the perfect fit for us, why not scribble down some notes on what impressed you about the person, and let the Call Committee know? Forms for submitting a nomination are available by the church office, as well as the church website.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Call Committee as we learn, grow, work, and pray together through this call process.



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

Children's Ministry Schedule

- ⇒ No Sunday School—Feb. 20th
- ⇒ No KidzEd—Mar. 2nd (Ash Wednesday)

Come to the Table

Come to the Table classes will be held for children in fourth grade and any other families interested in learning about Holy Communion.

Please save these dates:

April 3rd @1:00—Fed and Forgiven: An instructional time for both communicant and parents about Holy Communion.

April 10th time TBD—Seder Meal: An interactive Passover Seder Meal for the communicant and their family.

Maundy Thursday, April 14th @ 6:30

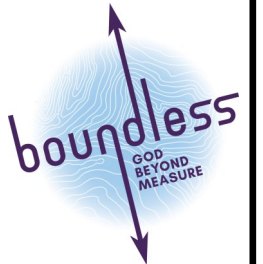


We invite the children and their families to this very special service to celebrate their deepened understanding of communion and for those who are not yet communing, to receive their First Communion.

An invitation will be sent to all fourth grade students and their families. If you have any questions, please contact Liz at liz@ourredeemerlives.org or Pastor Trina at trina@ourredeemerlives.org.

VBS 2022!!

- ⇒ 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.



Theme: Boundless: God's Beyond Measure

VBS dates: July 5th-8th, 2022

VBS hours: 9:00-12:00 Tuesday through Friday

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

Registration will take place online via Google forms. Please keep an eye out for more information on this coming soon!

Join us on **February 27th** during the 8:30 and 11:00 services to learn more about FLBC and what they offer to our youth!

Contact Liz for more information
liz@ourredeemerlives.org.



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



CRUNCH FOR A CAUSE

Join us for a fundraiser to support:
Our Redeemers Lutheran Church Youth Group

Just Dine in or Drive Thru at Taco John's
2301 North Montana Ave in Helena
from 5pm-7pm on Thursday,
February 10th, 2022

Bring in this flyer, show it on your mobile device, or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to:

Our Redeemers Lutheran Church Youth Group



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 Christ-centered week in God's beautiful creation!

It's time for Carroll College Basketball!

Our continue their partnership with Carroll College and Sodexo by staffing the concessions at Carroll basketball games. Come say hi and support our youth! Better yet, volunteer to join the crew!



Basketball Games are: **February 3

This is a fun way to raise money, get to know one another, engage the community, and serve others!

If you are interested and able, please contact Jackie at **442-7842** or jackie@ourredeemerlives.org.

2022 YOUTH

GATHERING

TEAM MEETING:

February 6 at 12:15pm in the Youth loft.

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



February BIRTHDAYS

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

2/1	Sawyer Johnson	Gerritt Merrill	Dwight Hiesterman	2/21	Bill Stroh
	Brit Linder	Haileigh Tompkins	Alicia Reber-Jensen	2/21	Delaney Aschim
	Adalynn Smith	Bryce Beley	Jim Anderson		Lilian Keeton
	Cindy Steinmetz	2/7 Janine Robertson	Russell Ellis		Dan McLean
	Wayne Weikart	2/8 Hunter Henschel	Kathleen Ford	2/22	Claire Boe
2/2	Cayden Dorrington	Brennan Jensen	2/15 Phyllis Bauer		Billea Dunn
	Dylan Maharg	Linda Read	Scott Erickson	2/23	Rick Chapman
	Karen Nelson	Bella Yearry	Ava Meldrum	2/24	Toni Guay
	Julie Peck	2/9 Marie Rauch	Hannah Robertson		Seth McDaid
2/3	Amy Heuser	2/10 Dennis Heffner	2/16 Wayne Gabbert	2/25	Bill Engle
	Gail McKinnon	2/11 Brooke Ark	Delores Rosin	2/26	Ralph Nelson
	Molly Protheroe		2/17 Logan Colegrove	2/27	Nathanael Hafer
2/4	Eileen McLane	Bryan Bergquist	Lynsey McHugh		Pauline Knatterud
	Al Tompkins	Jerry Guay	Matty Meldrum		Anna Young
2/5	Jill Burger	Ashleigh Heimbach	Mike Rand	2/28	Charlee Beto
	Judith Illikainen	Faith McAlpin	2/18 Sydney Barry		
	Jolene King	2/12 Nedra Brown	Chad Richards		
	Todd Passage	Kayla Forgey	2/19 Dan Rispens		
2/6	Anthony McAlpin	Kent Haab	2/20 Linda Gaughan		

Phyllis Bauer is turning 100 years old on the 15th. Please help us shower her with birthday cards by sending a greeting to:

Phyllis Bauer
4390 1/2 N Montana
Helena, MT 59602-7231



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

2/26/1977	Clayton & Kathy Schenck	45 years
2/4/1974	Gene & Kathleen Ford	48 years
2/16/1974	Ron & Donna Greenwood	48 years

Baptisms

1/16/2022 Charlee jo Beto



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.

Deaths

1/6/2022 Lynn Wakefield



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.

Preschool News

Registration for the 2022- 2023 school year opens soon! Current students, alumni preschool families and church members may register on Tuesday, February 8 (forms may be dropped off or mailed in before that day) and registration opens to the community on Tuesday, February 15.

Our Redeemer's Preschool offers classes for 3, 4 and 5 year old students (age as of September 10, 2022). We believe each child is a unique and precious child of God and we provide age-appropriate opportunities for each child to experience success in a Christian setting. Our ultimate goal is to prepare children for life's adventures by letting them experience the joys of learning, friendships and God's love through both play-based and instructional methods,

Information about class offerings as well as registration forms are available on the church website: www.ourredeemerlives.org (click the Preschool tab). Brochures and registration materials are also available in the church office. If you would like more information or have any questions, please call the Preschool office at 442-7842 extension 20.



Save the Date! - The Property Development Committee has been working with our mission partners and the City of Helena on the plans for our vacant land. The next step in this process is a neighborhood meeting. The meeting will be a virtual meeting hosted by the City of Helena on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 6pm. The meeting notice and link is on the www.helenamt.gov website in the city calendar. Please plan on attending this meeting.

We Need Your Help



Needed: YOU in 2022-23!

It's an exciting time at Our Redeemer's.

Is the Holy Spirit encouraging you to be more involved?

We have openings on the following committees:

- * Personnel
- * Perpetual Fund
- * Stewardship/Generosity
- * Long Range Planning.

These positions will be elected at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30.

The ministry group that counts our weekly offerings is also in need of a couple more willing counters. You work with a partner and will be trained for this. It only takes 30-45 minutes after second service.

If you are able to join in any of these ministries, contact the Church office or a Council Member.

WHAT HAVE OUR YOUTH BEEN UP TO LATELY? WELL, JUST A FEW THINGS...



LEARNING TO MAKE LEFSE

WITH HELEN BUNKOWSKI, KAREN & BONNER ARMSTRONG & GRETCHEN & BLAIR KRUMM

ASSEMBLING 700+ KID PACKS

WITH DAVE MEHL, & JUDY & BRUCE MCMASTER




YOUTH SKI RETREAT

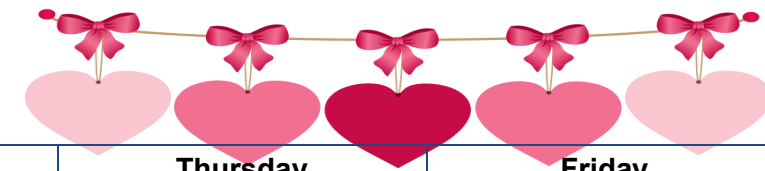
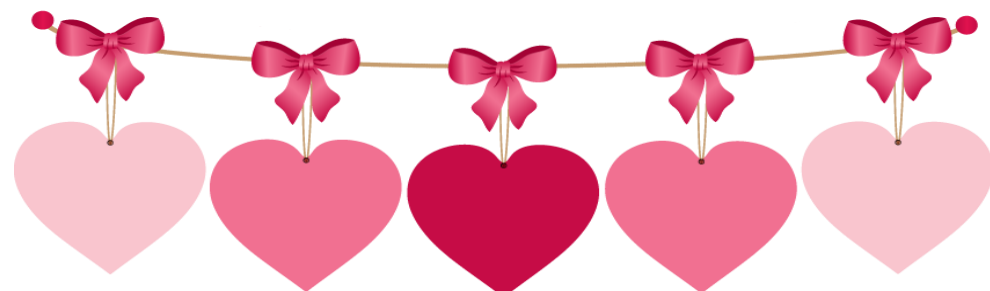
@ FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP
WITH ED PEACHEY & JACKIE BARTZ



February 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share
6 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm. 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime 12:15pm - Youth Gathering Meeting - Loft	7 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	8 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:15am - WELCA Board meeting - AD-1 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Mtg. 6:00pm - Neighborhood Meeting - Virtual meeting
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<b>13</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Net Youth Leadership - Youth Loft 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm. 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	<b>14</b> 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Community Room 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	<b>15</b> Voice Articles Due 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Conference Rm
		
<b>20</b> 8:30am - Worship 11:00am - Rejoice Worship	<b>21</b> Office Closed for President's Day 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book group	<b>22</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
*** Middle School Retreat @ FLBC *** February 18—21		
<b>27</b> Margie Fiedler from FLBC will be preaching 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Social Statements with Baird 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	<b>28</b> 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book group	<b>1</b>



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	<b>3</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love 4:00pm - Carroll College Concessions	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b> 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	<b>10</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love CRUNCH FOR A CAUSE 5pm -  - 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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16 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 1:00pm - Rebecca Circle Bible Study-Conf Rm	17 9:00am - Sew In Love	18	19
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23 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	24 9:00am - Sew In Love	25	26
2 Ash Wednesday 12:00pm - Worship 6:30pm - Worship			

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.