

OUR REDEEMER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE VOICE

July 2024



JOIN US!
Contemplative Prayer

Contemplative prayer is coming back! After several months' hiatus, we are beginning to meet again on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am in the Youth Loft to reap the riches of deep, silent, mind-clearing prayer! We start with a short reading from the book Open Mind, Open Heart by Thomas Keating, a guide to opening ourselves to the peace and joy of allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us from within and bring us into closer communication with our amazing triune God. We learn through practice what it is to divest ourselves of the chaos of everyday life for a short while and the benefits of carrying the resulting peace with us afterward. We're all novices, but we have much to learn from diving deep into this 2000-year-old form of prayer. Come with us to reap the riches of deep, silent, mind-clearing prayer!

For more information, contact Karen Armstrong at 406-443-7631

Scuba
Vacation Bible School 2024

What a phenomenal week at Vacation Bible School! 103 preschool and elementary-aged children joined us, as well as almost 50 willing and devoted volunteers. We learned all about diving into friendship with God. The campers spent the week exploring this theme through crafts, science, games, Bible storytelling, music, snacks, and puppet shows. We had a blast! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents this week.
In Christ,
Liz Swenson



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GREETINGS FROM PRESCHOOL!

Summer camps are well underway, and the children are having fun! We still have a few openings in our Montana Wildlife Camp, which is scheduled for July 15-19. Our 4 and 5-year-old classes this fall offer a nurturing and stimulating environment for your child's early education. We still have openings, so please share if you know anyone who is looking for a great preschool experience! Registration forms for Summer Camp and Preschool are available throughout our church and on our preschool web page. Kris Thatcher can be reached at Kris@ourredeemerlives.org and 406-442-7842, ext. 20. Thank you!



CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

A small group of individuals who provide support for loved ones meets monthly at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in the Conference Room. We will meet on Sunday, July 28 at 10:40am, following the single worship service. Please join us to share stories, challenges, and joys. Companionship for your loved one is provided.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The grief group will meet on Sunday, July 7, after service. All journeying through grief are welcome to share with and support others who have experienced loss. Each journey is unique, and each person finds their way through their grief. The group provides a chance to listen, share, and know that others are walking beside them. Grief has no timeframe, so some people will begin their journey, while others may have hit some new bumps along the way. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jane Peachey at 234-567-1461 or Lori Bigwood-Pecarina at 406-672-2470.

If you wish to speak to one of the leaders during the week or have any questions, please get in touch with us at the following numbers:

Lori Bigwood-Pecarina 406-672-2470 OR Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Touchmark Worship Services

Our Redeemer's members provide a worship and communion service monthly at Touchmark Retirement Community. We will meet in the forum on Tuesday, July 16, at 10:00am. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina and Sharlene Kolb will provide leadership. If you would like to worship with them and our member residents at Touchmark, you are welcome to attend. Touchmark is located at 915 Saddle Drive.

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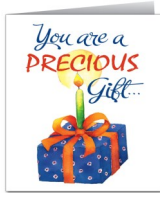
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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Monday, July 15 at 5:00pm
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July Birthdays!
(Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!)

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Shana DeBoer | 8 Jori Mummey | 17 Judy Hoover | Ron Whitmoyer |
| Chris Olson | Kaeanna Thatcher | Jaymes Skillman | 25 Grant Ellis |
| Dale Reagor | 9 Kim Venetz | Ben Tintinger | Evalena Hemry |
| 2 Randy Coty | Rio Willard | 19 Greyson Peck | 26 Erin Den Herder |
| Darbie Hess | Marlene Williamson | Tyler Gronley | Jenny Harris |
| Sharon Langdorf | 10 Frank Gessaman | Bryar Michalson | 27 Tim Orthmeyer |
| Skip Verworn | Ryan Holm | 20 Melanie Ruby | Story Salsbery |
| Shannon Voss | 11 Levi DeLaHunt | Lori Sandru | 28 Laila Steinhoff |
| 3 Sandy Merdinger | Julie Strong | 21 Sage Ellis | 29 John Darlow |
| 4 Todd Byrne | 13 Kendall Salo | Lillian Liston | Chelsea Salas |
| Nancy Goughnour | 14 Alan Baglien | Letty Richardson | Alli Wade |
| 5 Andrew Callon | Glenn Kenney | 22 Kim Barry | 30 Robyin Ericksen |
| Haley Moseman | Lora McDaid | Jordan Erb | Nicole Evans |
| Leon Sedlezky | Ron Morley | Kyler Maharg | Marilyn Murray |
| 6 Amber Jellison | Alyssa Plant | Jan Miller | Burt Ward |
| 7 Dale Aschim | 15 Isaac Penner | Lucy Taflan | 31 Jim Haubein |
| Mara Flynn | Harper Smith | 23 Faith Ebert | Todd Moore |
| Trevor Holm | 16 Clint Erb | Christopher Shaner | Lauren Wetherell |
| | Dee Dee Fischer | 24 Olivia Elder | |
| | Ed Thamke | Thad Michalson | |

July Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years

or more this month!

Mark & Sharon Langdorf	7/2/1983	41 years
Norm & Karen Midtlyng	7/12/1980	44 years
Bob & Linda Winfield	7/7/1979	45 years
Bill & Carrie Engle	7/8/1966	58 years
Del & Audrey Schubring	7/16/1963	61 years

90+ years old

Let's celebrate our friends who have turned 90 years or older this month by sending them a birthday card.

Nancy Goughnour (age 96)
570 B State St
Helena, MT 59601

Funerals



Carla Cronholm	6/21/2024
Mike Caplis	6/21/2024



“The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it.” Psalm 24:1
Our calling in relation to this great gift is to steward and care for Earth in the best ways possible. Recycling our resources is a good way to start. Here are a few basic online sources for recycling in Helena and the area.

1. City of Helena >Recycling Guide. (406-447-8086)
 - Recycle at the transfer station or other locations listed
 - Corrugated cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, paper, glass, plastics(1&2), yard waste, automotive waste and batteries
2. Helena Recycling. Within city limits. (406-457-2437)
 - Plastics (1&2), all cardboard, cans, and paper. NO GLASS
 - Get a special bin, no sorting
 - Pick up every other week. There is a fee
3. Pacific Steel and Recycling. (406-442-7851)
 - Metal recycling (even rail cars!)
 - Electronic waste (computers, etc)
4. Other options are also available.

Happy Recycling!

Creation Care Team contacts:
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Elaine Ulgenes at Elaineulge@yahoo.com



Church Hike: Sunday, July 14, 11:00am

**CREATION
- HIKES -**

We will hike an out-and-back route from Priest Pass to Mullan Pass. This is a section of the Continental Divide Trail. The total out-and-back distance is five miles. The total elevation gain is under 800 feet, but there is one steep section that must be navigated downhill on the way out and uphill on the way back. This is the only strenuous section where footing can be challenging.

The route is interesting. It goes through a variety of habitats, including open meadows, range land, shady forests, and wetlands. It also crosses over the top of the Mullan Pass railroad tunnel and alongside an old train trestle. In June, there were many wildflowers, and we hope some of them will remain until this July hike.

We will depart from the south church parking lot at 11:00am and carpool to the trailhead, which takes 45-60 minutes. Please bring a sack lunch to eat at the trailhead before hiking and bear spray for your safety. Of course, bring water and dress appropriately for the weather that day.
Blair and Gretchen Krumm

Sound System Update

We are over halfway to our goal! Join us in improving our worship experience in person and online. Make a contribution by July 5. Ask Jerry Hoover for more information.

Join us this SUMMER...

All events are FREE for the whole family!

June - August - KidTime every Sunday
this Summer



Congregational Game Night

July 21, 4:00-6:00pm at the church.

Pizza will be served. Come and enjoy time with one another, playing games, possibly doing a craft, and having great conversation.

We believe in the power of community and that's why we're inviting you to be a part of our Game Night. If you're interested in contributing to the event, please contact Steph at steph@iurredeemerlives.org.

July 14 - Family Hike

July 28-Aug 2 - Our Redeemer's at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

August 7 - Splash N' Bubbles Swim at Last Chance, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

August 18 - Family Hike

August 25 - Blessing of the Backpacks Service

Contact Liz with questions: liz@ourredeemerlives.org

Splash N' Bubbles Swim Night!

Who: All are welcome!

What: Free family swim night at Last Chance Splash.
Bring soap, shampoo, or detergent to donate!

When: August 7 at 4:00pm-7:00pm

* Contact Liz (liz@ourredeemerlives.org) with questions!



Campers at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp



Please keep the 24 youth from Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in your prayers this summer. In addition to these campers, two others from our church are there all summer, Isaac Penner and Baird Linke.

At camp, all will experience Christ's grace through meaningful relationships, shared adventures, and purposeful service.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for the names of those attending each week, and thank you for your gifts to the All Kids to Camp in 224 campaign.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

Help us update our Long Term Prayer Concerns list by calling the church office, 406-442-7842.

Our Members

Janet Benson
Richard Carey
Roberta Carey

Jim Haubein
Noreen Johnson
Carol Kimble

Mark Langdorf
Dale Mickus
Nikki MacMillan

Lorna Meyer
Julie Mehl
Ron Paulson

Laurie Simms
Ruth Straley

A new year means updating our prayer list. Please reach out to Lori Walter with prayer requests.
LoriW@OurRedeemerLives.org or 406-442-7842

Our Family and Friends

Luke Brown (brother of Charlie Brown)
Brandon Erickson (son of Janet & Glenn Erickson)
Sawyer Ewan (cousin of Mary & Mark Robertson)
Millie Johnson (wife of Ed Johnson)
Danny McCaughan (nephew of Lori & Dave Swenson)
Scott Linke (brother of Craig Linke)
Rick Quam (family member of Toni Guay)
Jacki Riley (sister of Lori Walter)

Our Seminarians

Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Brandon Bach
Kyle Begger
Erin DenHerder
Kellan Elder
Travis Elder
Micah Emmons
Jessilyn Emmons
Grant Gagnon
Adam Guay

Ryan Girard
Austin Grieve
Travis Gronley
Charlie Heidbreder
Roger Henschel
Paul Horst
Anela Hemry
Wade Hemry
Cody Johnson

Colton Johnson
Chance McDowell
Kent McGowan
Dean McLain
Sawyer Linke
Erin Mills
Brian Neal
Keith Nordquist
Chris Oelkers

Scott Pocha
Tanner Reddig
Cody Stipcich
Darrell Stipcich
Victoria Stipcich
Tait Strom
Andrew Zimmer



Creation Care Prayer Vigil

Creation Care Team will be sponsoring a Prayer Vigil again this year in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Please plan to set aside some time wherever you are on August 30th to pray and meditate on the goodness of God's creation and the responsibility we share to steward this miraculous gift.

A prayer chapel will be set up in the Community Room with inspirational readings, prayers and visuals. Opportunities to sign up for a half hour prayer time and/or attend a noon prayer service will be publicized later. Look for more details in the August Voice, e-news, and bulletins.

Did You Know?

Helen Bunkowske moved to Helena in 1972 and became integral to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and the Helena Community shortly after that. Raised in Minnesota on a farm without hot water, she said her parents ensured she and her seven other siblings were always involved in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. After marriage in Chicago, she and her husband moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and then to Rapid City, South Dakota, where she worked as a nurse for various hospitals. They ran an aviation business in Minneapolis. During the war, Helen was trained as a cadet nurse in Fargo, North Dakota, and has always been passionate about caring for people wherever she went. Many of you have probably read much of her story in a recent Independent Record newspaper article about working for hospice, conducting visitations, and volunteering at St Peter's Hospital in Helena for over 50 years. She continues, "That's what the Lord put her on earth to do."



Helen and her family arrived in Helena after her husband took the local Federal Aviation Agency job. An insurance agent informed them about Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, and they soon became an integral part of the church's fabric. She took a Parish Nurse class at Carroll College and never looked back.

Over 50 years ago, Helen joined Dorcas Circle, taught Sunday School, and now attends Sew-in Love, which sews quilts and provides support for the Friendship Center and YWCA. Her dedication to community service is unwavering, as she is still engaged in hospice and making visitations to new people in town and those in need. The impact of her visits is profound, as the people she visited have often told her –you're the first one who has come to my door.

Helen fears as a church community we really are not doing enough for older people. They need other things to do and many social activities. Some like to do wood working or wood carving, while others just like to golf or play cards. It's the fellowship that is important. People need to have someone to go with them to appointments or just lunch or dinner and do things together.

If you want to live a full and long life, Helen says to be positive and love the Lord. Next time you see Helen, say hi, smile, and have a laugh! She would enjoy your visit, and maybe, just maybe, some of her caring enthusiasm will spark you to teach Sunday School, join Sew-In-Love, or conduct a visitation and make a friend!

Charitable Estate Planning Seminar

On Sunday, July 28, 2024, the Stewardship Committee of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church is hosting a Charitable Estate Planning Seminar and discussion in the Sewing Room at 10:45am, Grace Schroder Scott, the Senior Development Consultant serving Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and Doug Scott, an experienced Development and Planned Giving Officer assisting FLBC as a volunteer, will lead the seminar and provide helpful information and inspiration on legacy gifts, endowment funds and charitable estate planning. Our friends at New Life Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran have been invited to join us.

Grants and Scholarships

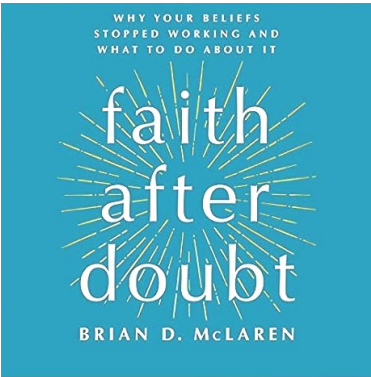
The Perpetual Fund Committee is pleased to announce that grants and scholarships are available for qualified applicants and projects from the Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church Perpetual Fund and Seminary Scholarship Fund for 2024. Awards from the Perpetual Fund are intended to enhance certain Our Redeemer's missions and ministries which have not received funding from the general or designated church giving. Seminary scholarship funds are available to Montana Lutheran students in good standing from local area. For additional information or clarification call Lori Chase at 410-271-5841 or email lachase@grizden.com.

Faith After Doubt

Have you ever found yourself questioning your faith? I certainly have! Let's come together and have a meaningful discussion about these doubts In this three-session book study, we will explore how doubt is a gift toward a deeper faith.

A limited number of books are available for free (check with Lori Walter at the office or email Jason@OurRedeemerLives.org), or books can be ordered online. Ahead of the study, we will read through chapter four; discussion #1 on July 14 will cover chapters 1 and 4.

Who: all are welcome to join Jason
Where: Community Room
When: July 14, 21, 28 after worship (10:30am)



Did You Know (What the Council Does)?

I really enjoy reading the "Did You Know?" articles in the Voice. I appreciate learning more about our individual members and am always inspired by the examples they set. The articles remind me of how blessed I am - we are - to share in ministry with these people. It's also good for these dedicated servants to receive a bit of recognition. However, that is certainly not why they serve, and I'm sure they accept the recognition reluctantly and with humility. I also want to take a moment to express our gratitude to the current Council members for their dedicated service to our church.

So, I thought I'd borrow the "Did You Know?" concept and apply it to the church Council. My objective is two-fold: first, to educate our members who may not be especially familiar with the role of the Council in the life of our church, and, second, to ask each of you to seriously consider serving on the Council. Serving on the Council is not just a responsibility, but an opportunity for personal growth and spiritual development. Although Council elections are several months away, it's not too early to begin thinking and praying about whether God might be calling you to serve at this time in your life in this capacity. The decision is worthy of serious consideration. Council terms are three years, the Council meets once a month, and additional meetings may be required depending on whether you serve as a Council officer and/or participate in or lead special initiatives.

The Council comprises six officers (President, Past President, First and Second Vice Presidents, secretary, and treasurer), the pastor or pastors, and five at-large members. Ideally, the three-year terms of the Council members and officers are staggered such that approximately one-third of the Council rotates each year. This year, we will need to replace three members who have completed their terms.

Candidates for Council are nominated by a Nominating Committee, chaired by the Second Vice President, and which typically includes at least two outgoing Council members. Voting members of the congregation can also nominate candidates, including themselves, from the floor of the annual congregational meeting, likely to be held in February next year. Voting congregation members then fill the open Council positions at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the voting members present at the meeting.

A later newsletter will discuss the Council's functions and duties. In the meantime, please pray that God will send us leaders with the skills and passion required to continue sharing the freedom and love of Christ, and pray to discern whether one of those leaders might be you.

In Christ,
Kevin Mathews

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

In the Garden



Thank you for all the donations to the Our Redeemer’s Garden this spring! We have received money, products, and time from so many different people! The garden really cannot happen without support! June 2, a dedicated group of gardeners planted multiple rows of tomatoes, peppers, and beets. June 12, VBS campers planted 3 beds of beans, and over 160 squash plants! June 17, and most Mondays through June and July, Boy Scout Troop # 1207 will lend their energy to maintaining the garden. Maybe you can contribute by donating grass clippings (as long as poisons are not used on your lawn). There are three drop spots south of the hen house. Look for the signs.

Kid Packs

When Helena Food Share needed help with the last build for the school year on Monday, June 3rd, you certainly stepped up to the task! 21 of you showed up at the Helena Food Share Warehouse on that Monday afternoon to assemble over 1,000 bags. This 23-24 school year you filled **24,366 bags! 3,065 crates!** and a combined total of **530.40 volunteer hours!** The Hunger Team, Helena Food Share, and the wonderful children of our community are grateful and thankful!

Report on Montana Synod Assembly by Ingrid Childress

Attila Folgany (Church Council member), Pastor Trina, Dennis Trotter, and I recently attended the Montana and Northern Wyoming Synod Assembly on May 31 and June 1. The theme of the Assembly was “Equipping for Doing Justice.”

It opened and closed with worship, which helped to focus on Justice as the purpose of the meeting. The evening before the Assembly started, there was a vigil for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. There was drumming and song.

The usual business included:

- Electing State Council members and officers.
- Reviewing and approving Minutes and the budget.
- The Bishop’s Report.

All of this is on the Synod’s website if anyone is interested. We heard about intense work to help Rocky Boy Lutheran Church and played some fun money-raising games to aid in this effort. We also heard from Pastor Aaron Decker, ELCA’s Missionary with Iglesia Evangelical Lutheran in Bolivia. They have a strong Lutheran presence in that country.

There was an outstanding Bible Study on the second morning by Pastor Julia Seymour from Big Timber on the Good Samaritan Who Stopped. She is a powerful preacher who emphasized the Justice aspect beyond the story itself and into our daily lives, what Justice looks like. (I hope anyone who has a chance to hear Pastor Julia will make an effort to do so - she is awesome.)

On the whole, however, I found the general message at the Assembly was very different from what I experience as President of our Church Council. I feel Our Redeemer’s is growing and looking outside our walls to serve our community and support our neighbors. We experience excitement at the opportunity to send more kids to Bible Camp; Our Vacation Bible School is bursting at the seams; we’re partnering with local non-profits to support and serve the hungry and the unhoused; and the stewardship of our individual gifts is increasing allowing us to share our discipleship with those who are seeking Christian fellowship.

What I heard was “contraction” rather than “expansion.” It feels as though our Synod is trying to spread itself too thin rather than using our collective strengths together to reach our rural church partners. I think we could do so much more than was envisioned at the Assembly.

I came away from the meeting feeling energized by the work being done in committees, task forces, teams, and other groups—formal and informal. Our Redeemer’s is an exciting place to gather and worship. Our staff, volunteers, and members make this place unique among other churches. We are blessed to be blessings to others.

Thanks be to God!

Report on Montana Synod Assembly by Atilla Fohnagy

The MT - N. WY ELCA Synod Assembly Theme was Equipping for Doing Justice. The theme resonated through many topics from discussions on the work the ELCA is doing on the Rocky Boy’s Reservation to Bolivia. It struck me how the ELCA is growing the largest in the second poorest country in South America and how ELCA funds are vital to support educating pastors (usually volunteers) and other important ministries there. I found the social justice interpretation of the Parable on the Samaritan who Stopped fitting to today’s society and the delivery of the talk was riveting. There were some somber moments as the assembly upheld the decision by the synod council for the holy closure of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Missoula. This decision was not taken lightly as there was vigorous debate and opportunity for proponents and opponents to provide opening statements and time to ask questions. The assembly also approved the Lutheran Church in Westby, MT request to leave the synod for the W. ND ELCA synod which made sense as Main Street is literally the MT-ND border. I enjoyed getting to know Pastor Trina and Ingrid better and meeting other pastors and attendees. I recommend that if the events at the synod assembly sound interesting, please consider joining the council for the opportunity to represent Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church.

Financial Review and Action

Our Redeemer's continues to be faithful to its mission with giving this year. General receipts for May were \$43,391, and Building Fund receipts were \$7815. The Council agreed to pay the following: \$7,814.72 to the Building Fund, \$6,917.97 to the Dedicated Fund, and \$1,712.62 to Benevolence. These payments keep us up-to-date on all obligations and leave a cash balance of \$32,257.93. The Council once again thanks the congregation for its generosity in supporting the mission of this church.

Personnel Committee Report

Sharon Haugen, Lori Chase, and Lynda Hanson reported their progress updating the personnel policy manual. The group meets bi-weekly to make the church's policies conform to state and federal regulations. However, they recognize the difference in dealing with church staff and remain sensitive to those concerns. They have divided the manual into three segments and are now seeking input from the Council on the first third of that manual. The Council expressed its deep appreciation for the work of this committee in addressing these issues.

Ministry and Committee Reports

- Staff reports
- Staff members report positive experiences in their activities during the last month. Pastor Trina has been especially busy with memorial services, personal counseling, and leading worship. Children's and youth ministry and music focused on Vacation Bible School, which proved to be a tremendous success. About 100 children attended during the week and then assisted in worship on June 16, when 216 persons attended.
- Pastor Trina, Attila Folnagy, and Ingrid Childress attended the Synod Assembly Meeting in June. The meeting went well. Next year, the Synod will elect a new bishop.
- Preschool is still searching for a director. If you know anyone interested, please notify Pastor Trina or Tracy Moseman.
- - IT and Facilities-Sound System Demo
- IT and the Stewardship Committee are working to update the sanctuary's sound system. On June 13, interested members of the congregation were presented with a demo of the new system.
- The team needs more cash to update the system by this fall. If you are interested in supporting this needed upgrade, donations can be made in check or online, noting "Sound System" in the memo or on the donation page under "Other."
- - Long Range Planning
- The long-range Planning committee is going well. Representatives from this group will contact the various church ministries for additional information.
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Unfinished Business

Ingrid Childress is working to set up a Building/Property Use Committee. Our policy needs to be updated and refined since a number of groups are requesting the use of building facilities.

New Business

- Kevin Mathews expressed interest in encouraging congregation members to consider serving on the Council next year, as there will be three openings at that time. See his article in this issue of The Voice.
- The Council will not meet in July. The Executive Council will make financial decisions for that month.
- There was some discussion about how to train children to assist in worship duties. The Council expressed appreciation for their involvement and welcomed them into this experience.

Linda Nelson, Secretary



Even our pets say, “Don’t forget the milk!”

By the middle of June, you had donated \$4,378.62 to the Summer Milk Campaign for the Kid Packs Program at Helena Food Share.

Our goal is \$22,500.

Use this QR code for online giving to Milk Money:



Cash donations may be placed at the Helena Food Share display in the hallway.

Checks should be made out to ORLC with “Milk Money” on the memo line.

Every penny counts!

Thanks so much for helping hungry kids stay healthy and happy.

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Volunteers Needed:

Are you looking for a meaningful serving opportunity? Altar Guild is looking for new members! Preparing the Lord's Supper is a wonderful way to serve God and others.

Duties include:

- Cleaning the Altar area.
- Setting up Holy Communion before the 8:30am service.
- Cleaning up after the 11:00am service.

We also decorate the church for Christmas as a group. You will be assigned a mentor to learn these duties.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Lisa Williams-Mathews at 406-465-5580 or email at [lewm03@gmail.com](mailto:lewm03@gmail.com)

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1</b><br><br>10:00am - Staff Meeting                             | <b>2</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6<br>11:00am - Knitters for Peace<br>12:00pm - Phyllis Bauer’s Memorial and Luncheon<br>6:30pm - Young Adult Group - Lewis & Clark Brewery |
| <b>7</b><br><br>9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime<br>10:30am - Community Garden Planting Party<br>10:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm                                                                                                     | <b>8</b><br><br>10:00am - Staff Meeting<br>6:00pm - Preschool Board | <b>9</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6<br>11:00am - Knitters for Peace<br>6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm                                                  |
| <b>14</b><br><br>9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime<br>10:30am - Faith After Doubt with Jason Callon - Comm. Rm<br>11:00am - Creation Hike - Meet in south parking lot of church                                                                     | <b>15</b><br><br>Voice Articles Due                                 | <b>16</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6<br>10:00am - Touchmark Worship and Communion<br>11:00am - Knitters for Peace<br>6:30pm - Young Adult Group - Lewis & Clark Brewery      |
| ~~~~~ Our Redeemer’s kids to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp ~~~~~                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>21</b><br><br>9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime<br>10:30am - Faith After Doubt with Jason Callon - Comm. Rm<br>4:00pm - Game/Craft Night                                                                                                         | <b>22</b><br><br>10:00am - Staff Meeting                            | <b>23</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6<br>11:00am - Knitters for Peace<br>6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room                                                               |
| <b>28</b> Outdoor Worship<br><br>9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime<br>10:30am - Faith After Doubt with Jason Callon - Comm. Rm<br>10:40am - Care Givers Support Group - Conference Room<br>10:45am - Charitable Estate Planning Seminar - Sewing Rm | <b>29</b><br><br>10:00am - Staff Meeting                            | <b>30</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6<br>11:00am - Knitters for Peace                                                                                                         |
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Limited Staffing in the Office June 26 – July 7

Lori Walter, who manages much of our weekly business and is the welcoming face in the office, will be off during this time to celebrate the wedding of her older daughter. There will be some coverage, likely 9:00 - noon weekdays, but please be patient as phones and questions will not be answered as quickly as usual.

| Wednesday                                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                      | Friday    | Saturday  |
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| <b>3</b><br><br>9:00am - Men’s Group - Great Room<br>9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft                                         | <b>4</b><br><br>Office Closed                                                                                                 | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>10</b><br>9:00am - Men’s Group - Great Room<br>9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft                                            | <b>11</b><br><br>9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6                                                                                 | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00am - Men’s Group - Great Room<br>9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft<br>1:00pm - WELCA Bible Study - Great Room | <b>18</b><br><br>9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6                                                                                 | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00am - Men’s Group - Great Room<br>9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft                                            | <b>25</b><br>9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6<br>4:00pm - Long-Range Planning Meeting - Conference Rm.<br><br>Parking Lot Repairs | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> |
| <b>31</b><br>9:00am - Men’s Group - Great Room<br>9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft                                            |                                                                                                                               |           |           |

Parking Lot not accessible Thursday, July 25

MDT- compliant rubberized crack sealant will be applied and needs to dry. Please park on the street this day.