



Vacation Bible School 2022

July 5th - 8th, 9am-Noon



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June 2022



Things that are on my mind as we head into summer

How can it already be June?! I guess, as the saying goes, time goes fast when you're having fun. In the last few weeks, we've had our preschoolers sing in worship, celebrated our high school graduates, baptized a sweetheart baby girl, and marveled at all the Holy Spirit is up to in our midst. As we head into this time of freer schedules, vacations, rest, renewal, and a lot of fun summer programming (see Liz and Jackie's pages), here are a few things I'd like to keep on your radar:

The Montana Synod Assembly is being held in Billings June 3-4. This is the annual business meeting of the churches in the Montana Synod and is being held in person for the first time since 2019. In addition to the pastor of the congregation, your voting representatives at this meeting are Lynn and Shannon Voss. Also present will be council member Tracy Moseman in her new role as Coordinator of Faith and Community Based Services, Lisa Williams-Mathews and Kevin Mathews as interested observers, and my husband Dennis Trotter in his role as consultant to the synod on stewardship and the prison ministry. Our Redeemer's will be well represented! There are no big agenda items this year, and my guess is we will mostly be reveling in the ability to gather in person as the people of the Montana Synod of the ELCA.

Early June also has us facing the reality that **Preschool Director Trudy Burke's time with us has come to an end.** She has been part of this excellent Our Redeemer's ministry since it began in 1999, and the number of lives she's touched through it is staggering. I am personally grateful that even though she wanted to retire a year ago, she said yes when asked to stay on one more year through the interim period. It has been a pleasure to work with her this year and watch her work her magic with a group that is especially dear to our Lord: the little ones. Trudy has asked that we not have any big public events to thank her as she finishes at the preschool, and we are begrudgingly honoring that request. In the weeks to come a tree will be planted on the preschool side of the building in her honor, as has been the practice when other directors retired. All I have to say is: *Well done, good and faithful servant.*

I've mentioned before that interim pastors don't usually have to offer **New Member Classes**, as people don't tend to affiliate with an organization in a time of transition. But none of the rules seem to apply to Our Redeemer's, so for the second time in 2022, we will welcome another group of new members. If you are

interested in formalizing your relationship with this congregation, a very general introduction to Our Redeemer's will be offered twice:

- Sunday, June 12 at 10:45 am
- Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 pm

If you'd like to chat more about what makes us Lutheran Christians distinct or have more detailed questions about the ELCA, join me for that on:

- Sunday, June 26 at 10:45 am

Please let our office administrator Lori Walter know if you'll be attending any of these so we can be ready to welcome you. She can be reached at LoriW@OurRedeemerLives.Org or 406-442-7842. We will welcome new members in our July 10 worship service.

I know I've sure enjoyed the **variety of music we've had in worship recently**...folk bands, string quartets, harpists, and horn players. It has greatly enhanced our worship experience and brought joy to our hearts. I've told you before that Martin Luther believed that next to scripture itself, *music* was the greatest gift God bestowed upon us. A couple of anonymous gifts were given early in the year to bolster our musical offerings. We could use a bit more to continue the excellent music we've been experiencing. If you feel moved to do this, please consider giving a gift to this area.

And speaking of money, summer is traditionally a time that church budgets take a hit. As we all take our summer vacations, giving declines. Yet the work of Our Redeemer's goes on and in some cases, ramps up, with Vacation Bible School, the Summer Milk Campaign, and a host of activities for all ages (again, see Liz and Jackie's pages!). So I ask you to be mindful of this and be faithful in your financial support of all the wonderful things Our Redeemer's does throughout the year. If you'd like to start weekly or monthly automatic giving, please reach out to Lori Walter in the office, and she'll help get you set up. And, if gratitude for another season of being able to enjoy all that living in God's Country provides hits you and you're able to make an extra gift this summer, know we will put it to good use.

Dear ones, it is such a pleasure to be in ministry with you. May this summer be a time of rest, relaxation, and reformation for you. *Pastor Trina*

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

Property Development News

The Property Development Committee met with our affordable housing partners on April 27 to continue discussing the potential housing project on our property. Gretchen Krumm led the conversation about the preliminary architectural study and revisions to the envisioned layout. Much of the study is complete, and the consultant team is working towards including specifics on how our property could be developed through our partnership. This includes our partners' possible roles and responsibilities and how the project could be funded.

Our committee noted the concern about three-story structures within the preliminary planning layout through input we received at the virtual open house meeting hosted in February. The consultant team took that input and reduced the planned housing units to two stories to better align with parking availability and viewshed concerns. We are listening and continue to develop a plan that complements the surrounding neighborhoods.

Our affordable housing project was identified as a potential candidate for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, along with several other worthy projects. Recent changes at the city have extended some of our initial outreach with the city staff and elected officials regarding funding for the project. We are waiting to discuss the project in more detail with the city after the new interim city manager helps develop their budget for next year and the city commission approves it. This time is being used effectively as we begin to identify how we can work with our partners to detail the specific plan to develop the property. This includes identifying who should lead that effort and how the finances would be arranged. There are a lot of details to confirm, and our committee is working hard to forward our mission to serve others in our community.

We want to thank the congregation for participating in the planning sessions and discussions held last fall. We also express appreciation to our affordable housing partners, including the YWCA, Rocky Mountain Development Council, Habitat for Humanity, and Trust Montana. Gretchen Krumm and Jeff Downhour are doing a great job leading the consultant planning team and creating opportunities for our partners, the public, and our congregation to collaborate. We will continue to provide updates as the planning process moves forward. These are exciting times at Our Redeemer's!



Coffee hour after worship is going strong. We have missed visiting with our friends, and it feels great to be back together. We will need more cookies for this time of fellowship. Please, bring cookies to the church office, Monday-Friday from 9 am - 3 pm. Thank you.



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Wednesday, June 15 @ 5:00pm
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Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

Phyllis Bauer	Malinda Diamond	Dale Mickus	Jessi Putnam	Adam Williams
Richard Carey	Christine Hoffman	Jim Poore	Verna Strand	
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Vicki Poore	Kim Venetz	

Our Family and Friends

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

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
Shawn Juers

Did You Know?

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

It was such a privilege and a joy to visit with Shawn and Sara Juers in their beautiful home in the Birdseye area outside Helena and hear their journey in faith and life. The visit was occasioned by their recent decision to move their family to Dubuque, IA, this summer so that Shawn can begin studies at Wartburg Seminary in the Fall.

Shawn and Sara have attended Our Redeemer's for about ten years. Sara is originally from Minnesota, and Shawn grew up in Havre. They met on staff at Atlantic Mountain Ranch, a Lutheran church camp in South Dakota, while they were both in college. Shawn has a degree in Chemical Engineering from Montana State, and Sara became a Physician Assistant after graduating from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. They have two children, Addie and Kaden, who attend Kessler Elementary School. They joined Our Redeemer's for the opportunities offered by the children's programs. Shawn plays guitar in the Rejoice Worship Band, and Sara is in the Bell Choir.

The move is something Shawn and Sara have been pondering for a while. In addition to his time at Atlantic Mountain Ranch, Shawn was active in campus ministry at MSU and spent time doing community outreach with Youth Encounter. The call to ministry began at camp and kept percolating in Shawn's heart and mind over the intervening years. The experience of losing their baby Henrik last year caused Shawn and Sara to re-evaluate their life goals, and after some time of discernment, the decision was made. Sara has accepted a position as a home health assessor with Signify in their Dubuque operation.

It is a blessing for us at Our Redeemer's to have the Juers as part of our church family, and they will remain so. We will continue to support and pray for them, and we look forward to hearing about their new life adventure and, hopefully the occasional visit. God go with you, Shawn, Sara, Addie, and Kaden.



Grief Support Group

We will meet on the 4th Sunday in June. We will continue to meet in the Conference Room after worship. 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.



Working together...

The Hunger team applied for a Growing Together Montana grant to purchase supplies for Our Redeemer's Helena Food Share plot this year. A large portion of the funding was used to buy the necessary components for a drip irrigation system at the church. By partnering with Carroll College Professor, Gerald Shafer and his Gardening and Community Health Class, we have a few accomplishments we would like to share. On March 30, Dr. Shafer's class held their lab in the garden, and 17 students and their professor installed the drip lines in all the Food Share garden rows, and the four raised beds and installed red plastic mulch in the row where tomatoes will be planted. On April 27, we were lucky enough to have the Carroll class return to the garden for their Laboratory period. In about 90 minutes, the class prepared and planted two rows of carrots, snow peas, sugar snap peas, radishes, shallots, beets, and swiss chard. Eleven students and Dr. Schafer completed these tasks, as well as hand watering the newly planted seeds (irrigation will be turned on in mid-May) and installing additional plastic mulch (blue this time), to improve yields of winter squash and help fight the field bindweed issue in our garden. We will also receive flats of tomato, pepper, onion, and brassica plants that the class started. Several of the students I spoke with were interested in careers in public health.

It is an exciting year of many changes in the garden, and we can always use help planting, weeding, and harvesting. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Karen Nelson (twodogs@mt.net) or Vicki Downhour (greenxena@msn.com).

Karen Nelson



In case you missed it, here are a few pieces from the Preschool Art Show.



Thank you, Trudy!!

Teaching, guiding, and nurturing young children has been Trudy Burke's passion for many years. Trudy, who has served as Our Redeemer's Preschool teacher and, most recently, the preschool director, is retiring this month to spend more time with her family.

Our Redeemer's Preschool first opened its doors to three- and four-year-old children in 1999. Trudy was the only teacher at that time. She helped develop the preschool program, and it quickly grew, eventually offering PreK classes and additional three and four-year-old classes.

Trudy took some time away from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom to Caroline, Nolan, and Kaela. She served as a substitute teacher at the preschool during that time, and when her children got older, she returned to teach again.

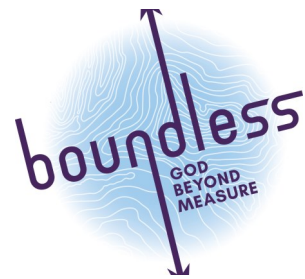
Along with teaching, she co-directed the school for a few years, then took on the full-time job as the director in 2018. Trudy guided the school through the difficult years of Covid and did an amazing job of keeping things running smoothly and safely. In this her final year with the school, she not only served as the director but as the four-year-old classroom teacher!

We so appreciate Trudy's years of service and dedication to developing and growing Our Redeemer's Preschool program, helping make it one of Helena's premiere schools for young children. Trudy has touched the lives of hundreds of preschoolers and their families with genuine love and concern for all. We thank her for her devotion and care of the children and the program, and we wish her all the best in this new chapter.

When you see Trudy, please thank her for her extraordinary work with our outstanding preschool program!

Our Redeemer's Preschool Board





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July 5th - 8th, 9am-Noon



VBS Camper Registration

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

Please go to the following link to fill out the registration form today. The completed VBS registration form, "FLBC Day Camp Registration and Medical Forms" and the **\$10.00** registration fee need to be completed by **June 6th, 2022**. Spots are limited, please sign up **ASAP!**

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

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

REGISTER NOW!

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



(Place phone over QR code to take you to the registration google form.)

VBS Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

Please go to the following link to fill out the volunteer registration form today. Register **ASAP!**

<https://forms.gle/6ECwyHnXyTETZU5DA>

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



(Place phone over QR code to take you to the registration google form.)



June Bible Study

In June, we mark the start of our combined circles summer Bible study. We also begin a new three-session study entitled "Crafted in Christ." In the June session, "A summer of rest and renewal," we will consider how creative processes can guide the patterns of our lives. We will meet on June 21 at 10:00 am, and Dorcas circle will be the hostess.

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: No meeting in June

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

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



HUNGER TEAM NEWS

God's Love

We might sound like a broken record, but Hunger Team certainly appreciates and needs the support of this congregation to fulfill our missions. For the month of June, God's Love is still seeking:

* unbreakable plates, bowls, cups * silverware * sleeping bags

Of course, any past items we've requested are still needed and definitely used. Spring is when we start diving into our closets to clean out, so think of donating to God's Love when clearing out the clutter.

Thank you.

Summer Milk Campaign

We are off and running with the annual campaign to provide enough milk for a year's worth of kid packs for our community. Our first \$6000 will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a local foundation if we raise this amount by August 31. So fill those little glass milk bottles with change, or donate your extra dollars with cash, check, or online. Checks should indicate "Milk Money" on the memo line. Donations can be made online at ourredeemerlives.org. You will find a donation page for "milk money" there. And thanks for all you do to help Helena Food Share with this program.

Community Garden

Thanks to the help of Carroll College Students and the Hunger Team, the garden is in good shape for the upcoming season. A drip system is installed, providing better water usage, and the garden segments will soon be planted. As always, we shall need assistance with the segments designated for Helena Food Share. Last year we donated over 1500 pounds of produce to this organization. If you wish to help with the garden, or if you still want to rent a plot, please contact Lori Walter at the church office 406-442-7842.

Kendra Wilde Endowment Fund

The first quarter of the endowment fund returned \$232.52. These funds were donated to Lutheran World Relief to support efforts in Ukraine.

Thank You from Family Promise

Thank you to everyone who worked so diligently to provide for our Family Promise guests the first week in May. We hosted two families that week. Your generosity not only provided lodging but also provided meals, Mother's Day baskets, overnight hosting, and baby clothing. Your generosity of time and talents is greatly appreciated.

Hunger Team in Action

The Hunger Team is happy to announce that several new members have joined in the last two months. We are happy to welcome Linda Coty, Lon Bechtel, and Karen Nelson. **The next meeting is Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30.** New members are always welcome.

Youth and Family Events THIS SUMMER!!

Softball Game

Who: All Are Welcome (We will need two teams of 10-12 each!)

What: Let's play a game of softball!



When: July 17th @ 1 pm

Where: Bob Ryan Baseball Field

*** Contact Liz (Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org) or Jackie (Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.Org) if you would like to play!**

Summer Outdoor Movie Nights

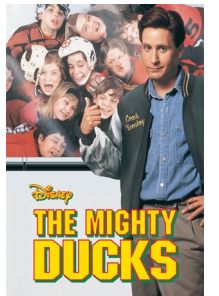


Movie: Encanto!

When: July 22nd @9

Movie: The Mighty Ducks

When : August 12th @9



Summer Swim Night

Who: All are welcome!

What: Join us for swimming and fun. Bring the whole family (and a swim suit!)

When: August 14th @5 pm-7 pm

**Where: The East Helena Swimming Pool
Kennedy Park, 402 Harrison Ave N**

*** Contact Liz (Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org) or Jackie**



Movie: The Lego Movie

When: August 26th @9

All Outdoor Movie Nights take place in the ORLC courtyard. We will provide movie snacks—bring a blanket and chairs! Contact Liz or Jackie with questions.



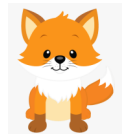
Keeping our promise,
we teach children to: love God,
love and serve each other,
learn and share God's story.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS

I want to express my deepest appreciation to everyone who has graciously donated items for VBS! Check out our 'VBS Donations' board in the Great Room. Thank you for supporting the Youth!

All donations can be dropped off in the ORLC office.



Children's Ministry Volunteers

Interested in helping with
the youngest youth of our
congregation??

Contact Liz at
liz@ourredeemerlives.org for
more information!



June Birthdays!



Birthday Blessings

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Steve Burger | 7 Kellie Guariglia | Tiffany Sturdevant | Mark Studt |
| Guy Goughnour | Katie Steinhoff | 18 Dominic DeFilippis | 26 Dylan Hill |
| Zachary McHugh | 8 Samuel Ark | Helen Ellis | Wendy Vukonich |
| 2 Christine Armstrong-Mills | Ron Olson | David Fulkerson | 27 Gary Bay |
| Jennifer Balcerzak | 9 Sydney Aschim | Tanner McLaury | Alaire Maynard |
| Trent Selvig | Amelia Dodds | 19 Jennifer Colegrove | Judy Mickus |
| 4 Asher Bomar | 10 Pat Fischer | Skylar Rispens | Shawn Moore |
| Carol Will | 11 Harry Howell | 20 Chris Boe | Lauren Robertson |
| 5 Nelson Bock | Louise Wilson | Tenley Forgey | Laura Steinhoff |
| Carolyn Meyer | 13 Emma Coble | Karen Midtlyng | 28 Jessica Grimmis |
| Dale Mickus | Haydin Henschel | 21 Lucas Ballantyne | Beth Johnson |
| JJ Olson | 14 Kapri Byrne | 22 Emmett Dike | Kayme May |
| Madison Robertson | Teah Falconer | Trey Tintinger | Diane Rauch |
| 6 Kaela Burke | David Hanson | 23 Kit Quinn | 29 Justine Alberts |
| Dean Chaussee | 15 Carly Bergquist | Lily Yearry | Kari Christensen |
| | Vicki Chapman | 24 Lauren Alberts | Nate Jensen |
| | Cannon Colegrove | Bonnie McFarland | 30 Jason Callon |
| | Zack Horinek | Judy McLean | Glenn Erickson |
| | Eric Meyer | Lynn Voss | Janet Lauf |
| | 16 Ryan Griffeth | 25 Bill Hess | Jake Willcut |
| | Ed Johnson | Charlotte MacIntyre | |

Come to The Water

Baptism Class at Our Redeemer's



Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

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

Baptisms

5/29/2022

Averly LaRae Dike



Deaths



5/18/2022 Elizabeth Clare Mehl
Memorial will be Saturday, June 25 at
11:00am

June Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years
or more this month!

- 41 Years! Harry & Sheri Howell 6/27/1981
43 Years! Dennis & Dodie Heffner 6/23/1979
44 Years! Bob & Lyanne DenHerder 6/10/1978
44 Years! David & Sherril Senn 6/11/1978
44 Years! Pat & Linda Lynch 6/17/1978
45 Years! Dan & Ellen Dodds 6/19/75
47 Years! Rick & Vicki Chapman 6/21/75
50 Years! Carl & Kim Anfinson 6/2/1972
50 Years! Tim & Dorothy Cail 6/9/1972
54 years! Dwight and Roxanne Hiesterman 6/8/1968
54 years! James and Barbara Penner 6/24/1968
61 years! James and Vicki Poore 6/24/1961

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.

Attending: Pastor Trina, Lynn Voss, Jan Martin, Cody Salo, Beth Johnson, Julie Penner, Tom Johnson, Clint Mingay, Ingrid Childress, and Sarah Magee.

Lynn Voss, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pastor Trina opened the meeting with devotions based on Acts Chapters 10 and 11 and prayer.

- Beth Johnson, Treasurer, reported that receipts for the General Fund were \$48,915, which is \$9,038 less than April 2021 and \$5,686 less than the 2022 Plan. April donations were less than expected. However, the March donations were greater than expected, so there is some leveling out. Building Fund donations for April totaled \$7,415, which was \$9,194 less than April 2021 and \$3,518 less than the 2022 Plan.
- Council agreed to send Benevolence to the Synod for February and March.
- Property Taxes in the amount of \$15,408.17 are due on May 31. That amount will be drawn from Other External Gifts because General Fund donations to date will not cover that cost. It is expected that November property taxes will increase.
- Council members reviewed and approved Financial Policies for Money Counting, Credit Card and Credit Card Limits, Bank Account Reconciliation Review and Approval, Check Signing, and Purchase Order Signing.
- The minutes were approved from March and April meetings.
- Pastor Trina reported that the search has resumed for the Preschool Director position because the initial hire did not pan out. The Preschool also has an opening for a teacher position.
- Cody Salo reported that the Property Development Committee recently met with the four partners and is waiting to hear from the Rocky Mountain Development Council Board of Directors on if that organization is willing to assume the Developer's role.
- Members of the Generosity Committee will be reaching out to congregants seeking their continued support for the Building Fund.
- The church is pursuing a system to replace the current phone system. The current system is so old it is no longer supported. Technicians will be working with staff to determine what is needed and costs. Information will be brought back to the Council for decision.
- Baird Linke will be under contract with ORLC to assist Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp staff during the week of Vacation Bible School.
- Council reviewed the Church Facilities Use Policy.
- The Ukraine Benefit is scheduled for May 23 and 24 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.
- Council approved the authorization of a Hospitality Team.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Childress, Secretary



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



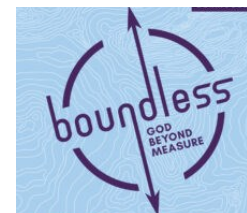
Want to know what's the latest happenings with Safehouse?!

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@ourredeemlives.org to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.



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Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!

July 5-8, 2022 9am to Noon

This year we are very excited to partner with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp on

July 5th-8th from 9am-Noon, to bring VBS to Our Redeemer's. The theme this year is **Boundless: God Beyond Measure!**

Come have a blast encouraging our younger youth in their faith along with these awesome FLBC Staff members. We are looking for older youth and adults to help with games, crafts, Storytelling, making snacks in the kitchen, being a group leader, and helping set-up and clean-up. If you are interested, please signup online at https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSezFtK1DEQycOp_njjoME2cC0hdYIWWEG0Um/PiMPD1cLJcJQ/viewform

Thank you all for being a positive and supportive part of our youth's lives!



As you may recall, the ELCA Youth Gathering was canceled for this summer. While our youth were disappointed, they are resilient and have worked hard to not only to continue to fundraise, but find an alternative and meaningful trip.

Many alternate plans later, some of our youth will be spending a week at Luther Heights in Ketchum, ID for a week of SALT June 26-July 1. SALT (Servant Adventure Leadership Teams) is a blend of service and adventure with on or off-site service opportunities such as building picnic tables, clearing trails, or assisting local food pantries, as well as including fun adventures such as hiking, canoeing, horseback riding and whitewater rafting, plus all the fun of camp! We will be joining Christ the King's group of 4 high school youth for this week.

If you would like to write a note of encouragement to these youth while on their trip, please contact Jackie or drop one by the office. Thank you all for your unfailing support and encouragement for our youth in their faith journeys.



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! I

t's not too late to join for an amazing Christ-centered week in God's beautiful creation!



Stay connected this summer and join Jackie and the crew for some fun activities! All are welcome! Bring a friend!

June 26 to July 1 - SALT Youth Trip to Luther Heights, ID

Youth will participate in a week of service and adventure alongside youth from Christ the King, Bozeman, MT.

July 4 to 8 - Vacation Bible School

A week of fun fellowship while we learn about God's Beyond Measure with staff from FLBC and many ORLC volunteers!

July 17 - Luther League

All are welcome to join in this friendly softball game amongst all ages! Sign-up in the office to join the fun! People to join the cheering section are always welcome too!

July 22, August 12 & 26 - Outdoor Movie Nights

Enjoy a beautiful evening in the church courtyard with friends and for an outdoor movie and free popcorn and lemonade!

August 14 - Family Swim Night

Need a quiet but fun night to cool off? Join ORLC and St. John's for swimming at the East Helena Pool from 5-7pm!

June

2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 Pentecost 9:30am - Outdoor Worship + KidTime	6	7 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
12 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:45am - New Member Orientation - Conference Room	13 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Community Room Preschool Summer Fun - "Pete the Cat" - June 13 - 17 - 9:00am - noon	14 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - WELCA Board - AD-1 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Mtg.
19 Father's Day 9:30am - Worship + KidTime	20 Preschool Summer Fun - "Creepy Crawlies" - June 20 - 24 - 9:00am - noon	21 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - WELCA combined Bible Study - Great Room 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Community Rm
26 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 10:45am - New Member Orientation - Conference Room ***** Youth Servant Trip in Idaho June 26—July 1 *****	27 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Rm	28 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:45pm - Worship & Arts Committee Mtg.	2 9:00am - Sew In Love	3	4 9-1 Garage Sale Synod Assembly in Billings June 3 rd - 4 th
8	9 9:00am - Sew In Love	10	11
15 1:00pm - Rebecca Circle Bible Study-Conf Rm Preschool Summer Fun - "Pete the Cat" - June 13 - 17 - 9:00am - noon	16 9:00am - Sew In Love	17	18
22 7:00pm - New Member Orientation - Conf.Rm Preschool Summer Fun - "Creepy Crawlies" - June 20 - 24 - 9:00am - noon	23 9:00am - Sew In Love	24	25 11:00am - Beth Mehl's Memorial Service
29	30 ***** Youth Servant Trip in Idaho June 26—July 1 *****		