

# OUR REDEEMER'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THE VOICE

May 2022



#### Blessings and Godspeed, Baird!

Sunday, May 8 is student pastor Baird Linke's final day with us. We are so grateful that Baird was available to serve Our Redeemer's in the time of transition. What a good gift of the Holy Spirit! We've certainly enjoyed his engaging sermons, and benefited from his willingness to lead us through several of the ELCA social statements and his work with our youth.

Please join us for worship at 8:30 or 11:00 on May 8 as we send Baird off with our blessings. Between services there will be a reception, and please consider bringing him a note of encouragement as he prepares to head to his seminary internship in Ohio. Baskets will be out at worship for cards.

It hasn't been long enough. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for my time working with Our Redeemer's as your Student Pastor for the last few months. I have been telling people that it has felt like a real "Holy Spirit moment" to have been back in town with the congregation that raised me just at the moment that congregation was going through a bunch of transitions all at once, and it has been.

You have all been too good to me, but I can't say that I am surprised by that. Having been raised in our church and having the opportunity to serve here for a few short, wonderful months, I feel like I've had the chance to meet Our Redeemer's all over again, around 16 years after you first welcomed me here. As a parting gift before I go on to the next stage of my training in Chagrin Falls, OH, for a year-long internship, I'd like to share some of the things I've learned through our reintroduction.

The Holy Spirit is at work in this place. The windows rattle with energy when this building's people gather inside it, and when you are sent out, it's like a deep breath that was held with anticipation getting let out. I've seen your joy when new people walk through the door, your smiles of pride when children volunteer to help with worship, and how you throw yourselves at new songs and laugh off the hiccups that come with being a community.

In particular, during Holy Week, I could feel the buzz of something wonderful happening. You've been incredibly kind with your affirmations for the whole mess of people who worked to put it together. Still, I don't want to undersell how much of a gift it is to be a part of a community that so eagerly, curiously, and faithfully enters into the majesty and pain of our Savior. We could not try new things and empower people to share their gifts so beautifully if it weren't for you and your creativity, your gifts, and your passion for our God's story.

You, Our Redeemer's, have been raising some pretty phenomenal young people (and I don't say that just because you raised me). I have been on holy ground every time your middle schoolers have shared their curiosity, humor, and earnest desire to understand their faith and know God. Middle schoolers, you treated me to snippets of God with how you loved each other each week and how you took me on in the middle of the year, and a whole bunch of changes all

around you. Your welcome to me means the world, and I'm so grateful for you.

High schoolers, you blew me away with your leadership at the Confirmation Retreat in February and your kindness toward your younger peers throughout the year. You all give me so much hope for the future of the church and the world simply by being the passionate, inclusive, kind, and *fun* people you are. God has incredible things in store for you each as you look ahead to young adulthood, and I hope you'll let Our Redeemer's celebrate you while you grow into your own people.

Our Redeemer's, you have been blessed by God in so many ways. I have been so lucky to learn from your staff and leaders these last months - they are truly gifted and faithful servants of God, and they made me a better minister and man every day by getting the opportunity to work with them. You have been trusted with so much, and you have been faithful with what you have been trusted. Leading the series on the ELCA's Social Statements and seeing so many of you engage your faith where it meets the world with curiosity, rigor, and grace has done more for my hope for the Church in our country and around the world than I can say. You are incredible, and I will be a broken record with telling people how grateful I am for you.

As I get ready to move on to the next stage of my training, know that I will be keeping you in prayer by name and that my gratitude for the opportunity you gave me to learn from and with you these last months will never run dry. I pray that you stay open to the Holy Spirit in prayer and worship because God is on the move in this community and your hearts, and I hope you'll tell me about what God has done whenever we meet again. I am so, so proud to be a child of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, and I am so, so proud of you.

Thank you is not enough, but it will have to do for now.

May you have the peace and joy and faith of Christ in all things.

Love,  
Baird



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

My name is Tracy Moseman, and I was recently hired to start a new Office of Faith and Community Based Services at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. While the office is new and there is much to learn, we know that faith and community organizations in Montana play an essential role in strengthening Montana’s children and families. This new office will be a conduit between DPHHS and faith and community organizations across Montana for information, resources, and programs to serve identified health and wellness needs in each community. Here is a link to our new website if you want to know more. [Faith and Community Based Services \(mt.gov\)](https://dphhs.mt.gov/faithandcommunity/) - https://dphhs.mt.gov/faithandcommunity/

To help with the launch of this new office, we will be hosting a series of regional summits in May in nine communities across Montana. These summits invite faith and community leaders to learn about this new office, learn about local and state programs and resources, and engage in dialog with this new office about how you, as community leaders, see this office being in service to you. **The Helena event will be held on May 26th, but you are invited to attend another location if the date works better for you.** I have attached the event flyer for more information, including a complete list of dates and locations. You are welcome to share with others in your community. You may register for the Helena event here: [Eventbrite - DPHHS Regional Summits for Faith and Community Based Services - Helena](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/faith-and-community-leaders-in-action-206329?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb) - https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/faith-and-community-leaders-in-action-206329?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb

If you are unable to attend one of the summits, I welcome conversations, questions, and feedback on this new position through email, phone, or in-person meetings.

I am excited for the opportunity to connect and learn from you.

Tracy Moseman  
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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## Faith and Community Based Services Regional Summits

May 16 - May 27, 2022

### THEME: FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS IN ACTION FOR THE WELLNESS OF MONTANANS

Join a one-day summit in a location near you. Each event will run 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM with lunch provided.

Sidney	May 16	Individual event details can be found on <a href="#">Eventbrite</a> . Scan the QR code below using your smartphone's camera to jump to the website.
Miles City	May 17	
Billings	May 18	
Bozeman	May 19	
Missoula	May 23	
Kalispell	May 24	
Great Falls	May 25	
Helena	May 26	
Butte	May 27	

### During this summit, faith and community leaders will:

- Learn why this new office was created and how it can be in service to local faith and community organizations
- Share data and resources to support faith and community organizations as they support Montanans in many dimensions of health (spiritual, financial, emotional, physical, social, occupational, environmental, intellectual)
- Share with state officials about the local needs and current efforts in your community
- Network with others across the state to learn about programs, projects and initiatives happening across Montana

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### Voice articles due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

Sunday, May 15 @ 5:00pm  
[loriw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:loriw@ourredeemerlives.org)



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	Vicki Poore	Kim Venetz
Richard Carey	Christine Hoffman	Beth Mehl	Jessi Putnam	Adam Williams
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Jim Poore	Verna Strand	

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)	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)
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)	Carmen Sharp
Stormy Flinders	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	Families of suicide victims
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)	

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.

Did you know... that we live in what’s called “the northern tier” and have a season called winter? Well, any idiot knows that! Well then, did you know that many plants that are green year-round can’t take the cold, so they don’t grow here? Duh.

But many of those plants are scattered around the sanctuary and great room, and they add the Lenten (spring green) to our building so that the place provides life around us while we are there.

But, did you know... that there is a fascinating lady named Vicki Downhour who not only tends those plants, but talks to them, and who has understood that those plants, every one, want to live and thrive, and be what they were created to be? Did you know, too, that many (most) of those plants either outgrew the homes where they were, or were struggling to live, and have found a home where they can thrive at ORLC? And did you know that Vicki spends an enormous number of hours in our community garden helping various plants to find their purpose in creation? Of course, along the way, those plants help to nourish a host of members and folks in the community who thrive themselves on fresh food? Do plants feel? We don’t know. But do they want to live and thrive? Just ask Vicki.



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



Grief Support Group

We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.





## New Look at the Front of the Sanctuary

If you have been attending worship, you undoubtedly noticed a new look behind the altar in the sanctuary. This fabric design was planned by the Worship and Arts Committee (thank you to Charlene Mayala for her excellent work in sewing and hanging it!). The design intent here is to make the presiders easier to see, both in-person and especially for the livestream audience.

We are borrowing a trick from the theatre here: dark backgrounds make the foreground stand out. We have no additional "stage" lighting, so our toolkit is limited. The Worship and Arts Committee and the worship leadership constantly evaluate and look for ways to make worship more engaging. Please contact me if you would like to be involved in the Worship and Arts Committee. We could use help with decorating and designing our worship space!

Jason Callon

Director of Worship and Arts

[Jason@OurRedeemerLives.Org](mailto:Jason@OurRedeemerLives.Org)



Charlene Mayala is in the process of creating the new window covering for the sanctuary.

Dear friends in Christ,  
I have good news! Christ is risen! I have other good news—the health issues that brought me to go on leave from call have been resolved. It turns out my airway is restricted when I sleep, which causes me to have very poor sleep (which in turn causes a host of other issues, as you might imagine). This condition can be managed, and I've already experienced much better sleep. Ben, who recently took a course on the creation of mouthpieces and treatment for this condition, is the one who led us to this diagnosis—talk about God working through people!

Your prayers and encouragement have sustained me, and I give thanks to God for you. I cherish so many good memories of our ministry together, and I know God continues to lead you.  
With Christian Love,  
Pastor Kendra

## Youth Summer Weekend

July 15– 17, 2022

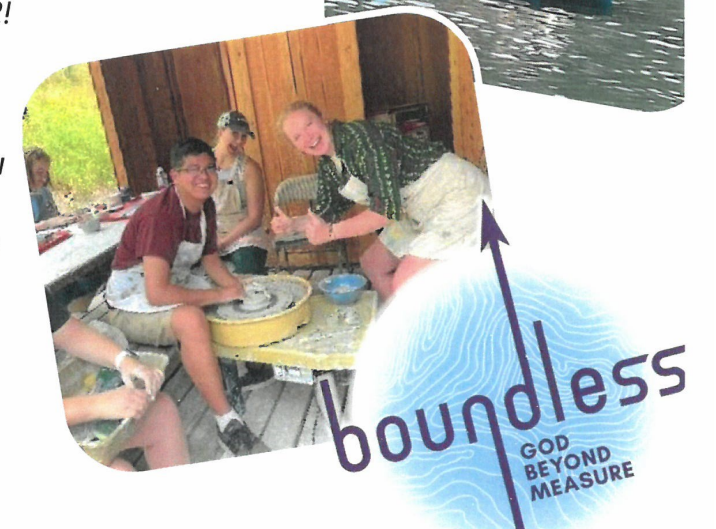
Leaders: Bishop Laurie Jungling, Pastor Jason Asselstine & FLBC staff

\$75 / person ~ Register by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022!



Missed going to the youth gathering? Join us for a Montana Synod + FLBC retreat. Learn about how BOUNDLESS God is through Bible study with small groups, worship, low ropes, service projects, and much more! Choice options include: high ropes, swimming, pottery, boating, disc golf, escape room, archery and more. Meet youth from around the MT synod and beyond. Led by Bishop Laurie Jungling, Pastor Jason Asselstine, and FLBC staff.

\$75 per person. Camperships are available! This retreat is for High School aged youth (entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2022 through H.S. class of '22 grads) and chaperones. **Youth must be accompanied by an adult 25+.** We suggest one adult per 8 youth. Housing in cabins and wall tents.



"I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is."  
Ephesians 3:18-19 CEV

Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15 pm on Friday (check-in is from 5–6pm) and ends around 12PM on Sunday (10am brunch and 11am worship)

### 2022 REGISTRATION

Youth Summer Weekend // July 15-17, 2022

Name & Age of Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Chaperone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone # (☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Other) : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

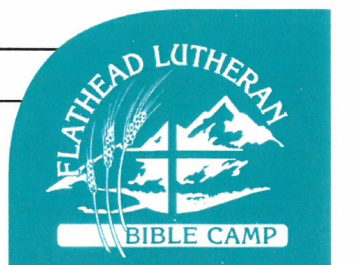
Please list any dietary restrictions, severe allergies or housing needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration & \$75 non-refundable registration total due by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

Register online at [flbc.net/youth-summer-weekend](http://flbc.net/youth-summer-weekend) or send this form to [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net) or mail to

FLBC 603 S Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901

A list of what to bring and a schedule will be sent to you prior to the retreat.



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# Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Celebrate Mother's Day on the lake at  
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp!**

**550 Lutheran Camp Rd., Lakeside MT 59922**

Three seatings available: 9:30 AM, 11:00, and 12:30

~ Buffet Style Service! ~

\$25 per person ages 12+ | \$18/ages 4-11 | Free/3 & under  
Please call 406-752-6602 or visit <https://flbc.net/mothersdaybrunch/>  
to reserve your spot by May 1<sup>st</sup>!

## 2022 REGISTRATION

Mother's Day Brunch // May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Name(s) & Age(s) of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

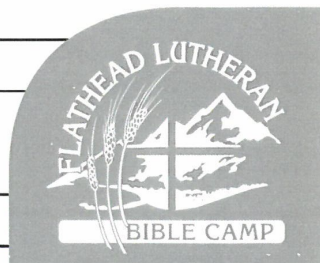
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating (check 1): \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am \_\_\_\_\_ 11am \_\_\_\_\_ 12:30pm

Please list any dietary restrictions or severe allergies \_\_\_\_\_



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Kevin Mathews opened the meeting with a devotion based on the Our Redeemer's mission statement, "Embraced by God's love we reach out to serve because our Redeemer lives!" He pointed out that this statement covers three main points, what we do, we reach out to serve, how we do it, we are embraced by God's love and the important why, because our Redeemer lives.

Beth Johnson reviewed the March financial report that Sarah Magee prepared. The general fund giving in March was more than had been given in 2021 and covered all the expenses for March and the carried over expenses from February with a small balance left over. The Council voted to maintain the cash balance to help cover the property assessment due in May of \$15,000. The benevolence was carried over to next month. Sarah talked about the phone system which was a used system when it was installed 10 years ago. Cody Salo will work with Sarah to review the bids which have been received and prepare a recommendation for the council to consider next month.

The ministry and committee reports were reviewed, Lynn Voss reported the preschool has a new director, and she will start on April 29 to work with Trudy. Also, the preschool is looking for teachers for the next school year.

The Covid protocol was reviewed and no change was recommended at this time. Lynn announced that the church has received the Certificate of Water Rights from DNRC. He thanked Ryan McLane and Bonner Armstrong for their work on this. The gift from the Mavis family has been received and per their request, split between the mortgage reserve and youth funds.

Lynn reminded the council members of the Ukraine Benefit Concert that Our Redeemer's is helping to sponsor on April 25 and 26, Baird Linke's last day is May 8 and Montana Synod Assembly is June 3-4 in Billings.

Respectfully submitted for Ingrid Childress,  
Jan Martin



## PERPETUAL FUND

The Perpetual Fund Committee is pleased to announce that grants and scholarships are available for qualified applicants and projects from the ORLC Perpetual Fund and Seminary Scholarship Fund for 2022.

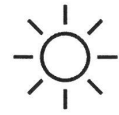
Awards from the Perpetual Fund are intended to enhance specific ORLC missions and ministries which have not received funding from the general or designated church giving. Examples of eligible activities include: (1) missions of the ELCA at home and abroad, including professional leadership, educational ministries, global mission, and social ministries; (2) outreach into the community, including grants to campus ministries, social service agencies, and special programs in our parish area who are in spiritual and/or economical need; (3) scholarships or grants to members of ORLC for church-related education or church related leadership conferences, or such other training which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people.

Seminary scholarship funds are available to Montana Lutheran students in good standing from local area churches who are enrolled or attending an ELCA seminary.

Call 406/449-2877 for additional information or clarification. Perpetual Fund electronic applications are available on the church website and must be submitted electronically to [loriw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:loriw@ourredeemerlives.org) or [jamesrpenn@gmail.com](mailto:jamesrpenn@gmail.com) by May 27, 2022.



# Summer Preschool Fun 2022!



We are excited to announce our Summer Preschool Fun program for summer 2022! These multi age programs will provide your child a full week of exciting projects, adventures, and activities:

\*Games and fun    \*Center time    \*Outdoor play  
\*Tasty snacks    \*Arts and crafts    \*Songs and stories    \*Mini hikes

SPF is designed for the following groups:

- Children who turned 3 by September 2021 and have completed a year of Preschool.
  - Children who are 4 and 5 years old (regardless of Preschool attendance)
  - Children who completed Kindergarten this year.
- (Please note: your child does not need to be a Preschool student or alumni to attend.)

## Camp Offerings 2022



**Pete the Cat**    June 13-17    9:00 a.m.-noon  
Spend a week with everyone's favorite cool cat.



**Creepy Crawlies**    **Full**    July 18-24    9:00 a.m.- noon  
Explore the world of insects through science, art, and exploration.



**Wildlife of Montana**    **Full**    July 18-22    9:00 a.m.- noon  
Learn about the animals that call our state home.



**Space: the final frontier**    **Full**    July 25-29    9:00 a.m.- noon  
Spend a week exploring the wonders of outer space.

- ◆ Children are invited to bring a sack lunch as we will eat during the last part of the morning. A snack will be provided.
- ◆ Sessions will be led by two Preschool staff. Class size is limited so register early!
- ◆ Session cost is \$125 for the first session and \$115 for additional sessions (or for siblings). This fee covers all supplies, a daily snack, and a special Preschool t-shirt!
- ◆ To register, call the Preschool (406-442-7842) to receive a registration form.

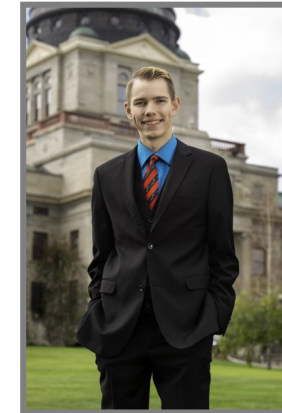
# MEET THE GRADUATES



In celebration of our graduating high school seniors, we would like to highlight several of these amazing young adults in the May and June Voice publications. Could you please help by providing some information? Please include any noteworthy accomplishments, future plans, etc. The rest of the congregation would enjoy learning about you and your plans for the future. Please e-mail your information to [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org).

## Brennan Jensen

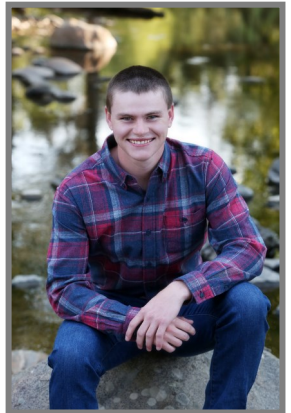
Brennan is the son of Alicia Reber and Cort Jensen and is graduating from Capital High School. Brennan is a National Qualifier for Speech and Debate and the Junior Superintendent for 4-H. Brennan is a member of the National Honor Society, a Distinguished Student and received the BEAR Award. He also enjoys being a baseball umpire.



Brennan plans on attending Concordia College, in Moorhead, MN next fall.

## Rhett Quinn

Rhett is the son of Patrick and Kim Quinn and is graduating from Capital High School. Rhett is humble and kind, but active! He is a Valedictorian of Capital High School, Class of 2022 Distinguished Scholar from the Helena Education Foundation and received the BEAR Award. Rhett is a member of National Honor Society, Science and Math Clubs, and the Helena Hooligans Rugby Team. He also set four records for his weight division in powerlifting.



For the past seven years, Rhett has been a part of the Robotics Team as captain, lead programmer and lead design as well as a Cadet Captain for the Civil Air Patrol. In his free time, he enjoys snowboarding and wakeboarding as well as volunteering with Big Hearts Under the Big Sky, Toys for Tots, Passion Plunge, and being a Robotics mentor.

While he has not made his final decision on where yet, Rhett plans to attend college next fall to study Mechanical Engineering.



## Tyler Cook

Tyler is the son of Elizabeth and Lonnie and is graduating from Capital High School. Tyler is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Club and enjoys art. He also

enjoys skiing and gaming in his free time. In addition, Tyler won the VFW Post 12177 Voice of Democracy.

Tyler plans on attending Montana State University in Bozeman, MT next fall studying Physics.



# Congratulations CLASS OF 2022





# 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@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:Jackie@ourredeemerlives.org) to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.





## Mark your Calendars for Summer Camp at FLBC!

Summer camp registration opened December 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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



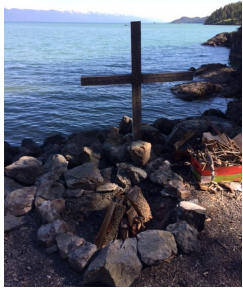
## FLBC Memorial Day Work Weekend May 27-30, 2022

**Spring is in the air, and it's time to get busy!** All ages are invite to help prepare and transform camp for the summer season! There will projects for everyone, including sewing, planting, cleaning, construction, but there are jobs for all gifts and all ages! This weekend is sponsored by Thrivent and is free to attend, but **reservations are required!** The weekend includes:

- 3 nights accommodations in camp cabins
- 8 meals from Friday Dinner to Monday Lunch
- Fellowship and engaging work projects
- Worship, bible studies, campfires, s'mores, and more!

Please prayerfully consider this ministry opportunity. **There is no cost for the weekend or meals** - all we ask of you is your positive attitude, hard work, and time. It is a great way to get to build meaningful relationships with all generations, teach and learn new skills, and grow in faith and fellowship with one another! Please fill out the registration form below or register at <https://flbc.net/memorial-day-weekend/> and turn into Jackie at the Church office by **May 11th** so we can make sure everyone has a ride or any questions answered!

For more information, please email Jackie at [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org) or call her at 442-7842.



## A Letter of Support for the Jewish Community in Montana

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter into these Holy Days of the Christian faith, we begin with Maundy Thursday, the day we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples. During this meal, he again stated the command that God has given since the time of Moses: the command to love one another as God has love us. (Jn 13:34)

Jesus and his followers celebrated this meal as part of the Jewish Celebration of Passover when every year the Jewish people remember how God liberated them from slavery in ancient Egypt. (Ex 12) In this meal and in so many other ways, the Jewish and Christian faith traditions are intertwined. We share a common ancestor in Abraham and Sarah, share a common heritage in the Hebrew Scriptures, worship the one God who created heaven and earth, and recognize the humanity of all as created in the image of God. We are siblings, children of the same God, care-givers to the same world.

In honor of this abiding inter-relationship with our Jewish siblings, **the Montana Synod Council and I ask you for your support of the Jewish community in Montana** in a particular way during this holy time for both of our religious traditions. We invite your financial support for the Montana Jewish Project (MJP) centered in Helena but serving throughout the state.

The Montana Jewish Project is trying to repurchase the synagogue in Helena that was sold more than 100 years ago and has passed through several hands over the years. An opportunity has risen for them to buy back this important place of Jewish heritage in order to develop it as a community educational center for all Montanans (and others) to learn about the Jewish experience in Montana, to grow in a relationship of mutual support with the Jewish community, and to experience the Jewish faith as they practice and cherish it. ([See here for more info](#))

The Montana Synod Council has already given \$4000 toward the project in the spirit of relationship with our Jewish neighbors. In this way, we are fulfilling the ongoing pledge we as the Montana Synod made in the "Agreement between Montana Synod Lutherans of the ELCA and Montana Association of Jewish Communities" signed in June 1995. Through this gift, we also stand with the wider ELCA in its "Declaration of the ELCA to the Jewish Community," originally adopted in 1994 and then reaffirmed by the Churchwide Council in 2021 and the "Declaration of Inter-Religions Commitment" adopted by the Churchwide Assembly in 2019. ([You can find these documents here](#))

**And we would ask you and your congregation to join together with the rest of the Montana Synod to match the council's \$4000 so that we can increase our support to \$8000.** In this way we can continue our ongoing work of building mutually encouraging relationships with our Jewish siblings

We are hoping to raise this money by May 15, 2022. **You may donate by [clicking here](#) and selecting Montana Jewish project or sending a check to the Synod office with "MT Jewish Project" in the memo line.** Whatever gifts we are able to gather, we plan to give to the leaders of the MJP before the end of June which is an important deadline for them in purchasing the property.

This is important and loving work that we are doing. We know that throughout its history, the Christian church and its members have done deep harm to the Jewish people and their communities. Anti-Judaism and, later, anti-Semitism have been prevalent in the words and actions of Christians. This mistreatment is seen especially in Martin Luther's horrific diatribes and violent recommendations against the Jews in his later writings, in the silence of the Christian church (including Lutherans) during the Holocaust and its aftermath, and in too much overt and subtle bigoted behavior by Christians everywhere including here in Montana and N. Wyoming.

Sadly, this anti-Semitism is rising again in our polarized society through acts of violence and prejudice toward Jews and their communities. People who claim to follow Jesus are causing needless suffering and fear among our Jewish neighbors and their families with hate speech and prejudice, for instance seen the recent experience of a neighborhood in Great Falls throughout which anti-Semitic tracts were spread. Perhaps this has happened in your community as well.

Such behavior by Christians is wrong and contrary to the gospel of God's love for the whole world as well as God's command to love the neighbor -- *all* of our neighbors including our Jewish siblings. As witnesses to the good news of new life in and through Jesus Christ, Christians are called to seek peace, justice and the well-being of all God's children. We are called to work for the common good in our communities alongside people of other faiths and religions. We are called to confront bigotry directed against those who worship and believe differently, "playing an active role in dispelling fear...and standing with those who are targets of fear, discrimination, hatred and violence." (Declaration of Interreligious Commitment, 2019)

And we are called to repent of our previous behaviors and the actions of our ancestors by returning to the Lord our God so that we can better build healthy and supportive relationships with our Jewish neighbors. We are called to learn through respectful conversation, dialogue, growth in friendship and cooperation with people of other faiths, including the Jewish community and people.

During this time of learning, building relationships and cooperation in serving our community, creation and world, let us seek mutual understanding, discovering not only factual knowledge about the commonalities and differences of our respective traditions but finding beauty in another religious tradition as well as our own. For in seeing how our Jewish neighbors love and cherish their own tradition, we as Christians may renew our love and understanding of our own faith and tradition.

And so we ask for your [support](#) for the Montana Jewish Project, so that together we can show the love we have received from God by following God's command to love our neighbors.

May God bless and keep you during these Holy Days,  
Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling  
Bishop, Montana Synod, ELCA

### Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Work Weekend Registration Form—May 17-30, 2022

Adult Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name(s) and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ I am willing and able to help transport others camp leaving Friday and returning Monday afternoon.

☐ I am only able to attend a portion of the weekend, but will be there: \_\_\_\_\_





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

## First Communion

### Come to the Table

Twelve 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders were given Communion instruction and took part in a special Communion service on Maundy Thursday. Congratulations!!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS

Would you like to help bring God's word to **100 families?!**



Did you know about 50% of the children who attend VBS are guests? What a great evangelist event! Check out the VBS board found in the

Great Room in May to help with supplies and food.

### YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

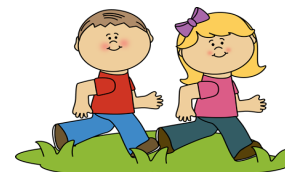
Contact Liz ([liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org)) for more info.



**May 8<sup>th</sup>** - Last day of **Sunday School**

**KidTime runs all Summer!!**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** - Vacation Bible School!



Have a great Summer!!

Please keep an eye on your email. We will plan to have a couple of outdoor events as a group this summer!



### May Bible Study

In May, we will have a one-session devotional entitled, "Across the generations: One act of welcome can beget another."

**Dorcas Bible study:** Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00am

**Rebecca Bible study:** Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00pm

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

**The WELCA Board:** Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30am

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

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

### Garage Sale

Now is the time to start getting your household "treasures" together for the churchwide garage sale on June 4. You may bring your contributions to the church starting on May 30. We welcome household goods, but no clothes or shoes, please. Stay tuned for more information.



To my dear friends at Our Redeemer's. My family and I thank you so much for all your cards, calls, memorials and condolences when Lynn passed in January and at the time of his memorial service on April 14. It has been a time of such sadness and loss for us and he is sorely missed, but we know he is at peace now with our Lord.

Love in Christ,  
Annette Wakefield



### Prayer Ministries at Our Redeemer's

- ♦ Prayer is a cornerstone of our faith and praying with and for each other binds us together deeply. Join our email prayer ministry by contacting the office (442-7842 or email [loriw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:loriw@ourredeemerlives.org)).
- ♦ Our Sunday morning prayer teams ministry is starting back up post-pandemic and we need your help! If you are able to attend worship and pray with those seeking prayer during communion, please contact Kathy Olson ([kathyolson8686@gmail.com](mailto:kathyolson8686@gmail.com)).



# HUNGER TEAM NEWS

## HELENA FOOD SHARE KID PACK PROGRAM

Thank You!

We have completed our assembly of Kid Packs for this school year. A huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with donating snacks for the Kid Packs, as well as those who assisted with Kid Pack assemblies on Tuesday afternoons. Helena Food Share depends upon all of you to continue this vital service in the community, and the hungry kids in our midst are most grateful for your generosity.

Ready, Set, Go for the Summer Milk Campaign!

On Sunday, May 1, the Hunger Team will launch the 2022 Summer Milk Campaign with the assistance of our creative youth. Once again, our goal is \$6000. Each dollar up to that goal will be matched by a local foundation. Milk bottles for collecting loose change, as well as larger bills and checks, will be distributed at both services on May 1. These funds allow Helena Food Share to purchase enough milk for every Kid Pack throughout the school year. And that's 1,000 Kid Packs each week of the school year. We can do this!!!!

## GOD'S LOVE

THANK YOU for the continual support for God's Love. Every item donated is deeply appreciated and put to good use. With summer just around the corner, God's Love can definitely use more silverware and non-breakable dishes (plates, bowls, and cups). The dishes disappear quite rapidly as they can be put in a backpack or bag and used in camping sites or off the building grounds.

Blessings to each and every one of you for your incredible generosity. It is appreciated by the Hunger Team and God's Love.

## ORLC COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Master Gardeners recently issued Our Redeemer's a grant to allow installation of a drip system in the garden. Thanks to Karen Nelson, who wrote the grant, and Carroll College students, who installed much of the drip tape, we shall have a more efficient method of watering the garden this season.

There are still rental plots available for \$25. Please contact the church office (406-442-7842) for more information.

We shall begin planting the Helena Food Share section of the garden in late May or early June. If you wish to make donations of seeds or plants, please contact Vicki Downhour (406) 465-2197, [greenxena@msn.com](mailto:greenxena@msn.com)). As always, the Hunger Team can use assistance in prepping, planting, weeding, and maintaining the garden. It is a healthy plot of land. Hope all of you have a chance to enjoy its bounty.

## KENDRA WILDE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Hunger Team received \$232.52 from the Kendra Wilde Endowment Fund for the first quarter. This first disbursement of funds was sent to Lutheran World Relief in support of their efforts in Ukraine.

## HUNGER TEAM MEETING

**Tuesday, May 24, 6:30pm.** New members are always welcome. If the weather is cooperative, we shall most likely spend some time in the community garden.



# Vacation Bible School 2022

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 Redeemers! 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.**

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

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

"I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is." (Ephesians 3:18-19)

## REGISTER NOW!

Please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) for more information.



## VBS Volunteer Opportunities

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

- ♦ Crafts
- ♦ Classroom Leaders (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. The completed VBS volunteer form need to be completed by **June 1st, 2022.**

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

Please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) for more information.





Sunday, May 1, 2022		
Captain	Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Williams-Mathews
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover, Craig & Mary Kay Linke, Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Williams-Mathews
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	<i>Team Members</i>
Lector	Kathy Olson	
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Lisa Williams-Mathews

Sunday, May 8, 2022		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb, Pat Lumma	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske	<i>Team Members</i>
Lector	Joy Novota	
Altar Guild	Lisa Williams-Mathews	Kim Randall

Sunday, May 15, 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	Gretchen Krumm	
Altar Guild	Lori Walter	Lori Chase

Sunday, May 22, 2022		
Captain	Ray Read	<i>helpers needed</i>
Usher	Bonner Armstrong, Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	<i>helpers needed</i>
Greeter	Gordon Blomquist	
Lector	High Schoolers	
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Shannon Bartole

Sunday, May 29, 2022	
Captain	Kristi Antosh
Usher	Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb, Pat Lumma
Greeter	Helena Bunkowske, Lori Chase
Lector	Linda Nelson
Altar Guild	



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

- |                      |                    |                          |                   |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Carol Calkins      | 10 Mady DeFilippis | 17 Richard Knatterud     | Colton Dorrington |
| Audrina Combs        | Amber Lamping      | 18 Lisa Williams-Mathews | Linda Robbins     |
| Teresa Schulz        | Pam Lemieux        | 19 Kennedy Bartole       | Mykaylee Verworn  |
| 2 Vicki Downhour     | 11 Greg Johnson    | Carol Kimble             | 29 Liz Bacon      |
| Joe Wadhams          | Donna Thomas       | Lexi MacMillan           | Cody Smith        |
| 3 Pastor Ron Paulson | 13 Steven Ziegler  | 20 Charlie Gustovich     | 30 Judy Golob     |
| Linda Winfield       | 14 Linda Lynch     | Katie Lindner            | Dora Lindner      |
| 4 Adeline Juers      | Dallas Miller      | 21 Sawyer Glueckert      | 31 Bob Calkins    |
| Iris Ziegler         | Mark Redfern       | Pat Keim                 | Clair Schilling   |
| 5 Parker Grundmeier  | Liz Swenson        | Kellen Murray            |                   |
| 6 Cindy DeTienne     | 15 Gretchen Coble  | 22 Donald Gilbertson     |                   |
| Libby Linder         | Dan Gaughan        | Anya Wilde-Spiger        |                   |
| Tizer Mummey         | Marci Sim          | 23 Sharon MacMillan      |                   |
| Kelly Robertson      | Tami Wadhams       | Gary Novota              |                   |
| Clayton Schenck      | 16 Fred Goughnour  | 24 Kim Anfinson          |                   |
| 7 Jeff Martin        | Jenna Lauf         | 25 Chace Bingham         |                   |
| 8 Alli Darlow        | Mark Sharkey       | 26 Merlyn Huso           |                   |
| Bonnie Johnson       | Kimmy Skiftun      | 27 Bill Goosen           |                   |
|                      |                    | 28 Cameron Dole          |                   |

**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.

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](mailto:trina@ourredeemerlives.org) or 406-442-7842.

Anniversary  
Blessings

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

5/25/1974	Linda & Randy Coty	48 years
5/19/1979	Roger & Liz Bacon	43 years
5/31/1980	Richard & Pauline Knatterud	42 years

**Baptisms**

**4/6/2022      Michael Patrick Connolly**



What’s the Deal with Benevolence?

As we have discussed in previous Budget Forums, we intend to dedicate a certain percentage of general offerings received by the church to benevolence. Our benevolence goal has historically been as high as 15% of general offerings. However, we have not achieved our annual benevolence goal in recent years as monthly expenses tend to exceed general offerings received in most months during the year. Beginning in 2022, we as a congregation approved lowering the benevolence goal from 12% to 5% of general offerings, which is a more achievable goal considering our current financial status.

Benevolence monies are distributed to our benevolence partners, which include the ELCA Synod, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and local partners. Our local partners are Family Promise, Friendship Center, God’s Love, Good Samaritan, Helena Area Habitat for Humanity and Helena Food Share. Based on the revised benevolence goal of 5%, 4% is distributed to the ELCA Synod, ½% is distributed to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and the remaining ½% is divided between our local partners.

Although we have had trouble meeting our benevolence percentage in terms of general offerings in past years, we as a congregation have gone over and above to provide for our benevolence partners through donations of money, time and talent outside of general offerings. Examples for 2021, unless otherwise indicated, include the following:

- The congregation donated \$7,149.68 to the Hunger Team’s 2021 summer milk campaign for Helena Food Share’s Kid Pack Program. A local fund match brought the total to over \$13,000. Over 27,000 Kid Packs were assembled by congregational members during the 2021-2022 school year.
- 81 boxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child. In addition, the church serves as host for Lewis and Clark County for the Samaritan’s Purse national collection week.
- WELCA sent 175 quilts sewn by congregational members to Lutheran World Relief.

- The High School Youth filled Christmas stockings with gifts for 24 youth at the Intermountain Children’s Residential Treatment Center in part with a grant from Town Pump.
- Over the past 5 years (or so), a platoon of “old guys” that regularly meet on Wednesday mornings have contributed volunteer hours towards the building of the Synod House in Great Falls, the remodeling of Hagen Hall at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp as well as the construction of a mini boathouse at the bible camp.
- For Lutheran World Relief, WELCA collected items to assemble 70 baby kits and 95 school kits, and the High School Youth collected items to assemble 138 personal care kits (*in 20 minutes!*).
- 672 volunteer hours were donated by overnight hosts for Family Promise. Approximately \$1,000 was donated by congregational members for dinners, groceries, snacks, and paper products.
- The community garden maintained by the Hunger Team offered over 2,000 pounds of produce to Helena Food Share. The congregation donated 1,366 pounds of food for Helena Food Share’s holiday baskets.
- Numerous items (*more than the Hunger Team and the High School Youth can count*) were donated to God’s Love, which included toiletries, blankets and winter clothing. One recipient was very appreciative of a pair of size 10 winter boots!

This list is not all inclusive- there are many more examples of giving that could be added to the list. Beginning in 2022, the Generosity Committee has teamed with various ORLC committees and our benevolence partners to call special attention to the needs of these ministries. The congregation should take pride in their generosity, as well as creativity, in serving our benevolence partners!

This congregation truly embodies our mission statement:

***Embraced by God’s love, we reach out to serve because our Redeemer lives!***



The Council of Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the hiring of Amy de Jesus to be the new Preschool Director. To understand all that this position entails, beginning April 29, Amy will be spending time shadowing the current director, Trudy Burke, before stepping into that role at the end of Trudy’s tenure.

Amy brings more than 20 years of experience in the field of education. She has worked in the Washington public school system in a Title 1 school where poverty was high. The student body included multiple ethnicities, assisted in writing benchmark assessments on the district and state level, lived and worked in Guatemala, and most recently taught literature at Helena High. She is fluent in Spanish and has taught that subject to preschool, middle school, and high school students. Amy received her BA from the University of Washington and an MA in Teaching from Seattle University.

According to the Search Committee, her personality exudes confidence in a quiet, steady manner. They are confident that she will quickly gain the trust and support of parents and teachers alike, focusing on the whole child’s needs and the desire to provide autonomy to the teachers. Amy is also eager to work with the Preschool Board to continue the good relationship with the previous directors.

We look forward to welcoming her to the staff as she brings many gifts to Our Redeemer’s Preschool. Council would like to thank those who served on the Search Committee: Lynda Hanson (chair), Trudy Burke, Mary Robertson, and Brittany Kukes (preschool board member).

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended the ‘specialty’ concert on Saturday afternoon, April 2. “Rockin’ Broadway” was a major success, with attendees anticipating a unique concert, marvelous performers and an afternoon of delightful musical memories. We were beyond pleased with the talents delivered by our local musicians\*\*, who brought a wealth of musical gifts, plus the outstanding musicianship of Philip Fortenberry from Las Vegas. He never ceases to amaze us with his incredible flying fingers at the keyboard. His background and his history of ‘just being a pianist’ takes our breath away with his awe-inspiring talent. It was also so wonderful to have a volunteer team prepare and present a dessert and coffee reception following the concert. Our thanks to Larry and Lynda Hanson, Jim and Bonnie McFarland, Bonner and Karen Armstrong and Kathy Gessaman, and anyone else who may have been part of the crew! You are all part of our musical family! We also give a big thank-you to Autumn Keller/Thrivent for helping in sponsoring this event as a tribute to the Intermountain Children’s Home. Partial proceeds of the ticket sales and an assortment of ‘activity wish list’ items will be presented to Intermountain.

\*\* Kevin Mathews, Dennis and Lisa Rau, Charlene Mayala and Jason Callon

This specific concert was an introduction to the possibility of presenting more of this type of activity at ORLC. After planning and waiting for 3+ years to present this performance, we were so thrilled we could FINALLY make it happen! We are grateful we could use our church building and its beautiful grand piano to bring a sampling of this programming, ‘borrowed’ and tweaked from Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas! Within the next 90 - 120 days, we hope to have additional details for more music-making in a relaxed setting at ORLC with multi-talented performers. Stay tuned!!

We send our appreciation with a BIG thank-you to all who participated in any way!! Our best to you!

Gary and Joy Novota  
Starz on Stage



May

2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>1</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Social Statement discussion with Baird - Comm. Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
***** Family Promise May 1 - May 8 *****		
<b>8</b>  8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm. 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - WELCA Board meeting - AD-1 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Mtg.
<b>15</b> Voice Articles Due  8:30am - Worship + KidTime 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	<b>16</b>  6:00pm - Preschool Board - Community Room	<b>17</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Community Rm
<b>22</b> Blessing of the Graduates  8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	<b>23</b>  7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Rm	<b>24</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
<b>29</b>  9:30am - Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b>  7:00pm - Mix-it Up May - meet in Youth Loft	<b>5</b>  9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
***** Family Promise May 1 - May 8 *****			
<b>11</b>  7:00pm - Mix-it Up May - meet at Hyzer Hills Frisbee Golf Course	<b>12</b>  9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>18</b>  1:00pm - Rebecca Circle Bible Study-Conf Rm 7:00pm - Mix-it Up May - meet at Flying Giant Adventure Park	<b>19</b>  9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  4:00pm - Recital (Jason) - Sanctuary 5:30pm - Graduation Banquet
<b>25</b>  7:00pm - Mix-it Up May - Game of Shoe - meet at Community Rm.	<b>26</b>  9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>