

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE VOICE



Advent

- December 5, 7:00pm - John Hermanson, *Isaiah* music
- December 12, 7:00pm - John Hermanson, *Isaiah* music
- December 19, 7:00pm - John Hermanson, *Isaiah* music

Christmas Eve

- 10:00am - traditional service with organ
- 3:00pm - brass quartet, kid-friendly with puppets
- 5:00pm - brass quartet, kid-friendly with puppets
- 8:00pm - candlelight and harp



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Our cup overflows ...

I recently had a member of leadership share with me that they've been part of a lot of organizations over the years, including a couple of other congregations, but they've never been part of a community that is both servicing a large debt (our mortgage) and so financially generous to other projects at the same time. I have to agree ... the generosity shown by the saints of Our Redeemer's in 2024 has been remarkable:

- \$25,000 given to the *All Kids to Camp in 2024* campaign
- \$45,000 raised for the new sound system installed in September
- \$26,000+ raised for milk for the Kid Packs distributed to local elementary kids (The Hunger Team just got a \$5000 grant from Town Pump, passed on to Helena Food Share, which upped this total since their last report!)
- \$51,000 given by Gordon Blomquist to establish the *Blomquist Fund for Children and Youth*, the proceeds of which will help kids go to camp for generations

And this is all *over and above* the giving for our general ministry expenses.

Thanks be to the Spirit, who has been moving us to increased generosity!

AND, we also held our first Stewardship Work Day on September 28, which ticked off everything on Jerry Hoover's "urgent" list and went deep into his "other projects" list. Thanks to all who showed up that day and shared their physical skills as a large group joined together to paint, stain, clean, scrape, weed, and trim landscape, and help with the general upkeep of our wonderful facility and campus.

Update on the property development project
Gretchen Krumm shares on behalf of the Our Redeemer's Property Development Committee:

We remain in negotiation discussions with Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC) regarding the land sale. Receiving an official appraisal of the 11 acres available, the Council approved the draft of a proposed Buy-Sell and Restrictive Covenants drawn up by the church's attorney in late March.

In July, members of the committee sat down with RMDC's Executive Director and Affordable Housing Program Director to further discuss the proposed sale. At that meeting and in a subsequent letter to the church, RMDC reconfirmed their desire to realize the vision to build housing the community can afford, but also expressed concerns that significant changes in infrastructure and construction costs since the inception of the project are impeding their confidence in realizing the project.

In August, there was further discussion on the sale price, agreement that RMDC would assume responsibility for required infrastructure (roads, utilities), and additional clarification on the Restrictive Covenants. Members of the Property Development Committee will again meet with RMDC staff in early November to continue the conversation.

In the meantime, the Property Development Committee also recommended that the Council move forward with the process of subdividing the property to legally identify the lot for sale. This work involves surveying the property and making an application to the city for an Administrative Minor Subdivision. This would be required regardless of when or who the property is sold to, and could take up to six months to be confirmed, so the Council agreed to move forward with this process and contract with Stahly Engineering for the survey, documentation, and application efforts. This is currently underway.

Don't forget the mortgage!

As we await the sale of the land, Our Redeemer's continues to reduce its mortgage each month. The current mortgage balance is a little over \$1.1 million, with monthly payments of almost \$11,000. Our mortgage payments are not paid by general giving to the Ministry Fund, but by those who specify a gift to the Building Fund. To provide a buffer should times get hard (remember that pandemic...), we have historically aimed to have a year's worth of mortgage payments in the Building Fund, but have been dipping into that recently as gifts in this area have decreased. While grateful for this reserve, you are encouraged to consider a gift to Building Fund as we near the end of 2024.

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Advent and Christmas

I know it feels like we just finished summer activities, but Advent and Christmas are around the corner. John Hermanson will return on Thursdays in Advent to share his *Isaiah* music again, so put December 5, 12, and 19 at 7:00pm on your calendar.

And, after looking at several years' attendance data, we are making a few adjustments to this year's Christmas Eve schedule:

10:00 am traditional service with organ
3:00 pm brass quartet, kid-friendly with puppets
5:00 pm brass quartet, kid-friendly with puppets
8:00 pm candlelight and harp

Shhhhh ...

I sometimes joke that I can't tell my pastor friends about all the wonderful things happening at Our Redeemer's. While many experience decreasing attendance, financial challenges, and the presence of no children or youth in the community, such is not the case here. The Holy Spirit continues to blow through this place in new and exciting ways. Keep your hearts and minds open to what she's up to, dear ones. And, as always, I am so grateful to be in ministry with you.

Pastor Trina Johnsten



Our fantastic Our Redeemer's Community Member Linda Nelson is full of Enthusiastic Passion! If you have seen her around our church, she is somewhat hard to pin down as she is involved as the Body of Christ. She grew up in the church, the daughter of a

Presbyterian minister. Later, she married Ralph Nelson and became both a Presbyterian minister's wife and the daughter-in-law of a Presbyterian minister. Ralph retired from the ministry in 2003, and they moved to Helena in 2008. She Joined Our Redeemer's in 2012 and has been advocating for improved communication and transparency.

Linda's passion was rooted in her vocation of speech communication, which led her to extensive understanding and stewardship of this subject. She began her studies at Hastings College in Nebraska, then completed a Master's degree in Speech Communication at the University of South Dakota and an MA in Counselling Psychology from Lesley University. She spent 40 years as a counselor, educator, teacher, debate coach, and International Baccalaureate Coordinator. She also taught Drama Therapy classes at the University of Wyoming and Kansas State University. And in her spare time, she became a published writer and poet.

Although she grew up in Texas, she has also lived in Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, New Jersey, and Wyoming. Wherever she has lived, she has sought out children and youth, and ways to employ her musical talents. Presently she teaches knitting to 4th and 5th graders at Broadwater School and serves as a Book Pal at Smith Elementary.

She knows a lot about what is happening at Our Redeemer's as her daughter and son in-law, Gretchen & Blair Krumm, and her granddaughter Ella are also active at Our Redeemer's. She is a charter member of The Hunger Team and is passionate about these other groups, as well: Grace Notes (Handbell Choir), Church Council (secretary), and Knitters for Peace (a community-based knitting group that does charity knitting for groups around the world).

Linda has applied her GOD-given talents and learning here at Our Redeemer's. She helps build communications to guide our community in doing GOD's work. As a member of the Hunger Team, she has spearheaded the Milk Fund since its inception in 2013. Since then, Our Redeemer's has provided milk for the Kid Packs program every school year. In the last two years our church community has raised over \$44,000, making for an "UDDER Difference".



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS


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|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Luci Pearson | 11 Connor Brown | 20 Ty Lamping |
| 2 Roberta Carey | Don Childress | David Senn |
| Juliah Maharg | Olivia Liston | Louis Ward |
| Audrey Schubring | Cassie Wetzel | 21 Jan Martin |
| Penny Welch | 12 Samantha Ziegler | 22 Denise Brunett |
| 3 Kim Lawton | 13 Larry Crowder | 23 Bruce McMaster |
| 4 Bonner Armstrong | Crosby Kennedy | Kay Patterson |
| Linda Coty | 14 Skyler Willard | 24 Noreen Johnson |
| Scott Walter | 16 Emily Lindner | Jodi Robertson |
| 5 Frank Grundmeier | 17 Ashlee Hanson | 25 Carrie Engle |
| 6 Riitta Ballantyne | Marlene Simms | Deagan Solan |
| Michael Burke | 18 Carol Beley | 26 Nikki MacMillan |
| Troy Byrne | Melanie Denning | Gary Pearson |
| 7 Anna Knecht | Linda Keim | 28 Lon Bechtel |
| Bonnie Pennie | 19 Attila Fohnagy | 29 CJ Bomar |
| 9 Evan Colberg | Charlotte Hafer | 30 Mike Connolly |
| Kellan Elder | Kim Mangold | Steph Richardson |
| Kelsey Robertson | Ginny McLane | Shane Sampson |
| Lori Swenson | Mila Molenda | Kristine Thatcher |
| 10 Brianna Denning | | |



Hopefully, you have all received the letter that we, your Call Committee, sent you. If you have not received it before receiving this edition of the VOICE - please contact Lori Walter, our Church Office Manager, to either have a copy emailed to you or you can pick one up in the office area on Sunday, November 3 or 7. This letter clearly outlines what has been happening in our associate pastor search and where we are at today. It also talks about how we are considering expanding our search to hopefully bring in a candidate sooner rather than later to assist our ever-so-hard-working lead pastor. To that end, we also want to make ourselves available to members of our congregation if there are any thoughts you wish to share with us. We will have at least two call committee members available in the Community Room after both services on Sundays, November 17 and 24. Drop in and chat with them individually, or feel free to grab any Call Committee or Council member as you are able. Pastor Trina also welcomes conversation on this topic, and you may reach out for a time to meet or talk with her. You are also welcome to email Pastor Trina (trina@ourredeemerlives.org) or Abigail McLane (abigail.mclane@gmail.com) directly with feedback. If none of those work, add a note to the tear-off portion of the weekly bulletin or utilize the comment box in the office. We want to hear your thoughts - whatever they may be. Thank you for your serious review of the letter and your willingness to share again with us later this month. We trust that the Holy Spirit will continue guiding us in this expanded search.

In Christ, your Call Committee

Abby McLane (chair), Kristi Antosh, Lori Chase, Dee Dee Fischer, Shauna Helfert, Craig Linke



Happy Anniversary
Celebrate with those married

Richard & Roberta Carey 11/12/1982 42 years



When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." John 6:12

How much waste does your household produce? How to reduce that waste?

Here's some food for thought: Food Waste - Can we be more intentional in our shopping, storing, and eating habits? In Katharine Hayhoe's book, "Saving Us", it is estimated that the US throws away enough food from our plates or refrigerators each day to fill a 90,000-seat football stadium each year. Yikes! Paper Waste- Paper towels can largely be replaced with bar rags for small cleanups. (You may still need to use disposable for the worst messes.)

Use cloth napkins instead of paper ones. They can be laundered and reused many times. Paper napkins, towels, and toilet paper are also available, mostly online, made from bamboo. Why is bamboo so great? Because it grows quickly and is a more readily renewable resource than paper from trees. We can do something about caring for our creation in so many ways. You may already be doing many of them. It all helps! Carry on and be creative. Share your ideas with others! Creation Care Team contacts: nbock6552@gmail.com and elaineulge@yahoo.com

WELCA

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WELCA Circle meets November 20, 1:00pm in the Great Room.



Children's Christmas Activities...

This year, I am seeking parent input to see if there is interest in their child(ren) participating in a Christmas Program in mid-December. If families cannot commit to this we will hold the Gingerbread House and Christmas Craft event as usual!

Please follow this link or use the QR code to fill out the survey to give your input today!!

<https://forms.gle/gXXTuzKMxQrKZL1D9>



November Schedule



- 3 Sunday School—Jonah & the Whale
- 10 Sunday School—Jonah & the Whale
- 13 Baking Service Project @6:00pm
- 17 Sunday School—Jonah & the Whale
- 24 Sunday School—Birth Narrative

Walk Through the Bible Class

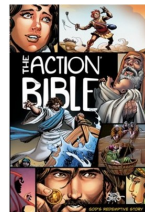


Our annual Walk Through the Bible class for 3rd-grade students and their families was a great success! We had four children and their families join us in worship to receive Bibles, and five joined us for the class in the afternoon.

Thank you to WELCA for providing Bibles to these 3rd graders so that they can continue on their faith journey with Christ!



For the second year in a row, the 3rd-grade students received a Graphic Novel style Bible this year in addition to their WELCA Bible. If you are in 3rd grade or older and have not received this Bible but are interested, please contact Liz (liz@ourredeemerlives.org) and we would love to get you one!



Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

Gordon Blomquist	Greg Johnson	Nikki MacMillan	Laurie Simms
Richard Carey	Noreen Johnson	Lorna Meyer	Ruth Straley
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Dale Mickus	
Jim Haubein	Chloe MacIntyre	Julie Mehl	

Our Family and Friends

Danny McCaughan (nephew of Lori & Dave Swenson)
 Scott Linke (brother of Craig Linke)
 Ron Paulson (former member)
 Jacki Riley (sister of Lori Walter)

Our Seminarian

Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Brandon Bach	Ryan Girard	Colton Johnson	Scott Pocha
Kyle Begger	Austin Grieve	Chance McDowell	Tanner Reddig
Erin DenHerder	Travis Gronley	Kent McGowan	Cody Stipcich
Kellan Elder	Charlie Heidbreder	Dean McLain	Darrell Stipcich
Travis Elder	Roger Henschel	Sawyer Linke	Victoria Stipcich
Micah Emmons	Paul Horst	Erin Mills	Tait Strom
Jessilyn Emmons	Anela Henry	Brian Neal	Andrew Zimmer
Grant Gagnon	Wade Henry	Keith Nordquist	
Adam Guay	Cody Johnson	Chris Oelkers	

Report from the Call Committee

Abby McLane met with the Council to discuss correspondence that will soon be coming out to the congregation. The committee is determined to continue with the job they were assigned, despite their recent disappointments. They are looking to expand the pool of candidates for consideration since there are so few candidates available to fill the position of Associate Pastor.

Budget

• **September Financial Review**

General Receipts for the Ministry Fund totaled \$52,990 for September. The Council agreed to pay the Synod Support amount of \$3,481.38 for August and September and to forward the Building Fund amount of \$12,042.44 for August and September (leaving only 7.5 months' worth of mortgage payments in the Building Fund reserves). They decided to hold on forwarding the Dedicated Fund donations for one more month.

• **2025 Budget**

A draft of the 2025 budget will be ready for Council review at the November meeting. The Budget Forum is scheduled for 9:45am on **Sunday, December 8**.

The congregation will vote on the budget at a 9:45am meeting on **Sunday, December 15**.

The annual Congregational meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 9, 2025**. We shall have one worship service at 9:30am that Sunday, followed by a potluck and the Congregational meeting.

• **Audit Committee**

The Council will approve the financial policies of the church at the November meeting.

Staff Reports

- Staff reports show increased attendance at Sunday School, active Confirmation class, a fully-staffed nursery, and plans for great fall retreats for both middle schoolers and high school youth. And of course, enthusiasm is building for the Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 26.

- The Preschool is in need of substitute teachers. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please notify the Preschool director, Brenda Stoltz.
- Lori Walter is working on the church roster to update the status of the membership list.
- Council members are still working on obtaining additional help for Pastor Trina since we have not yet hired an Associate Pastor.

Committee Reports

- Personnel Committee continues to work on the personnel manual.
- The Audit Committee will present a draft audit at the November Council meeting.
- Stewardship Committee will launch a small fundraising campaign later in the fall to pay for new paraments.

Unfinished Business

- Building and Property Use Policy
The committee has finished its work on the policy manual. The Council will vote on the policy at the November meeting.
- Alcoholics Anonymous has requested the use of the Community Room on Tuesday evenings. The Council approved this request.

New Business

- Nominating Committee
The Nominating Committee is working to fill three positions on the Council for 2025. If you are contacted, please give prayerful consideration to this call.
- Other Business
There is some interest in exploring Biblical perspectives and how they impact decisions for the future of our church. It was suggested that such discussions could begin after the beginning of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Nelson
Secretary

youth ministry.

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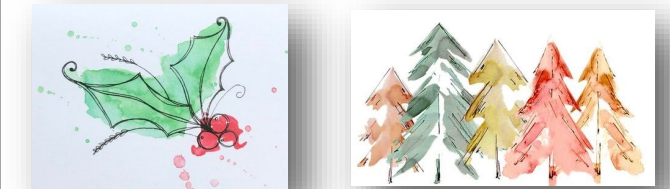


Cookie Baking Event

- When?** Wednesday, November 13, 6-8pm
Sunday, November 17, 9:45-10:45am
- Why?** Homemade cookies for the homebound during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.
- Who?** Youth of the congregation and their families.
- Needs?** If you wish to donate baking supplies, or help bake, please talk to Liz or Steph before the event.

First Sunday of the Month Art Night

Sunday, November 3, 3:00-5:00pm
Watercolor Cards for the Holidays



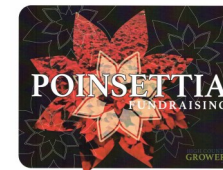
Jump Under the Black Lights

- What:** Cosmic Jump Night, Fellowship Event
- Who:** 5-12 grade
- When:** Friday, November 15, 8:00-10:00pm
- Where:** Flying Giant Adventure Park
- Why:** Have some fun and build strong relationships.
- RSVP:** Let Steph know so we have a headcount.



FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

Registration opens November 11 at 10:00am MTN time.



YOUTH POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

The youth of the congregation are selling local, fresh, professional and high quality Poinsettias this season from High Country Growers.

- Why?** The youth fundraise to help cover the cost of church sponsored events like retreats, summer trips and more.
- What?** They are selling 6.5" poinsettia plants for the Christmas season. The colors to pick from are red, pink, white, orange, and jingle bells (red/white variegated). They are \$20 each.
- When?** Orders must be placed no later than November 10 by ordering online, or ordering from youth on Sundays in the Great Room. Poinsettias will be delivered to the church the week before Thanksgiving for pick up. Payments can be made online or by check as well. Check out the online order page.



CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

With the beginning of the holiday season, there can be extra challenges when planning meaningful time with loved ones. A group of individuals who provide support for family members share their thoughts along the caregiving journey. We meet at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in the conference room on Sunday, November 24 between the two worship services (9:45am). Please join us to share stories, challenges, and joys. Companionship for your loved one is



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

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

Touchmark Worship Services

Our Redeemer's Church members provide a worship and communion service monthly at Touchmark Retirement Community. We will meet Tuesday, November 19 at 10:00am in the forum. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina and Sharlene Kolb will provide leadership. If you would like to worship with them and our member residents at Touchmark, you are welcome to attend. Touchmark is located at 915 Saddle Drive.

CRAFTING NIGHT

Do you enjoy crafting but can't find the time or space? Join us for a fun evening of crafting and fellowship in the Community Room. Bring your project and work away. We will be meet on Friday, November 8 from 6:30pm until about 10:00pm. If you have questions, call Lori at 406-431-5906.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



The grief group will meet between services (9:45am) Sunday, November 10. Holidays, and special days such as birthdays and anniversaries can be difficult for those who are grieving. We offer no fixes, just caring hearts that walk beside each other as we journey through grief. All are welcome.

In The Garden

On September 30, several volunteers finished harvesting everything from the garden before a forecasted hard frost. This summer, the Our Redeemer's Community Garden produced 937 pounds of fresh, organic produce to donate to Helena Food Share. Aside from winter squash, Helena Food Share received shallots, garlic, onion, tomatoes, peppers, beans, beets, cabbage, romanesco, tomatillos, snap peas, zucchini, yellow squash, and rhubarb. Unfortunately, our raspberries, grapes, apples, and pears did not produce this year because of the wacky weather. Nonetheless, God is good, all the time!

The rental side of the garden was nearly fully rented this summer! Those gardens also produced a bountiful harvest, and all of those gardeners participated in their own, personal, Food Share, as they gave fresh produce to friends and neighbors. Many of those gardeners have requested to return next year, which will make the job of "Rental Garden Manager" easier for Elaine Ulgenes next spring. Did you catch that? Elaine will manage the rental side of the garden next year! I am so pleased that she felt moved to take on this ministry. Thank you, Elaine!

The Food Share half of the garden still needs someone (sometwo?) to facilitate planting, maintenance, and harvest. There are systems in place for acquiring plants, a sprinkler system for watering, tools for tooling, a healthy budget to cover any costs, faithful volunteers, and a master gardener for guidance! Hunger Team just needs a somebody(s) willing to manage this part of the garden. Benefits include chicken friends and cut flowers from the beds. Act now, and Vicki will divulge where she hid all the implements. If you feel called to this ministry, please call Vicki Downhour at 406-465-2197. Thank you!

KID PACKS

Kid Packs are bags of food that provide weekend nutrition to children at risk of hunger due to circumstances in their homes. These packs are delivered by Helena Food Share to the elementary schools each week and given out on Fridays. If you want to help assemble these packs, join others from Our Redeemer's the first three Tuesdays of each month, 4:00pm, at the new Helena Food Share building, 1280 Boulder Ave. You are not obligated to come each Tuesday. You pick the days that work best for you. Please email Judy McMaster at judy1950@bresnan.net if interested. All are welcome, and it is a lot of fun!

Thank You for Donating to the Summer Milk Campaign

On Sunday, October 13, we presented a check to Helena Food Share for \$21,573.04. Grant funds accounted for only \$5,800 of this amount. Your generosity of over \$15,000 allows Helena Food Share to purchase milk for the kid packs program for the upcoming school year. Your generosity continues to bless the needy in our community. Thank you once again for digging deep in your pockets to make this happen.

Family Promise

Family Promise has moved to First Christian Church. Our Redeemer's will host Family Promise guests the week of November 10-16. We shall need folks to set up the rooms for our guests, cooks to prepare meals for five days that week, and overnight hosts for Sunday through Saturday. It truly takes a village to host these guests, and your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help or would like more information about this ministry, please contact one of our Volunteer Coordinators: Kathy Olson (406-431-8686) or Phyllis Michelson (406-437-1217).

Holiday Food Drive

We shall once again be donating holiday foods to Helena Food Share in November. Stay tuned for more information.



Our crop of squash was quite bountiful this year!



Here they are, packing up some of the produce for Helena Food Share.

Dear Preschool Families

Happy November! What a wonderful long, colorful fall it has been. They say that time goes fast when you are having fun; we are truly having fun at Our Redeemer's Preschool.

Sharing

In the spirit of giving thanks, if you would like to send one or two canned food items to provide to Helena Food Share, we will take the donated food to Chapel Time on November 13 and 14. This will help the children have fun contributing to the congregation's collection. While any canned food is appreciated, food associated with Thanksgiving would be especially helpful.

Upcoming Events

November Preschool Fundraiser

During the month of November, *Charleston Wrap* magazine sales will occur. This fundraiser will only last the month of November. We have included a magazine and 'how to' sheet. There are many more items to choose from online. To help boost our sales, please consider including relatives in search of participation.

Family Fun Day

Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving movie will be presented on Friday, November 15. We will start the movie at 9:30am and watch in the Community Room (Lunch Bunch room). The film and fun will be 20-25 minutes. Popcorn will be provided.

Progress Reports

The teachers will provide more progress report information but please expect an email in November to view your child's progress.

Substitute Teachers Needed:

If you or someone you know is looking for a fun job, please call Brenda Stoltz, 406-442-7842 or 406-202-0234.

Christmas Programs – Save the Dates!

Our Christmas programs will take place on December 18 for the M/W three-year-olds, and December 19 for all other classes. Please note that this will not be a regular preschool day for your child. On the day of their program, when their program is finished, they will be ready to go home. Watch your teacher's emails for details.

Upcoming Dates – No Classes

Thanksgiving Break – November 27, 28, and 29 (Wednesday-Friday)

Christmas Break – December 23 through January 3 – Classes resume on January 6

Love and Blessings,

Brenda Stoltz, Director

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Preschool

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Dates to Remember:

November 1-30 Magazine Fundraiser
November Expect Progress Report
November Food Donation before 11/13
November 15 Family Fun Day Movie
November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break
December 18 M/W 3s Christmas Program
December 19 S All other Christmas Program
December 23- Jan 3 Christmas Break
January 6 Classes Resume

"Community or Chaos?" adult ed conversation

On Sunday, November 10, Our Redeemer's member Nelson Bock will host a conversation in the Community Room at 9:45am based on an article he has written for the Independent Record religion column to be published on Saturday, November 9. The topic is the role of Christian faith in our response to the outcome and events surrounding the election.

Here is a link to the article from the Helena Independent Record. <https://shorturl.at/Vh91K>

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PERPETUAL FUND

What is the ORLC Perpetual Fund?

On January 21, 1991, the Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church (ORLC) congregation adopted the Perpetual Fund. This endowment fund was created to hold gifts in trust, ensuring that they support the programs and missions of the church for generations to come.

How does the fund work?

Donations made to the fund are invested and held in trust forever, in perpetuity. This means the original amount given is not spent, only the income it generates. The Fund is managed by five trustees appointed by the ORLC church council for a three-year term. Trustees are responsible for distributing income from the Fund in ways that align with the church's mission and vision. Unlike the regular Ministry Fund, the Perpetual Fund is intended to be forward-looking, supporting new programs and expanding our church's reach, rather than just maintaining day-to-day operations. Examples of new programs include the sanctuary playground, the chalkboard, and postcard mailings to our neighborhood.

What are the sub-funds?

In addition to the main Perpetual Fund (General Fund), there are two "sub-funds" that serve specific purposes: The Seminary Scholarship Sub-fund, established in December 2003, was created by a donor to provide grants to seminary students. Priority is given to members of ORLC, followed by members of other ELCA congregations in Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, Powell and Jefferson counties. This fund has made grants to five ORLC member seminary students.

A Debt & Maintenance Sub-Fund, established in 2012, provides supplemental payments toward church debt. If there is no debt, the income is added to the Ministry Fund Reserve For Maintenance Account. Over \$30,000 has been applied to reducing building fund debt.

What are the assets and earnings of the Perpetual Fund?

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Seminary Fund</u>	<u>Debt/Maint. Fund</u>
Assets	117,928	135,310	96,743
2023 Earnings	4,320	5,270	3,623

How can you help?

Your contributions to the ORLC Perpetual Fund make a lasting impact. By donating to the Fund, you ensure that our church continues to grow and serve the community well into the future. A common source of gifts to the Perpetual Fund is from estates, bonuses or inheritance. Consider making a gift today to support new ministry initiatives, seminary students, or the ongoing care of our church. Donors should specify the sub-fund for their generosity.

Trustees: Karen Caplis, Lori Chase (chair), Darbie Hess, Christopher May, Jim Penner

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Confirmation - Loft 11:00am - Worship + KidTime 3:00pm - First Sunday of month Art night	4 10:00am - Staff Meeting	5 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace
10 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Confirmation - Loft 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Worship + KidTime	11 10:00am - Staff Meeting 6:00pm - Preschool Advisory Board Meeting - Conference Rm	12 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board - Small Conference Room 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 5:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm
17 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Questions with Call Committee - Community Rm 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Confirmation - Loft 11:00am - Worship + KidTime 12:00pm - Questions with Call Committee - Community Rm	18 10:00am - Staff Meeting	19 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:00am - Touchmark Worship and Communion 10:30pm - WELCA Board Meeting 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 5:30pm - Council Meeting - Community Room
24 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Questions with Call Committee - Community Rm 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Confirmation - Loft 9:45am - Care Givers Support Group - Conference Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime 12:00pm - Questions with Call Committee - Community Rm	25 10:00am - Staff Meeting	26 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Setting up Bazaar	2 9:00am - 1:30pm - Bazaar
6 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 6:00pm - Confirmation 6:00pm - Youth Group	7 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 1:30pm - Falling Upwards - Community Rm	8 6:30pm - Craft Night - Community Room	9
13 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 6:00pm - Youth Night - Baking Service Project	14 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 1:30pm - Falling Upwards - Community Rm	15 Voice Articles Due 8:00pm - Youth Cosmic Jump - Flying Giant Adventure Park	16
20 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 1:00pm - Circle Bible Study - Great Room 6:00pm - Confirmation 6:00pm - Youth Group	21 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 1:30pm - Falling Upwards - Community Rm	22	23
27 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 6:00pm - Confirmation 6:00pm - Youth Group	28 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	29	30