

**WELCA Christmas Bake Sale and Sew in Love Sale  
Saturday December 10th ORLC Great Room - 9am-Noon**

This year's fall bazaar has turned a corner into a new and different sale for 2022. Join us Saturday morning December 10<sup>th</sup> for hot cinnamon rolls, fresh Lefse and coffee as you socialize and shop our Bake Goods tables for great cookies, pastries and more just in time for the holidays.



Sew in Love and perhaps others members of the church will sell their wares for the holidays also.

If you love to bake, we would love to have your donations of great items to sell. We need cookies of all kinds, pies, breads, cakes, candies and more.

We will take sign ups starting on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> between church services in the Great Room. Just stop by and let us know what you might be bringing to donate, that helps us with planning. Thanks! We also have some baking dates reserved for baking in the church kitchen if you would like to join us for some social baking together.

**Cookies Bake dates and times:** Tuesday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am,  
Tues & Wed Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Come join us to MAKE and BAKE!**

**Lefse making lessons and cooking:** Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 4-5:30pm and  
Saturday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am.

Sign up and let us know if you might be joining us on one of those dates.

For more information call Charlene at 406-465-0956 or email her at [csmayala66@gmail.com](mailto:csmayala66@gmail.com).



# OUR REDEEMER'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THE VOICE

November 2022



Good preaching! Good music! Good food! Good fun and fellowship! What more could we ask for? Thank you so much for a wonderful installation service and reception. What a great day it was. I can't even begin to start naming names, since so many of you played a role in preparing for that day. Know that I will treasure the memories always.  
Pastor Trina Johnsten



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

## HUNGER TEAM NEWS

### GOD'S LOVE

Hallelujah! The God's Love hamper continues to be stuffed week after week with needed items for the shelter. A special shout out of thanks to the WELCA crew! New silverware was purchased for the kitchen so the older ware was divided amongst God's Love and the VA Thrift shop. When we dropped off the silverware at God's Love they literally shouted out thanks to the Lord and said their prayers are answered. They were very low on silverware and were in fact, out of forks & only a few spoons left.

Sadly, hunger and homelessness is on the increase. Inflation affects all but especially those already struggling - tank of gas or food on the table...tough choices! This month God's Love could use:

twin size blankets      towels      warm shirts/sweatshirts/jackets  
socks      cans of vegetables

**THANKSGIVING! On this special day let us not forget those who are less fortunate and those who are still without a home. Blessed Thanksgiving to all!**

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD REQUESTS

We shall be collecting items for the Helena Food Share holiday baskets during the month of November. Grocery items should be returned to the church by Thanksgiving weekend. Grocery bags will be distributed at worship during November, but feel free to use your own bags and collect any or all of these requested items. Your generosity in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. In addition to these requests, there is always a need for flour and sugar for holiday baking.

#### Top Holiday Needs for Helena Food Share:

- |                       |                               |                    |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Canned Pumpkin     | 2. Boxed Stuffing             | 3. Canned Fruit    |
| 4. Jell-O/Pudding     | 5. Canned Cranberries         | 6. Evaporated Milk |
| 7. Canned Green Beans | 8. Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes | 9. Canned Broth    |
| 10. Olives            |                               |                    |

### KENDRA WILDE HUNGER ENDOWMENT FUND

The quarterly interest from the Kendra Wilde Hunger Endowment Fund yielded \$289.50 this past quarter. The Hunger Team decided to disburse the funds to Family Promise for holiday meal groceries, and basic supplies for families. If you should wish to donate to this fund, make out your check to Our Redeemer's with Kendra Wilde Hunger Fund in the memo line. Monies are handled by ELCA Endowment funds.

### KID PACKS NOVEMBER REQUEST

We are collecting low-sugar granola bars for the Kid Pack program during the month of November. Please leave donations in the Helena Food Share crates in the hallway. Your donations are greatly appreciated. And thanks, everyone, for the oatmeal donations during October.

### KID PACK ASSEMBLIES

We continue to assemble Kid Packs on the first three Tuesdays of each month. If you like moving in circles, chatting with your friends, and making a difference in the lives of hungry children, this might be your calling. Assemblies take place at the Oakes Street warehouse, 4-6pm. Approximately 1200 bags are assembled and distributed each week. For further information, please contact Judy McMaster ([judy1950@bresnan.net](mailto:judy1950@bresnan.net), (406) 465-7118).

### FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

**Calling all helpers: Our Redeemer's will be hosting Family Promise guests in our building, November 13-19.** We are in need of overnight hosts, persons to set up and take down the rooms for our guests, and meal providers. Contact Linda Coty ([cotyak@hotmail.com](mailto:cotyak@hotmail.com)) if you would be interested in spending the night at Our Redeemer's while our guests are present (training is required but may be arranged). Please contact Judy McMaster ([judy1950@bresnan.net](mailto:judy1950@bresnan.net), (406) 465-7118) if you can help set up the rooms on Sunday, November 13 or tear down the rooms on Sunday, November 20 (no training required). Contact Linda Nelson ([ralinelson@yahoo.com](mailto:ralinelson@yahoo.com), 406-422-3751) if you wish to prepare a meal and deliver it to the Day Center mid-day (no training required).

At the time of this writing, Family Promise is serving 5 families (5 adults, 3 two-year-olds, 1 three-year-old, and a four-month old baby). Three families are using MERA funds (Montana Emergency Rental Assistance), but are in the program to receive educational services such as budget planning and parenting skills.

Family Promise has now extended their services to Townsend. The organization is working out of a church in Townsend. As of this writing, the organization was serving two families there.

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If you have questions or concerns and would like to visit with a council member, please feel free to contact any of us at the following email or phone:

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

Tuesday, November 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	Dora Lindner	Vicki Poore	Thea Swenson
Richard Carey	Linda Huso	Dale Mickus	Jessi Putnam	Kim Venetz
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Jim Poore	Verna Strand	Adam Williams

## 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)	Larry Kuntz (Dave & Lori Swenson)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)	Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Steve Boyter	Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)	Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Tom Carter	Sharon McLane Ryan & Abigail McLane
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	Julie Mehl (daughter of Dave Mehl)
Mrs. Coggins (Debbie Hurni's friend)	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Luke Den Herder	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Stormy Flinders	Carmen Sharp
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	Families of suicide victims
Christine Hoffman	
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)	

## Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Chad Beley	Ryan Girard	Colton Johnson	Chris Oelkers
Lonnie Cook	Austin Grieve	Corey Longbottom	Scott Pocha
Erin DenHerder	Travis Gronley	Chance McDowell	Courtney Rath
Sage Ellis	Charlie Heidbreder	Kent McGowan	Tanner Reddig
Micah Emmons	Roger Henschel	Dean McLain	Cody Stipcich
Jessilyn Emmons	Paul Horst	Sawyer Linke	Darrell Stipcich
Joe Fischer	Anela Hemry	Erin Mills	Victoria Stipcich
Grant Gagnon	Wade Hemry	Brian Neal	Tait Strom
Adam Guay	Cody Johnson	Keith Nordquist	

## Our Seminararians

Baird Linke  
Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers

## Comfort Food Challenge Update

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare food, serve food, or attend the Comfort Food Challenge at our church in September. Family Promise raised just under \$15,000 that evening.

## OUR ABUNDANT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thanks to the efforts of our fearless leaders, Vicki Downhour and Karen Nelson, the community garden yielded abundant crops this season. Well over 1200 pounds of produce were donated to Helena Food Share. As we put the garden to rest for the winter, we are still amending the soil with leaves. Feel free to donate those leaves that you are raking up in your lawn. Bagged leaves may be left in the garden. Loose leaves may be left in the straw bale containment area. There is also a recycling container for leaf bag recycling. Feel free to take a bag or leave one.

Karen Nelson also recently presented a nutrition education event for AWARE families, using fresh produce from our garden. Four families attended, and one family expressed interest in securing a plot in our garden for the next season. All families went home with a bag of fresh vegetables to replicate the stir-fry recipe presented at this session. Thank you, Karen, for all your Master Gardener advice and assistance this year.

## Outreach and Welcome Team

**“To foster a culture of outreach and connection, we strive to invite and welcome all to join in experiencing God’s healing, life-giving grace and in responding by worshiping and serving in Jesus’ name.” Outreach and Welcome Team mission statement**

Viewed from one perspective, the world is overwhelmed with challenges, the vast majority of which we humans have created. But God offers a perspective of hope and promise. God invites us, as individuals and as the Church, to be partners in fulfilling that promise with the help of God’s Spirit. To that end, Jesus gave the Church a unique and sacred task: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” Paul later asks, “But how are [people] to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim [Jesus and his gospel promise]?” Later still, the early reformers wrote: “For the Spirit enlightens and converts hearts through the Word that is proclaimed and heard, so that people believe the Word and say yes to it.”

So our task is to **reach out to proclaim** and to **welcome and disciple**. Those complementary missions cover a lot of ground. Particular ways each of us can contribute at ORLC include: helping create and maintain a welcoming environment for visitors; learning how to reach people through modern communications technologies and then consistently using those tools; welcoming visitors before and after church services; sponsoring new members and helping them feel accepted and valued; leading classes, small groups, and events that provide opportunities for growth and connection; learning how to sincerely share your faith with others and inviting others to experience what brings you joy and peace; and making individuals who come to our church feel recognized and welcome.

Please consider becoming involved in these and other efforts to reach out and to welcome. For more information, or to share your thoughts and suggestions, contact any member of the Outreach and Welcome Team. Current members are:

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



### Intergenerational Christmas Event!

**When:** Sunday, December 11th from 2:00-4:00

**Where:** The Great Room @ORLC

**Who:** Everyone - All Ages 1 – 100!

**What:** Christmas Party to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

- \* Christmas program by the Sunday School Class
- \* Soup Dinner
- \* Craft Projects
- \* Games
- \* Carol Singing
- \* Cookie Decorating



**RSVP** to Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) by **December 5th!**

### Children's Choir

Led by Jason Callon, our Children's Choir performed at the 8:30am service on October 16th! There were 12 children who joined us to sing and bless the congregation their beautiful voices! They will perform again during Advent Lessons and Carols in December. More information coming soon.



## 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 7 children and their families join us in worship to receive Bibles and 6 join 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!



### Holiday Schedule for Children's Ministries



#### KidTime & Sunday School Breaks

November 27th - Thanksgiving Break

December 25th - Christmas Break

January 1st - Christmas Break

## Worship Assistant Schedule

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>First Sunday November 6</b>		
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover, Ron Paulson, Carol & Todd Will	
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	
Communion	DeeDee & Gary Fischer, Kevin Mathews	Joy Novota, DeeDee Fischer, Kevin Mathews
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Lisa Williams-Mathews
<b>Second Sunday November 13</b>		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Henry, Ken Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske, Sharlene Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Communion	Lori Bigwood-Pecarina, Gretchen Krumm, Sharlene Kolb	Carl Tanberg, Joy Novota
Altar Guild	Lori Walter	Shannon
<b>Third Sunday November 20</b>		
Usher	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson, Norm Rognlie	Lori Chase
Greeter	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma	Lori Chase
Communion	DeeDee & Gary Fischer	Lori Chase
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Lori Chase
<b>Fourth Sunday November 27</b>		
Captain	Ray Read	
Usher	Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	Jan & Jeff Martin
Greeter	Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	Jan & Jeff Martin
Communion	Linda Coty, Linda Nelson	Jan & Jeff Martin
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Lisa Williams-Mathews

Present: Pastor Trina Johnsten, Lynn Voss, Jan Martin, Beth Johnson, Kevin Mathews, Cody Salo, Tom Johnson, Tracy Moseman, Clint Mingay, Sarah Magee and Ingrid Childress.

Lynn called the meeting to order, and Pastor Trina opened with a brief devotion based on Romans 8:31-39. The Reverend Dr. David J. Lose will be using this passage on Installation Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Financial Report and Review

Beth reported that giving was down in September. Before paying the benevolence, we are at a positive cash balance of \$390.28. The building fund and council fund donations have not yet been sent to Mission Investments for September and we still owe Council Funds for June, July, and August donations. The total still owed for benevolence is \$6,253.87. Beth pointed out that the church Property Tax due at the end of November will be approximately \$15,000. Council decided to hold all funds.

Sarah provided estimated costs based on a range of Cost of Living Adjustments for staff. Council considered adjustments based on private sector, Social Security, and Synod suggestions. The proposed budget will be presented to the Congregation on November 20 for discussion and consideration.

There was also discussion about modifying the benevolence goals. Sarah calculated that we had given more than \$13,000 in gifts and materials to our local beneficiaries and \$2,500 to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp beyond the 1% pledged in our spending plan. These figures do not take into account volunteer hours. Council recommends the 2023 spending plan eliminate the local beneficiaries and to designate \$500 to FLBC and 4% to the Synod.

Ministry reports

Pastor Trina reported that the new school year has brought an upswing in attendance in the last month and staff continues to evaluate worship each week looking for ways to improve the worshipping experience for all. The California Seminary is offering 5 congregations the opportunity to participate in a series of classes with a preaching professor - ORLC is one of those selected congregations. Two classes have been held so far.

Reports from the Preschool, Children's Ministry, Youth and Family Ministry, Worship and Music, the Hunger Team and the Outreach and Welcome Team all show a wide variety of active ministries.

Cody reported for the Property Development Team that the City and County are developing their grant requests. ORLC has submitted a letter of intent to apply and will respond to the Request for Proposals when they are issued, probably sometime this fall.

We are still waiting for a cost estimate for some better building signage, both interior and exterior.

The Audit Committee is working on the 2021 Year Report. Members have indicated that the office records are very well documented and organized. Thank you to Sarah and Lori.

New Business

Call Committee nominations have been submitted for the purpose of calling a new Associate Pastor. Lynn will contact those individuals to determine if they are willing and able to serve. Council will meet on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. to review names and establish the Call Committee. Council will also establish guidelines for the Call Committee to consider as they begin their work.

Council will have 5 vacancies next year: First Vice President, Second VP, Treasurer, and two At-large members. Cody, along with the out-going Council members, will begin to identify potential individuals. Kevin mentioned that we need to also look at the Committee memberships for vacancies.

Kevin asked that the Council sanction a Retreat Planning Working Group for the purpose of preparing for Congregational Council retreat to be held in February or March of 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ingrid Childress, Secretary



**HOLY COMMOTION!**

Wassup with our youth?



**GAS,  
 GROCERIES,  
 & SO MUCH  
 MORE!**

Shopping with gift cards is an easy way to support our youth ministries every time you shop. Purchase a gift card at face value and a portion of that purchase goes toward mission trips, retreats, and other youth expenses. **No activation fees!**

The possibilities are endless! Dining out, filling up your gas tank, grocery shopping, your favorite latte, vacations, every day expenses, Christmas gifts. We have some cards available for immediate purchase to popular local stores such as Walmart and Target, but we will be taking orders for any of the hundreds of other retailers who have offered this fundraising opportunity to non-profit organizations. To purchase a gift card or to find out more information, please contact Jackie Bartz at 406-442-7842.

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



Follow ORLC Safehouse on Facebook to be in the know! And if you are in need of quick text reminders about Safehouse events and happenings, you can sign up for quick text updates and reminders by texting **@safehouse2** to **81010**.



Also, email Jackie at Jackie@ourredeemerlives.org to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.



**Pick Up Your Christmas Wreaths!**

Your beautiful, fresh wreaths will be at ORLC and ready to be picked up **Sunday, November 20**, the weekend before Thanksgiving and just in time for your Christmas decorating. **If you forgot to place your order, there will be a limited quantity available for purchase.** All proceeds will go toward the youth.

**Wreath pick up will be located in the ORLC shed.**



**FLBC HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT—JANUARY 13–15, 2023**

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is hosting a youth ski retreat- a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other youth groups from around the state. Youth Groups will stay at camp and each group will decide whether they would like to ski at Big Mountain or Blacktail Ski Resort on Saturday and Sunday. The Camp will provide all meals, including sack lunches. Evening activities include games, snacks, bonfire, worship and more.

- Cost: \$115 per person (includes all meals, snacks and lodging). Registration forms are available in Youth Loft. **Youth are responsible for their own lift tickets and rental costs at the ski resorts.**

**If you are interested in participating, please turn in the registration form below and registration fee to Jackie by December 19th.** Questions?! Please call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842 or email at jackie@ourredeemerlives.org

***Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Retreat Registration Form***

RETREAT(S): Senior High Youth Ski Retreat - January 13-15, 2023

Adult Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name (s) and ages \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Registration is due December 19, 2021. Non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person/per retreat due at time of registration.**



# Did You Know?

...is an idea dreamed up by a bunch of crotchety old guys to take note of some wonderful people in Our Redeemer's who have done some nifty things (meaning the kinds of things that God likes so much). This month Judy McMaster prepared the following "did you know" message, which identifies certain members who are the cornerstones of where we are today.

Volunteers are the way that a church can exist. A church that works together, serves together, labors together, and builds together, is often a church that is healthy and vibrant. A "church" isn't a pile of sticks, bricks, drywall, etc. A church is YOU - a group of people who love, serve, live and work together. You, as a volunteer, are the lifeblood of a church's existence. This month the crotchety men of ORLC, with Judy's writing talents, give special thanks to those who paved our path. Our mission is to follow and keep walking in the very footsteps of these wonderful people who helped to make Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church survive and flourish. We don't often think about all the hard work, numerous volunteers and the hours, and all those who toiled to get us to the point we are today. It is very easy to overlook and take for granted. This month we honor, give thanks and praise those who walked the walk and paved our path. A path we continue on and definitely know we have many shoes to fill.

We recognize and are eternally grateful for our wonderful "80 years in age and over" members who all played a role in our growth and laying down the foundation. Our outstanding members who are 80+ are Dean Chaussee, Karen Darlow, Loren Davis, Don Gilbertson, Brenda Gustafson, Florine Hart, Jim Haubein, Joan Haubein, Evalena Hemry, Merlyn Huso, Pat Keim, Glenn Kenney, Hildegard Krumm, Pat Lumma, Jerry Mayala, Dale Mickus, Judy Mickus, Janet Miller, Dorothy Morrison, Charlotte Neill, Carl Nordberg, Rose Oelkers, Carole Olson, Kay Patterson, Marian Paulson, Ron Paulson, Bonnie Pennie, Jim Poore, Vicky Poore, Lyle Pratt, Mary Protheroe, Kit Quinn, Dean Reed, Ruth Reed, Ruth Straley, Bill Straley, Carl Tanberg, Al Tompkins, Annette Wakefield, Leona Williams, Marlene Williamson, Louise Wilson, Linda Young, and Terry Young; our crew who is 90+ are Gordon Blomquist, Betty Brosten, Helen Bunkowske, Carla Cronholm, Billea Dunn, Nancy Goughnour, Ann Harris, Elaine Heen, Bonnie Heimbach, Adeline Mahlum, Isabelle Mavis, Norman Rognlie, Bettie Roosma, Delores Rosin, Clair Schilling, Verna Strand, Thea Swenson, and our 100-year-old, Phyllis Bauer. If we missed anyone, we sincerely apologize and would like to know.

We are grateful to these folks and might add that many of them, due to great health and maybe a bit of luck, are still quite active within the church. They are to be admired as they have shown us what it means to be a "servant of the Lord." We also pay homage to those who are no longer with us. These very same people are the ones who took the time to welcome all the new members and guests - young through old - all these years. They are the ones that made sure the doors of Our Redeemer's remained wide open to WELCOME all people. We are better and stronger because of you. Thank you!

HAPPY, BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



The LPA program continues evolving to provide needed training, yet stays focused on also ensuring accountability. Crist explained that some synods have very robust lay training programs but don't allow lay persons to preach or to preside over the sacraments. The Montana Synod, on the other hand, does allow LPAs to preside over the sacraments and preach but only with approval from the Bishop. This keeps lay leaders accountable to the church and provides oversight.

LPAs write an annual report to the Bishop each year, just like pastors. They also take part in continuing education. At the same time, LPAs are not pastors or deacons. They are unique, needed, and an important part of how we do ministry in the Montana Synod.

### What is an LPA and what is their role in the congregation?

A Lay Pastoral Associate in the Montana Synod is a congregational lay person who has received religious, educational training, through the Montana Synod, in order to provide (in most cases) short term pulpit supply (ie, preaching) when the pastor is away, or if a congregation is without a pastor. Their role is to fill in for the basic pastoral duties such as providing Word and Sacrament, communion, and other roles as approved by the Bishop.

### What kind of training is available?

The Montana Synod provides a 2-year training class that covers topics which include preaching, worship, prayer, and pastoral care. This educational training prepares the lay person to fill in for the short-term needs (and in some instances, longer term) of a congregation when a pastor is away, or for those congregations without a pastor.

LPA students are required to have a member of the rostered clergy serve as their mentor for the duration of the training. This provides one-to-one guidance and training throughout the program.

If you're interested in exploring the LPA program let Pastor Trina know.

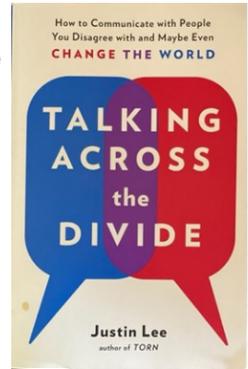


## TALKING ACROSS THE DIVIDE

Talking Across the Divide sessions continue in the community room at 9:45 each Sunday morning through November 20. We shall continue to examine storytelling techniques as we struggle with ways in which we can open up communication with those who have opposing views. Feel free to join us for those sessions.

Chapter discussions for November include the following:

- November 6: Chapter 11: Fighting Falsehood
- November 13: Chapters 12-13: Why Won't They Accept the Truth? and An Uplifting Story - Starring Them
- November 20: Chapters 14-16: The Barrier of Worldview Protection



## Celebrating 25 years of Lay Pastoral Associates!

By Jenny Kunka, Montana Synod staff

Just what does the Montana Synod do for congregations and members of those congregations? The Montana Synod works to equip congregations for ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the many efforts in this mission is the Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) program.

The LPA program is 25 years old and has trained over 300 people to serve the churches in Montana and northern Wyoming in a variety of ways. It's a Montana-grown program, created to meet Montana and Wyoming needs.

Former Bishop Jessica Crist said that Lutherans in this region have always had a strong lay preaching ministry. This has been particularly true in the Montana Synod where we've experienced shortages of pastors in our rural areas. Through the years, lay people have been asked to preach when congregations were without pastors or pastors were on vacation. "There was a pre-disposition to not be opposed to lay people taking on pastoral roles," Crist said.

In recounting the history of the LPA program, Crist explained that Mark Ramseth was Bishop at the time. He and Pr. Tom Lee, who was Associate to the Bishop, worked together on the idea of a more formal curriculum for lay leaders, "many of whom were already being called on to preach and preside," Crist said. The LPA program was created to give lay leaders some training, some authorization and some accountability.

Dave Scholten, an LPA from Ulm said, "The LPA program has made my life richer, fuller, and deeper, by providing an outlet for my gifts and passions. It has been for me a grounded, credible vehicle for an outward expression of an inner yearning."

When the LPA program began, it was held in eastern Montana because that was the area of greatest need. As it grew, the retreats were moved to Great Falls and now there are retreats both in the eastern part of the state and in Great Falls as well as some classes via Zoom.

The curriculum includes in-person courses that are taught by pastors from the Montana Synod. Between these retreats, students do individual study that includes intensive training in the Old Testament, the New Testament and church history. Having a pastor mentor is an additional important aspect of the training. LPAs learn about pastoral care, leading Bible studies, working with youth, and have experiences that empower them to take on a larger role in a congregation and the wider church.

Throughout the years, the program has remained local to meet the particular needs of Montana Synod churches. It has stayed local because it's the best way to create a community for the LPA students. Pr. Asselstine said he's seen how LPA students value that community and also value their role as LPAs. "I've seen how seriously the LPAs take their position and their training. They really want to learn," Asselstine said. "As we've changed and used them more regularly for preaching and more regularly for pastoral care where there aren't pastors available, their desire to learn has increased."

As congregations have become familiar with the program over the years, they have embraced the role as well. "There would be a lot of congregations that would struggle without access to lay people who are trained," Asselstine said. "It has changed the way that transitional ministry happens in our synod. When a pastor leaves, the first question is, 'Can we get a list of the LPAs in our area who can help in this transition?' For many congregations, LPAs have been a godsend."



### Happy Thanksgiving from Our Redeemer's Preschool!

Fall excitement is in the air! It is so enjoyable to walk through the preschool wing and see the decorations of pumpkins, fall trees, turkeys, and to hear the poems, songs and laughter. The teachers are so very good at making the learning process both fun and educational. Many parents say how their children are always excited to come to preschool!

The end of October we combined our Family Fun Day with Trunk or Treat. We also had our Preschool Halloween parade. Great opportunities for our families to socialize.

We have several fund-raising activities underway including Our Redeemer's Preschool t-shirt sales (need a stocking stuffer?), Christmas wreath sales and a Panda Express day.

We are always looking to grow awareness of our program. Please spread the word if you know of someone looking for a great preschool. As part of this, we are also looking to increase our substitute teacher resources. Being a substitute gives the opportunity to become familiar with our program and as positions open, may be ideal for recruiting. If interested, please contact Kris Thatcher.

As Thanksgiving kicks off our holiday season, we remember to take time and think of all the things in our lives we are so very thankful for . . . Our family and friends, our congregation, our preschool students and families, this great facility in which to teach and the support of the members and friends of this congregation. Our hearts are full.

*Kris Thatcher*

Interim Preschool Director

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### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



#### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

For those who are grieving, the holidays and special days can be hard. If you would like the support of others who are grieving, you are invited to join us after second service November 6. We will meet in the Conference Room.

If you would like more information you can contact Jane Peachey or Lori Bigwood-Pecarina.

When reading the definition of the word care, a synonym presented is safekeeping. Additional words that define care are protection, attentiveness, and respect. A group of individuals who provide these gifts for loved ones meet monthly at Our Redeemer's for mutual sharing and support in their ministering.

We will meet on **Sundays at 12:10** in the Conference Room next to the office. Although we plan on the last

Sunday of the month as our regular time, in November and December, we will meet on the **THIRD** Sundays to accommodate the holiday weekends of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please join us on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:10 PM. Jane Peachey and Lori Bigwood-Pecarina lead the group. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 406-672-2470 or email her at [lytletrunk@gmail.com](mailto:lytletrunk@gmail.com).

# Fall Confirmation

@ Montana Learning Center  
October 19-20



**LEARNING TOGETHER**  
Old Testament & Creation



**GREAT FOOD**—A special **THANK YOU** to Bryan and Debbie Hanson for cooking for us all during the retreat! The food was amazing & we had so much fun with no utensil spaghetti night!



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Luci Pearson      | Gary Gates           | 20 Ty Lamping        |
| 2 Roberta Carey     | Jamie Wilson         | David Senn           |
| 11 Connor Brown     | Don Childress        | Louis Ward           |
| Juliah Maharg       | Olivia Liston        | 21 Jan Martin        |
| Audrey Schubring    | Cassie Wetzel        | 23 Bruce McMaster    |
| 3 Kim Lawton        | 12 Kevin Ark         | Kay Patterson        |
| Lino Yanko          | Samantha Ziegler     | 24 Noreen Johnson    |
| 4 Bonner Armstrong  | 13 Evelyn Johnson    | Jodi Robertson       |
| Linda Coty          | Crosby Kennedy       | 25 Carrie Engle      |
| Scott Walter        | 14 Skyler Willard    | Ellie Michelotti     |
| 5 Frank Grundmeier  | 15 Karter Jurenka    | Deagan Solan         |
| 6 Riitta Ballantyne | Emily Lynn           | 26 Nikki MacMillan   |
| Michael Burke       | 16 Jacob Spangenberg | Gary Pearson         |
| Troy Byrne          | 17 Ashlee Hanson     | 27 Pete Mollet       |
| 7 Anna Knecht       | Marlene Simms        | Eric Spangenberg     |
| Bonnie Pennie       | 18 Carol Beley       | 28 Lon Bechtel       |
| 9 Evan Colberg      | Melanie Denning      | 29 Christian Bomar   |
| Kellan Elder        | Linda Keim           | 30 Mike Connolly     |
| Kelsey Robertson    | 19 Charlotte Hafer   | Stephanie Richardson |
| Kayti Sim           | Kim Mangold          | Shane Sampson        |
| Lori Swenson        | Ginny McLane         | Kristine Thatcher    |
| 10 Brianna Denning  |                      |                      |

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

### 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.

### Baptisms



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| 10/16/22 | Oliver Lewis Forseth  |
| 10/16/22 | Joslynn Marie Forseth |

### Deaths

10/9/22 Marilyn (Katie) Tintinger



## Wednesday Evening Programming

Join us every Wednesday until Christmas for worshipful, fun, and community-based services



### Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30pm

- Musikanten Montana Memorial All Souls Concert

### Wednesday, November 9, 16 at 6:30pm

- Compline Evening Worship

### Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00pm

- Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

### Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00pm

- Lessons & Carols for Advent  
a second service is offered Thursday, Dec 1

### Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30pm

- A special evening of Prayer Stations

### Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30pm

- Compline Evening Worship

### Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30pm

- Christmas Carol Singalong
- Trivia Night with the Youth



### November Bible Study

Session Three of our fall Bible study, "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith," is entitled "Creatures," where we will observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust.

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

**Rebecca Bible study:** Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 1:00pm

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

**The WELCA Board:** Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 10:00am

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

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

### "Thinking of You" Packages

WELCA is coordinating "Thinking of You" packages for out two seminarians, Baird Linke and Shawn Juers. This is a great project for a family or group to undertake and would involve purchasing the items and packing and shipping the package. We hope to send the packages quarterly. Suggested items include MT made products like food, hats and T-shirts along with a card or note letting Baird and Shawn and his family know that we are thinking about them. Eight families/groups are needed. Please let the office know if you are interested.



# Position Retreat

at Canyon Ferry Lake  
November 10-12, 2022



★ GROUP HUG!!



## SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR STUDENT LEADERS -

Kayleigh, Lauren, Bryar, Katie, Kennedy, Kalley, Dane, Issac, Connor, & David



# November 2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		<b>1</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse
<b>6</b> 8:30am - <b>Worship with the organ + KidTime</b> 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Talking Across the Divide - Community Rm 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - <b>Worship with the band + KidTime</b> 12:00pm - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board - AD-1 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm
<b>13</b> 8:30am - <b>Worship with the organ + KidTime</b> 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Talking Across the Divide - Community Rm 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - <b>Worship with the band + KidTime</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00pm - Preschool Board - CR5-6	<b>15</b> <b>Voice Articles Due</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Rm 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Community Rm
***** Family Promise ***** November 13 - 20 *****		
<b>20</b> 8:30am - <b>Worship with the organ + KidTime</b> 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Talking Across the Divide - Community Rm 9:45am - Confirmation - CR4 11:00am - <b>Worship with the band + KidTime</b> 12:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Room  Christmas Wreath Pick up - Shed	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6
<b>27</b> No KidTime or Sunday School 8:30am - <b>Worship with the organ</b> 9:45am - Talking Across the Divide - Community Rm 11:00am - <b>Worship with the band</b> 6:30pm - Lessons & Carols Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am - Cookie Baking 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 7:30pm - Musikanten Montana - Memorial Concert for All Souls	<b>3</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b> 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - <b>Compline Evening Worship</b> 7:00pm - Confirmation University Orientation 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 7:00pm - Choir rehearsal - Lessons & Carols	<b>10</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>16</b> 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - <b>Compline Worship</b> 7:00pm - Confirmation University - Comm. Rm 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 7:00pm - Choir rehearsal - Lessons & Carols	<b>17</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
***** Family Promise ***** November 13 - 20 *****			
<b>23</b> 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - <b>Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship - St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral</b>	<b>24</b> Church office closed  	<b>25</b> Church office closed	<b>26</b>
<b>30</b> 4:30pm - Choir rehearsal - Lessons & Carols 7:00pm - <b>Lessons &amp; Carols for Advent</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b> 7:00pm - <b>Lessons &amp; Carols for Advent</b>		