



Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox time!

National Collection Week begins November 12th.

Consider filling a shoebox?

For children in poverty stricken countries, this may be the first gift they've ever received.

Filling shoeboxes with little gifts and personal letters is a wonderful way to communicate the love of Jesus.

Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the Great Room by Sun, Nov. 18th.

Empty boxes and supplies are in the Narthex.

Options to include: school supplies, socks, hats, mittens, coloring books, small toys, personal hygiene items, etc.

Please *don't* include: candy/food, toothpaste, liquids, lotions, breakables, military toys

Contact Lori Swenson (439-7552) with any questions.

What goes into the box is *fun...*



What comes out is *Eternal!*



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November 2018

THE VOICE

“There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

God calls each of us to be partners in the ministry of Christ. It is in that shared ministry that some are called to specific ministries. Carol Will has served our congregation as a leader of Fellowship groups and as a teacher, particularly in the Wednesday adult study group we affectionately know as “KAPOW.” In following her sense of call, Carol has finished the work to be consecrated as a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In September the congregation made a request of the Montana Synod Council to certify Carol as a Deacon in our congregation. That request was granted. This is an exciting moment in the life of our congregation. Thanks be to God!

On **Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 p.m.** Bishop Crist of the Montana Synod will preside at a service of consecration for Carol. A reception will follow. We hope you can join us in the celebration of this ministry of Word and Service.

Peace,

Pastor Arne

Walking together in ministry....

We've been on the journey for 60 years in 2019

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church incorporated in January of 1959. Through the years we have grown stronger, deeper and reached higher in our efforts to share the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. Along the way we have served families, aided the community and lived the Grace of God in countless ways. It is time to celebrate!

We will celebrate our anniversary in a number of ways throughout the coming year. First of all, we will look back, remembering that we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. It is these faithful people whose love of church led the journey. Secondly, we will look forward. We can celebrate the 1,000 children who have been a part of our pre-school ministry. We will hear from those “kids” from the congregation who have gone on to serve the church as pastors. We will reach out to our growing neighborhood with a broad and wide welcome to join the journey as well. We will strengthen our partnerships with those who work to meet the needs of the Helena Community.

There is a lot to get excited about in the coming year. We hope you will be a part of the celebration!

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

By the grace of God and
the call of the church

Carol Lynn Will
will be consecrated
to the Ministry of Word and Service
in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church

on Sunday, the eighteenth day of November
in the year of our Lord
two thousand and eighteen
at three o'clock in the afternoon

at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
3580 N Benton
Helena, MT

the Reverend Jessica Crist
Bishop of the Montana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presiding.

Your prayers and presence are requested.
All ordained and consecrated
ministers are invited to process.
The color of the day is red.

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Our Redeemer's Church Council

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VOICE articles due on the 15th of each month

Monday, 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
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Christine Hoffman
Rolland Karlin
Carol Kimble

Blake McHugh
Dale Mickus
Ardell Nelson
Gary Pearson

June Pratt
Jessi Putnam
Mike Robinson
Verna Strand

Joe Toro
Kim Venetz
Adam Williams

Our Family and Friends

Allie (Luci Pearson)
Zachary Ark
Brandon Bach
Victor Bachmier
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)
Steve Boyter
Donna Brekke (Kim Ewing)
Gregg Carlson (Clayton Schenck's Cousin)
Tom Carter
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)
Matt Cragwick (Shawn Moore)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)
Punk Dethlefs (Dee Dee Fischer)
Jake Dirks (Lori Chase)
Kermit Edmonds (Ray & Linda Read)
Rick Exner (Kathy Schenck's cousin)
Stormy Flinders
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)
Tim Fox (Gary & Joy Novota)
Greg Goodheart (Annette Wakefield)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)
Cristy Hartman (Luci Pearson)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)
Andrea Hawthorn
Carol Henry (Luci Pearson)
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)
Lisa Huff (Christine Mills)
Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)
Ed Kinsey (Kim Ewing)
Barb Knutson (Darbie Hess)
Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)
Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)
Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Kathy Krietz (Patti McFadden)
Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)

Patsy Link (Luci Pearson's sister-in-law)
Bill Lumma (Pat's Husband)
Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Kay Mathews (Kevin Mathew's mother)
Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Jim McLean
Amanda Miller (Larry & Delores Rosin's granddaughter)
Gregg Moutoux (Gary and Joy Novota)
Bev Nelson (Ray Read)
Lee Nees (Tami Wadham's mother)
Mary Nees (Tami Wadham's sister-in-law)
Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Lalay Ohlrogge (Ron & Marian Paulson)
Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Zona Oleson (Debbie Hurni)
Richard Osksa
Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Jacki Riley (Lori Walter's sister)
Nancy Rose (Laura Trapp)
Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Carmen Sharp
Bob Shearer (Kaytlyn Shearer)
Joanne Spenser (Isabelle Mavis' sister)
June Steinmetz (Jerry & Cindy Steinmetz)
Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
Will (Luci Pearson's brother)
Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Sairee Wright (Burke family)
Families of suicide victims

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Jeremy Bauer
Chad Beley
Lonnie Cook
Erin DenHerder
Micah Emmons
Jessilyn Emmons
Joe Fischer
Grant Gagnon

Austin Grieve
Travis Gronley
Sam Harris
Charlie Heidbreder
Roger Henschel
Paul Horst
Anela Hemry
Wade Hemry

Cody Johnson
Colton Johnson
Chance McDowell
Kent McGowan
Dean McLain
Brian Neal
Keith Nordquist
Ken Nordquist

Mallory Nordquist
Chris Oelkers
Scott Pocha
Courtney Rath
Tanner Reddig
Alex Stevens
Cody Stipcich
Darrell Stipcich

Our Seminarian

Taran Denning



Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service

Please join us, along with Saint John's and Our Lady of the Valley Catholic on Wednesday, Nov. 21st at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for an inter-denominational worship service. Please also bring pie or other desserts to share for fellowship after the service. The evening will look like this:

6:30pm – Devotional prayer in the sanctuary

7:00pm – Joint worship service, presided by Father Dan Shea, Pastors Arne and Kendra, and Pastor Brad Ulgenes

8:00pm – Pie and fellowship in the Great Room

Come and show unity with our Christian sisters and brothers from other churches!

Lori Bigwood-Pecarina, Lisa Williams-Mathews, and I attended our first LPA retreat in Great Falls in early October. LPA stands for Lay Pastoral Associate. I didn't know what that meant, either, until recently. It turns out LPAs are a critical part of the Montana Synod. The Bishop licenses them on a case-by-case, as-needed basis to perform the roles of a pastor—except baptizing and conducting weddings—when a pastor is unavailable, which is not uncommon in many rural areas. To become an LPA, you need to complete a two-year curriculum of studying the old and new testaments, church history, and Lutheran theology. You also need to attend four, two-day retreats, work with a pastor mentor, and be a member of an ELCA congregation as well as complete 20 hours per year of continuing education after certification. Unlike Deacons (like Carol Will and Rob Stuber), LPAs are tied strictly to their home synod. In other words, the Montana Synod Bishop can authorize one of her LPAs to work within and represent only the Montana Synod.

The Montana Synod program began in 1997. Several synods have something similar, but not all synods have a lay training program. The Montana Synod has about 100 active LPAs, with 35 people currently working toward certification. ORLC already has two LPAs in Jan and Jeff Martin; St. John's has one certified LPA and two just beginning the certification process. I asked Pastor Jason Asselstine, assistant to the Bishop and coordinator of the synod's LPA program, if the synod has a target number of LPA's they would like to achieve. He responded, "Our goal is to train everyone...however, if that doesn't work we will at least have one from each congregation in our synod."

Our first retreat, held at the Ursuline Center in Great Falls, focused on spirituality. Pastor Dan Heskett, from Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell, did a wonderful job of leading us in discussions about spirituality, guided meditative prayer, and a four-step contemplative bible study method. Here are a few highlights that stood out for me:

Christian spirituality can be thought of as:

- A way of life that is formed by the life and teaching of Jesus.
- Awareness—of God's presence in our present, of another dimension beyond the immediate material reality, something more.
- Christianity is both a noun (a set of beliefs) and a verb (those beliefs put into action).
- Christian spirituality must be lived out in community.
- Christian spirituality is much more than emotionalism and feelings.
- Spiritual disciplines are not spirituality, but they help train us to live spiritually, in sync with God.
- Recommended resource: "Celebration of Discipline" by Richard Foster.

Lori, Lisa, and I are looking forward to learning more over the next two years about the incredible gifts and mysteries we've been blessed to inherit. A big part of why we're doing this is to more effectively and confidently share that inheritance. So, please, if you have questions or would like to discuss this journey we all share, feel free to ask.

Kevin Mathews

Giving Thanks with Helena Food Share



Come old, come young, come all!
Christmas CELEBRATION

- **When:** December 9th from 5pm to 7pm.
- **Who:** The whole family
- **What:** An Intergenerational Christmas Event (ICE)
 - * Soup supper
 - * Craft projects for young and old
 - * Carol Singing
 - * Interactive re-telling of the Christmas story
 - * Nativity costumes to wear for the story
- **Questions?**
Email Lisa at lisawm@ourredeemerlives.org

On Sunday, November 4th and Wednesday, November 7th, large paper grocery bags will be distributed to each household present by the Hunger Team. Attached to the bag you will find a list of the top holiday foods items needed: Boxed Stuffing, Jell-O/Pudding, Canned Fruit, Canned Pumpkin, Canned Cranberries, Evaporated Milk, Canned Green Beans, and Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes.

Please return your grocery bag to worship on Sunday, November 18th or Wednesday, November 21st. Donations will be picked up and distributed by Helena Food Share after the Thanksgiving holidays. As we gather to worship during this Thanksgiving season, we cheerfully join in caring for the larger Helena community.



...building bridges to purposeful aging

Helena Community Connections welcomes you to the November Bridges events! Here's what's happening in November:

Bridges Buffet--Monthly Lunch and Program series. November 7th 12:00 - 1:30 at Covenant Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway. A catered lunch is provided. We ask that you bring a \$5 donation to help offset the cost of the lunch. We are grateful to AARP for its sponsorship. Presenter is Nanette Whitman-Holmes, Life Enrichment Director at Touchmark, and her presentation is entitled 'Reframing Aging.' Framing is the process of making choices about what to emphasize and what to leave unsaid. Reframing Aging will help you learn how to lay out an approach to changing public thinking about aging in America. The goal of the session will be to help you learn ways to increase support for policies and practices that can be advanced to promote a robust, healthy, age-integrated society. The session will touch on the patterns in public thinking limiting the policy climate, the priorities for building public understanding, and specific communications techniques that have been proven to expand people's thinking about aging and aging policies. Register at bridgeshcc.org by November 2nd or contact Sandy Merdinger for more information (443-2244). Food items for Food Share are encouraged.

Gentle Ways--A free weekly workshop led by practitioners who lead gentle stretching, balancing and strengthening exercises tailored to all ages and abilities. Every Tuesday, 9:30 to 10:30 am. Bring a mat, no registration required. Covenant Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway. For more information contact Sandee at 442-1685. Food items for Food Share are appreciated.

Cranium Café--A free brain health workshop. November 21st 12:00 - 1:30 at Covenant Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway. Participants learn and practice brain exercises and gain an improved understanding of the aging brain and how to keep it healthy as one ages. Nanette Whitman-Holmes, Life Enrichment Director at Touchmark, facilitates the session. Bring a sack lunch, other refreshments provided. Register at bridgeshcc.org or contact Marsha for more information (443-1287).

Bridges programs are sponsored by Helena Community Connections, a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.

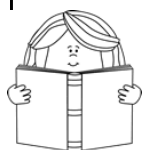


Many thanks to WELCA for providing Bibles to our Third grade students!

They loved them!

CAN I STILL SIGN MY CHILD UP for Sunday School or KidzEd ?

Of course! Email Lisa at lisawm@ourredeemerlives.org and she will help you get your child signed up.



KidTime is designed for children age 3 through 2nd grade to attend during the sermon at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. We use a curriculum which follows the lectionary, meaning your child is learning about the same Bible readings you are hearing in church. New children are always welcome!





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sherry Gunter
Luci Pearson
- 2 Shirley Bristol
Roberta Carey
Jacki Copenhaver
Juliah Maharg
Mikal Mihelish
- 4 Bonner Armstrong
Linda Coty
Scott Walter
- 5 Frank Grundmeier
Keagan Shearer
- 6 Riitta Ballantyne
Michael Burke
Bonnie Pennie
Pam Peterson
- 8 Denise Rauch
Mike Sather
- 9 Evan Colberg
Kellan Elder
Kelsey Robertson
- Kayti Sim
Lori Swenson
- 10 Brianna Denning
Gary Gates
Keeli Schilling
Jamie Wilson
- 11 Connor Brown
Don Childress
Lorraine Samuel
Cassie Wetzel
- 12 Kevin Ark
Tanya Shearer
Samantha Ziegler
- 13 Evelyn Johnson
Crosby Kennedy
- 14 Jed Dailey
Skyler Willard
- 15 Karter Jurenka
- 16 Emily Lindner
Jacob Spangenberg
- 17 Ashlee Hanson

- Marlene Simms
- 18 Carol Beley
Melanie Denning
Linda Keim
- 19 Charlotte Hafer
Virginia McLane
Conner McLaury
Lisa Perpignano
- 20 Ty Lamping
David Senn
Mia Toccas
Louis Ward
- 21 Ben Clack
Jan Martin
- 22 Celia Schroeder
Ben Spiger
- 23 Bruce McMaster
Kay Patterson
- 24 Florence Armagost
Leslie Clack
Andi Moore

- Jodi Robertson
- 25 Carrie Engle
Mark Huber
Ellie Michelotti
Deagan Solan
- 26 Cynthia Gustafson
Tayler Hadley
Nikki MacMillan
Gary Pearson
- 27 Pete Mollet
Eric Spangenberg
- 28 Rev. Lon Bechtel
Amy Heldt
Katie Tintinger
- 29 Hanna Ballantyne
Christian Bomar
- 30 Shane Sampson
Kristine Thatcher

Hospital Visitation Schedule



- Sunday: Janet Miller
- Monday: Helen Bunkowske
- Tuesday: Roxanne Hiesterman
- Wednesday: Lori Bigwood-Pecarina
- Thursday: Pastor Arne
- Friday: Jan Martin
- Saturday: Pastor Kendra



Do you know someone in the hospital?

On occasion, the hospital records don't indicate that a member of Our Redeemer's has been admitted. We like to visit at the hospital, but if we don't know that someone is there we miss them. If you know someone in the hospital who needs a visit (or anyone who would need a visit for some reason), please let the office know.

Baptisms

Logan James Bennett MacIntyre
Alaire Lynn Maynard



10/14/2018
10/21/2018



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Meet our student leaders for the 2018-2019 year - Madison Roberston, Chelsea gates, Ann Dodds, Emma Coble, David Hanson, Nathan Spangenberg, Nathanael Hafer, Alyssa Tompkins, Shawn Moore, Treven Maharg, and Ryan Quinn.

Summer Youth Servant Trip

High school youth, are you interested in going on a fun trip, meeting new people, fellowshiping and worshipping together and using your gifts and talents to do God's work? Youth (finishing 8th grade through 2019 graduates) are invited to join our Servant Team next summer to the Rocky Boy Reservation and working with our sister congregation, Our Saviour's.



Registration and a non-refundable deposit is due November 14th, 2018. Questions?! Contact Jackie at 442-7842

First Team Meeting

When: Sunday, November 18th @ 1:00 pm

Where: In the Youth Loft @ ORLC

What: We'll get to know one another as a team, discuss fundraisers, and much more!



Pick Up Your Christmas Wreaths!

Your beautiful, fresh wreaths will be at ORLC and ready to be picked up Sunday, November 18th, 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.

Gas, Groceries, and 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.

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 442-7842.

Youth Fundraising Opportunity with Carroll College!

Great news youth! Carroll College and Sodexo have asked if our youth group would be willing to man the concessions at Carroll football games this fall. We would work together as a team for about 4 hours each game and raise money for all of the fun things we will do this coming year: outdoor movie nights, retreats, indoor rock climbing, and especially next summer's servant trip!

We will need approximately 7 youth and adults to work each game.

The last football game is: *November 10

This will be fun new way to raise money, get to know one another, engage the community, and serve others!

If you are interested and able, please contact Jackie at 442-7842 or jackie@ourredeemerlives.org.



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FLBC High School Ski Retreat—January 11-13 2019

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is hosting a youth ski retreat January 11-13. This is 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.

Details:

- Costs: \$110 per person (includes all meals, snacks and lodging)
- Transportation to the ski resorts is the responsibility of youth groups.
- Youth are responsible for their own lift tickets and rental costs at the ski resorts.
- Registration forms are available in the Narthex or in the church office.

If you are interested in participating, please turn in the registration form and registration fee to Jackie by December 12th.

Questions?! Please call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842 or email at jackie@ourredeemerlives.org

Church News

Council Meeting Summary – October 23, 2018

Financials – Giving in September was above the same period for 2017 as well as 2018 plan. The council voted to use the remaining funds to reduce the payable (money borrowed from) the building fund. We currently have payables of \$773 toward the building fund and \$1412 toward council funds. We also owe about \$35,000 to benevolence. Giving for Join the Journey (our mortgage account) was also less than required for our monthly payment. We are now \$28,134 below plan for the mortgage account.

Budget – The budget for 2019 has been distributed to the council for review and recommendations. Although the budget is slightly less than the current budget, it will rely heavily on support for the ministries of the congregation. The council will have a special meeting to finalize the budget for congregation review on November 5. This will be followed by a budget forum between the services on November 11. An annual meeting to vote on the budget is planned for December 2.

Next Council Meeting – November 20 at 6 pm.

In service to Christ and the Congregation

Ron Pecarina, President

Hang Out For Hunger 2018



As a part of this year's *Hangout for Hunger*, our youth collected food for Helena Food Share in surrounding neighborhoods and then gathered for worship in the sanctuary where we learned the impact of hunger in our own Helena community. Afterwards, many of our youth experienced the *Global Farm Challenge*, an unforgettable experience designed to immerse them in what it's like to be a smallholder farmer around the world.

Hunger is no joke, so later we enjoyed pizza, and played glow in the dark games and amazing fellowship!

Thanks be to God for blessing of all who helped make this evening of fellowship, learning and service possible!



During the Walk 'n' Knock, ten teams of youth collected **350 pounds** of food for Helena Food Share!



Worship Assistants

8:30am Service

Sunday, November 4

Captains..... Larry and Delores Rosin
 Communion Assistants..... Ruth Straley
 Judy Hoover
 Carol and Todd Will
 Linda & Larry Hanson
 Greeters..... *all team members*
 Ushers..... Carol and Todd Will
 Bill Straley
 Jerry Hoover
 Larry Hanson
 Larry Rosin
 Lector..... Ron Pecarina
 Prayer Team..... Bonner & Karen Armstrong

11:00am Service

Captains..... Mark and Beth Barry
 Communion Assistants..... Linda Coty
 Lori Chase
 Lori Bigwood-Pecarina
 Greeter..... Byron Beley
 Ushers..... Mark and Beth Barry
 Lector..... Jennifer Colegrove
 Prayer Team..... Melanie Denning & Kevin Mathews

Sunday, November 11

Captain..... Jan Martin
 Communion Assistants..... Glenn and Janet Erickson
 Gary and Dee Dee Fischer
 Greeters..... Helen Bunkowske
 Gary and Dee Dee Fischer
 Ushers..... Ken Kolb
 Roy Hemry
 Lector..... Ingrid Childress
 Prayer Team..... Sharlene Kolb & Julie Peck

Captain..... David Thompson
 Communion Assistants..... Carl Tanberg
 Lisa Williams-Mathews
 David Thompson
 Greeter..... MaryKay Linke
 Ushers..... Carl Tanberg
 David Thompson
 Lector..... Craig Erickson
 Prayer Team..... Linda Coty & Tami Darlow

Sunday, November 18

Captains..... Jim and Joan Haubein
 Communion Assistants..... Jim and Joan Haubein
 Bruce and Judy McMaster
 Greeters..... Linda Gaughan
 Pat Lumma
 Ushers..... Norm Rognlie
 Clayton Schenck
 Tom Johnson
 Lector..... Joan Haubein
 Prayer Team..... Gary & Dee Dee Fischer

Captain..... Melanie Denning
 Communion Assistants..... Jim Reynolds
 Kayme May
 Greeters..... Melanie Dennign
 Debbie Robinson
 Ushers..... Craig Erickson
 Steve Keller
 Lector..... Melanie Denning
 Prayer Team..... Susan Bergland & Kathy Olson

Sunday, November 25

Captain..... Ray Read
 Communion Assistants..... Ben Spiger
 Gretchen Krumm
 Scott and Lori Walter
 Greeter..... Gordon Blomquist
 Ushers..... Norm Midtlyng
 Bonner Armstrong
 Lector..... Mark Redfern
 Prayer Team..... Helen Bunkowske & Bob DenHerder

Captain..... Marie Rauch
 Communion Assistants..... Marie Rauch
 Kevin Mathews
 Lisa Williams-Mathews
 Luci Pearson
 Greeters..... Luci Pearson
 Mark and Kris Thatcher
 Ushers..... Kevin and Lisa Mathews
 Chris Olson
 Lector..... Marie Rauch
 Prayer Team..... Linda Coty & Tami Darlow



Preschool News

Autumn blessings from Our Redeemer's Preschool! Fall is fully underway in the Preschool wing of the building. Apples, pumpkins and leaves are all topics of conversation, discovery and art projects. Our students are getting good practice at zipping up coats and putting on hats as they go out to play each day, and they return to their classrooms with rosy cheeks and nippy noses!

The Preschool will be holding a fundraiser on **Monday November 5 at Mackenzie River Pizza Company**. To participate, simply dine at Mackenzie River on the given date (lunch or dinner) and give the voucher below to your server when you pay. You may dine in or phone in your order. There will be extra vouchers in the preschool office prior to November 5.

Funds raised will go toward enrichment activities and supplies for our students. It will also help us to keep a balance in our Tuition Assistance fund which helps out when families meet with a circumstance that prevents them from paying full tuition. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the preschool program!







OUR REDEEMER'S PRESCHOOL

SCHOOL NIGHT VOUCHER

MRPCo. and Our Redeemer's Preschool invite you to dine with us in Helena on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018.**

Order your favorite items from our fresh, tasty menu and Our Redeemer's Preschool will receive a donation of 20% of your meal dollars from MRPCo. Present this voucher when settling your bill to ensure Our Redeemer's Preschool receives your contribution!

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 /mrpHELENA • mackenzieriverpizza.com

*Applies to dine in or carry out, lunch or dinner. Valid only on designated event date. Excludes alcohol.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018



As a Community of Women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We Commit Ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

November Bible Study

Our final session on repentance is entitled, "Turning as the Church to the World," where we will learn that when we repent as one body in Christ, we open the way to healing and reconciliation.

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 9:30am

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, Nov. 21 @ 1:00pm
Both groups will meet in the Conference Room.

We welcome all new members and visitors to attend any of our Bible studies.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 10:00am

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

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

Christmas Gifts

It is that time of year when the Women of the ELCA collect Christmas gifts for the residents of Elkhorn Health and Rehab in Clancy. Gifts will be collected from Nov. 18 to Dec. 9 and should be placed in the big Christmas box in the Great Room. Lists showing suggested gifts are attached to the box. Please take one and help us fill up the box by Dec. 9.



Blood Drive Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

Community Room
3580 N. Benton Ave.

Thursday, November 8, 2018
1:30 - 6:30pm

To schedule an appointment please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: OurRedeemersHelena or call 1-800-REDCROSS (800-733-2767).



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Saturday, November 3

9:30am-2pm

Everyone's Invited!

& Bazaar

Come and enjoy this great Saturday event hosted by the women of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.

Children's Festival Activities— The Community Room will host a wide array of games, storytelling, face painting and activities for the children. **Hay Rides outside!** For kids of all ages.

Quilt Raffle— **Ker Bloom** is the name of our Black/White botanical quilt hanging in the Great Room. Tickets are \$5.00 each of 5 for \$20 and are for sale in the Great Room between services.

Pies—Breads— Cookies—Chocolates—Lefse
Hand Made Items—Jewelry—Tables Runners - Knit Items - Quilts—Christmas gifts—Ham Balls
Treasures and Collectibles

Fresh Lefse served 9:30-11:00

Lunch is only \$5.00 and served from 11:30—1:00

Volunteers — Many hands make light work, so if you would like to volunteer to help the day of the festival/bazaar please give us a call . We need workers to set up, and tear down and greeters at the door. Call Charlene 465-0956

Call Charlene at 465-0956 or email at csmayala66@gmail.com

GOD'S LOVE

THANK YOU to this incredible congregation that continues to make a difference in a complete stranger's life. God's Love is grateful for the plates, bowls, utensils, clothing, hygiene products, towels, blankets, etc. and the many numerous donations from this generous house. Snow, wind, and cold weather have already danced with our beautiful fall. Weather is unpredictable, and so is life. When pulling on your warm socks, boots, hats, gloves, etc. this fall/winter, take a moment, pause, and think of those without any of these items. Throughout the few months please consider donating a warm item or two. We dropped off a donated sleeping bag at the office of God's Love and the first words spoken were "a sleeping bag is like receiving pure gold." God's Love can use our continued help for the homeless and anyone having difficulties.

Perhaps you read in the paper or heard that United Way has changed their focus and the handling of donations to various groups. Wayne and Ann Miller, the angels that created and have kept God's Love operating, had a letter to the editor in the Helena IR on September 17th. In this article, they stated they were "not funded for any emergency/transitional housing programs for the homeless, as they have for many years in the past. God's Love Shelter wants the community to know that we are still providing food, clothing, and shelter as we always have, but we will no longer be a United Way agency. Please send your donor dollars directly to us. May God bless you." God's Love is an amazing place and does their utmost to provide for the less fortunate.

We are overwhelmed at the kindness and giving of Our Redeemer's. To Helen Bunkowske, our spry 92 year old wonder who has volunteered to serve at God's Love for years, and many other members who have volunteered at God's Love, **THANK YOU!** It takes a village to operate a shelter. How grateful we are to Our Redeemer's to be a part of this village.

Blessings, grateful, and thankful,
Bruce & Judy McMaster



Calling for Fruit Juice

Thanks so much for the individual fruit cups you donated for the kid packs program during the month of October. We are now collecting individual packets of fruit juice for the kid packs. Helena Food Share is so grateful for your generous contributions, especially during these holiday months.



Kid Pack Assemblies

We continue to assemble kid packs on the first three Tuesdays of every month. So gather 4-6 PM at the Helena Food Share warehouse on Oakes Street on November 6, 13, and 20 to help with this worthy cause. Please notify Sandy Merdinger (slymerdinger@yahoo.com) if you plan to help. We are assembling more kid packs this year since the program has expanded to more schools in East Helena.



Thanksgiving Food Collection

We shall once again be collecting holiday foods for Helena Food Share during Thanksgiving week. Bags with suggested food items will be distributed at worship the week of November 4-11. Bags will be collected on Sunday, November 18 and at the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 21. This year Helena Food Share will be putting together baskets of holiday foods for each family, so you might be on the lookout for these specialty items.

Family Promise Update

Family Promise has hired a new executive director, Glenna Wortman-Obie. There are now families in the program, and Our Redeemer's is scheduled to host families the week of November 25-December 1. Janet Whitmoyer (jwhit6513@gmail.com) is the new coordinator for Our Redeemer's, so look for more information soon about how you can be of assistance during this time.



God's Love

As the months continue to get colder, the occupancy rate at God's Love increases. If you would like to help out with donating items, feel free to do so, with the designated box in the Great Room. Special needs right now include inexpensive plates (like Melmac or Corelle), winter hats, gloves, socks, and mittens. Questions about the program should be addressed to Bruce or Judy McMaster (judy1950@bresnan.net).

Community Garden

We donated over 600 pounds of produce to Helena Food Share this season. The congregation offers a special thanks to the garden managers, Ben and Carol Olmstead, for all they have done to help with the success of our



Prayer Team Ministry

Are you in need of some special prayer? Perhaps you are struggling with an illness or a problem or maybe you would like prayer for someone you love. Maybe you want someone to rejoice and give thanks with you. God is honored by our praise. Have you noticed that there are people standing near the Great Room doors waiting to pray with you during Holy Communion? We encourage you to come to them with your prayer requests.

Here are the folks who regularly offer prayer during the services:

- Bonner and Karen Armstrong, Sharlene Kolb, Julie Peck, DeeDee and Gary Fischer, Helen Bunkowske, Melanie Denning, Kevin Mathews, Linda Coty, Tami Darlow, Susan Bergland and Kathy Olson.




If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Team ministry, please contact Kathy Olson @ 431-8686 or kathyolson8686@gmail.com.




"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all of the Lord's people." Eph 6:18



November 2018

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4 8:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 9:30am - The Net - Youth Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - New Member Class - Community Room 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary	5 Preschool Fundraiser @ Mackenzie River Pizza 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Youth Loft 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	6 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
11 8:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 9:30am - The Net - Youth Loft 9:45am - Budget Forum 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Baptism Class - AD1 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary	12 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary  Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Nov. 12—19 GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.	13 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board - AD1 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room
18 New Member Sunday 8:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 9:30am - The Net - Youth Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 1:00pm - Rocky Boy Servant Trip Meeting - Youth Loft 3:00pm - Consecration for Carol Will  Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Nov. 12—19 GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.	19 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Youth Loft 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	20 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 9:30am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Room 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:00pm - Council - Conference Room 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am - Sew n Love - CR#5-6 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	2	3 9:30am - Fall Family Festival & Bazaar
7 6:30pm - WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:15pm - KidzEd Small Groups 7:15pm - WOW Small Groups 7:15pm - Safehouse 7:15pm - KAPOW	8 9:00am - Sew n Love - CR#5-6 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 1:30pm - Red Cross Blood Drive 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	9	10 10:00am - CC Concessions Fundraiser - Carroll College 9:00am - Symphony Rehearsal - Great Room
14 6:30pm - WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:15pm - KidzEd Small Groups 7:15pm - WOW Small Groups 7:15pm - Safehouse 7:15pm - KAPOW  Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Nov. 12—19 GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.	15 Voice Articles Due 9:00am - Sew n Love - CR#5-6 11:00am - St. John's Ministries Meeting - Great Room 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	16	17
21 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conference Rm 6:30pm - Thanksgiving Devotional & Prayer 7:00pm - Thanksgiving Eve Joint Worship 8:00pm - Pie & Fellowship	22 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed 	23 Office Closed	24
28 6:30pm - Lessons & Carols  Family Promise Week November 25 - December 2 Building communities, strengthening lives.	29 9:00am - Sew n Love - CR#5-6 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	30	