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&
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THE VOICE

Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Promise of Pentecost

In the days ahead, we will be celebrating the third great Christian holy day, the day of Pentecost. We remember that day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. It is commonly understood as the birthday of the Christian Church. What does it look like to be people of Pentecost, claimed by the Holy Spirit?

People of Pentecost Claim Jesus as Lord

Every Sunday in worship, the people of Our Redeemer's reaffirm this core proclamation of our faith. As the Apostle's Creed is recited, we remember and proclaim our faith in Christ. It is through faith that we are empowered to make this claim. In explaining the Apostles Creed, Martin Luther reminds us that, "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts and kept me in the one true faith... Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit."

People of Pentecost Live Out the Gifts of the Spirit

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 12 wrote, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit..." When we think of spiritual gifts, we often think of those talents, abilities and passions that a person has for living out their faith. Scripture lifts up nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are: words of wisdom, words of knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, miracles, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, and tongues. Some of these gifts may seem strange to us and some may seem to be missing from the church. In faith, we may know that the Holy Spirit works mysteriously to gift the church for the good of the Gospel.

People of Pentecost Have Talents for Ministry

The Holy Spirit is active in all people who have faith. There are no haves and have nots; people of Pentecost are gifted by the Holy Spirit. Every faithful person has talents, abilities and passions for ministry. In using those talents for the good of the church, they become gifts of the Holy Spirit. In using those abilities, God is at work with grace and mercy for the whole world. Talents, abilities, passions are transformed as gifts of the Holy Spirit to be God's hands and feet in the world.

A celebration of the ministry of Lisa Williams-Mathews - June 23rd

For the last seven years our Children's Ministry has thrived under the leadership of Lisa Williams-Mathews. Lisa has decided to step down from her position and her last Sunday will be June 23rd. We would like to invite you to celebrate Lisa and her tireless work in Children's Ministry during worship and fellowship afterwards. We will have a card basket in the Great Room to offer personal words of thanks for her work among us.

I will remember Lisa for her tireless work with VBS and Sunday School as well as for her invaluable contributions to WOW. Sunday mornings would not be the same without the Kid-Time program that Lisa developed. Lisa has loved our kids to death as she shares the Good News with them. Lastly, I have deeply appreciated how Lisa has urged our congregation to consider the issues of mental illness and child abuse.

I know I speak for the staff in saying a heart-felt thank you to Lisa for her ministry with, and for, the congregation! The good news for us is that Lisa is not leaving Helena or Our Redeemer's. Kevin and Lisa will still remain as members of our church family.

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

JOB OPENING

Job Opening: Director of Children's Ministry

This is a half time, paid position as Director of Children's Ministry. We are hoping to have the position filled by August 1. The complete position description is available from Pastor Bergland.

Boy Scout Troop 207 meets at ORLC every week. As a "thank you" to the congregation for hosting, they built these beautiful picnic tables for our use. Thank you Troop 207!



Volunteers Needed:

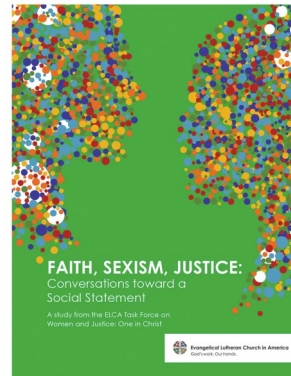
Are you looking for a meaningful serving opportunity? Altar Guild is looking for new members! What a wonderful way to serve God, to prepare the Lord's Supper.

Duties include: clean the

Altar area, setup and clean up Holy Communion before the 9:30 service this summer. In the fall we need set up before the 8:30 service or clean up Holy Communion after the 11:00 service. A mentor will be assigned to you to learn these duties. If you have questions please contact Lisa Mathews at 465-5580 or lewm03@gmail.com.

The draft social statement on "Women and Justice," which our congregation read and responded to last year, has been reviewed by the ELCA and a recommended proposed social statement renamed, "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action" has been released. It may be downloaded from the elca.org website.

The next step in the process for the social statement is for it to be considered by the Churchwide Assembly this August. To become an official social teaching of the ELCA, the document must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Churchwide Assembly. The Montana Synod has 11 voting members going to the Churchwide Assembly. Please contact Pastor Arne or Pastor Kendra with questions.



Mortgage Matching Challenge.

ORLC was the recipient of a large anonymous gift. The gift came as a tithe from the settlement of an estate. This generous and faithful gift amounts to \$62,500 dollars. It will be used to pay down the principle on our mortgage. The gift will save us around \$72,000 in interest over the course of the loan!

How about a challenge?

Could we match the generosity of this gift? If we matched it dollar for dollar it would amount to around a \$140,000 savings to the congregation. Would you consider a one-time **additional** gift to your regular commitment? Any amount would make a huge difference to see the ministry of ORLC continue to grow. **If you would like to contribute to the matching funds.** You can contribute to this appeal by check or electronic funds. It is important that you indicate that the gift is meant for this one-time special appeal. All funds for the appeal will be used as a direct payment to reduce the principal on our mortgage.



Planned Giving

This generous and faithful gift is a result of an estate gift. You can see what a difference planned giving can make as you consider what you want your estate to achieve. We hope that you will consider including your church home in your estate or financial plans and help sustain our mission for generations to come.

Update

As of May 24, we have received \$10,570 in matching funds. Thank you!

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Saturday, June 15 @ 5:00pm

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Worship Assistants

9:30am Single Sunday Service

Sunday, June 2nd

Captain	Todd & Carol Will
Communion Assistants	Ruth Straley, Judy Hoover, Ron & Marian Paulson, Carol & Todd Will, Lynda & Larry Hanson
Greeters	All Team Members
Ushers	Carol & Todd Will, Bill Straley, Jerry Hoover, Larry Hanson, Ron Paulson
Lector	Linda Nelson

Sunday, June 9th

Captain	Kristi Antosh
Communion Assistants	Gary & Dee Dee Fischer, Lorna Meyer
Greeters	Helen Bunkowske, Gary & Dee Dee Fischer
Ushers	Ken Kolb, Roy Hemry
Lector	Jeanne McCoskery

Sunday, June 16th

Captain	David Thompson
Communion Assistants	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson, Gretchen Krumm, Sharon Redfern
Greeters	Carl Tanberg , David Thompson
Ushers	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Mark Redfern

Sunday, June 23rd

Captain	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Communion Assistants	Kevin & Lisa Mathews, Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Greeters	All Team Members
Ushers	Stewart & Janice Kirkpatrick
Lector	Dan Rispen

Sunday, June 30th

Captain	open position
Communion Assistants	Craig Erickson, Sandy Merdinger, Scott & Lori Walter
Greeters	Kristi Antosh, Byron Beley
Ushers	Mike Swingley, Byron Beley
Lector	Craig Erickson



IT'S SUMMER!!

KidTime runs through the summer months. **KidTime is designed for children 3 years through 2nd grade.** Join us for stories, crafts and games at the 9:30 service during the sermon.



How can I help with Vacation Bible School?

Everyone can help! We need supplies for snacks and art projects. There is a board with tags in the Great Room. Please consider taking a tag and bringing the items back to church.



Many volunteers are needed for building, painting, decorating, cleaning up, setting up, art prep, teaching, assisting teaching, games and so much more!

Email or call Lisa for more information: 442-7842 or lisawm@ourredeemerlives.org

Thanks for your help!

Got Your Game On?

Hopefully you picked up a small glass milk bottle to support your favorite team for the summer milk campaign. Regardless, join in the fun as we work toward our goal of \$6000 to supply milk for the kid packs program for the upcoming school year. Remember that every dollar donated between now and August 31st will be matched by a local foundation. So choose your team: MSU Bobcats, UM Grizzlies, Carroll College Saints, or Holy Cow (for those who **udderly** can't decide). Donations should be placed in the proper buckets near the Helena Food Share display in the hallway. And may the best team win!

Community Garden

Now that the weather is improving, thoughts turn to the great outdoors. If your thoughts include planting, weeding, or harvesting, the Hunger Team would welcome your help. At least one quarter of the community garden is designated for Helena Food Share. All the work on that plot is done by volunteers. And yes, we could use your help. In addition to the labor, we need seeds for beets, carrots, and beans, as well as onion sets. And there are a few plots available for rent, if you would like to provide fresh vegetables for your own family. Contact Ben or Carol Olmstead (bccj olmstead@bresnan.net) for details.

Hunger Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 5:30pm Hunger Team meets. Wear your garden clothes, as we shall spend some time in the community garden. Bring your own brown bag dinner for a picnic preceding the meeting. New members are always welcome. Contact Linda Nelson (ralinelson@yahoo.com) for any questions.

God's Love

Thank you to everyone who helped with the community day at God's Love, sponsored by Thrivent on Saturday, May 18th. Needs continue at God's Love throughout the summer. There is an ongoing need for inexpensive plates (Corelle or Melmac) and silverware, as well as socks and sleeping bags. Donations may be placed in the God's Love donation bin in the Great Room.



Thank you to all who contributed to my beautiful retirement scrapbook! I absolutely love it!

And a special thank you to Lori Walter and Pastor Kendra for organizing the collection of pictures and Lori for making it into a beautiful book.

I still have room if you missed contributing!

Blessings and thank you!

Lisa

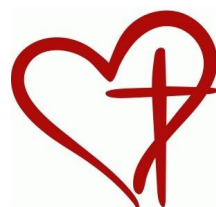


As part of our 60th Anniversary Celebration, we have invited people who have gone into ministry from ORLC to come back to ORLC to preach. On June 2nd, we will welcome Rev. Megan Graves who is currently serving an ELCA congregation in Waterloo, Iowa; on June 23rd, Baird Linke who plans to get a Master's Degree from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa beginning in the fall; and on August 4th, Taran Denning will join us. Taran will be starting his "Internship Year" in an ELCA congregation in Vancouver, WA as part of his training to become a Word and Sacrament Minister in the ELCA.

This congregation can celebrate being a "sending congregation" that prepares leaders for Christ's church.

This is becoming increasingly important for the future of the church. ELCA researchers anticipate a clergy shortage in the ELCA as more and more pastors of the "Baby Boomer" generation retire and are not replaced by incoming pastors.

Memory Care Caregivers Support Group



What is it? A support group for those who are caregivers for loved ones who are experiencing memory loss.

When will it meet? Every first Sunday of the month at 9:45am beginning this fall.

What will be provided? Caregivers will meet to share experiences and information and pray together.

Enrichment activities and companionship will be provided at the church for loved ones experiencing memory loss during the support group meeting.

Please contact Pastor Kendra to indicate interest in the support group and/or activities for loved ones.



What comments have been seen on the community chalkboard recently?

What does Jesus' resurrection mean to you?

- Redeemed!
- Freedom!
- Life and love for ALL. No exceptions!
- Absolutely everything!
- Another Chance

When is a time in your life when you have put your full trust in God?

- "Anytime I'm in a situation that I can't control."
"AKA Everyday."
"Like for real."
- When I have the loss of a loved one.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

Phyllis Bauer
Walter Bauer
Richard Carey
Roberta Carey

Christine Hoffman
Rolland Karlin
Blake McHugh
Dale Mickus

Ardell Nelson
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)
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)
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)
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)
Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)

Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)
Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Patsy Link (Luci Pearson's sister-in-law)
Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Kay Mathews (Kevin Mathew's mother)
Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Amanda Miller (Larry & Delores Rosin's granddaughter)
Lee Nees (Tami Wadham's mother)
Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Lalay Ohlrogge (Ron & Marian Paulson)
Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
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)
Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
Will (Luci Pearson's brother)
Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Haydee Wright (Burke family)
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
Jackie Copenhaver-Girard

Ryan Girard
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
Erin Mills
Brian Neal
Keith Nordquist
Ken Nordquist

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

Our Seminarian

Taran Denning

June Birthdays!

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



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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Steve Burger | 8 Samuel Ark | 18 Dominic DeFilippis | 27 Kamron Anderson |
| Tammy Copenhaver | Ron Olson | Helen Ellis | Gary Bay |
| Guy Goughnour | 9 Sydney Aschim | David Fulkerson | Sharon Lamping |
| Zachary McHugh | Amelia Dodds | Tanner McLaury | Judy Mickus |
| Gabriel Origbo | 10 Pat Fischer | 19 Jennifer Colegrove | Shawn Moore |
| 2 Christine Armstrong-Mills | 11 Harry Howell | Ashley Vogl | Jes Peavey |
| Jennifer Balcerzak | Louise Wilson | 20 Chris Boe | Lauren Robertson |
| Ardell Nelson | 12 Deb Esposito | Tenley Forgey | Laura Steinhoff |
| Trent Selvig | Kylee Wetzel | Karen Midtlyng | 28 Jessica Grimmis |
| 4 Asher Bomar | 13 Emma Coble | 21 Lucas Ballantyne | Beth Johnson |
| Carol Will | Haydin Henschel | 22 Trey Tintinger | Kayme May |
| 5 Nelson Bock | June Pratt | 23 Kit Quinn | Diane Rauch |
| Carolyn Meyer | 14 Teah Falconer | Lily Yearry | 29 Justine Alberts |
| Dale Mickus | David Hanson | 24 Lauren Alberts | Kari Christensen |
| JJ Olson | 15 Carly Bergquist | Bonnie McFarland | Lorene Harris |
| Madison Robertson | Vicki Chapman | Judy McLean | Nate Jensen |
| 6 Kaela Burke | Cannon Colegrove | Marta Peters | 30 Jason Callon |
| Dean Chaussee | Zack Horinek | Lynn Voss | Glenn Erickson |
| Kellie Guariglia | Marian Hotvedt | 25 Bill Hess | Janet Lauf |
| Debbie Robinson | Eric Meyer | Kaci Johnson | |
| 7 Katrina Steinhoff | 16 Shannin Preshinger | Charlotte MacIntyre | |
| | 17 Ed Johnson | Mark Studt | |
| | Tiffany Sturdevant | 26 Dylan Hill | |
| | | Debbie Sarris Fink | |
| | | Wendy Vukonich | |



Another Great Year of Preschool!

As we look back at the 2018-19 school year, we are reminded of the many blessings that come our way each day, in the form of children and families, a wonderful staff, and a supportive church family. We are fortunate to have such a lovely facility to call home, and we are grateful to the many hands that keep everything in tip-top condition. Reminders of spring's re-birth were apparent the last few weeks of preschool with caterpillars transforming into butterflies right before our eyes, the plum and apple trees on our playground leafing out and producing blooms, and a robin nesting on three beautiful eggs just outside a

preschool door. Life is truly amazing!

We held send-off celebrations on our last days of class to celebrate the year our students had spent together. We sent some of our students and families on their way to bigger and better things (like kindergarten!) and we look forward to spending another year with some of our students. No matter where they are headed, the kids who spend time with us will always be part of our Preschool family.

Student Registration continues... We have limited openings in our four-year-old and pre-kindergarten classes. Children must be four years old by Sept. 10, 2019. Please contact Trudy at 442-7842 ext. 20, or at preschool@ourredeemerlives.org. Thank you for spreading the word to family and friends.



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.

Weddings

Alyson Cummings & Travis Dunkle
5/18/19



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



June Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!



- 40 Years! Dennis & Dodie Heffner 6/23/1979
41 Years! David & Sherril Senn 6/11/1978
41 Years! Pat & Linda Lynch 6/17/1978
41 Years! Bob & Lyanne DenHerder 6/10/1978
42 Years! Dan & Ellen Dodds 6/19/75
44 Years! Rick & Vicki Chapman 6/21/75
47 Years! Carl & Kim Anfinson 6/2/1972
47 Years! Tim & Dorothy Cail 6/9/1972
48 Years! Mark & Sharon Redfern 6/3/71
51 years! Dwight and Roxanne Hiesterman 6/8/1968
51 years! James and Barbara Penner 6/24/1968
54 years! Glen and Judy McLean 6/10/1965
58 years! James and Vicki Poore 6/24/1961

Baptisms



Story Mae Salsbery	5/1/2019
Lane Michlle Salsbery	5/1/2019

THANK YOU to all who generously contribute to God's Love. Whether it is items of clothing, dishware, cleaning products, laundry products, hygiene, bedding, sleeping bags, food, monetary, your time, etc. etc. - the hearts and thoughtfulness of this congregation is greatly appreciated. We definitely feel the presence of God in your kindness and God's Love is blessed.

Thanks and gratefulness to Thrivent, Autumn Keller and Carrie Reynolds for their help, support, and gifting of a \$3500 Thrivent Community Project for God's Love. Carrie was instrumental in meeting with God's Love staff, taking photos of the area, helping to write the application and share with Thrivent the needs of a homeless shelter. The money went towards much needed improvements in the basement area of God's Love. Their basement is where anyone is welcome to go down and pick out items of clothing, shoes, socks, hats, coats, bedding, towels, [the items you so generously donate] and/or what might be needed to help someone through difficult times. Shelving was purchased, bins were secured, and efforts made to help organize the chaos. Also, paint was purchased to paint the 15 outside benches. Thank you to the many volunteers who showed up to help out in this very needed, worthwhile cause and/or donated. It truly takes a village to make change and a difference in the lives of many. This is a very generous, much appreciated gift from Thrivent. Being a witness to what God's Love provides for a human soul on any given day is quite humbling. As Our Redeemer's Hunger Team liaisons for God's Love, Bruce and I feel extremely thankful and blessed to be part of this amazing community. Thank you and thank you again, Thrivent.

Bruce and Judy McMaster



Neighborhood Block BBQ at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

"An event for the entire church along with the entire neighborhood."

Summer hospitality is what it's all about so Our Redeemer's is hosting a block party for our entire neighborhood on Sunday, June 23, from 4-6pm. The entire church is invited to this event to meet and greet our neighbors that surround the church both on the north and south sides of the

property. Hamburgers, hot dogs and trimmings will be the fare, so come and enjoy fellowship and new friends. If you are willing to volunteer to help us on the 23rd we would love to have additional help. Please call Bonner Armstrong (443-7631) or Charlene Mayala (465-0956) to volunteer.

We need set up and tear down crew, greeters and servers.

In response to the invitation from Our Redeemer's to St. John's Lutheran Ministries, now named St. John's United, a focus group from St. John's United was created that consists of their CEO, David Trost, Vice President Tom Schlotterback, Cole Harden, CEO of Sapphire Lutheran Homes, Hamilton, MT, and 3 SJU board members to interact with a similar group from Our Redeemer's. This group consists of Pastor Bergland, Clint Ohman, Council president and Council members, Danicia Boe, Ron Pecarina, and other interested members, Bonner Armstrong, Jeff Downhour, Jim Penner, Herb Kulow, Mark Redfern, Gretchen Krumm, Jerry Hoover, Dwight Hiesterman.

We met May 16, 2019 to discuss ideas put forward by the ORLC group and to hear various proposals by St. John's. We, ORLC, all agree that decisions are needed to move forward the association between these two entities to the benefit of both parties. St. John's could bring to this discussion an organization that has at it's disposal entities and experience that could move ideas and developments at a faster pace than could committees from ORLC. Financially, it would be advantageous to come to decisions that lower our SID costs of about \$30,000 per year.

There are no firm proposals to put before the congregation at this time, however, the ORLC group welcomes any suggestions or ideas. It is again time for Our Redeemer's congregation to put forward their desires for furthering the ministry of our congregation by the usage of our land.

Tentatively, members of this group will try to meet the 3rd Thursday of the month for the next 3-4 months or longer as needed. We have invited St. John's United to be present with us Sunday, September _____ to meet and discuss common interests.

Please keep us in your prayers as we navigate to increase our ministries at Our Redeemer's.

Dwight Hiesterman

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MEET THE GRADUATES



Shawn Moore

Shawn is the son of Todd and Jenny Moore and brother of McKenna. He is graduating from Helena High School this spring. Shawn has been involved in the Helena Lions Swim Team the last 6 years. He also swam all 4 years for Helena High and was the Captain this past season. Shawn is also a talented singer. He has been part of the Men's Choir and Starlighters at Helena High. He has been selected to attend All Star and All State Choir held at University of Montana. He has been a Safehouse leader the past two years. Shawn will be attending the University of Montana next year.



Cheyenne

Straughn

Cheyenne is the daughter of Eileen and Jon Straughn and is graduating from Helena High School. She enjoys being creative in ceramics and spending time with her little nephew. Cheyenne will continue her studies this fall at Helena College University of Montana in the Pre-Nursing program.



Braxton McCormack

Braxton is the son of Brendan and Tria McCormack and is graduating from Capital High School. He enjoys hunting, shooting, programming, building, video games, and hanging with his friends. Braxton plans to work toward a four year degree in Software Engineering at Montana Tech starting this fall in Butte.



Alyssa Tompkins

Alyssa is the daughter of Joani Bourdreau and Bill Tompkins and is graduating from Capital High School. Alyssa is a student of many passions. She enjoys the arts including painting and playing her viola and violin. Alyssa is a member of the National Honor Society as well as a three times published author in Capital High School's literary magazine "Pen and Ink". She is a journalist for her school newspaper "The PawPrint" and has recently won Best Opinion Writing Class AA Montana for a piece she wrote for the paper. She has also been a Safehouse student leader the past two years. She will begin her studies at Montana State University to become a English Teacher in the secondary schooling system.



Nathanael Hafer

Nathanael is the son of George and Charlotte Hafer and is graduating from Capital High School. Nathanael's interests include bowling. He has been bowling for about 11 years. He has many top 5 finishes in tournaments. He has plans to attend Helena College in the fall to work toward a degree in computer programing.



CLASS OF 2019



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



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



Moonlight Hike!

Wednesday, June 19th @ 8:30pm

Come on a moonlight adventure with the Safehouse crew! We'll meet at the Mount Helena Trail Head at 8:30 pm and then head off to hit the trails. Don't forget to wear good

hiking shoes, maybe bring a flashlight or headlamp and a water bottle. Hope you can come!

It's been requested! And now it's happening!

This summer our high school youth are organizing a sunrise bible study for their peers periodically throughout the summer in the Community Garden. This will happen on Sunday Mornings at 8:00am (not quite sunrise). Check out the ORLC Safehouse Facebook page for upcoming dates and topics.



A week at camp is often the highlight of a young person's summer! Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp offers an incredible Christ-centered experience for families and children entering 3rd grade through 12th grade.



Check out the wonderful opportunities planned for this summer online at www.flbc.net or pick up a brochure at the information desk in the Great Room at church. Each day offers time for worship, drama, music, crafts, campfire, and play.

Jackie Bartz is attending camp August 4-9 and it would be great to have you there too!

***WELCA (Women of the ELCA) also offers camp scholarships to any student who needs financial assistance to attend Bible Camp. Applications are available in the narthex and can be turned into the church office.

ORLC Family Fun Nights this Summer!



Swim Night @ Last Chance Splash Park

Sunday, July 21st from 5:15pm to 7:15pm

Bring your whole family and some friends for a **FREE** night of fellowship and fun in the water. Our Redeemer's will have the pool exclusively for these two hours including the pool, lazy river, water slides, diving boards, and splash deck. There will be life jackets and lazy river tubes available at no additional charge. So, bring your family and friends, a picnic dinner and some water or lemonade for an amazing and free night of fun with the ORLC family!

Outdoor Movie Night in the Court Yard @ ORLC

Friday, July 12th and August 16th, 2019

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a nice summer's evening outside enjoying a movie with your family and friends. We will have popcorn, water and lemonade for all to enjoy throughout the evening.

Movie and tentative time schedule to be announced soon!

Questions?! Contact Jackie at 442-7842 or jackie@ourredeemerlives.org



Financials – On behalf of the council, I say thank you for your financial support. Giving in April was very good, as it was \$8,286 over the budget plan (two months in a row). The council voted to pay the benevolence for April and a portion of the benevolence for January. Since May is a month with higher bills (insurance, youth programs), a portion of the funds were retained to cover expenses for May if necessary. Sufficient funds were held in reserve from last year to pay taxes. Giving for Join the Journey (our mortgage account) was less than required to meet our April payment. We received a generous donation of \$62,500 to reduce the principal on our mortgage and \$6,520 in matching funds which we sent to Mission Investment Funds.

Ministry Teams – The council approved the list of automatic payments. Staff will review the DEX account for our listing in the yellow pages. We are currently in discussion with Carroll College to permit them to use a portion of our property for a community garden and interdisciplinary study area. The intention is for the college to use the property with no financial commitment from the congregation. Pastor Arne will continue to work with the college to address concerns and finalize details. The college hopes to use the area next year. We are continuing our discussions with St. John's United for developing our property in conjunction with the mission of our congregation. There are still a number of tasks to be completed, but the plan is to have forums with the congregation in the fall.

Preschool – The preschool presented its budget for the coming school year. The contribution from the congregation remains as is at \$587 per month as support for the preschool director. This budget was passed by the council.

Next Council Meeting – June 18 at 6 pm.

In service to Christ and the Congregation

Ron Pecarina, Past President



June Bible Study

It's June and that marks the start of our summer combined Bible study. Dorcas will be hosting the June study which will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 9:30am. We will begin a new three-session study entitled, "For just such a time as this." In the first session, "Esther the Queen: Voices in the King's Court," we will meet the women who will shake up King Ahasuerus' kingdom. **Join us in the Great Room on June 18 at 9:30am.** We welcome all new members and visitors to attend any of our Bible studies.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, June 18 at 11:00am

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

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

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Scholarships

WELCA will again offer a scholarship to any student in the congregation who needs financial assistance to attend Bible camp. Applications are available in the narthex and should be submitted to the church office.

Lutheran World Relief

Our quilts and kits are in the Lutheran World Relief warehouse, ready for distribution around the world. We sent out 195 quilts, 127 Personal Care Kits, 100 Baby Care Kits and 80 School Kits. We had a super efficient team assembling and packing the Baby Care Kits and School Kits - thank you to all for your good work. A special thank you to Marian and Ron Paulson for having everything so well organized and for providing a delicious lunch after the work was done.

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

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