



**60th Anniversary Celebration
&
Neighborhood Block Party**

August 29, 5:30-8:00pm



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THE VOICE

“This is what the Lord God showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit.” Amos 8:1

There is joy in all:
in the hair I brush each morning...
in the chapel of eggs I cook...
in the outcry from the kettle that heats my coffee each morning...
All this is God,
right here in my pea-green house
each morning
and I mean,
though often forget,
to give thanks,
to faint down by the kitchen table
in a prayer of rejoicing...
The Joy that is not shared, I've heard,
dies young.

From Anne Sextons poem, Welcome morning

All last summer, I did not have a single piece of watermelon worthy of comment. I grew so disappointed that I quit trying. This last weekend, all that changed. I laid into a watermelon as sweet as cotton candy, so juicy that it dripped down my chin and onto my shirt. It was ecstasy!

Now that June is gone and July is here, the joys of summer in Montana are at our finger tips. When the psalmist wrote, “weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning...” I think it must have been July. Whatever or wherever you find yourself experiencing the grace of God this summer, pause and give thanks for God is Good!

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

Outdoor Worship

July 14th BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR.

Worship held at 9:30am in the courtyard (outside the great room).
Come bask in the glory of God's creation, as we worship together!

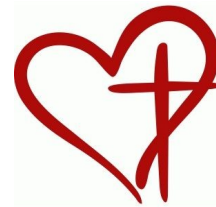
Volunteers Needed:



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.

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.

thank you 😊

The Spirit of Life Bike Shop on the Fort Peck Reservation was blessed by the receipt of eight bicycles from Our Redeemer's. Thank you for your outstanding generosity!

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Monday, July 15 @ 5:00pm
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Worship Assistants

9:30am Single Sunday Service

Sunday, July 7th	
Captain	open position
Communion Assistants	Ron Paulson, Sharlene Kolb, Kim Randall
Greeters	
Ushers	Clayton Schenck, Ken Kolb
Lector	Clayton Schenck
Sunday, July 14th	
Captain	Lorna Meyer
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Judy McMaster, Lorna Meyer
Greeters	Pat Lumma
Ushers	Norm Rognlie, Tom Johnson
Lector	Marie Rauch
Sunday, July 21st	
Captain	Ray Read
Communion Assistants	Scott & Lori Walter, Ben Spiger
Greeters	Gordon Blomquist
Ushers	Norm Midtyling, Bonner Armstrong
Lector	Joy Novota
Sunday, July 28th	
Captain	open position
Communion Assistants	Lori Chase, Ingrid Childress, Kristi Antosh
Greeters	Byron Beley, Pat Keim
Ushers	Byron Beley, Pat Keim
Lector	Lorna Meyer

Thank You, Vacation Bible School!

We owe a huge debt to all the children in Vacation Bible School who planted, weeded, and harvested our garden in June. At the end of that week, the food share plots were planted, we donated 50 pounds of rhubarb to Helena Food Share, and many of the weeds disappeared. Kids, remember to return in August and September to see the fruits (or onions, cabbage, and broccoli) of your labors.

Won't You Come into Our Garden?

Thanks to the efforts of the Hunger Team, the children who attended Vacation Bible School, and others who donated seeds and plants, our garden is now planted. Stop by at your convenience and enjoy some pleasant moments in these beautiful surroundings. Of course, if you would like to pull a few weeds in the Helena Food Share plot while you are there, feel free to do so. More than a quarter of the garden is now dedicated for our neighbors in need.

Monthly Hunger Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 5:30pm. Bring your own brown bag meal, and wear your gardening clothes so we can help with garden upkeep following the meeting. New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Linda Nelson (ralinelson@yahoo.com).

Got Milk?

Yes, hungry kids in the Helena area need milk, as well as other nutritious items for the weekend Kid Pack Program. You can help by donating cash for the purchase of milk throughout the summer months. Just for fun, choose your favorite team (Bobcats, Grizzlies, Saints, or Holy Cow aka: I Udderly Can't Decide). And may the best team win! Remember, every dollar donated between now and August 31st will be matched by a local foundation. Checks should be made out to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church with Helena Food Share on the memo line.

60th Anniversary Picnic Celebration

Save this date: Thursday, August 29, 5:30-8:00pm. As summer comes to a close and children return to school, come join us for a celebratory evening as we celebrate the church's 60th anniversary. Food, fun (Bouncy House), music (Vinyl City) and more will await you. Look for more details in the weeks to follow.



July Bible Study

Our summer Bible study, "For just such a time as this," continues with Session Two, "Helping Our Voices Bloom," where we will discuss how God's voice speaks to us in the silences, calling us to act. Join us in the Great Room on Wednesday, July 17 at 1:00pm. Rebecca Bible study group will be the hostess. The final combined Bible study will be held on Wednesday, August 14 starting at noon with a pot luck lunch.

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

The WELCA Board: TBA

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

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

Synodical Convention:

The MT Synodical WELCA Convention will be held in Great Falls at Bethel Lutheran Church on September 27-28. The convention theme is "Baptized and Set Free." The registration of \$75 is due by September 6. The MT Synodical Board is also looking for nominees to serve on the Board. Nominations must be received by September 6. Registration forms are available from Pat Lumma or Charlene Mayala.



Council – The council failed to have a quorum, thereby limiting the actions of the council.

Financials – Giving in May was \$30,800 below plan as May includes taxes, youth programs and insurance. However, since we carried over money from 2018 to pay the taxes and kept other expenses under control, we were able to have a positive cash flow for the month. The benevolence payment was made for May. Giving for Join the Journey (our mortgage account) was less than required to meet our May payment.

Ministry Teams – The council approved the credit card limits for the staff. Sarah Magee and Herb Kulow are working on ways to reduce our SID assessment, which are scheduled to increase another 50% next year. They have been meeting with the mayor and the city commission to establish a different rate. We are continuing our discussions with Carroll College to permit them to use a portion of our property for a community garden and interdisciplinary study area. 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.

Bishop Jungling – We are planning on hosting the installation of the new bishop September 21. More information will be coming over the next few weeks.

Next Council Meeting – July 16 at 6 pm.

In service to Christ and the Congregation,

Ron Pecarina, Past President



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.



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. We welcomed Rev. Megan Graves who is currently serving an ELCA congregation in Waterloo, Iowa and Baird Linke who plans to get a Master's Degree from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa beginning in the fall in June. On August 4, 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.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

Phyllis Bauer	Christine Hoffman	Ardell Nelson	Verna Strand
Walter Bauer	Rolland Karlin	June Pratt	Joe Toro
Richard Carey	Blake McHugh	Jessi Putnam	Kim Venetz
Roberta Carey	Dale Mickus	Mike Robinson	Adam Williams

Our Family and Friends

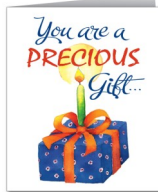
<p>Allie (Luci Pearson) Zachary Ark Brandon Bach Victor Bachmier Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece) Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim) Steve Boyter Donna Brekke (Kim Ewing) Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson) Gregg Carlson (Clayton Schenck's Cousin) Tom Carter Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter) 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)</p>	<p>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 Mathews' 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) 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</p>
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Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

<p>Jeremy Bauer Chad Beley Lonnie Cook Erin DenHerder Micah Emmons Jessilyn Emmons Joe Fischer Grant Gagnon Jackie Copenhaver-Girard</p>	<p>Ryan Girard Austin Grieve Travis Gronley Sam Harris Charlie Heidbreder Roger Henschel Paul Horst Anela Hemry Wade Hemry</p>	<p>Cody Johnson Colton Johnson Chance McDowell Kent McGowan Dean McLain Erin Mills Brian Neal Keith Nordquist Ken Nordquist</p>	<p>Mallory Nordquist Chris Oelkers Scott Pocha Courtney Rath Tanner Reddig Alex Stevens Cody Stipcich Darrell Stipcich Victoria Stipcich</p>
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Our Seminarian

Taran Denning



July Birthdays!

1 Shana DeBoer
Chris Olson
Dale Reagor
2 Darbie Hess
Skip Verworn
Shannon Voss
3 Jon Ebel
Sandy Merdinger
Ralph Peck
4 Xavier McCormack
5 Andrew Callon
Haley Moseman
Leon Sedlezky
7 Dale Aschim
Mara Flynn
Trevor Holm
8 Jori Mummey
Aurora Peavey
Keanna Thatcher

9 Kim Venetz
Rio Willard
Marlene Williamson
10 Lisa DeWitt
Frank Gessaman
Ryan Holm
11 Jan Kirkpatrick
Brenda Mollet
Macee Murolo
13 Patty Muir
Jim Poore
Kendall Salo
14 Jack Avery
Glenn Kenney
Lora McDaid
Ron Morley
Alyssa Plant
15 Katie Hernandez
Isaac Penner
16 Clint Erb
Dee Dee Fischer

Ed Thamke
17 Judy Hoover
Ben Tintinger
18 Kason Gamradt
19 Tyler Gronley
Bryar Michalson
20 Stu Kirkpatrick
Melanie Ruby
Lori Sandru
21 Sage Ellis
22 Kim Barry
Jordan Erb
Kyler Maharg
Jan Miller
Lucy Taflan
23 Faith Ebert
Christopher Shaner
24 Emily Carlson
Luke Carlson
Olivia Elder
Thad Michalson

Mike Robinson
Ron Whitmoyer
25 Grant Ellis
Evalena Henry
Mary Lachenbruch
26 Erin DenHerder
Glen McLean
27 Tim Orthmeyer
Story Salsbery
28 Laila Steinhoff
29 John Darlow
Alli Wade
30 Marilyn Murray
Shaylie Pierson
Burt Ward
31 Jim Haubein
Todd Moore
Lauren Wetherell

July Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years

or more this month!

Bill & Carrie Engle	7/8/1966	52 years
Del & Audrey Schubring	7/16/1963	56 years



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

Jaden Maharg & Christy Guyton 6/15/19



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



Baptisms

Graysen James Molenda	6/16/2019
Anna Lee Knecht	6/30/2019



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



school supplies for children in need.

Last year, over 1300 children were provided with school supplies. A child that obtains new school supplies is more likely to have an increased self-esteem, have a more positive learning experience and is less often segregated as someone in need.

We hope to "stuff the bus" by **August 11th**. Many of the stores have "leader" items at greatly reduced prices. Just watch the ads in the paper. The Angel Fund also welcomes monetary donations.

Please look for the yellow bus in the narthex and help to send a child in need back to school positioned for success. Questions?! Call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.

You are invited to be a part of something wonderful in Helena this summer! Stuff the Bus 2019 is a faith based social justice project collecting

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 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 the 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.

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!

We will be collecting soaps for God's Love and Lutheran World Relief Kits. Bring your hotel shampoos and bar soaps or any bars of soap or laundry detergent to help those in need!

Outdoor Movie Night in the ORLC Court Yard

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



Friday, July 12th

8:30pm: Games and cartoons

9:00pm Movie: 101 Dalmatians

Friday, August 16th

8:00pm Games and cartoons

8:30 Movies: Incredibles 2 & Guardians of the Galaxy 2

Questions?! Contact Jackie at 442-7842

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

KidTime, for children age 3 through 2nd grade, will continue through the summer at the 9:30 service except 4th of July weekend and Labor Day weekend.



I cannot even begin to thank all the volunteers, donors, and staff for their generosity of time, talents and money that made *ROAR VBS* such a great success! We had a wonderful week, campers, volunteers, staff and all!

In addition to learning the stories of the Israelites slavery, escape and the rebuilding of their community, the campers were also able to work on two community projects. They worked in the Food Share part of the community garden and raised money for ELCA World Hunger. The children weeded and planted the garden plot for Food Share. They also raised about \$750 to buy ceramic water filters to provide clean water. Thank you to our generous congregation for the contributions of food, paper products and gift certificates! It was a glorious week!

Lisa

ORLC Family Fun Nights!

Join your ORLC family in celebrating Summer!

Three opportunities to relax and join other families in **FUN!**

Family Swim Night: July 21st 5:15pm-7:15pm

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 drink for an amazing and **FREE** night of fun with the ORLC family!

Please bring your hotel or other bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief or God's Love!

Outdoor Movie Night Friday, July 12

8:30pm: Games and cartoons

9:00pm Movie: *101 Dalmatians*

Outdoor Movie Night Friday, August 16th

8:00pm Games and cartoons

8:30 Movies: *Incredibles 2* & *Guardians of the Galaxy 2*

Bring your blankets & lawn chairs to the ORLC Courtyard and enjoy a wonderful summer's evening outside watching a movie with family & friends. We will have popcorn, water, and lemonade for all to share



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	2 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 6:00pm - Finance Committee - Conference Room 6:30pm - Executive Board Meeting - Conference Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
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14 9:30am - Outdoor Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 10:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 10:45am - Baptism Class - AD-1	15 Voice Articles Due 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	16 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 6:00pm - Council - Conference Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
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<b>21</b> 9:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 10:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 5:15pm - Family Swim Night - Last Chance Splash Park	<b>22</b> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>23</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 5:30pm - Hunger Team
<b>28</b> 9:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 10:45am - Fellowship - Great Room	<b>29</b> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Men's Bible Study - CR5-6	<b>30</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day - Office Closed 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>12</b> 8:30pm - Family Movie Night - Courtyard	<b>13</b> Rocky Boy Servant Trip ~~~ July 13 - 20
<b>17</b> 1:00pm - WELCA Bible Study - Great Rm	<b>18</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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