



### Contemplative Prayer

There are many different kinds of prayer. Silent contemplative prayer is a way of finding God in interior silence. In effect we say to God, "I am here," and then wait patiently in silence for the Holy Spirit to do it's work. The journey into interior silence deepens our relationship with God and makes us more aware of God's presence in other areas of our lives. A group of us here at Our Redeemer's are meeting to practice this spiritual discipline every Monday at 12:15pm in the youth loft. All, both men and women, are invited to come and practice with us. For more information, contact Pastor Kendra at the church or Charlotte Neil at 651-587-8083.



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# THE VOICE

## Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind. Ecclesiastics 4:6

"I need a vacation." "I need to get away." It's that time of year, right? Even though we are created by God to need these things, we sometimes feel as if we need to apologize for time away. After all, things just don't get done when we are away. Recreation or re-creation is a part of God's plan for our lives. While it is good and right to focus on our work, so it is good and right to seek time away. We need to relax and enjoy ourselves.

For some people, there can even be religious roots to their guilt about taking a break from intensive living. We need to remember Jesus' remarks to Martha when she became upset that Mary was taking a break from work to listen to Jesus. He tells Martha that she is getting upset over nothing. Just because Martha had chosen to be so hyper was no reason to insist her sister should make the same choice.

We often use the word stewardship at church. Too often people think that is only about our giving to the church. God calls us to be good stewards of all that we have. Our time, our talents, and our treasures. Caring for our body and soul is a part of our stewardship as well.

The starting point for rethinking one's attitude about relaxation can be the Bible's stories of creation. The Lord God worked for six days to create, and on the seventh day he rested. There is nothing sacred about being constantly busy.

Relaxation is part of the stewardship of our time and of our life. It is not separate from our faith. It describes how we strive to renew ourselves so we can function in the best possible manner. Rethink the word "recreation." It is more than just going out and having some fun. It is more than fishing or golfing or skiing or puttering in the garden or watching the sun set or countless other things. Recreation is the RE-CREATION of your body. That simple principle can both direct you and support you.

Summer blessings to you as we all enjoy our lives in the last best place!

Peace,  
Pastor Arne

### Director of Children's Ministries

The Personnel committee is seeking applications to fill the position of Director of Children's ministries here at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Helena. This is a half time position. We are looking for the right person to develop and lead children's ministries for ORLC, in consultation with the Pastors and other ministry team members, in a way that is consistent with our mission, values and theology. Equip and engage the congregation's participation with children's ministries.

As of this newsletter, we have not had any interest in this position. This position is a wonderful opportunity for someone to share their love of Jesus and their love for children.

For job descriptions contact the church office at 406-442-7842 or email Pastor Arne Bergland (arne@ourredeemerlives.org).

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



Join us to celebrate

60 years...

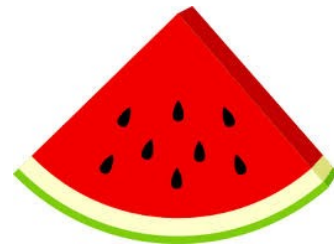
...of reaching out



We are inviting friends and neighbors to help us celebrate our 60 years in the Helena community with a neighborhood block party on Thursday, August 29 at 5:30. We need your help! If you can grill a hot dog, supervise a bouncy house, welcome visitors, or distribute fliers in the neighborhood on Saturday, August 24, we need your help. You may sign up in the Great Room on Sunday morning or in the office midweek. If you have questions or wish to sign up at other times, please contact Linda Nelson ([ralinelson@yahoo.com](mailto:ralinelson@yahoo.com)) or 442-2742. All donations of time and talent are greatly appreciated.

...of food & fellowship

The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, beans, watermelon and dessert. Members of the congregation are welcome to bring salads (homemade potato salad with mustard and extra dill pickle especially welcome).



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Thursday, August 15 @ 5:00pm  
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# Worship Assistants

## 9:30am Single Sunday Service

### Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Captain	Kristi Antosh
Communion Assistants	Gary & Dee Dee Fischer,
Greeters	Helen Bunkowske, Dee Dee Fischer
Ushers	Ken Kolb and Roy Henry
Lector	Linda Nelson

### Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Captain	David Thompson
Communion Assistants	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson Chris and Melanie Denning
Greeters	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Ushers	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Melanie Denning

### Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Captain	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Communion Assistants	Kevin & Lisa Matthews Stewart & Janice Kirkpatrick
Greeters	All team members
Ushers	Kevin & Lisa Matthews
Lector	No Lector Needed <i>[outside service]</i>

### Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> (Labor Day Wknd)

Captain	
Communion Assistants	Ingrid Childress, Sharlene Kolb, Susan Bergland,
Greeters	Helen Bunkowske
Ushers	Ken Kolb, Kristi Antosh
Lector	Ingrid Childress

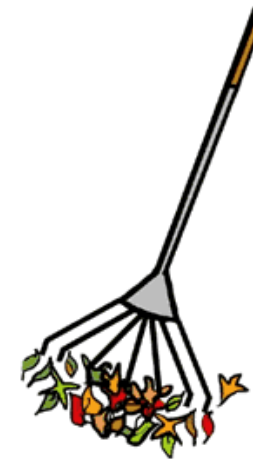


## ...of partnering

Several scouting troops meet at ORLC and have offered to serve at the event. Scouts will be presenting the colors at the event.



## ...of serving



There will be a sign-up for our neighbors who are 60 years or older to have their leaves raked by a church team on the morning of October 17. The leaf raking teams will include middle and high school youth and adults as well. Please contact Pastor Kendra at [kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org) or Jackie Bartz at [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org) to volunteer to be part of the leaf raking team.

## ...of fun

- We will enjoy music from Vinyl City, an energetic six-piece band hailing from the Capital City. They enjoy performing a wide variety of music -- 60s through 90s Classic Rock; Blues; Americana; Pop and a hint of Country.
- A bounce house and games will keep the kids busy.



**FOOD · MUSIC · FUN**



# HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



## Safehouse Begins

### September 11th



High school youth, do you ever wish that there was a place that you could be yourself; a place where you could talk about your fears and your struggles and ask tough questions; a place to form lasting friendships and where you are accepted for who you are? Then Safehouse might be the place for you!

We will meet every Wednesday at 7:15pm (following W.O.W!) in the loft.

Please join us as we seek to grow closer to God and to one another. Invite a friend! Every one is welcome!

Questions? Call Jackie Bartz at the church.

## 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, August 16th**

8:00pm Games and cartoons

8:30 Movies:

Incredibles 2 & Guardians of the Galaxy 2

Questions?! Contact Jackie at 442-7842



## Last Chance Summer Float Trip

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Hangout with your youth group friends for one last fun day of summer before school starts. We'll head down to Bozeman to meet up with the youth of Hope Lutheran Church to float the Madison River.

So, put on your swim suit and some sunscreen, grab your towel and pack a lunch! Come enjoy some sun, fun, and fellowship!

Please fill out the registration form and turn it into Jackie by **August 18<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks!



### Last Chance Summer Float Trip - Bozeman, MT

### August 20, 2019

Youth Name(s) and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

- ◇ Yes! My parent has filled out a 2018-19 Permission Slip and it has been mailed in/turned in!
- ◇ I need a new permission slip sent to me, please!
- ◇ I can bring an innertube or other object to float on.

## 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)</p> <p>Zachary Ark</p> <p>Brandon Bach</p> <p>Victor Bachmier</p> <p>Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)</p> <p>Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)</p> <p>Steve Boyter</p> <p>Cody Carey (Richard &amp; Roberta's great grandson)</p> <p>Gregg Carlson (Clayton Schenck's Cousin)</p> <p>Tom Carter</p> <p>Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)</p> <p>Matt Cragwick (Shawn Moore)</p> <p>JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)</p> <p>Punk Dethlefs (Dee Dee Fischer)</p> <p>Jake Dirks (Lori Chase)</p> <p>Rick Exner (Kathy Schenck's cousin)</p> <p>Stormy Flinders</p> <p>The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)</p> <p>Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)</p> <p>Cristy Hartman (Luci Pearson)</p> <p>Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)</p> <p>Andrea Hawthorn</p> <p>Carol Henry (Luci Pearson)</p> <p>Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)</p> <p>Lisa Huff (Christine Mills)</p> <p>Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)</p> <p>Ed Kinsey (Kim Ewing)</p>	<p>Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)</p> <p>Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)</p> <p>Chelsi Kral (Kim &amp; Carl Anfinson's daughter)</p> <p>Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)</p> <p>Patsy Link (Luci Pearson's sister-in-law)</p> <p>Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)</p> <p>Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)</p> <p>Amanda Miller (Larry &amp; Delores Rosin's granddaughter)</p> <p>Lee Nees (Tami Wadham's mother)</p> <p>Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)</p> <p>Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)</p> <p>Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)</p> <p>Jacki Riley (Lori Walter's sister)</p> <p>Nancy Rose (Laura Trapp)</p> <p>Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)</p> <p>Carmen Sharp</p> <p>Bob Shearer (Kaytlyn Shearer)</p> <p>Joanne Spenser (Isabelle Mavis' sister)</p> <p>Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)</p> <p>Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)</p> <p>Will (Luci Pearson's brother)</p> <p>Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)</p> <p>Haydee Wright (Burke family)</p> <p>Sairee Wright (Burke family)</p> <p>Families of suicide victims</p>
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### Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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

### Our Seminarian

Taran Denning



### August Birthdays!

Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!

1 Clay Perry	Ethan Peterson	Scott Sim	Carolee Stuberg
Bill Schulz	Holly Peterson	Greg Straw	24 Amanda Hill
Lloyd Teigen	John Steinhoff	18 Ray Brekke	25 Noah Hemry
3 Kayla Pocha	9 Beth Barry	Carla Cronholm	Tanner Tripp
4 Kari Brekke	Susan Bergland	Mona Erb	26 Byron Dike
Carson DesRosier	10 Caroline Burke	Florine Hart	Izzy Linder
Mark MacMillan	Erik Goughnour	Dylan Todd	Dane Quinn
Aubrey McMaster	Sue Hill	19 Dylan Burger	27 Dan Dodds
Carter Mummey	Deena Verworn	Dorothy Cail	Susie Elhart
Cody Vukonich	Eli Voss	Sarah Hays	Stacy Grimmis
5 Ellen Dodds	11 Erinne Ark	Madilyn Lamping	Autumn Keller
Nora Richards	Charlotte Neill	Alyssa Magee	28 Jacob Buckley
6 Einar Brosten	Steve Wade	Amy Mingay	Justin DesRosier
Bob Sturdevant	Ron Weaver	20 Monroe DeVerniero	Craig Linke
Ben Vukonich	12 Christian Wilde-Spiger	Hildegard Fohnagy	Carl Nordberg
Kenzie White	13 Kimber Michalson	Cort Jensen	Jon Tintinger
7 April Gronley	Dorothy Morrison	Bryce Sampson	29 Connor Lamping
Daniel Hill	15 Alayna Boe	Joe Ruby	Abbey Passage
Judy McMaster	Elisabeth Campbell	22 Janay Buckley	30 Tara Block
Rob Williams	Rose Oelkers	Kathy Gessaman	Karen Conway
8 Rodney Austin	Dan Wickens	Brady Martin	Gretchen Krumm
Dodie Heffner	16 Max Cover	Morgan May	Adeline Mahlum
Rolland Karlin	Pat Lynch	23 Doug Ferris	Willa Sheard
	17 Crystal Ciso	Wanda Jaeb	31 Jim Dole
	Clint Mingay	Pam Strand	Ryan McLane
			Victoria Stipcich

### 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.

### 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

### Happy Anniversary



Glenn & Janet Erickson	8/9/1969	50 years
Ralph & Julie Peck	8/9/1975	44 years
Terry & Linda Young	8/10/1968	51 years
Pr. Arne & Susan Bergland	8/18/1979	40 years
Wes & Katie Tintinger	8/21/1965	54 years
Lyle & June Pratt	8/29/1964	55 years
Scott & Nedra Brown	8/30/1963	56 years
Pat & Linda Keim	8/30/1964	55 years

### Baptisms



Karen Jayne Reinhart	7/21/2019
Brynn Marie Selvig	7/28/2019

### Funerals



Jay Midtlyng	7/27/19
Donna Brekke	7/30/19

# Women of the ELCA

### August Bible Study

Our summer Bible study, "For just such a time as this," concludes with Session Three, "Using Our Voices." We will learn that like Esther, when we nurture our faith, our God-given voices flourish.

Join us in the Great Room on Wednesday, August 14, at noon for our traditional pot luck lunch followed by the Bible study.

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

**The WELCA Board:** Tuesday, August 20 at 10:00am

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

**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 or can be picked up near the Information Desk in the Great Room.

### School Kits:

It's time to start gathering items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. The collection will run from August 18 through September. A recent newsletter from Lutheran World Relief indicated that the greatest need for these kits is in Honduras and noted that families are much less likely to become refugees when their children can attend school. Getting an education gives children a pathway to success in life and gives families hope for a bright future for their children. So when you are picking up school supplies, don't forget the children in Honduras and other impoverished nations.

The following items make up each School Kit:

- 4 70 sheet notebooks
- 1 ruler with both centimeters and inches
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 large pink eraser

Thank you for your help with this worthwhile project.

**Hunger Team Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 27, 5:30pm.**  
Hunger Team meets to set up plans for fall activities and to harvest and weed the garden. New members and extra hands are always welcome. Remember to bring a brown bag meal, as well.



### Check Out the Garden!

Come take a peek at the Community Garden. The garden is such a prolific and peaceful place. Step in for a quiet time of reflection. Over a quarter of the garden is dedicated to Helena Food Share, and that section is always in need of weeding and harvesting. Feel free to stop by and give the garden a hand. All donations to Helena Food Share simply need to be noted when they are delivered to the food pantry, with receipts to be returned to Ben or Carol Olmstead ([bccjilmstead@bresnan.net](mailto:bccjilmstead@bresnan.net)).



### Summer Milk Campaign

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we shall have only one month left for our summer milk campaign. Our goal is \$6000, to be matched by a local foundation for a total of \$12000. This amount will provide all the milk for the kid packs program for the upcoming school year. We have successfully met our goal for the last several years. Can you help out once again? Join in the fun by supporting your favorite team (MSU Bobcats, UM Grizzlies, CC Saints, or Holy Cow!-Undecideds). All your spare change, extra tips, or bonuses would be greatly appreciated. Any checks should be made out to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church with Helena Food Share on the memo line. And thank you for helping the hungry kids in Helena.

### 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: cleaning 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](mailto:lewm03@gmail.com).

**Financials** - Giving in June was below plan resulting in a negative cash-flow of \$1,417 before paying benevolence. The decision was made to establish a council payable for this amount and a payable for benevolence. Giving for Join the Journey (our mortgage account) was sufficient to make the monthly payment, but below the planned payment amount. This account is currently \$24,666 below plan.

**Council Actions** - In a special meeting on June 30, the council approved an agreement to hire an attorney to draw up a filing to divide our property into two lots - one for the church proper and the second as vacant land. The intent is to significantly reduce the SID assessments. The ownership of the land does not change under this plan. In other action the council:

- approved the credit card limits for the staff;
- authorized the stewardship committee to initiate a stewardship program with Parish for a period of one year.

**Personnel** – The personnel committee meets on July 17 to discuss options regarding the position of Director of Children’s Ministry. There have been very few responses to the position and an alternative plan needs to be developed heading into the new church year. Members of the congregation are encouraged to help with this important ministry.

**Faith Formation Committee** – The council is still looking for a person to chair the Faith Formation committee which would support all education programs and staff for the congregation. If interested, contact a Pastor or Ron Pecarina.

In service to Christ and the Congregation

Ron Pecarina, Past President



### News from Our Redeemer's Preschool

We hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful Montana summer! The preschool staff is enjoying time recharging and getting ready for a new batch of preschool students and families. We are excited to meet our students and look forward to this year’s adventures!

As we gear up for another year, we are nearly full but do have a few openings. Please contact the preschool for more information - [preschool@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemerlives.org) or 442-7842 ext. 20.



**Seeking Cookies - Summer Sunday Fellowship:** Every Sunday throughout the year we are blessed to gather for fellowship after our worship services on Sunday mornings. This all takes place in the Great Room. Would you be able to bring a couple dozen cookies during the month of August? All you need to do is bake or buy them and bring them down to the church and place them in the freezer. Thanks to your generosity, we'll get them served up on Sunday mornings this summer! Thank you in advance for helping us out! If you have questions, please call the church office (442.7842). Be sure to join us for our coffee & cookie fellowship on Sunday mornings!

## Trip 2019

During this week I learned many things, from learning how to properly cook 5 pounds of pasta for spaghetti and meatballs to about the culture and way of life on the reservation. During our trip we built a bunk bed, helped with VBS, and helped paint some of the teacher housing near the school.

After we had completed the bunk bed we gifted it to a grandmother who was taking care of all of her grandkids and was in need of the bunk bed. Once we had delivered the bunk bed not only were Brianna and Constance, the 2 kids that were going to be using the bed, but also their grandmother was very grateful for them to have a place to sleep. While we helped out with VBS there were many little kids who were always happy to see us and we're very sad to see us leave on Friday. Everyday we would walk down to the school cafeteria so they could eat lunch and burn off some energy before Pastor Linda took them home at the end of the day. If I were to take any thing away from this trip it would be that I am very grateful for what I have.

~Nathan Spangenberg



Rocky Boy Reservation, a place where new cultures were learned and hard work was put into each day. Every morning three of us would head to paint the “teacher housing” and the other two would help with VBS. I remember so well seeing the kids the very first morning of VBS and thinking how they were all very well dressed. The kids had smiles on their faces and were very welcoming. I was looking at what they had and became quickly aware of the poverty in this community was completely different to what I expected. They all had nice clothes, but unfortunately most houses were falling apart and it was a daily struggle to buy groceries. I was reminded of the importance of being here and felt fortunate to be of some help. In the afternoons both groups whether, painting or helping with VBS, would all walk to the school and eat lunch with the kids. I will forever remember the simplicity of the

children from VBS and the children who were at recess for summer school. I quickly made friends with them all and saw the biggest smiles and energy as they played each day. Running around playing tag and constant hugs were a reminder to me that some of these kids probably don't get a lot of love and attention at home. Each afternoon after lunch, we would work on building a bunk bed from scratch. The day we delivered the bunk bed we drove around the reservation and saw many houses which were boarded up do to drugs. Delivering the bunk bed to this tiny house that had jugs of water covering the counter and had a torn up floor was very emotional. Every time I came into the house with a new piece of wood for the bed, I saw a new kid peak around the corner. The house had a grandmother who was providing for everyone there and she explained, through tears, that her son recently hung himself in the bedroom around the corner and she was trying to provide for all of her grandchildren, and a baby in the family was in the hospital. As we we're almost done assembling the bed and putting on the sheets, two innocent little faces turned the corner, one was a cute little boy named Constance and Brianna was the little girl. The whole family appreciated the bunk bed and the children's smiles made all the long days worth it. This trip truly taught me how a big part of where I am today is because of my privileges and the amount of faith that a lot of these people have. The giving grandma who said, “There is always light at the end of a dark tunnel,” was a reminder for all people that God is with us even through the hard times when we want to give up. I'm so grateful I got the opportunity to serve as the working hands of Christ. I am also so appreciative of our congregation for keeping us all in prayer. A big thanks to Jackie for her constant energy and selflessness during our trip!!

~ Chelsea Gates

# Servant@HEART Rocky Boy Youth Servant

The week at Rocky Boy Indian Reservation felt long; we were always working hard, but in the end it was all worth it. Some of the work we had done included painting a house, building and delivering a bunk bed, helping with Vacation Bible School and cooking meals for a couple events. My highlight of the trip was delivering the bunk bed. Our group had given hope to a family when they needed it most. The kids were so excited to see their new bunk bed and the grandma had told us how much it meant to her after all she has gone through. There were a couple other moments on the trip that I really enjoyed. I loved playing with kids on the playground because they all wanted to play different games with us such as tag and kickball. The weekend ended with white water rafting, which was a lot of fun and I hope to do it again. The servant trip impacted me a lot and I will never forget the good times we had on this trip.

~Eli Voss



During the servant trip I learned many things that were tough. It taught me a lot of patience through out new schedule and having to deal with kids most of the time. After long days we were all tired but we still mostly were respectful to each other supporting each other and having fun with each other. We were all expecting more VBS and had a lot more working then expected. We painted houses and built bunk beds everyday. The days got long after getting up and making breakfast early in the morning and staying up late after dinner talking. We all felt more into God during this trip. During VBS, the kids were all excited to see us every single day. When we left on Friday, they were all sad to see us leave. We enjoyed giving them piggy back rides and just spending time with them. When we delivered the bunk bed the place we delivered had showed us the severeness of the poverty on the reservation. The grandma was taking care of all her grand children and her son had just recently killed himself in the same house they were living in. They have had troubles moving back in and got robbed just after they moved in of all their groceries. The delivery of the bunk bed was for sure the most moving part of the whole trip. After a long week of being on the reservation, I for sure knew that I had made a impact and felt the way that God wanted us to work in the world. We were all ready to come home by the end-all tired and worn out. I think I've had some of the earliest nights in a while being on this trip. Thank you Jackie for such an amazing trip and putting up with us teenagers! You're amazing!

~Jacob Spangenberg



## Making Sense of the Christian Faith

All Christians do theology. The hope and aim of this nine session course is to help us do it a little better and with greater understanding and enjoyment while building relationships. Throughout this course, it will be helpful to remember that theology usually arises from our actual experience. The questions we have about God usually come from our everyday experience in the world. Questions are not the mark of a lack of faith, but rather of a curious mind and a lively faith.

### Join the conversation!

**Who:** Anyone with a willingness to talk about matters of faith and life

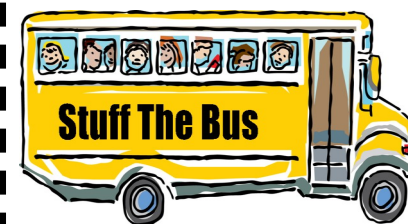
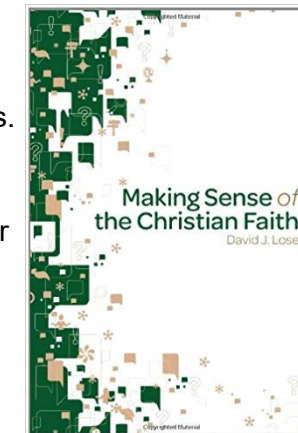
**When:** Sundays beginning September 8

**Time:** 2:00-4:00 pm

**Location:** Youth Loft at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

For more information, please contact Deacon Carol Will at (406) 461-6552 or email her at [cwill1935@gmail.com](mailto:cwill1935@gmail.com).

**Watch for more details...**



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

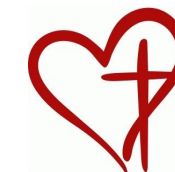
school supplies for children in need.

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.

### 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.


## Outdoor Worship

**Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>** 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!

# August 2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>4</b> 9:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 10:45am - Fellowship - Great Room	<b>5</b> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>6</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
<b>11</b> Last day for Stuff the Bus donations 9:30am - Outdoor Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 10:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 10:45am - Baptism Class - AD-1	<b>12</b> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>13</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6
<b>18</b> Outdoor worship 9:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 10:45am - Fellowship - Great Room  Blessing of the Backpacks 	<b>19</b> 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	<b>20</b> 8:30am - Last Chance Summer Float Trip 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board meeting - AD1 6:00pm - Council - Conference Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
<b>25</b> 8:30am - Worship Assistant Recruiting Breakfast 9:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 10:45am - Fellowship - Great Room	<b>26</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>27</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 5:30pm - Hunger Team

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>14</b> 12:00pm - WELCA Bible Study - Great Rm	<b>15</b> Voice Articles Due 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>16</b> 8:30pm - Family Movie Night - Courtyard	<b>17</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 1:30pm - Blood Drive - Community Room 5:30pm - 60th Anniversary Neighborhood Party	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>