



As a part of our fall youth event, "Love & Serve Your Neighbor," our youth will be assembling Blessing bags for the homeless in our community and we need your help! We will be collecting donations to help fill these bags and a collection bin will be in the narthex. Items needed are:

granola bars or individual trail mix packets, feminine hygiene products, Chapstick, socks, Band-Aids, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers, and sturdy quart sized bags.

Thanks so much for assisting our youth as they seek new ways to positively impact our community through service to all God's children!



Giving thanks for

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10).

We are entering into our annual stewardship emphasis entitled, "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace." During the next few weeks, we will consider what it means to be a "faithful steward" and how our stewardship translates into practical Christianity.

This emphasis is built in its entirety on two concepts: First, God owns everything! As Psalm 24:1 state clearly, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." God owns it all and has never relinquished the title deed to the world. Second, our responsibility is to manage that which belongs to God which God has entrusted to us. In other words, all that we have is a blessing from God and represents that which God has loaned to us on a temporary basis.

What kinds of things belong to God? Certainly, our time is a gift from our God that is given to everyone equally. All of us have the same amount of time - 24 hours per day. How does our faith impact the way we use our time, talents and possessions? What we do and how we do it is a proclamation of what we hold to be true.

God gifts us in so many ways. Our talents are also gifts on loan from God. Not everyone receives an equal amount of talents or abilities, but all of us can excel at something. Some are called to a public ministry whereby what they do is highly visible, including pastors, worship leaders and teachers. Others are called to a less visible role in the ministry and work of the church. But all of us are given talents and abilities which can be used for God's glory and to strengthen the Gospel outreach here at Our Redeemer's.

In our emphasis on stewardship, we recognize not only how our gifts can be used to support the ministry of our congregation, but how they can make a difference in our community as well. Your participation in that ministry is a part of God's call and it is deeply appreciated by your family members here at Our Redeemer's as we do ministry in the name of God's love. Together we can celebrate how our gifts are making a difference in the world. I encourage you to consider making a pledge to your church home as a part of the many ways that you live out your faith.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Arne



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

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30am - Traditional Service with KidTime



Children age 3 through 2nd grade will have the opportunity to begin worship with their family and then, if they wish, be excused for about 20 minutes of children's activities. The children will return to the sanctuary for Communion and the conclusion of the service.

9:45am - Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade.



Preschool through 5th grades will participate in the *Workshop Rotation Model*. Lessons are presented in 4-week units focusing on a key Bible story. Children attend a different workshop each week, in the areas of art, games, movies and cooking & science.



11:00am - Contemporary Worship with KidTime (See KidTime description above)



Nursery care is provided throughout the morning for children through age 5.

For more information, please contact Liz at 442-7842 or liz@ourredeemerlives.org



Wednesday Evening Schedule

6:30 – 7:15pm - WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

7:15 – 8:00pm- KidzEd classes for age 3 - 5th grade.

Nursery care is provided from 6:15 until 7:15 pm.

For more information, please contact Jackie at 442-7842 or jackie@ourredeemerlives.org

VOLUNTEERS needed to share God's good word with our youth! God wants all of us to share our faith, and what better way is there than with children!

Please consider volunteering to impact a child in a very significant way. All materials and lesson plans will be provided for you as well as training on how to work with and teach a group of children. See below for volunteer opportunities!

We really need your help! Without volunteers, it is not possible to run our Children's Programs!



7:15 pm- 8:00pm on Wednesdays

Teacher/Co-Teacher for KidzEd I/II - Lead or assist a lesson each week that focuses on the Wednesday evening sermon, at an age appropriate level.

2nd – 3rd grade

OR

4th—5th grade

9:45 am on Sundays

Workshop Leader - leads one lesson a month in a rotation in the area of your choice: Art, Games, Movies, or Science/Cooking

8:30am OR 11:00am on Sundays

KidTime Leader—a lesson time of a about 20 minutes during the service tailored for children age 3 – 2nd grade

If any of these positions interest you, I will work to match you with a schedule which meets your needs and gifts. If you need more information, please contact Liz at liz@ourredeemerlives.org or 442-7842.

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Tuesday, October 15 @ 5:00pm

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Worship Assistants

8:30am Service

11:00am Service

Sunday, October 6th

Captain	Todd and Carol Will	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Ruth Straley, Ron & Marion Paulson, Carol & Todd Will, Lynda & Larry Hanson	Linda Coty, Lori Chase, Susan Bergland, Lori Bigwood-Pecarina
Greeters	Designated Team Members	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Ushers	Carol & Todd Will, Bill Straley, Jerry Hoover, Larry Hanson, Ron Paulson	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Lector	Lorna Meyer	Lori Bigwood-Pecarina
Prayer Team	Bonner & Karen Armstrong	Melanie Denning, Kevin Mathews

Sunday, October 13th

Captain	Kristi Antosh	David Thompson
Communion Assistants	Glenn & Janet Erickson, Kristi Antosh	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson, Ingrid Childress
Greeters	Kristi Antosh	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Ushers	Ken Kolb, Roy Hemry	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Ron Pecarina	Dan Rispens
Prayer Team	Sharlene Kolb, Julie Peck	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson

Sunday, October 20th

Captain	Lorna Meyer	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Judy McMaster, Sharlene Kolb, Lori Walter, Lorna Meyer	Mary Williams, Kayme & Kalley May, Kristi Antosh
Greeters	Pat Lumma	Kayme, Kalley & Morgan May
Ushers	Norm Rognlie, Tom Johnson, Clayton Schenck	Lori Chase, Kristi Antosh
Lector	Charlotte Neill	Kalley May
Prayer Team	Dee Dee Fischer	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson

Sunday, October 27th

Captain	Ray Read	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Communion Assistants	Scott & Lori Walter, Ben Spiger	Kevin & Lisa Mathews, Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Greeters	Gordon Blomquist	Stewart & Janice Kirkpatrick
Ushers	Norm Midtlyng, Bonner Armstrong	Stewart & Janice Kirkpatrick
Lector	Gretchen Krumm	Dana Swingley
Prayer Team	Helen Bunkowske and Bob DenHerder	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson

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Use these forms to register now! Can't wait to see you!

Children's Ministries Registration Card 2019-20

7:15 Wed *KidzEd* 9:45 *Sunday School* 8:30 *Sunday KidTime*

Student's Name: _____ M F

Ph.(c): _____ Ph.(h): _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade in 2019-20 _____

Primary E-Mail Address: _____

Allergies or concerns _____

I can volunteer in the following way:

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* Preschool - 1st grade

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Greetings from Our Redeemer's Preschool! We are off to a wonderful start this year! We have seven classes this year, with 65 students and 4 teachers. For some, this is their first "school" experience, while other families are veterans to our program. We are ever grateful to the church for allowing us to spill into areas beyond the preschool wing. We utilize the Community Room for Lunch Bunch; the Great Room for "tray day" and movement; and the sanctuary for our weekly Chapel. We also take advantage of the Community Garden- what a wonderful way to watch God's creation!

We are currently hosting three University of Montana students who are working on their Education degrees. They have been observing and helping in our classrooms. We love having the next generation of educators see our Preschool in action!

October means our fall fundraiser (which you will hear more about as it approaches); school pictures; a luncheon for Preschool families, and our annual Halloween parades, which are always so exciting for our preschoolers. Many of our events couldn't happen without the help of our Preschool Board. This year we are blessed to have many returning board members, as well as some new recruits. Sarah Sampson is our Chair; Tracie Thompson serves as Vice Chair, Amy Knecht is our Treasurer; Kathryn Dunkleberger serves as Secretary; and Eric Spangenberg is our Church Council Liaison. Our other members are Darbie Hess, Brittany Kukes and Brenna Stefanik.

Our preschool is a place alive with excitement and love. We invite you to visit and peek at what we're up to! As well, if you have a hobby, talent, profession, or obsession that you'd like to share with us, please call the preschool at 442-7842. We love visitors!



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Emergency Medical Respondents

We are trying to put together a listing of folks that have these skills -- either doctors, nurses, paramedics, EMTs, and even folks trained in how to use a defibrillator. We want to make this list available to our ushers (along with your photos from the directory or ones you send in) so that an usher could quickly grab one of you should a medical emergency arise during our church services. Having experienced this myself two years ago when I decided to have a stroke just before communion... I am grateful every day for the medical assistance that was given to me in church such that 911 was called and I was to the hospital in time for the 'miracle' shot that kept me from having any debilitating effects. Yes, the Good Lord watches out for us, but it doesn't hurt to have some experienced medical help along the way! Thank you for sending your information to Lori Walter before the end of October so that together she and I can compile this list and make it available for our ushers. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents in this way.

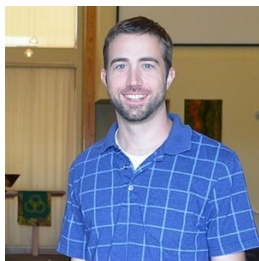
Kristi Antosh, Worship Assistant Coordinator



Preview of Music for the Coming Year

This coming year, our choir will prepare about 30 pieces of music to share with the congregation. We will sing and share them mostly at the 8:30am service, though we will perform a couple times at the 11:00am service, as well as participating in our annual Lessons & Carols event to welcome Advent, and introducing one new event, a spring choir concert.

This coming year of music at Our Redeemer's will focus on a theme: remembering our Christian heritage. The choir will perform music from the renaissance era by G.P. da Palestrina, the baroque era by Bach and Handel, the classical era from Mozart, and others. We will sing Hebrew songs from our Jewish brothers and sisters' tradition, African American spirituals from early America, as well as Southern Harmony tunes from the 1800's.



Singing or listening to a song of faith is not a passive event; rather, it is honoring, remembering, sharing, and engaging with our past. In the past two millennia, billions of believers in Christ have lived and died and we have a connection to every one of those faithful people. In singing tunes that have been sung for hundreds of years, we are interfacing our faith with those that came before us, those from whom we inherited this faith. This is an important and a powerful thing: the church predates each one of us, and is bigger than any one of us. The church of God is for all who believe in God and the redeeming power of Jesus Christ. One prevailing way to celebrate that is in shared song.

Jason Callon

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

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

Our Family and Friends

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

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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

Our Seminarian

Taran Denning



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 2 Richard Chase
Gary Fischer
Korbyn Jurenka
Aila Romano
- 3 Roy Hemry
Kapp Johnson
Brinton McFadden
Clara Thamke
Haley Walter
- 4 Kyler Deboer
Natalie Gates
Joy Novota
- 5 Bonnie Heimbach
Roxanne Hiesterman
Kale Wetherell
Elise Wolf
- 6 Sammy Horinek
Baird Linke
- 7 Hailey Burger
McKenna Michalson
- 8 Patrick Johnson
- 9 Gordon Blomquist

- Carol Ferris
Brenda Gustafson
Amanda Haab
Renie Lacey
Ally Sather
- 10 Gunnar Brekke
Kellen Deboer
Zachary Wadhams
- 11 Gerry Day
Ann Dodds
Jack Dunn
- 12 Mike Yaeger
Pam Yaeger
- 13 Brett Hemry
- 14 Danica Boe
- 15 Luke DenHerder
Jaden Maharg
Todd Will
- 16 Marki Jo Sharkey
- 17 Terrance Young
- 19 Wyatt Smith
- 20 Alex Ackerkund

- 21 Brody Romano
- 22 Carl Anfinson
Marilyn McLauri
Dana Meldrum
Brett Penner
- 23 Walker DesRosier
- 24 Shaunna Berglund
Tyler Harrington
Marisa Mailand
Heather Yaeger
- 25 Megan Cail
- 26 Shawn Juers
Julie Lake
Alexander Morsette
Amber Skillman
- 29 Helen Hammond
Bethany Lindner
- 30 Karen Reinhart
Paula Strand
- 31 Jeff Downhour
Jackson Lake
Jane Peachey



October Bible Study

Our new Bible study, "No Hard Feelings?" continues with Session Two, "The Ache of Grief," where we will learn that by lamenting together, the writers of the Old Testament created space for hope.

Dorcus Bible study - Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 9:30am

Rebecca Bible study - Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 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, Oct. 8 at 10:00am

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

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

School Kits

Thank you to everyone who helped with our project to provide School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have at least 120 kits at this time, and we appreciate all who bought items for the kits as well as those who helped to assemble them. The kits will be shipped next May, and at that time we will have an exact count of the total number that were made.

Special Event

Our Redeemer's Women of the ELCA are sponsoring a special event on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 9:45am in the Community Room. There will be a presentation by a specialist on human sex trafficking. If you think this isn't a topic of concern in Montana, you are wrong. Montana is 5th in the nation in the incidence of human sex trafficking. The average life expectancy of a girl who has been trafficked is 7 years due to suicide and/or drug addiction. Not only girls are involved in this tragic situation - there is now an increasing demand for young boys as well. All men, women and youth are encouraged to join us to learn more about this important topic.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the summer milk campaign for the kid packs program. You donated \$6614.44. Because of the matching grant, we presented a check for \$12614.44 to Helena Food Share for the upcoming school year. Since one in every five students in our community receives a kid pack, you have made a huge difference in the lives of these children. Helena Food Share distributes 40000 kid packs each school year. And thanks to you, each of these kid packs will include a carton of shelf-stable milk. Thanks for continuing to do God's work with your hands.



Kid Pack Assemblies

Our Redeemer's will launch the assembly of kid packs on the first Tuesday of October. We shall continue to assemble on the first three Tuesdays of each month, 4-6 PM at the Oakes Street warehouse. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Sandy Merdinger (slymerdinger@yahoo.com). Please notify her if you plan to assist with the assembly. She needs about a dozen volunteers each week. Too few? The work is incomplete. Too many? Volunteers stumble over each other in the crowded conditions. And once again, thanks for all the willing hands.

We Need Fruit Cups!



This month we are collecting individual fruit cups for the kid packs program. Pick your favorite flavor and leave the donations in the Hunger Share crates in the hallway. Help to make the autumn a more flavorful place for hungry children.

Community Garden

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with the community garden this summer. And special thanks to Ben and Carol Olmstead who have managed the garden under challenging circumstances (weather) this year. As of mid-September, we had contributed over 600 pounds of produce to Helena Food Share.



Hunger Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 5:30 PM. Hunger Team meeting. Bring your brown bag meal or snack, and join us for planning fall activities. New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Linda Nelson (ralinelson@yahoo.com).



Family Promise

Thank you to everyone who assisted in hosting Family Promise guests the week of September 8-15. The week had its own challenges, but all of you rose to the occasion. Thanks for all you do to share your love with others.

God's Love

Thank you to everyone who is helping to serve meals at God's Love on Mondays. The sign-up sheet remains at the window outside the administrative wing. Feel free to give a hand whenever you are available. Thanks to a partnership with our brothers and sisters at Our Lady of the Valley, God's Love recipients also receive a home cooked meal once a month, as well. We continue to collect needed items for God's Love in the designated hamper in the Great Room. As we move into cooler months, remember that hats, gloves, socks, sleeping bags, and coats are always welcome.

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

Weddings

Timothy Saunders & Rachel Miller 9/7/19



Baptisms



Liliana Grace Swenson, 8/25/19, Pastor Kendra assisted Father Dan Shea at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

Happy Anniversary

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!



- Ken & Sharlene Kolb 10/06/1962 57 years!
- Roy & Evalena Hemry 10/24/1975 44 years!



Financials – Giving in August was below plan resulting in a negative cash-flow of \$6051 before paying benevolence. Giving for Join the Journey (our mortgage account) was below that required to make the monthly payment (fifth time this year). The decision was made to establish council payables to account for the shortfalls.

Youth and Family – The council reviewed a request from Jackie Bartz regarding the summer servant trip for 2020. Considering the financial condition of the congregation, the council made a recommendation for Jackie to consider a lower cost option to present to the council.

Property – The council received an update on the process to reduce our property assessment. The assessment will increase significantly this year. However, we anticipate a considerable reduction late in 2020 if we are successful in our actions.

St. John's United – Representatives from St. John's United will be presenting a forum on possible relationships with Our Redeemer's on October 6.

Facility Use – The council has received the revised facility use policy. The policy will be addressed and voted on at the October meeting.

Personnel Policy Manual – The personnel committee has updated the personnel policy manual. The council approve the revisions.

In service to Christ and the Congregation,
Ron Pecarina, Past President

**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.

family



& Bazaar



Saturday, November 2

9:30am-2pm

Get ready to help.....

Cookies, pies, pastries, jellies, chocolates, breads and more will all be for sale at our event. Love to bake? We'd love your **BAKED GOODS**. Empty coffee cans are available in the great room for you to fill with cookies. *Take several home to fill!* Return to the church by Friday, Nov. 1st.

Cookie Baking with WOW! Sun. October 13th 1-5pm We will have a **"Make N Bake"** cookie baking starting at 1pm with the WOW kids in the kitchen. If you want to help please come!

Donate Hand Made Items—We are looking for handmade items, jewelry, knitting, wood projects and more. **What is your craft?** If you would like to donate items contact Charlene for more information. 465-0956.

Luncheon Lunch committee is looking for a few women to make bars for the luncheon call Beth Mehl at 817-845-6270.

Ham Balls— **Thursday Oct 10th** is Ham Ball making day at ORLC. If you are interested in helping please email Malinda at malindad@centurylink.net.

Raffle Ticket Buyers Sellers—Lynda Hanson could use help with selling tickets between services on Sundays. Give her a call at 461-0606. Tickets are \$5.00 each of 5 for \$20 and are for sale in the Great Room between services.

Volunteers – We still need many hands, so if you would like to volunteer to help the day of the festival/bazaar please give us a call . Fri., Nov 1 we need set up crew and workers at 10am and on Sat Nov 2nd we need greeters all day and clean up crew at 2pm. Call Charlene 465-0956 or her email is csmayala66@gmail.com.

Bridges.....



...building bridges to purposeful aging

We are pleased to provide another year of programming designed to enrich the quality of life for all, but especially those over 50. All events take place at Covenant United Methodist Church, 2330 East Broadway, Helena.

Bridges Buffet--Monthly Lunch and Program Series. Wednesday, **October 2, 2019. 12- 1:30** "What Does Hunger Look Like in Montana?" One in nine Montanans are at risk of food insecurity and more than eight percent of Montana seniors live below the poverty level. Gayle Carlson, Executive Director, Montana Food Bank Network, is our presenter. A \$5 donation for program costs and non-perishables for Helena Food Share are suggested. **Register at www.bridgeshcc.org** by noon Monday prior to the event. Contact Alyce Brutosky at 458-8144 for more information.

Gentle Ways--A free weekly Yoga workshop of gentle stretching, balancing and strengthening exercises and led by experienced practitioners. Every **Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 - 10:30** a.m. (except holidays). Bring a mat, no registration required. For more information contact Sandee at 442-1685. Non-perishables in lieu of a class fee are suggested.

My Destiny--October 10, 2019.

10:00 - 12:00--Estate Planning for Every Montanan Do you know who will receive your property if you pass away without an estate plan? Dr. Marsha Goetting, Montana State University Extension Family Economics Specialist will answer that question and also explore how you can avoid probate with payable on death designations (PODs), transfer on death registrations (TODs), and other beneficiary designations. She will provide illustrations about how your title on real and personal property impacts who receives it upon your death.

1:00 - 3:00 Trusts & Wills: *Do I need one or the other, or both or neither?* Dr. Goetting will explore the advantages and disadvantages of revocable living trusts and testamentary trusts. She will also examine alternative legal arrangements that may accomplish your goals more effectively, such as wills or a durable power of attorney. Register for one or both at www.bridgeshcc.org. Contact Fran Waddell for questions, fwwaddell@bresnan.net.

Cranium Café--A free brain health workshop. Wednesday, **October 16, 2019. 12-1:30** In addition to learning about and practicing brain exercises, participants will engage in a video series entitled **Building Your Resilience: Finding Meaning in Adversity** and learn how all of our challenges—from everyday stresses to life-altering traumas—can bring wisdom and growth. Nanette Whitman-Holmes, Life Enrichment Director at Touchmark, facilitates the session. Bring a sack lunch, other refreshments provided. Register at www.bridgeshcc.org. Contact Nanette at 406-202-3774 for more information.

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

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Celebrating
60
Years of Grace



Students and Seniors Story Sharing

As part of our 60th Anniversary, we are inviting seniors (those aged 70 and above) to share their life story through interview by students on Sunday, October 6 from 2:00-4:00. Seniors may sign up for either a 2:00-3:00 time slot or a 3:00-4:00 slot in the Great Room or by contacting Pastor Kendra. The stories will be recorded, collected and saved in a special 60th anniversary booklet.



Students and Seniors Story Sharing

As part of our 60th Anniversary, we are inviting students (6th-12th grades) to listen to and record the life stories of two seniors on Sunday, October 6 from 2:00-4:00. Students will be given prepared interview questions. Students may sign-up by contacting Pastor Kendra at kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org or by texting 465-8590. The stories will be recorded, collected and saved in a special 60th anniversary booklet.

Meet Phyllis Bauer

Phyllis C. Mount was born at home on the farm near Northport, NE in 1922, a few years ago. Phyllis was the baby of the family, the 8th of 8 children born to her parents. She had 3 older brothers, one of whom died in infancy, and four older sisters. Today, Phyllis is the only survivor.

The farm was reasonably small by Montana standards. It was a homestead farm and her parents raised sugar beets, had dairy cows, chickens, of course, and an occasional pig.

Phyllis went to school in Northport for 8 grades, but for the sake of this article, early in grade school, she began sewing at home on a Singer treadle sewing machine. She was in 4-H and one of the classes her leader taught was sewing.

A few folks will remember that those were tough days. The "dirty 30s" hit when Phyllis was about 8, and most people scrambled to keep food on the table. Fabric was beyond most budgets, but kids needed clothes. What to do? Some of us are old enough to remember that the flour millers saved the day! Flour was sold in 50# bags, and the millers were thoughtful enough to sell the flour in print sacks. Phyllis made her own dresses.

In high school, Phyllis took a "Normal Training" course. It qualified her to teach in a rural school for a period of 2 years, -- she taught for 1, --8 grades and outhouses.

From there, it was on to Chadron State College for 2 years, and an elementary teaching certificate. She taught a while, went to Washington D.C. at a friend's invitation for a couple of years, and when a sister died, moved back west to be closer to her family. She ended up in the Denver area, hired as a service representative for the phone company, overseeing an area of phone lines as monitor and trouble-shooter to a bunch of 8 party lines.

She met and married Walt Bauer in Denver, CO, in 1948. and when the first child arrived, lost her job because of the pregnancy. She got a job working for J.C. Penny, later, sewing drapery, (no surprise). She migrated to sewing for upholstery, and eventually, did the upholstery as well. That job terminated at the onset of cancer, and chemo therapy. In the midst of therapy she moved with Walt to Bozeman, MT. She got a job sewing backpacks for Dana Designs in Bozeman.



Later, retirement (sort of), Phyllis and Walt moved to Helena to be near their son, Ron. Now, 97, Phyllis sews quilt top after quilt top for Lutheran World Relief. As she sews, she creates stories in her imagination of the children who will be kept warm by the quilts.

Phyllis fusses that she can't do more!? And she speculates that her life has been 'mundane,' but to a child somewhere in the world, warm under one of Phyllis' quilts, her life has been and continues to be precious indeed.

P.S. Karen Darlow, Rose Oelkers, Helen Bunkowske, and Delores Rosin share Phyllis' passion for quilting. Altogether they make us all proud. They have their own stories.

Ten years from now they will probably not be able to still make quilts. So who will make the quilts after them, assuming there may still be a little girl in the world who needs to be warm?



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Meet our student leaders for the 2019-2020 year - Emma Coble, David Hanson, Nathan Spangenberg, Ryan Quinn, Ella Krumm, Haileigh Tompkins, Emma Hoover, and Jacob Yaeger.



Unable to provide or decorate a trunk for Trunk or

Treat, but still want to contribute to this fun filled community event?

With the whole congregation and the entire neighborhood invited, there will be a lot of candy passed out! Please consider donating bags of candy for distribution! You can drop off **individually wrapped mini or bitesize candy** in the church office or give it to Jackie.

Looking for Adult Willing to Serve Alongside Our Youth!

Thursday, October 17th 9am-12 Noon

On the morning of October 17th, our youth would like to participate in a service project in which they will go around and rake leaves for senior citizens in our neighborhood. We are looking for some adults to join us so that we may break up into small groups and work in multiple yards simultaneously. If you are willing to help lead a small group of 4-5 youth in this project or even just lend a rake for the day, please contact Pastor Kendra or Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.



October 16 & 17

Are you ready to have some fun and make a difference?

We're pulling out all the stops in order to make an event that will have equal doses of fun and faith-building and service!

There will be worship, collecting food items for Helena Food Share, a variety of service projects, silly games, fun activities, a lock-in and small group discussions. Meals will be provided.

Please turn in your registration and registration fee by October 9th. If you have questions or would like to help at this wonderful event, contact Pastor Kendra at kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org

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? Come and find out more about this summer's trip, fundraisers and more! We'll meet **Monday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Loft @ ORLC.**



Christmas Wreaths

It's not too early to think ahead for the Christmas season! High school youth are now taking orders for Christmas wreaths. All wreaths must be ordered and paid for by **October 16th**. Your beautiful, fresh wreath should arrive the weekend before Thanksgiving-just in time for your Christmas decorating. All proceeds will go toward the youth. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk in the Great Room or call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.



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Safehouse Student Leaders

What's a Student Leader? Student leaders are high school students who have exhibited strong leadership gifts, listening skills, insight, maturity, and commitment. Student leaders agree to attend a weekly Bible study called "The Net" and to lead a small group of their peers on Wed nights at Safehouse. They regularly participate in WOW and Safehouse and attend worship together on Sunday mornings. In addition to serving as leaders at Safehouse, student leaders also lead the WOW small groups several times during the year and serve as the "staffers" for the WOW retreat. They can often be found leading music, acting in skits, and serving others in a variety of ways.

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"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." -1 Timothy 4:12

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!

But wait! Adults, do you love hanging out with our youth and have a couple of hours to spare? We would love to have some adults hands helping with this endeavor too!

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

Football Games are: *October 12 *October 19
*November 9

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.

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

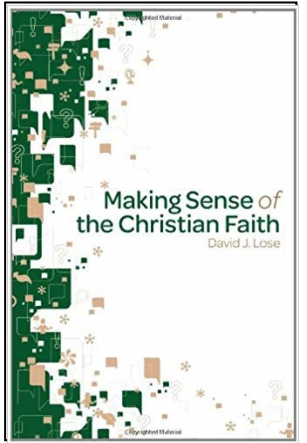
When: Sundays in October

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

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.

Watch for more details...



It's that time again! Time to start thinking about how we can share God's love in a tangible way by packing a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child! For many children, your shoe box will be the first gift they have ever received! Now is a great time to begin looking for things on sale or even making a handmade gift! Pre-printed shoes boxes will be available in the Great Room, or you can use a shoe box that you have at home. Another great idea is to purchase a plastic, reusable box. Then, the box becomes a gift too! Information on how to pack your shoe box and suggested items will be available soon in the Narthex of the church. Collection week is November 18-25. Call Lori Swenson at 406-439-7552 or Kathy Olson at 406-431-8686 with any questions. Thank you for touching the life of a child!



WANTED: YOUR TRUNK

Sunday, Oct 27th 3:00-5:00PM



This year, we are holding Trunk-or-Treat in the afternoon so more of our littlest youth can attend! We are in need of generous adults (and high school aged youth) who would be willing to open up their hearts **and their trunks** to the youth of our congregation and many from our surrounding neighborhood too! All that is needed is a trunk, a bowl of candy and a sense of adventure!

Simply show up in the back parking lot on Wednesday, October 27th by 2:45pm, park with your trunk open and pass out treats. Please consider decorating your trunk to add to the fun!

Friends are welcome!

October 2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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