



Saturday, November 3  
9:30am till 2:00pm

**Festival Quilt Raffle and more.....** Buy your raffle tickets now for our expanded raffle this year. We have three prizes to choose from and all are amazing. **\$5/Ticket or 5 for \$20.00**

- 1) Batik Quilt made and quilted by Cindy and Jerry Steinmetz
- 2) **2 day/3 night stay in Seeley Lake. Beautiful cabin in the mountains sleeps 8. Donated by Clayton & Kathy Schenck**
- 3) Musical Therapy for 2! Two show tickets November 8th Starz on Stage production Dennis Stoughmatt & Co (3pm matinee) Boot stompiin', honky tonk fun! Along with two tickets for the Huckleberry Pork BBQ after show.

**What Can you do now to help:**

**Love to Bake..** . We need cookies, pies, pastries, jellies, chocolates, breads and more . We'd love your have yourbaked goods. All items need to be to the church by Friday, Nov 2nd.

**Donate Hand Made Items**—We are looking for handmade items, jewelry, knitting, wood projects and more. If you have items to donate contact Charlene for more information. 465-0956

**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 . We need workers, greeters, set-up and clean up crews. Call Charlene 465-0956



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September 2019  
**THE VOICE**

**Celebrating ministry, God has been good!**

This past year, we have been celebrating our 60 years as a congregation. Mostly we have been looking forward, hearing about how what we do has made in a difference in our community and our church. We have heard from some of our youth who have gone on to lives of service in the church. We have heard about our efforts to reach out to those in need with the good news of God's love.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> we have invited those Pastors, Deacons and Associates in ministry who have served our congregation in the past to be with us. Rev. Joseph Wahlin was our very first associate pastor. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, he will preach. Rev. Wahlin will be joined by our first intern minister, Rev. Wayne Pris who will preside. We are waiting to hear from a number of others who have been invited who will be with us as well. We have asked them to serve as lectors and communion assistants.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a special coffee hour between services and a pot luck following the 11:00 worship. We are asking the following;

If your last name starts with;

- |     |           |
|-----|-----------|
| A-J | Main dish |
| K-P | Salad     |
| R-Z | Dessert   |

You are invited to the Installation of

**The Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling as Bishop of the  
Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 11 am

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church  
3580 North Benton Avenue, Helena, MT 59602

Reception and light lunch following at  
The Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena, MT 59601

Clergy and Lay Ministers are invited to gather at 10:30 in order to vest and process.  
Color of the day is red.

**Your prayers and presence are requested.**

*"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you."*  
Eph. 1:17-18

A block of rooms has been set aside (under the name Montana Synod, ELCA)  
at the Great Northern Hotel until September 10, 2019  
To make reservations, call 855-479-0732

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



I moved to Helena in 2009 to study Elementary and Special Education at Carroll College, having known from a young age that I wanted to be a teacher. During my time at Carroll, I met my husband Ryan. When Ryan and I started dating, I started to attend ORLC with him in addition to us both attending Mass at Carroll. I graduated in 2013 and took my first job in Rigby, Idaho (near Idaho Falls, where I grew up). After teaching there for a year, Ryan and I were lucky enough to get jobs in the Helena School District. I have been a Special Education teacher at Central Elementary, CR Anderson Middle School and Hawthorne Elementary for the past 5 years. This last December, Ryan and I were blessed with our first daughter, Liliana Grace. After she was born, I quickly realized that I wanted to take some time off of work so that I could spend more time with her. I have taken a leave of absence from the school district for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. I am very excited to use this time off from teaching not only to spend time with my daughter, but to also help bring the Good News to the youth of ORLC. I look forward to taking on the role of Director of Children's Ministries and growing in faith with all of you!

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### 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](mailto:kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org) or by texting 465-8590. The stories will be recorded, collected and saved in a special 60th anniversary booklet.

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### Eucharistic Ministers

*Keeping our Faith Community Connected*



**Do you have a compassionate heart? Do you appreciate one-on-one relationships? We are calling ministers to take Holy Communion to members of our congregation who are living in retirement or assisted living communities** on a monthly basis. These ministers also provide as an important connection with the whole worshipping community and the congregation. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Pastor Kendra.



### Share a Meal with Our WOW Band

To increase the connection between our Sunday and Wednesday family, we are asking for volunteers to provide a simple dinner for our high school music leaders. Come, sit and eat with us to create a connection and bond with the youth in our family!

Email Jason ([Jason@OurRedeemerLives.org](mailto:Jason@OurRedeemerLives.org)) or call him at 202-8671 to volunteer.

No allergies, dinner for 7-10 people. Wednesday's during the school year, at 5:30pm sharp.

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### Ministry Team

Ministers: **All the People of God**

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## Our Redeemer's Church Council

If you have questions or concerns and would like to visit with a council member, please feel free to contact any of us at the following email or phone:

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**Voice articles due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month**

Sunday, September 15 @ 5:00pm  
[loriw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:loriw@ourredeemerlives.org)



# Worship Assistants

## 9:30am Single Sunday Service

Sunday, September 1st  
(listed in August VOICE)

### Sunday, September 8th

Captain	Kristi Antosh	David Thompson
Communion Assistants	Glenn & Janet Erickson, Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson, Kim Randall, Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Greeters	Helen Bunkowske, Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Ushers	Ken Kolb, Roy Henry	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Joe Ruby	Jeanne McCoskery
Prayer Team	Sharlene Kolb and Julie Peck	Linda Coty & Tammy Darlow

### Sunday, September 15th

Captain	Lorna Meyer	open position
Communion Assistants	Joan Haubein, Bruce & Judy McMaster, Mary Williams/Lorna Meyer	Bob & Glenda Oldenburg, Craig Erickson, Lori Chase
Greeters	Pat Lumma	Craig Erickson
Ushers	Norm Rognlie, Tom Johnson	Byron Beley
Lector	Clayton Schenck	Kevin Mathews
Prayer Team	Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Kathy Olson

### Sunday, September 22nd

Captain	Ray Read	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Communion Assistants	<i>returning/visiting clergy</i>	<i>returning/visiting clergy</i>
Greeters	Gordon Blomquist	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Ushers	Norm Midtlyng, Bonner Armstrong	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Lector	<i>returning/visiting clergy</i>	<i>returning/visiting clergy</i>
Prayer Team	Helen Bunkowske and Bob DenHerder	Linda Coty and Tami Darlow

### Sunday, September 29th

Captain	Bill & Ruth Straley	open position
Communion Assistants	Sharlene Kolb, Linda Nelson, Ron & Marion Paulson	Susan Bergland, Chris & Melanie Denning
Greeters	Ingrid Childress, Ruth Straley	Susan Bergland
Ushers	Don and Ingrid Childress, Bill Straley	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Linda Nelson	Marie Rauch
Prayer Team	Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Kathy Olson and Kevin Mathews

## “Sanctuary”, or “You can’t believe everything you hear on TV”

By now many ELCA members have heard that the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted last week to become “a sanctuary body.” For some people this announcement came as good, lifegiving news. For others it was much more troubling. It is important for us to understand what this declaration means and what it does not mean.

It DOES mean that the ELCA takes very seriously the situation of migrants and of undocumented people. The ELCA has a long history of ministry to the stranger, based on biblical precedent.

It DOES NOT mean than everyone has to respond in the same way. Some will choose to provide material aid to refugees relocating in this country. I know that when there was talk of Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls being a backup location for unaccompanied minors in the case of a hurricane, I spoke with the Mayor about ways that the faith community could offer hospitality. Offering hospitality is what we do. Some will choose to limit their response to prayer—which should never be discounted. And some will work with LIRS or AMMPARO. Still others will take further steps.

It DOES mean that the ELCA is renewing our commitment to advocate or reform in our nation’s broken immigration system, and for humane treatment of immigrants and refugees.

It DOES NOT mean that the ELCA is condoning or advocating illegal conduct on behalf of its congregations or members.

It DOES mean that the ELCA is encouraging its members to exercise compassion, generosity, hospitality to all, and to speak up for “the least of these.”

It DOES NOT mean that the ELCA is mandating that its congregations engage in any practice. (The ELCA Churchwide Assembly cannot mandate the actions of ELCA congregations.)

Directly below this you can find a document listing what it means to be a sanctuary denomination. It is important to know what we as the ELCA think we did, not what commentators who were not there claim we did.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly did many things in our 5 ½ days together. I encourage you to go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) to learn more. And I will be writing about other topics in next week’s e-news.

Bishop Jessica Crist, Montana Synod of the ELCA





In conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis, who is the patron saint of animals and the environment, Our Redeemer's will hold a Blessing of Animals for the congregation and community

from 9 - 11am on Saturday, Oct. 5. Plan to bring your favorite furry, feathered, or otherwise covered friend for a blessing and a time of celebration of the gift of our animal companions. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with this event. Contact Nelson Bock, [nbock6552@gmail.com](mailto:nbock6552@gmail.com).



**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).



What a blessing it is to belong to a caring community like ORLC. The concern and support you all have shown our family as we have struggled with an extended illness and final passing of Kevin's mother have been comforting and inspiring. Thank you so much for being such effective witnesses and models of God's love.

Kevin and Lisa Mathews

**Stewardship - Applying Bible Principles**

"God Owns It All" is the chapter heading in a book by a Christian author who presents this chapter first as the foundation for money management and giving.

God does own it all! That is the teaching of Psalm 24:1 which says, "The earth is the Lord's." Psalm 50:10 says that all of the beasts of the field belong to God, and that the cattle on a thousand hills are his. Haggai 2:8 says that God even owns the silver and gold in all the mines.

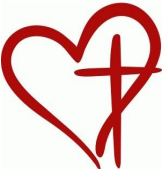
Now, God allows us to use what rightfully belongs to him, but God continues to retain the ownership. We are just managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Someday, when we stand before God, we shall give an account of what kind of job we have done in managing the resources that God has allowed us to use.

That's why every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision. Every time we use some of God's money, we are making a decision which has eternal ramifications.

Are you using money and possessions as if they belong to you, or are you making spending decisions with the full realization that "God owns it all"?

**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.

**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**

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	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





## September Birthdays!

Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!

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|--|---|---|---|
| 1 Carol Olmstead<br>Caven Wade<br>Reagan Wolf                                  | 7 Kari DesRosier<br>Owen Hanson<br>Grasen Molenda<br>Sarah Sampson              | 14 Nathan Spangenberg<br>15 Kyler Gamradt<br>Liv Perry                        | Gabe Studt  |
| 2 Bob Den Herder<br>Kim Ewing<br>Siri Fitterer<br>Nancy Gates<br>Ken Kolb      | 8 Mark Barry<br>Patrick Friede<br>Sawyer Mingay<br>Jake West<br>Janet Whitmoyer | 16 Brian Coble<br>Nicholas Swenson<br>Sharlene Wetherell                      | 24 Lori Chase<br>Ellis Dushin<br>Erik Helfert<br>Brendan McCormack<br>Vicki Thennis |
| 3 Steve Ackerlund<br>Lynn Wakefield  | 9 Brien Alberts<br>Joslyn Buckley<br>Darby Martin                               | 17 Kruz Green<br>Tami Rasmussen   | 25 Jackie Bartz<br>Katherine Guariglia<br>Lori Michelotti                           |
| 4 Trudy Burke<br>Jerry Hoover<br>Hunter Perry<br>Ruth Straley<br>Parker Yearry | 10 Ryan Magee<br>Brynn Selvig<br>Verna Strand                                   | 18 Declan Dubois<br>Kevin Rauch   | 26 Chad Beley<br>Annie Chase<br>Judith Dole<br>Leah Esposito<br>Macrae Mannix       |
| 5 Letha Ebel<br>Sophie Robertson   | 11 Lori Walter  | 19 Sandy Bay<br>Connie Carlson<br>Ellie Doran<br>Jim Reynolds<br>Sherril Senn | 27 Tenley Gronley<br>Tanner Reddig  |
| 6 Kelly Elder<br>Dylan Grimmis<br>Cheyanne Hafer<br>Abigail McLane             | 12 Betty Brosten<br>Malinda Diamond   | 20 Sharon Redfern<br>Reid Willard   | 28 John Ballantyne<br>Sara Juers<br>John Simms                                      |
|  | 13 Mark DeBoer<br>Nick Michelotti<br>Mary Williams                              | 22 Lupine Meyer<br>Anna Passage<br>Kim Randall                                | 29 Carole Olson   |
|  |   | 23 Cyler Dushin<br>Cindy Rand   | 30 Karen Darlow<br>Mike Magee<br>Ron Pecarina                                       |



### 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

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



### Happy Anniversary

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|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Dan & Mary Adams      | 9/15/1979 | 40 years |
| Rick & Susan Elhart   | 9/23/1978 | 41 years |
| Craig & Andi Moore    | 9/25/1976 | 43 years |
| Mike & Cindy Rand     | 9/18/1976 | 43 years |
| Ray & Linda Read      | 9/10/1966 | 53 years |
| Jim & Janice Anderson | 9/5/1965  | 54 years |
| Bill & Delores Stroh  | 9/14/1963 | 56 years |
| Bill & Ruth Straley   | 9/3/1961  | 58 years |



### Funerals

Kay Mathews 8/10/19



### September Bible Study:

It's Fall and that means a return to our individual Bible study groups as well as the start of a new Bible study. "No Hard Feelings?" is the title of the new study which explores the poetry of the Old Testament. In Session One, "The Angst of Anger," we will discover that the Psalms give voice to anger - of God toward humanity, humanity toward God, and people toward each other.

**Dorcas Bible study** - Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 9:30am

**Rebecca Bible study** - Wednesday, Sept. 18 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, Sept. 10 at 10:00am

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

### School Kits:

We are continuing to collect items for School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Take advantage of the sales while they last and put your purchases in the tub in the narthex.

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, September 24, 5:30pm.

Hunger Team meeting. Fall activities will be discussed. Feel free to bring a brown bag meal and a friend.



### All the Hungry Children Say "THANK YOU!"

Thank you for helping us to meet our goal for the summer milk campaign. Your generosity continues to overwhelm our greatest expectations. The final tally should be available soon.



### Community Garden Assistance

We continue to harvest in the garden until the first frost. And after that, we need to put the garden to rest. If you have a few spare minutes to help out the garden managers, they would be most grateful. Contact Ben or Carol Olmstead ([bcciolmstead@bresnan.net](mailto:bcciolmstead@bresnan.net)) if you have questions.

### God's Love Partnership

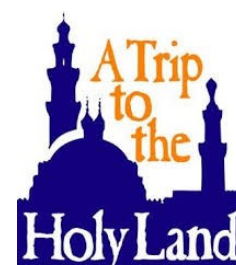
Our friends at Our Lady of the Valley have offered to partner with us to prepare and serve meals at God's Love once each month. We are most grateful for their assistance with this vital ministry in our community.

### Kid Packs

Here are the requests for the kid packs program for the next few months. Just place your donations in the Helena Food Share crates in the hallway.

- September: Juice Boxes 100%
- October: Fruit cups
- November Granola Bars
- December: Granola Bars

Kid pack assemblies will resume later in September. If you have questions, contact Sandy Merdinger ([slymerdinger@yahoo.com](mailto:slymerdinger@yahoo.com)).



### Holy Land Journey- June 15-24, 2020

Interested in traveling to the Holy Land in 2020? Pastor Bergland will be leading a tour to visit Israel and Palestine. An informational brochure is available at the information desk. If you are thinking of taking part in this journey, please let Pastor Bergland know soon. To date, we have 8 people signed up.

**Financials** - July is historically a low month for finances. Giving in July was below plan resulting in a negative cash-flow of \$7300 before paying benevolence. The decision was made to establish a council payable for this amount and a payable for benevolence. Benevolence is now behind by \$14,413 for the year.

Giving for Join the Journey (our mortgage account) was below that required to make the monthly payment. This account is currently \$32,113 below plan.

**Property** - Herb Kulow and Dwight Hiesterman provided an update on the church property.

**Installation of the Bishop** - The new Bishop of the Montana Synod will be installed at Our Redeemer's at 11 am on September 21. Lunch will follow at the Great Northern Best Western. All are invited to attend.

**Personnel** - The personnel committee interviewed a candidate for Director of Children's Ministry. The council has approved hiring Liz Swenson, pending the final paperwork, to replace Lisa who retired this summer.

The personnel committee submitted the personnel policy for council review. Changes were suggested and Jan Martin will present comments to the committee.

In service to Christ and the Congregation,

Ron Pecarina, Past President



### Greetings from Our Redeemer's Preschool!

Things are about to get busy in the Preschool! Soon we will be meeting almost 70 kids who will spend the next nine months playing, learning and growing together.

We are blessed with an outstanding staff this year. Wendy Vukonich will once again be teaching two sessions of PreKindergarten; Audra Shropshire will return to teach two Four Year Old classes; and Starsha Frederickson will start her second year of teaching our youngest students in two Three Year Old classes. We are also excited to welcome Susan Bergland to our teaching team to teach an additional PreK class. Trudy Burke serves as the Preschool Director and runs our popular Lunch Bunch program.

Our first days of school will be September 3 and 4. Please keep our teachers and our small students in your prayers. There are bound to be a few moms and dads who say goodbye with a tear in their eye who could use your prayers, too!

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## 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

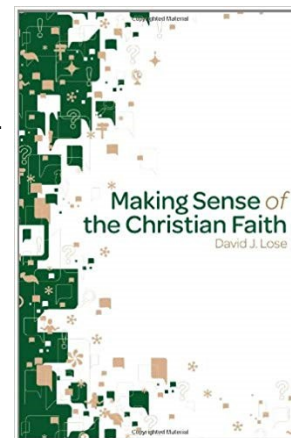
**When:** Sundays beginning September 8

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

**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](mailto:cwill1935@gmail.com).

**Watch for more details...**



## Please join the ORLC team on the 17th Annual NAMIWalk!

The National Alliance on Mental Illness for Montana (NAMI Montana) is a grass-roots organization that supports, educates and advocates for Montanans suffering from serious mental illness and their families. Funds raised at the NAMIWalk allow NAMI Montana to further their education efforts and develop a powerful voice for Montanans suffering from serious mental illness and their families.

Support varies from personally helping families navigate through the mental illness treatment system to taking a national leadership role in caring for returning heroes with post-traumatic stress injuries. The walk is being held on September 22nd at Memorial Park at 12:30. Snacks and lunch will be available through food vendors. To register go on-line to NAMI's website and register under init2gether or contact Kevin 465-1839 or Lisa Mathews 465-5580 (or [lewmo3@gmail.com](mailto:lewmo3@gmail.com)) for questions or to get help registering. The Walk is NAMI Montana's primary fundraiser.

### Did you know?

## One in five Montana families is affected by mental illness!

20% of children ages 13-18 have, or will have, a serious mental illness.

43.8 million adults experience mental illness in a given year.





## 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.! worship) in the youth 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.

### ***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.



### ***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 again 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 adult hands helping with this endeavor too!

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

**Football Games are:** \*September 14 & 21  
\*October 12 & 19  
\*November 9

This will be a 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](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org).**



### ***Save the Date!***

**Sunday, October 27th  
3:00-5:00pm**

This year, we are planning this event in the afternoon so that we can include more young kids from the community and generous adults (and high school aged youth) who would be willing to open up their hearts *and their trunks!* All that is needed is a trunk, a bowl of candy and a sense of adventure! Sign-up with Jackie!

### *Bridges.....*



*...building bridges to purposeful aging*

Welcome Back! 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 Methodist Church located at 2330 E. Broadway.

**Bridges Buffet--**Monthly Lunch and Program Series. Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**"Encounters in Avalanche Country, 1880-1910"** Diana L. Di Stefano, PhD, editor of *Montana The Magazine of Western History*, and Publications Manager at the Montana Historical Society, will discuss the surprising ways nineteenth century miners and railway workers adapted to their challenging mountain environment in the American West, what they thought about avalanches, and who they blamed when disaster struck. A \$5 donation for program costs is appreciated as are nonperishable food items for Food Share. Register at [bridgeshcc.org](http://bridgeshcc.org) by noon Monday prior to the event. Contact Marsha for questions or more information, [marsha59624@gmail.com](mailto:marsha59624@gmail.com) or 443-1287.

**Gentle Ways--**A free weekly workshop of gentle stretching, balancing and strengthening exercises tailored to all ages and led by experienced practitioners. Every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, 9:30- 10:30 AM (except holidays). Bring a mat, no registration required. For more information contact Sandee at 442-1685. Items for Food Share are appreciated.

**Cranium Café--**A free brain health workshop. Wednesday, September 18, 2019. 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 [bridgeshcc.org](http://bridgeshcc.org) or contact Marsha for more information, [marsha59624@gmail.com](mailto:marsha59624@gmail.com) or 443-1287.

**SAVE THE DATE:** October 10, 2019, Dr. Marsha Goetting returns to provide two estate planning sessions. 10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00.

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

September 2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>1</b>  9:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 10:45am - Fellowship - Great Room	<b>2</b> <div>Labor Day - Office Closed</div> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>3</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope & Advocacy Youth Group - HS Loft
<b>8</b>  8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 9:45am - Baptism Class - AD-1 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 2:00pm - Making Sense of the Christian Faith - HS Loft 5:30pm - Family Promise	<b>9</b>  12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 5:30pm - Family Promise 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>10</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board - AD1 5:30pm - Family Promise 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room
<b>15</b> <div>Voice Articles Due</div> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 2:00pm - Making Sense of the Christian Faith - HS Loft	<b>16</b>  12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>17</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 9:30am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Room 6:00pm - Council - Conference Room 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
<b>22</b>  8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 12:30pm - NAMI Walk - Memorial Park 12:00pm - Potluck 2:00pm - Making Sense of the Christian Faith - HS Loft	<b>23</b>  12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>24</b>  9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 5:30pm - Hunger Team
<b>29</b>  8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 2:00pm - Making Sense of the Christian Faith - HS Loft	<b>30</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	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>11</b>  5:30pm - Family Promise 6:30pm - WOW! Worship 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - HS Loft	<b>12</b>  9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 5:30pm - Family Promise	<b>13</b>  5:30pm - Family Promise	<b>14</b>  5:30pm - Family Promise 4:00pm - Neighborhood Picnic ???
<b>18</b>  1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - WOW! Worship 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - HS Loft	<b>19</b>  9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  11:00am - Bishop Installation
<b>25</b>  6:30pm - WOW! Worship 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - HS Loft	<b>26</b>  9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>