

## Advent and Christmas Schedule

**Sundays in Advent** - December 1, 8, 15, 22  
Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am

**Lessons and Carols for Advent** - Wednesday, December 4  
Worship at 6:30pm

**Wednesdays in Advent** - December 11 & 18  
WOW! Worship at 6:30pm

**Thursday in Advent** - December 5, 12, 19  
Holden Evening Prayer  
Worship at 6:30pm

**Christmas Eve Candlelight** - Tuesday, December 24  
Worship at 10:00am, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm

**Christmas Day** - Wednesday, December 25  
Worship at 10:00am



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# THE VOICE

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

In our last article as part of this year's stewardship emphasis, we saw that God is the owner of everything and that we are managers and stewards of what God has given us. We considered how each of us has been given gifts of time and talents as blessings of God's grace. We also learned about the importance of using these gifts for God's glory, for the good of others, and for the ministry here at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. Our management of the gifts that God has blessed us with is an important component in a life of faithful living. This management is reflective of a healthy sense of thanksgiving in our lives.

In addition to time and talents, God has also given us financial resources. For most of us, this means working to secure monetary gain. But make no mistake about it: According to Deuteronomy chapter 8, God gives us the ability to earn money. According to King Solomon, even work itself is a gift from God (Eccl. 5:19). In fact, everything we have - even the air we breathe in order to be able to work - is a gift that has been temporarily loaned to us by God. As you consider your management of God's gift, I hope that you will consider a response to our annual stewardship appeal.

A few weeks ago, we sent all of our members a mailing with a faith promise card. Our hope is that you will use that card to make a promise to your church home. This promise is one way that we as individuals can be thankful for God's blessing in our lives. As we pray, dream and plan for the ministry of our congregation, these promises are critical to our congregation's expression of thankfulness as well.

I challenge each of us to give prayerful thought to how we manage the gifts God has blessed us with and to return your faith promise card to worship on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Arne

## Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service

Please join us for our annual ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship, along with Saint John's and New Life Lutheran and Our Lady of the Valley Catholic, as we celebrate with our inter-denominational friends. Please bring pie to share for fellowship following the service.

**Date: Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Place: Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church  
(1502 Shirley Rd)**



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



# Operation Christmas Child



Did you know...

- Our Redeemers is the Operation Christmas Child collection center for Central Montana?
- Last year we collected 1,967 shoe boxes to be sent off to children in different parts of the world?
- Members of Our Redeemers filled 118 shoe boxes last year?

Would you like to make a difference in a child's life? Yours might be the first gift that little boy or girl has ever received. It is fun and easy and something that your whole family can do together. Please consider packing a shoebox and praying for the child who will receive it. A handwritten note and a picture of your family will make your gift even more special. Information on what to pack can be found in the Narthex. Please return your box to the Great Room by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for sharing God's love though a shoebox! Questions? Kathy Olson 431-8686 or Lori Swenson 439-7558



## Name Tag Ministry

To help us know one another and our guests, the hospitality team has begun providing name tags once a month. We are looking for someone who is willing to set up two tables in the narthex and set out the name tags and pens on the first Sunday of the month by 8:15am and to restock after the 8:30 service. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kendra.



## Help Us Buy Radio Ads!

To get the word out about our church in new places and new ways, we will be advertising our Christmas worship services this year on Yellowstone Public Radio. We are asking the congregation to sponsor the ad spots. You may choose one, or as many as you wish. Each year, we take a different approach to ads and we are hoping to reach some people that may not know about our church here on Benton. Make checks out to ORLC and put "Christmas Ad" in the memo note. You may choose the specific blocks (include instructions) or may leave it up to us. Ad spot costs are as follows:

- This American Life - \$25
- Weekday Music Block - \$25
- NPR Weekend Edition - \$35
- NPR Morning Edition - \$40
- All Things Considered/Fresh Air - \$40

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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  
Tuesday, November 15 @ 5:00pm  
loriw@ourredeemerlives.org



Worship Assistants

8:30am Service

11:00am Service

Sunday, November 3rd		
Captain	Todd and Carol Will	Open Position
Communion Assistants	Ruth Straley, Ron & Marion Paulson, Carol & Todd Will, Lynda & Larry Hanson	Linda Coty, Lori Chase, Jeanne McCoskery
Greeters	Designated Team Members	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Ushers	Carol & Todd Will, Bill Straley, Jerry Hoover, Larry Hanson, Ron Paulson	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Lector	Carol Will	Jeanne McCoskery
Prayer Team	Bonner & Karen Armstrong	Melanie Denning, Kevin Mathews
Kid Time	Liz Swenson	Mary Robertson
Sunday, November 10th		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	David Thompson
Communion Assistants	Glenn & Janet Erickson, Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson, Mary Williams
Greeters	Helen Bunkowske	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Ushers	Ken Kolb, Roy Hemry	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Dwight Hiesterman	Autumn Keller
Prayer Team	Sharlene Kolb, Julie Peck	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Liz Swenson	Sara Juers
Sunday, November 17th		
Captain	Lorna Meyer	Open Position
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Judy McMaster, Mary Williams	Bob & Glenda Oldenberg, Craig Erickson
Greeters	Pat Lumma	Stewart Kirkpatrick, Janice Kirkpatrick
Ushers	Norm Rognlie, Tom Johnson	Stewart Kirkpatrick, Eric Spangenberg
Lector	Clayton Schenck	Eric Spangenberg
Prayer Team	Dee Dee Fischer	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Jackie Bartz	Liz Swenson
Sunday, November 24th		
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	Kristi Antosh	Dan Rispens
Prayer Team	Helen Bunkowske and Bob DenHerder	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Liz Swenson	Mary Robertson



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



Children's Ministries  
Christmas CELEBRATION!

- When:** Sunday, *December 8<sup>th</sup>* from 2:00-5:00 PM  
**Who:** All Children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and their Families  
**What:** Christmas Party to celebrate the birth of Jesus!
- \* Holiday Themed Snacks
  - \* Craft Projects
  - \* Carol Singing
  - \* Re-telling of the Christmas story
  - \* Cookie Decorating Contest



**Questions?** Email Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org)

Children's Choir



- All *Sunday School* and *KidzEd* students will be a part of the Children's Choir! We will practice on Sundays during Sunday School and on Wednesdays during KidzEd.
- In addition to weekly practices, we will get together on **November 24<sup>th</sup>** at **9:45am** to practice as a whole group! The performance will be during Lesson and Carols on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm**.
- ♦ For more information or questions please contact **Liz** at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org), other children of the ORLC community are welcome to join!

CAN I STILL SIGN MY CHILD UP for  
Sunday School or KidzEd ?

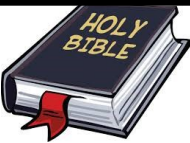
Of course! Email Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) OR  
Bring your child on Sunday@ 9:45 for Sunday School or  
Wednesday @ 7:15 for KidzEd!

Looking for Volunteers!!

8:30am OR 11:00am on Sundays  
*KidTime Leader*

\* Please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerslives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerslives.org) if  
you're interested. All materials provided!

Walk Through the Bible



Our Walk Through the Bible class was a great success! We had 8, third grade students who received their bibles and came to the class. A special thank you to the WELCA for providing the Bibles. They loved them!

If your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader was not able to attend a service to receive his/her bible, please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org), and she can get you one!





Sharing the Bounty

We are once again collecting holiday food basket items for Helena Food Share. Pick up your grocery bag with requested items at worship on the first Sunday or first Wednesday of November. Grocery bags need to be returned on **Wednesday, November 20 or Sunday, November 24.**

Calling for Granola Bars!

Helena Food Share is requesting low-sugar snack bars for both November and December. These are a special treat for the kid packs program, and they are always in high demand. When you are doing your holiday shopping, remember the kid packs program and pick up a carton of snack bars to donate for hungry kids. Donations should be placed in the Helena Food Share crates in the hallway by the administrative wing. And “Thank You” for all you do for hungry folks in our community.

Hunger Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 5:30pm: Hunger Team Meeting. New members are always welcome.

Volunteers Needed for Family Promise

Our Redeemer’s is hosting guests for Family Promise the week of November 17-23. Between 35 and 40 volunteers are required for this commitment. If you can move bedding, provide a meal, host a family, or spend the night, we need you!!! Training is required for all individuals who come into direct contact with the guests. Contact Janet Whitmoyer ([jwhit6513@gmail.com](mailto:jwhit6513@gmail.com)) or (406) 459-6513 for more information or to volunteer your time and/or services.



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)	Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)
Zachary Ark	Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Brandon Bach	Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Victor Bachmier	Patsy Link (Luci Pearson's sister-in-law)
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)	Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)	Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Steve Boyter	Amanda Miller (Larry & Delores Rosin's granddaughter)
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)	Lee Nees (Tami Wadham's mother)
Gregg Carlson (Clayton Schenck's Cousin)	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Tom Carter	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Matt Cragwick (Shawn Moore)	Jacki Riley (Lori Walter's sister)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Nancy Rose (Laura Trapp)
Punk Dethlefs (Dee Dee Fischer)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Jake Dirks (Lori Chase)	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)	
Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)	

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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

Our Seminarian

Taran Denning



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Luci Pearson	Lori Swenson	19 Charlotte Hafer	Nikki MacMillan
2 Roberta Carey	10 Brianna Denning	Virginia McLane	Gary Pearson
Jacki Girard	Gary Gates	Conner McLaury	27 Pete Mollet
Juliah Maharg	Keeli Mannix	20 Ty Lamping	Eric Spangenberg
Audrey Schubring	Jamie Wilson	David Senn	28 Katie Tintinger
3 Kim Lawton	11 Connor Brown	Mia Toccas	29 Hanna Ballantyne
4 Bonner Armstrong	Don Childress	Louis Ward	Christian Bomar
Linda Coty	Cassie Wetzel	21 Jan Martin	30 Shane Sampson
Scott Walter	12 Kevin Ark	22 Celia Schroeder	Kristine Thatcher
5 Frank Grundmeier	Samantha Ziegler	Ben Spiger	
6 Riitta Ballantyne	13 Evelyn Johnson	23 Bruce McMaster	
Michael Burke	Crosby Kennedy	Kay Patterson	
7 Anna Knecht	14 Skyler Willard	24 Florence Armagost	
Bonnie Pennie	15 Karter Jurenka	Noreen Johnson	
Pam Peterson	16 Emily Lindner	Andi Moore	
8 Denise Rauch	Jacob Spangenberg	Jodi Robertson	
Mike Sather	17 Ashlee Hanson	25 Carrie Engle	
9 Evan Colberg	Marlene Simms	Mark Huber	
Kellan Elder	18 Carol Beley	Ellie Michelotti	
Kelsey Robertson	Melanie Denning	Deagan Solan	
Kayti Sim	Linda Keim	26 Cynthia Gustafson	



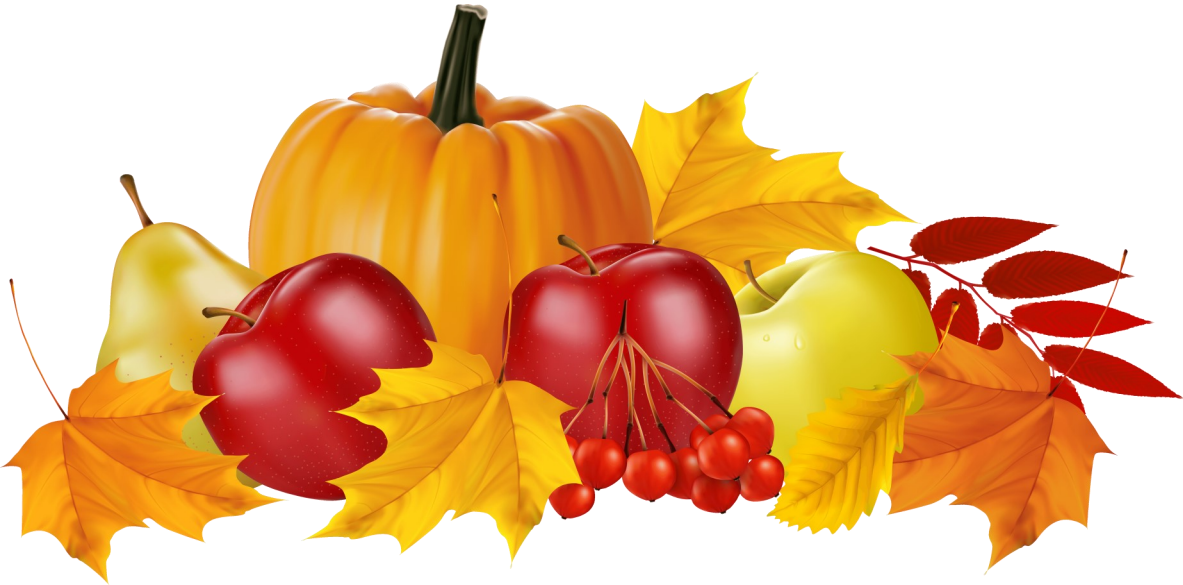
## Do you know someone in the hospital?

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



## November Bible Study

Session Three of our Bible study is entitled, "Stewarding the Gift of Joy," where we will learn that in the God who has redeemed us from despair, we find true, inescapable joy.

## Dorcas Bible study:

Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 9:30am

## Rebecca Bible study:

Wednesday, Nov. 20 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, Nov. 12 at 10:00am

## Quilting for Lutheran World Relief:

Tuesdays at 9:00am

## Sew in Love Service Group:

Thursdays at 9:00am

**And don't forget to come to the Fall Family Festival and Bazaar on Nov. 2!**

## How Do I Get the Word Out?

To keep costs down, instead of hiring a full-time communications director, the staff of ORLC splits these duties among themselves. This can be confusing when you are trying to get the word out about your event or project. Below is a list of communications resources and whom to contact for each:

- ♦ Sunday Bulletin – Lori Walter ([loriw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:loriw@ourredeemerlives.org))
- ♦ Monthly Newsletter: *The Voice* – Lori Walter ([loriw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:loriw@ourredeemerlives.org))
- ♦ Weekly E-news Email – Jason Callon ([jason@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jason@ourredeemerlives.org))
- ♦ Signage, bulletin boards, etc – Jason Callon ([jason@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jason@ourredeemerlives.org))
- ♦ Website Posts – Jason Callon ([jason@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jason@ourredeemerlives.org))
- ♦ Instagram Posts – Jason Callon ([jason@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jason@ourredeemerlives.org))
- ♦ Facebook Posts – Jackie Bartz ([jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org))
- ♦ Safehouse Youth E-news Email – Jackie Bartz ([jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org))



## Design Charrette!

"Charrette": A collaborative session in which groups of designers create a solution to a design problem.

Please join us between services (9:45am) on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> as we begin to brainstorm about how our property should be developed in the future. Jeff Downhour and Gretchen Krumm, with Mosaic Architecture, will lead participants through a series of individual and small group activities designed to assess congregational priorities about future development and begin thinking about site layouts. This discussion and establishment of priorities is pertinent to any future discussions the congregation engages in with possible development partners, like St. John's Ministries.

## Council Meeting Summary – October 15, 2019

**Financials** – Giving in September was above plan for both general fund and building fund. The council voted to repay borrowed funds with the surplus funds. We currently owe \$27,684 for benevolence.

**Property Assessment** – The council voted to use funds in the account designated for Horseshoe Bend improvements to pay the property assessment that are due in November. The actual amount of the assessment will be known at the end of October. Steps have been taken to reduce the liability for the assessments as presented during a meeting on October 13.

**Youth Mission Trip** – The council revisited aspects of the summer servant trip for 2020. To be clear, the council has never said no for the international trip. We only ask that Jackie work with the youth and parents to meet defined mission goals. Any general funds for mission trips must be requested through the budgetary process.

**Communication** – The council will work on improving communication with staff, particularly as it relates to requests for council action.

**Personnel Committee** – The committee is updating job descriptions for non-rostered staff. We are seeking at least one more person to serve on this committee.

**Nominating Committee** – Eric Spangenberg is the chair of this committee. Lori Chase and Tami Ellis have volunteered to assist. There are five members who are completing their terms in January. We ask that people interested in serving on council contact any of the three. We will be looking for three officers and one or two at-large members.

**Facilities Use Policy** – The facilities use policy has been updated and approved by the council.

**Other Policies** – The council reviewed and approved policies for money counting, purchase orders, and record keeping.

**Preliminary Budget** – The council was provided with the first draft of the 2020 budget for review. The draft is lower than the current budget but will require further adjustments based on actual assessments and other budget items. A budget forum and congregational meeting are planned for December.

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



## Giving Thanks with Helena Food Share

On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, large paper grocery bags will be distributed to each household present by the Hunger Team. Attached to the bag you will find a list of the top 10 holiday foods items needed. In addition to this list, Helena Food Share is in constant need of the following items: Boxed Stuffing, Jell-O/ Pudding, Canned Fruit, Canned Pumpkin, Canned Cranberries, Evaporated Milk, Canned Green Beans, and Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes.

**Please return your grocery bag to worship on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, November 24<sup>st</sup>.** Donations will be picked up and distributed by Helena Food Share after the Thanksgiving holidays. As we gather to worship during this Thanksgiving season, we cheerfully join in caring for the larger Helena community.

## 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, November 6, 2019, 12:00 -1:30** "Helena Area Wildflowers." As fall turns toward winter, we may take heart in our memories of the many brightly-colored wildflowers seen along Helena's extensive trail system while also nourishing hope for the renewal of spring when they return again. Montana Native Plant Society members Mary Johnson and Bob Person will highlight some of the more common and colorful spring and summer wildflowers seen in the Helena area. Come enjoy Helena's area flora with us. A \$5 donation for program costs and non-perishables for Helena Food Share are suggested. **Register at [www.bridgeshcc.org](http://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.

**Cranium Café**--A free brain health workshop. **Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12-1:30pm.** 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](http://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.**

**[www.bridgeshcc.org](http://www.bridgeshcc.org)**







## Greetings from Our Redeemer's Preschool!

It's apparent we are in the fall of the year as pumpkins, leaves and handprint turkeys are easily spotted around the Preschool. This is a great time of year for us to reflect on those things we are thankful for: our preschool students and families, a great facility in which to teach and the support of the members and friends of this congregation!

In the past month, preschoolers have been busy. The four year old classes made dog treats to share at the Pet Blessing (and they received a "two paws up" review from dogs in attendance!). The preschool board, along with a grant from Thrivent, sponsored the annual Out to Lunch event where our students and their families could share a lunch meal together.

Our first fundraiser of the school year will be taking place on Tuesday, November 5 at Panda Express. To participate simply present the flyer below, (a photo on your phone is fine, too) when you order and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Preschool. Money raised will help fund enrichment activities for our students. Thank you in advance for your support!



### FUNDRAISER EVENT

Help Us Raise Money For: Our Redeemer's Lutheran Preschool

When	Where	How
Tuesday, November 05, 2019 10:30 AM to 9:30 PM	Panda Express located at: Custer & Sanders (Custer Landing) PX 3075 N. Sanders St. Helena, MT 59601 4064498898	In-store: Show paper or digital version of flyer Online: Enter 305250 in the promo code box during online checkout.

20% of event sales will be donated to: Our Redeemer's Lutheran Preschool

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

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## Montana Supporting Military needs your help on Thursday, November 7th!

Montana Supporting Military is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that sends care packages to troops deployed around the globe. It is a huge morale booster for the troops to receive packages filled with needed items, decorations and hand-written cards of support and appreciation. Since 2003, MT Supporting Military has supported troops in 19 countries and on several Navy ships. This Christmas they will be supporting 600 troops!



## Montana Supporting Military needs the following wish list items for the Christmas Boxes.

- Hi-Country Beef Jerky
- Mixed nuts or sunflower seeds – small packages
- Tuna fish in pouches
- Granola or Protein bars
- Dried Fruit
- Bagged, individually wrapped candy
- Black or white crew socks
- iTunes gift cards
- Portable games
- Handmade Christmas cards or pre-made cards with hand written messages of support and encouragement are always appreciated
- Cash donations to help cover shipping costs

**Donations can be brought to our office, 2600 Winne Ave, Suite B on Monday through Thursday from 8am to 5pm until the November 7th workday.**

Whether you choose to give your time, money or other need items, thank you for giving back to our community and an organization that lifts up our deployed and wounded service men and women.

**To help, Thrivent is gathering needed items and will be hosting a workday on Thursday, November 7th to assist with:**

- Assembling Christmas boxes with donated items
- Making cards
- Preparing packages for shipping

Thrivent has donated money to help with packaging and shipping supplies. Yet, we need helping hands to do the work.

**Join members of our Thrivent Community anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.**

**Please bring your family and friends along - refreshments and a light dinner will be served.**

Please RSVP by 11/04/2019 - call Carrie at 406-442-6091.

**Thursday, Nov 7  
5:30pm - 8:00pm**

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## HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



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### Summer Youth Servant Trip

High school youth, are you interested in going on a fun trip, meeting new people, fellowshipping and worshipping together and using your gifts and talents to do God's work? Youth (finishing 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 2019 graduates) are invited to join our Servant Team next summer.



**Registration and a non-refundable deposit is due**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Questions?! Contact Jackie at 442-7842 or [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org)

### First Team Meeting

**When:** Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm.

**Where:** In the Youth Loft @ ORLC.

**What:** We'll get to know one another as a team, discuss fundraisers, and much more!



### Gas, Groceries, and so much more!

Shopping with gift cards is an easy way to support our youth ministries every time you shop. Purchase a gift card at face value and a portion of that purchase goes toward mission trips, retreats, and other youth expenses.

The possibilities are endless! Dining out, filling up your gas tank, grocery shopping, your favorite latte, vacations, every day expenses, Christmas gifts. We have some cards available for immediate purchase to popular local stores such as Walmart and Target, but we will be taking orders for any of the hundreds of other retailers who have offered this fundraising opportunity to non-profit organizations. To purchase a gift card or to find out more information, please contact Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.



### Pick Up Your Christmas Wreaths!

Your beautiful, fresh wreaths will be at ORLC and ready to be picked up **Sunday, November**

**24<sup>th</sup>**, the weekend before Thanksgiving and just in time for your Christmas decorating. **If you forgot to place your order, there will be a limited quantity available for purchase.** All proceeds will go toward the youth.

**Wreath pick up will be located in the ORLC shed.**

### 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!

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

**The last football game is: \*November 9**

This will be fun new way to raise money, get to know one another, engage the community, and serve others!



## Celebrating 60 years of Caring

### Eucharistic Ministers



Help keep our faith community connected—be an Eucharistic minister!

**Who:** Eucharistic Ministers can be anyone who has a heart for reaching out to homebound people.

**What:** Eucharistic Ministers distribute Holy Communion to those who are homebound on a monthly basis. Unless you would like more, you will probably be paired with one homebound person or couple.

**When:** The Altar Guild prepares the communion kits and we commission the ministers during worship every third Sunday of the month. However, if you are unavailable that Sunday, other arrangements may be made. Communion may be delivered to the homebound person anytime that week.

**Where:** Our homebound members live all over the community—some in the Helena valley, some in Helena, others in Clancy or Montana City. A car is necessary for this ministry.

**Why:** These ministers also provide an important connection with the whole worshipping community and the congregation.

If you are interested in being an Eucharistic Minister, please contact Pastor Kendra at [kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org)

One of the important ministries in the spiritual life of our congregation is our prayer chain.



### Prayer Chain

**What is it?** The prayer chain is a network of people who communicate and pray for the needs of the congregation, community and world.

**Who can be part of the prayer chain?** Anyone! Prayer is as simple as a conversation with God. All you need is a desire to surround

others in prayer and bring concerns to God.

**How does it work?** All prayer requests are sent via e-mail to our prayer chain coordinator, who in turn sends those requests out to the chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Carey at [cookiegirl3b@charter.net](mailto:cookiegirl3b@charter.net)

### Memory Loss Support Group

A support group for those experiencing memory loss and their caregivers is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:45am. For more information, please contact Pastor Kendra.





## Celebrating 60 years of Caring

### Prayer Partners

*"Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2*

Prayer partners are available during communion on Sundays. Their mission is to provide a partner with whom anyone may share their joys and burdens in prayer during worship.

Please consider joining this powerful ministry to share our burdens and joys with one another and with God. To join the prayer team, please email Kathy Olson at [kathyolson8686@gmail.com](mailto:kathyolson8686@gmail.com)



**Who:** Anyone who likes to knit. There is a pattern for more advanced knitters and for beginners.

**What:** Prayer shawls are given to people related to Our Redeemer's who are experiencing grief, distress, significant illness or are near death.

**Why:** Shawls enfold, comfort, cover, wrap, give solace, warmth, hug, shelter and beautify. They are symbolic of inclusive and unconditional loving. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed. The shawls act as a tangible reminder of God's embrace and our prayers for them. Our Redeemer's just gave our 100th prayer shawl!



Is your love language "Acts of Service"? If so, *Take a Meal Ministry* is looking for cooks to deliver meals to one of our many members who could use the comfort of a home cooked meal. It is easy! An email will be sent to you and you can sign up for a date which works in your schedule. Make a meal and deliver it and you are done!

For more information, please contact Lisa Mathews at 465-5580 or [lewm03@gmail.com](mailto:lewm03@gmail.com)



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### FLBC High School Ski Retreat - January 10-12 2019

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is hosting a youth ski retreat January 10-12. This is a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other youth groups from around the state. Youth Groups will stay at camp and each group will decide whether they would like to ski at Big Mountain or Blacktail Ski Resort on Saturday and Sunday. The Camp will provide all meals, including sack lunches. Evening activities include games, snacks, bonfire, worship and more.

- Cost: \$115 per person (includes all meals, snacks and lodging). Registration forms are available in Youth Loft. **Youth are responsible for their own lift tickets and rental costs at the ski resorts.**

**If you are interested in participating, please turn in the registration form below and registration fee to Jackie by December 18th.**

Questions?! Please call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842 or email at [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org)



Youth from ORLC and St. John's put there hands and hearts to work Loving and Serving their neighbors right here in Helena. It's amazing what they can accomplish is just 20 hours:

- **300+ pounds of food** was collected for Helena Food Share.

- **5 blankets** were made for the Linus project— children in need.

- **52 Blessing Kits** were assembled for the homeless in Helena.

- **520 pounds of leaves** were raked up and removed from our elders' yards!


- **Plus** worship, fellowship, campfire, fun and games! Thanks be to God for our youth and all that help encourage and support them each day!





# November 2019



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>3</b> <b>8:30am - Worship + KidTime</b> 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 9:45am - Memory Loss Support Group - Conference Room <b>11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary</b> 2:00pm - Making Sense of the Christian Faith - HS Loft	<b>4</b> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Loft 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>5</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft  Preschool Fundraiser at Panda Express
<b>10</b> <b>8:30am - Worship + KidTime</b> 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 9:45am - Design Charette - Community Room 9:45am - Baptism Class - AD-1 <b>11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary</b>	<b>11</b> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room	<b>12</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board - AD1 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room
<b>17</b> Return Faith Promise Card <b>8:30am - Worship + KidTime</b> 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 2:00pm - Making Sense of the Christian Faith - HS Loft 5:30pm - Family Promise	<b>18</b> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 5:30pm - Family Promise 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Loft 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room  ~~~~~Operation Christmas Child November 18—24~~~~~	<b>19</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 9:30am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Room Room 6:00pm - Council - Conference 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft  ~~~~~Operation Christmas Child November 18—24~~~~~
<b>24</b> Helena Food Share Thanksgiving grocery bag collection <b>8:30am - Worship + KidTime</b> 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room <b>11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary</b> 12:15pm - Youth Servant Trip Meeting - Loft  Christmas Wreath pick-up - ORLC Shed	<b>25</b> 12:15pm - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Men's Bible Study - CR5-6	<b>26</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 5:30pm - Hunger Team 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30am - Fall Family Festival & Bazaar
<b>6</b> <b>6:30pm - WOW! Worship</b> 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - HS Loft	<b>7</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 7:15pm - Choir Practice  <div>5:30-8:00pm - Thrivent Workday to support Montana military 2806 Billings Avenue</div> 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30am - CC Football Concessions Youth Fundraiser
<b>13</b> <b>6:30pm - WOW! Worship</b> 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - HS Loft	<b>14</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 1:30pm - Blood Drive - Community Room 6:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>15</b> Voice Articles Due	<b>16</b>
<b>20</b> Helena Food Share Thanksgiving grocery bag collection 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conf. Rm <b>6:30pm - WOW! Worship</b> 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - HS Loft  ~~~~~Operation Christmas Child November 18—24~~~~~	<b>21</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>27</b> 7:00pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service - Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church - 1502 Shirley Rd	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day 	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>