



**Proposed 2020 Budget Meetings**

Congregational members, please mark your calendars and plan on attending our budget presentation meeting on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the first service. This meeting introduces the 2020 budget for deliberation. Sarah Magee and Church Council members are glad to answer questions and discuss options.

The annual budget meeting will be **December 15<sup>th</sup>** in the Great Room at 9:45am. This meeting requires a quorum to approve the budget so please plan on attending this meeting.

This plan is how we live out our mission to “reach out to serve”, we ask for your prayers and support.

**Religious Icons**

From the very first churches, the art of painting icons has been a tool to deepen faith. Depictions of Christ, Mary, and all variety of saints have been painted to teach the things of faith. Icons have been described as “windows into heaven.” Using icons in meditation is a form of prayer in many traditions. These religious works of art are a way to experience the presence of God in our lives.

Recently, our church home received an addition to our sanctuary in the quilted image of the Christ that is behind our altar. This altar piece features many iconic images worthy of our meditation.

- Christ crucified and Christ risen
- The expansiveness of God in the four seasons, the sun and the moon and the stars
- The Birth of Christ in the Bethlehem star
- The swaddling clothes of the manger and the grave clothes from the tomb
- The all-encompassing embrace of God
- The tree from the garden by which sin entered our world and the cross which becomes the tree of eternal life

In your meditation and prayer, you may no doubt find additional meaning from our new altar piece.

We give thanks to the artists whose faithfulness and dedication have given us this tremendous addition to our sanctuary. Gratitude to Charlene Mayala, Janet Erickson and Cheryl Liedle.

The graphic used for our altar piece is found on page 11 of our church hymnal. It is used by permission of Augsburg Fortress Press.

Wishing you Advent peace and a blessed Christmas Season!

Pastor Arne

**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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## Advent Midweek Worship Thursdays at 6:30pm

The season of Advent midweek worship services provide us an opportunity to pray, read, and sing together around the themes of "Do less," "Wonder," and "Hope."

It is hard to feel still.  
 Our to-do lists are long.  
 It is hard to be present.  
 We long to be still.  
 What can you let go of, that you might rest?  
 What can we not do, that we might be present with Christ?

December 5 - Do less

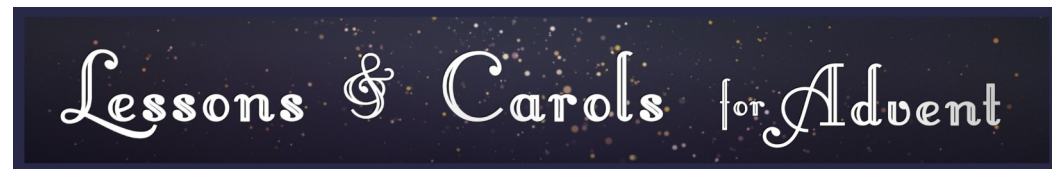
What can you let go of or erase from your to-do list in order to be more present with Christ this Advent?

December 12 - Experience wonder

How can we experience wonder for God's works and be fed by wonder in this busy season?

December 19 - Hold on to hope

How can we hold on to hope in the midst of the world's troubles?



Please join us for a special worship service of scripture readings and music to welcome the season of Advent. An offering will be taken for our benevolence fund, which helps fund five local charities.  
 Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

### Tax Tip



Are you 70 ½ or older? Are you or will you be taking a required mandatory distribution from an IRA or other qualified plan? If not, you don't have to read this short article. If you are, this is just a reminder that you can contribute to the church, directly from your plan, TAX FREE! You just need to contact your plan administrator and tell them when and how much. As the gift goes from your plan to the church, or another non-profit, you don't have to pay income taxes on that gift. That's a win-win if there ever was one. If you have questions, please consult your plan administrator, or your tax preparer.

Jan Martin  
 ORLC Treasurer

Thanks to our communion bread bakers for the year:

Barbara Penner  
 Ben Spiger  
 Carly Bergquist  
 Debbie Hanson  
 Ingrid Childress  
 Jackie Bartz  
 Karen Armstrong  
 Kristi Antosh  
 Lisa Williams-Mathews  
 Mary Robertson  
 Sandy Bay



If you are interested in baking communion bread, please contact Kim Randall at [kimwrandl@hotmail.com](mailto:kimwrandl@hotmail.com) or 431-5638, for more details.

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

Sunday, December 15 @ 5:00pm

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**Christmas is a-coming!...**

...and that means the need for Worship Assistants increases. Besides our normal five Sundays in December (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the 29<sup>th</sup>) we will have Christmas Eve (the 24<sup>th</sup>) and Christmas Day (the 25<sup>th</sup>) services. As you begin planning your holidays with friends and family, we hope, if you are in town, a service at Our Redeemer's is in your plans. We would love to have you here and look forward to your assistance in making it a very worthwhile service for all who attend.

With that, we have developed a sign-up sheet that will be near the entrance to the sanctuary for you to add your name if you can help with being the reader/lector, greeting, ushering, serving communion, or helping with the AV equipment. This sign-up sheet reflects the number of assistants of each type that will be needed for each service. [The number of boxes under each category indicates how many.] For reference, those Christmas Service times are:

Christmas Eve: 10am, 4pm, 6pm, and 10pm

Christmas Day at 10am

Thank you for your consideration in helping these services run smoothly by being a worship assistant.

In Christ, Kristi Antosh – Worship Assistant Coordinator

<b>Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup></b>		
Captain	Todd and Carol Will	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Ruth Straley, Ron & Marian Paulson, Carol & Todd Will, Lynda & Larry Hanson	Linda Coty, Lisa Mathews Lori Chase, Lori Bigwood-Pecarina
Greeters	Designated Team Members	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Ushers	Carol & Todd Will, Bill Straley, Jerry Hoover, Larry Hanson, Ron Paulson	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Lector	Joe Ruby	Lori Bigwood-Pecarina
Prayer Team	Bonner & Karen Armstrong	Melanie Denning, Kevin Mathews
Kid Time	No KidTime	No KidTime
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Lisa Mathews
<b>Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	David Thompson
Communion Assistants	Glenn & Janet Erickson, Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson, Kim Randall
Greeters	Helen Bunkowske	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Ushers	Ken Kolb, Roy Hemry	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Joy Novota	Dana White
Prayer Team	Sharlene Kolb, Julie Peck	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Jackie Bartz	Liz Swenson
Altar Guild	Dora Lindner	Linda Huso
<b>Sunday, Decemer 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
Captain	Lorna Meyer	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Judy McMaster, Mary Williams	Craig Erickson, Susan Bergland, Maureen Ward
Greeters	Pat Lumma	Byron Beley, Mike Swingley
Ushers	Norm Rognlie, Tom Johnson	Byron Beley, Mike Swingley
Lector	Lorna Meyer	Craig Erickson
Prayer Team	Dee Dee Fischer	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Liz Swenson	Sara Juers
Altar Guild	Joan Haubein	Lisa Mathews
<b>Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
Captain	Ray Read	Janice & Stewart Kirkpatrick
Communion Assistants	Scott & Lori Walter, Ben Spiger, Gretchen Krumm	Kevin & Lisa Mathews, Janice Kirkpatrick
Greeters	Gordon Blomquist	Stewart & Janice Kirkpatrick
Ushers	Norm Midtlyng, Bonner Armstrong	Stewart & Janice Kirkpatrick
Lector	Ingrid Childress	Kevin Mathews
Prayer Team	Helen Bunkowske and Bob DenHerder	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Mary Robertson	Mary Robertson
Altar Guild	Sharon Redfern	Open
<b>Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
Captain	Ruth & Bill Straley	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Sharlene Kolb, Linda Nelson, Kristi Antosh Ruth Straley	Mary Williams, Kim Randall, Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Greeters	Ingrid Childress, Ruth Straley	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Ushers	Don & Ingrid Childress, Bill Straley	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Linda Nelson	Kathy Olson
Prayer Team	Dee Dee Fischer	Kevin Mathews and Kathy Olson
Kid Time	No KidTime	
Altar Guild	Open	Open



**GOD'S LOVE  
HATS, GLOVES/MITTENS, SOCK DRIVE**

The cold weather is here and it loves to stay around. When lacking proper attire the days are quite miserable if one is out and about. We are once again having our annual hat, gloves/mitten, and sock drive for God's Love during the month of January. If you can donate an item or two, anything helps. It does not have to be brand new. We ask that any items be clean and in good shape [no holes please]. Perhaps you received one too many hats or pairs of gloves for Christmas. Instead of saving them in a drawer or shoving them on a shelf, please consider donating. Socks, especially for men, are especially needed this time of year. Items may be for a man, woman, or child. In the winter, God's Love has a greater need for men's items. The donation box is located in the Great Room.

THANK YOU to Our Redeemer's congregation for the continual support and generosity to God's Love throughout the entire year. It is absolutely amazing and heartwarming to drop off the sleeping bags, blankets, towels, coats, clothing, dishes, hygiene products, household products, food, etc. etc. you have generously donated throughout the entire year. Your incredible giving and thoughtfulness showers God's Love with your love and kindness. Sadly, folks less fortunate or homeless are too often ignored or treated with revulsion. The majority did not become this way overnight. Through your donations and giving we pray we make an honest, human connection to all and let them know we care.

*God bless,*  
Bruce & Judy McMaster  
God's Love Coordinators

**Council Meeting Summary – November 19,**

**Financials** – Giving in October was below plan for both general fund and building fund. The council voted to repay borrowed funds with the \$1816 balance before paying benevolence. We currently owe \$36,345 for benevolence. Giving to the building fund was below the minimum payment amount. This continues to draw down the building reserve fund.

**Property Assessment** – The property assessment is now \$54,000, a 50% increase over the previous year. The first half payment (\$27,000) was paid using funds designated for Horseshoe Bend improvements. This payment represents a \$10,000 increase over the amount budgeted for the November payment. Although we expect our tax payment in 2020 to decrease significantly, we are still working on reducing our assessment due in May.

**Personnel Committee** – The committee is updating job descriptions for non-rostered staff.

**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.

**Committee Reports** – All committee reports are to be submitted to Lori Walter before December 13.

**Investments** – The council voted to transfer \$200,000 in the Mission Investment Fund for Horseshoe Bend Road to a one-year CD. This will provide more interest income on the funds. The one-year term was selected due to the likelihood that Horseshoe Bend will be developed in 2021.

**2020 Budget** – The council was provided with the final draft of the 2020 budget. The draft is about \$25,400 lower than the current budget. The council voted to present the budget to the congregation. A budget forum is scheduled for December 8 and the congregational meeting to vote on the budget is scheduled for December 15.

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

**December Bible Study**

This month we will study a creative Advent devotional based on the book of Isaiah.

**Dorcas Bible study**

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 9:30am at Touchmark

**Rebecca Bible study**

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at noon at the Silver Star Steak Company for our annual Christmas luncheon followed by the Bible study.

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

**The WELCA Board**

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 10:00am

**Quilting for Lutheran World Relief**

Tuesdays at 9:00am

**Sew in Love Service Group**

Thursdays at 9:00am

**Thank You**

The Women of the ELCA are very appreciative of all those who supported our Thankoffering campaign in October. The funds collected provide much needed support for the national WELCA organization and enable them to provide resources to the unit here at Our Redeemer's.



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

**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 | Sawyer Linke    | Cody Stipcich     |
| Micah Emmons             | Roger Henschel     | Erin Mills      | Darrell Stipcich  |
| Jessilyn Emmons          | Paul Horst         | James Morrison  | Victoria Stipcich |
| Joe Fischer              | Anela Henry        | Brian Neal      |                   |
| Grant Gagnon             | Wade Henry         | Keith Nordquist |                   |
| Jackie Copenhaver-Girard | Cody Johnson       | Chris Oelkers   |                   |

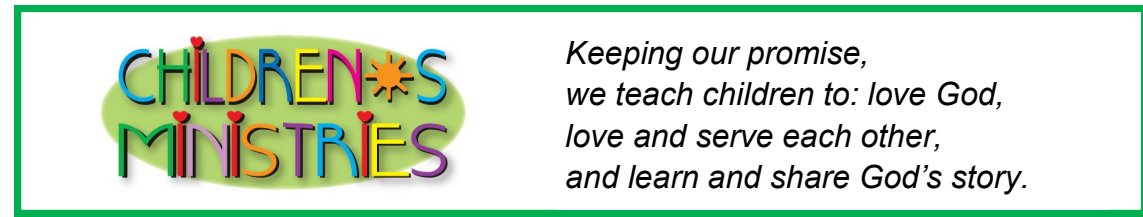
**Our Seminarian**

Taran Denning



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Karen Armstrong Alyson Dunkle Madi Linares Libby Martin Chase Sampson John Wadhams	9	Alexander Wickens Sam Fischer Kevin Harrington Laurel Orthmeyer Craig Trapp Lacie Willard	20	Mark Robertson Byron Beley McKenna Robertson Chris Denning Rhett Quinn Madeline Richards Mariah Thompson Lyle Pratt
3	Marla Maharg Jim Schulz	11	Steve Keller	21	Ryan Swenson Vonda Dyrdaahl Nikki Goosen Chris May Darrell Stipcich Hildegard Krumm Janet Erickson Julia Goughnour Leah Martin Charlie Brown Liliana Swenson
4	Jan Anderson Bailey Marble Thea Swenson	12	Ingrid Childress Mike Maynard Martin Russell	22	Jeff Berglund Lauren Heuiser Linda Huso Jenny Moore Cathy Reagor
5	Randy Carlson Sharlene Kolb	13	Mackenzie Grimmis Blair Krumm	24	
6	Madison Grotbo Dayna Willcut Brooklynn Haab Jessica Salo Kimberly Shaner Tami Darlow Norm Midtlyng John Wright	15	Carol Maynard Mike Randall Maureen Ward Taran Denning Jocelyn Gates	25	
7		16	Kaden Juers Emily Walter	26	
8		17	Tim Cail Erin Mills Nolan Burke Ann Harris	28	
		18		29	
		19		30	



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 2:00-5:00pm  
**Who:** All Children (PreK-5th 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



Please RSVP by Dec 6<sup>th</sup>: Email Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org)

**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@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) if you're interested. All materials provided!

**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.



*Happy Anniversary*

**December Anniversaries**  
**Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!**

12/4	Walter and Phyllis Bauer	71 years
12/27	John and Carla Cronholm	67 years
12/27	Ron and Marian Paulson	60 years
12/29	John and Karen Darlow	57 years
12/30	Randy and Connie Carlson	52 years
12/30	Bruce and Judy McMaster	50 years
12/27	Larry and Lynda Hanson	49 years
12/20	Kapp and Bonnie Johnson	44 years
12/27	Bill and Darbie Hess	43 years

**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



**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 9:45 to practice as a whole group! The performance will be during Lessons and Carols on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30.

- ♦ 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!

**Christmas Vacation Schedule for Children's Ministries**

**Sunday School -**  
 No Class December 1<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
**KidTime -**  
 No Class December 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
**KidzEd -**  
 No Class December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>

**HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

**SAVE the DATE!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
 VBS will be  
**June 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
 More information coming soon!



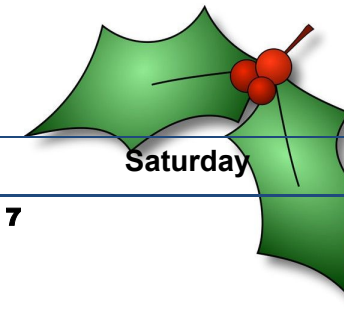


# HOLY COMMOTION!

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.



**Summer Youth Servant Trip**

**Team Meeting**

**When:** Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15pm

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

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

**\*Bring your own lunch to eat as we talk!**



**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. **Plus, no activation fees!**

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.

**WOW! Retreat**

**February 15-17, 2020**


**Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp**



This year's WOW retreat will be held at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp February 15-17, 2020! The weekend will be filled with delicious food, games by the fire, sing-alongs, skits, small group discussions, and outrageous adventures! **Be sure to invite a friend along for this awesome weekend.**

This year's theme is:

**Walk on Water**



What were you scared of as a child? Even adults still get afraid when we face "storms" in life. So, what can we do when we are afraid? Who can we call upon? How do we overcome our fear, step out of the boat and *Walk on Water*?

For more information or registration on this event, please contact Pastor Kendra at [kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org) or Jackie at [jackie@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:jackie@ourredeemerlives.org)

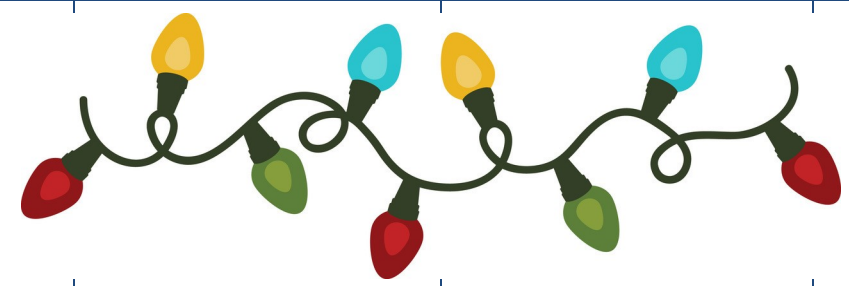
**Pick Up Your Christmas Wreaths!**



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 or anytime after by checking with the church office. **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.**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 6:30pm - Lessons & Carols Rehearsal 6:30pm - Lessons & Carols Worship 7:30pm - Safehouse - HS Loft	<b>5</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 6:30pm - Advent Worship 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>11</b> 6:30pm - WOW! Worship 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - HS Loft  Intermountain Adopt a Cottage gifts due	<b>12</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 6:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 6:30pm - Advent Worship 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>18</b> 10:00am - Preschool Christmas Program 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Silver Star 6:30pm - WOW! Worship 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - HS Loft  FLBC Ski Retreat Registration due	<b>19</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 10:00am - Preschool Christmas Program 1:00pm - Preschool Christmas Program 6:30pm - Advent Worship 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 5:00pm - Intermountain Christmas Party	<b>21</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00am - Christmas Day Worship	<b>26</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>





## 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>1</b> 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 9:45am - Memory Loss Support Group - Conference Room 11:00am - Worship 6:30pm - Lessons & Carols Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>2</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Loft	<b>3</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share 6:30pm - Lessons & Carols Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft 7:00pm - College Q & A - Starbucks on Lyndale
<b>8</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Financial Forum - Community Room 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 9:45am - Baptism Class - AD-1 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 2:00pm - Children's Ministries Christmas Celebration	<b>9</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room	<b>10</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>15</b> Voice Articles Due 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 9:45am - 2020 Budget Meeting 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 12:15pm - Youth Servant Trip Meeting - Loft	<b>16</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main	<b>17</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 9:30am - Dorcas Bible Study - Touchmark 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Council - Conference 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
<b>22</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary	<b>23</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main	<b>24</b> 10:00am - Christmas Eve Worship 4:00pm - Christmas Eve Worship 6:00pm - Christmas Eve Worship 10:00pm - Christmas Eve Worship
<b>29</b> 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship	<b>30</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main	<b>31</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6

## Safehouse in December

High school youth please join us during the month of December as we serve our community, give back to one special family, and rediscover the Real Reason for the Season.



**Dec. 4-** Join us for Lessons and Carols at 6:30pm! Safehouse will have a special Advent gathering in the youth loft afterwards.

**Dec. 11-** Everyone will be assembling Holiday food packs with Helena Food Share and then, Safehouse shops for the Intermountain Children's Adopt a Cottage Christmas Program. Bring any dollars or change you wish to help contribute.

**Dec. 18-** Safehouse Christmas Party - Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share & a white elephant gift to exchange (\$5 or less please)

**Dec. 25 & Jan. 1-** Happy Christmas Break - No Safehouse

## Safehouse Adopts A Cottage!

This year, Safehouse youth with their generous hearts have decided to make Christmas extra special for a cottage of 8 children ages 8-14, in the residential program at Intermountain. Our youth will be shopping for each child so that he or she will receive 2-3 gifts from their wish list, a pair of pajamas, a large box of their favorite cereal and a book.



To make this happen, our youth put together their own pennies, nickels, dimes, and a few dollars to purchase the gifts. To ensure that no one is left out or short, we are asking the Congregation to help out! The youth have built a fireplace with stockings

to be adopted and filled and ornaments with gift ideas to be purchased. **If your heart feels called to help the youth in this joyous gift to children, please take a stocking or ornament fulfill the request and return it no later than December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Thank you for your generosity and love for all children!

**Have Random Questions about College and don't know who to ask?** Ask a Carroll College student! Join us at Starbucks on Lyndale between 7-8:30pm on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, for a beverage, Q & A and great conversation with some current college students!. No question, worry, or thought is silly - All are welcome!



## 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 the 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 (found in the loft or the usher's desk) and registration fee to Jackie by December 18th.**

Questions?! Please call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842 or email at jackie@ourredeemerlives.org

Merry Christmas from Preschool!

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to express our deep gratitude to this congregation for your support of this ministry. We thank God each day for the ways in which we can enrich the lives of children and families at Our Redeemer's Preschool.

Our preschoolers are beginning to learn songs to share at our Christmas programs. The voices of small children singing Christmas songs will surely get everyone into the spirit of Christmas! Our Christmas programs will be held Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Programs will take place in the sanctuary with cookies and drinks to follow in the Great Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Below is our performance schedule:

	Wednesday December 18, 10:00 am MW Threes, AM PreK *****
	Thursday December 19, 10:00 am TuTh Threes, AM Fours *****
	Thursday December 19, 1:00 pm PM Fours, PM PreK

Our Panda Express fundraiser in early November was a great success. We made \$243, which will be used to enhance our technology capability! Thanks to all who took part in this, on our behalf.

In November, the preschool teamed with the congregation in filling bags for Helena Food Share and boxes for Operation Christmas Child. It is heartwarming to see the generosity of our preschool and church families.

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**Repeat Request for Kid Packs**

We are once again requesting low-sugar snack bars for the kid packs program for the month of December. So while you're playing Santa Claus, pick up some snack bars for hungry kids, as well. Thank you to everyone for your continuing generosity.

**Kid Pack Assemblies**

We are assembling kid packs on Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 4-6 PM at the Helena Food Share Oakes Street warehouse. Please notify Sandy Merdinger ([slymerdinger@yahoo.com](mailto:slymerdinger@yahoo.com)) if you wish to help. We appreciate your willingness but also want to be sure that there is room for everyone in these cramped quarters. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

**No December Hunger Meeting**

The Hunger Team will not meet this month. Any questions or requests for the committee should be addressed to Linda Nelson ([ralinelson@yahoo.com](mailto:ralinelson@yahoo.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, December 4, 2019. 12-1:30** "Winter Lunch and It's Not All Oompah Music!" The Continental Divide Tuba Society is a group of Tuba, Baritone, and Euphonium players whose main interest is having fun. Join us for a musical interlude that will impress and delight you after enjoying a festive winter lunch. 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 am** (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, December 18, 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](http://www.bridgeshcc.org). Contact Nanette at 406-449-4900 for more information.

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

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