

**Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Worship at Noon and 6:30pm

**Mid-week Lenten Worship**

**Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2**

Soup Supper at 5:45pm

Worship at 6:30pm

**Sunday & Wednesday Worship as Usual**



*The season of Lent is nearly upon us! This year, let us take some extra time to be with Christ.*

*You are invited to take the Lenten journey with all of us at ORLC, beginning with receiving ashes on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, then attending worship weekly, and finally observing Holy week with Palm Sunday (featuring the annual Passion Mime by ORLC youth), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday worship. In addition, we offer contemplative worship Thursday evenings. We encourage you to make Lent a season of spiritual growth.*



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# THE VOICE

***“The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.” Mark 2:27-28***

After five years of ministry with the congregation, I am eligible for a sabbatical. At last Tuesday's church council meeting the council approved the dates for a sabbatical as May 4 – July 27, 2020.

Sabbatical time is sabbath for the pastor. There are three sabbatical practices noted in scripture. It is first noted in Genesis where God rested on the seventh day. Even though Jesus healed on the sabbath, he still held to the sabbath idea of rest and renewal. He often went away to pray by himself and even retreated to the wilderness for forty days.

A second practice was found as Israel held to the practice of allowing their fields to rest every seven years. To this day, we see this practice in modern agricultures practice of crop rotation.

Lastly, scripture lifts up the Jubilee year. Every fifty years, Israel celebrated with no harvest, produce or rent, but with debt forgiveness and the return of land to the original owners.

In my case, I will be forming a committee from the congregation to offer guidance to how I might best “keep sabbath.” There is no doubt that it will include the opportunity to renew relationships with God as well as with family and friends. I know that part of my sabbatical will take place as I lead a tour to the Holy Land (there are still openings on the tour). There are a number of continuing education opportunities that I might take advantage. The main goal however, will be that of rest, relaxation and renewal.

I have had one sabbatical in my time as a pastor. I have witnessed many other clergy who have had sabbaticals as well. I know that these times are positive for both the clergy and their families, as well as the congregation.

Peace,  
Pastor Arne

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



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

### Children's Ministries Schedule

**Sunday School—No** Sunday School on Feb 16th  
**KidTime—No** KidTime on Feb 16th

### 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@ 9:45am for Sunday School or Wednesday @ 7:15pm for KidzEd!



Contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) for more information or to volunteer!

### Do you enjoy being around children?

We are looking for Volunteers for **KidTime!**

8:30am OR 11:00am

Sundays During Worship

Please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) if interested.

All materials provided!

### Come to the Table

*Come to the Table* classes will be held for children in fourth grade and other families interested in learning about Holy Communion.



**Please save these dates:**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Communion 101:** An instructional time for both communicant and parents about Holy Communion.

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - Seder Meal:** An interactive Passover Seder Meal for the communicant and their family.

An invitation will be sent to all fourth grade students and their families. If you have any questions, please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) or Pastor Kendra at [kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org).



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

Saturday, February 15 @ 5:00pm

[loriw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:loriw@ourredeemerlives.org)

**Sunday, February 2nd**

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 Williams Mathews, Mary Williams, 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	Lorna Meyer	Lori Bigwood-Pecarina
Prayer Team	Bonner & Karen Armstrong	Melanie Denning, Kevin Mathews
Kid Time	Mary Robertson	Mary Robertson
Altar Guild	Sharon	Lisa

**Sunday, February 9th**

Captain	Kristi Antosh	David Thompson
Communion Assistants	Janet Erickson, Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson, Kim Randall
Greeters	Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Ushers	Ken Kolb, Roy Henry	Carl Tanberg, David Thompson
Lector	Linda Nelson	Kathy Olson
Prayer Team	Sharlene Kolb, Julie Peck	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Liz Swenson	Liz Swenson
Altar Guild	Dora	

**Sunday, February 16th**

Captain	Lorna Meyer	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Judy McMaster, Mary Williams, Lorna Meyer	Craig Erickson, Lori Chase, Susan Bergland, Maureen Ward
Greeters	Pat Lumma	Byron Beley, Bryan Hanson
Ushers	Norm Rognlie, Tom Johnson	Byron Beley, Bryan Hanson
Lector	Dwight Hiesterman	Craig Erickson
Prayer Team	Dee Dee Fischer	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	No KidTime	No KidTime
Altar Guild	Charlene	

**Sunday, February 23rd**

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	Kristi Antosh	Marie Rauch
Prayer Team	Bob DenHerder	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Jackie Bartz	Liz Swenson
Altar Guild	Sharon	Lisa

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26th**

<b>NOON service</b>		<b>6:30 PM service</b>	
Communion Assistants	Ruth Straley, Ingrid Childress, Kristi Antosh	Janet Erickson, Gary & Dee Dee Fischer, Maureen Ward, Kathy Olson, Lori Chase	
Ushers	Don Childress, Dave Mehl	Byron Beley, Kevin Mathews	
Lector	Linda Nelson	Lisa Williams-Mathews	

# HUNGER TEAM

## Kid Packs for February

### Call for Juice Box

Helena Food Share has requested individual servings of juice for the month of February. Find your favorite at your local supermarket and place them in the HFS crates in the hallway. Thank you for all those fruit cups you donated during the month of January!



### Kid Pack Assemblies

We continue to assemble kid packs on the first three Tuesdays of every month, 4-6 PM at the Oakes Street warehouse. If you wish to help, please notify Sandy Merdinger ([slymerdinger@yahoo.com](mailto:slymerdinger@yahoo.com)). She keeps an up-to-date list of all persons who assist with the program and manages to have just the right number of assemblers each week.

## Family Promise

### Our Redeemer's Hosts Families



Our Redeemer's will be hosting Family Promise families the week of February 9-15. Our local coordinators, Kathy Olson ([kathyolson8686@gmail.com](mailto:kathyolson8686@gmail.com)) and Janet Whitmoyer ([jwhit6513@gmail.com](mailto:jwhit6513@gmail.com)) are working to coordinate the services needed during that time.

Please contact one of them if you need more details about this week. And thank you to the 30-40 persons in our congregation who go out of their way to provide hospitality to our neighbors during this week.

### Comfort Food Challenge

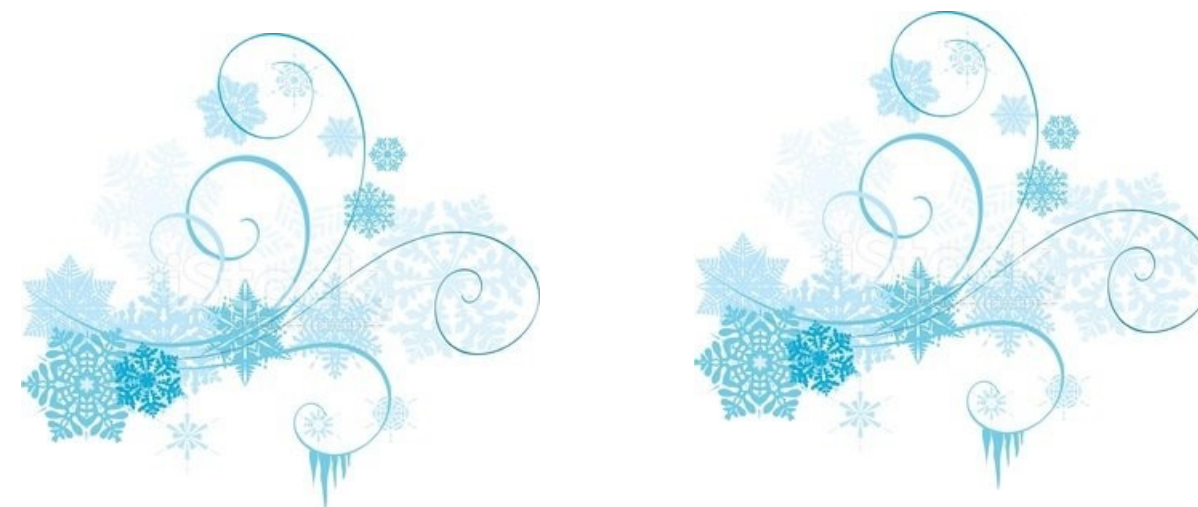


Hey everyone! How would you like to help support children and their families experiencing homelessness in our community while enjoying delicious food, and entertainment?

On Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, Family Promise will be hosting the Comfort Food Challenge at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds from 4:00 to 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for an adult or \$35.00 for a family. Kids under 6 are free. Your ticket gets you all-you-can-eat samples of comfort foods, soda, coffee, and water. Bring extra cash to vote for your favorite foods, buy deserts, or purchase raffle tickets. Tickets are available at the door or you can purchase them in advance from members of The Hunger Team. Our Redeemers will again provide our ever popular popcorn bar. Be sure to look for us there! Questions? Please call Kathy Olson 431-8686 or Janet Whitmoyer at 459-6513

## Hunger Team Meeting

**Tuesday, February 25, 5:30pm:** Hunger Team meeting. Bring your own snack or brown bag dinner. New members are always welcome. Questions should be addressed to Linda Nelson ([ralinelson@yahoo.com](mailto:ralinelson@yahoo.com)).







# 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.

## Safehouse Special Events in February



High school youth please join us during the month of February as enjoy some fun fellowship and seek to answer some deep questions about God and our faith.

Feb. 14-17—WOW Retreat @ FLBC

## Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

### Our Members

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

### Our Family and Friends

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

### 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

## TACO JOHN'S Night!

The Fresh Taste of West-Mex

Are you busy running around town picking up or dropping your children at various activities or just running errands? Not sure what you are going to whip up for dinner? Problem solved! Stop by the Prospect Taco John's on Thursday, February 20 between 5-7pm for dinner at the Montana Ave. location. Simply say you would like to support the ORLC Youth and a portion of all sales will go directly to them!



## PASSION MIME REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCES SCHEDULE

Youth interested in being a part of the Mime? Plan ahead and mark your calendar with these dates! It's very important you are able to attend practices.



Sunday, March 8: Rehearsal of the first third of the Passion Mime 6-9pm

Sunday, March 15: Rehearsal of the second third of the Passion Mime 6-9pm

Sunday, March 22: Rehearsal of the final third of the Passion Mime 6-9pm

Wednesday, March 25: Final run-through of the Passion Mime from 7:15-9pm

Sunday, April 5: Performances at 8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Wednesday, April 8: at 6:30 pm - WOW Passion Mime Performance.

## WOW RETREAT: STAFFERS' TRAINING



WHEN: SUN., JAN. 26 @ 6:00PM

WHERE: YOUTH LOFT

WHAT: SHARE A SNACK WITH YOUR FELLOW STAFFERS, GET INFO ON THE WEEKEND EVENTS, PLAN SKITS, AND SO MUCH MORE!

## Summer Youth Servant Trip Team

### Meeting

When: Sunday, February 23 @ 12:15 p.m.



Where: In the Youth Loft @ ORLC.

What: We'll get to know one another as a team, finalize our Raffle tickets and sponsorship envelopes, talk travel arrangements, and much more!

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



# February BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Sawyer Johnson	2/7 Bryce Beley	Kent Haab	2/19 Dan Rispens
Brit Linder	Janine Robertson	Dwight Hiesterman	2/20 Linda Gaughan
Adalynn Smith	2/8 Hunter Henschel	Alicia Reber-Jensen	Bill Stroh
Cindy Steinmetz	Brennan Jensen	2/13 Jim Anderson	2/21 Delaney Aschim
Wayne Weikart	Linda Read	Russell Ellis	Lilian Keeton
2/2 Cayden Dorrington	Jennifer Scoles	Kathleen Ford	Diana Koch
Dylan Maharg	Bella Yearry	2/14 John Cronholm	Dan McLean
Karen Nelson	2/9 Marie Rauch	Loren Gustafson	2/22 Claire Boe
Julie Peck	2/10 Dennis Heffner	Kelli Johnson	Billeta Dunn
2/3 Amy Heuser	2/11 Brooke Ark	2/15 Phyllis Bauer	2/23 Rick Chapman
Molly Protheroe	Rachel Baranek	Scott Erickson	2/24 Rick Elhart
Paislie Smith	Arne Bergland	Ava Meldrum	Seth McDaid
2/4 Eileen McLane	Bryan Bergquist	Hannah Robertson	2/25 Bill Engle
Al Tompkins	Ashleigh Heimbach	2/16 Wayne Gabbert	2/26 Ralph Nelson
2/5 Jill Burger	Zane Listoe	2/17 Logan Colegrove	2/27 Nathanael Hafer
Judith Illikainen	Faith McAlpin	Lynsey McHugh	Pauline Knatterud
Todd Passage	Rob Stuberg	Matty Meldrum	Anna Young
2/6 Anthony McAlpin	2/12 Nedra Brown	Mike Rand	
Gerritt Merrill	Kayla Thomas	Sydney Barry	
Clarice Smith	Izaak Dike	2/18 Chad Richards	
Haileigh Tompkins	Kayla Forgey		

# 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? The dark?**

**Monsters under your bed?** Now that you're older, you've defeated all of your fears...right? It's okay if you haven't, 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)

# Sign Up Now!

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! My parent has filled out a 2019-20 Permission Slip and it has been mailed in/turned in!

I need a new permission slip sent to me, please!

Please contact me about a scholarship to cover the registration fee. **Please don't stay home due to the**

\* Please return this registration form and \$150.00 to ORLC by January 31st. The \$150 is non-refundable.

\* Make checks payable to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.

### 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. The emergency department at St. Peter's hospital has a separate record keeping system that does not synchronize with the rest of the hospital, therefore if you are admitted to the hospital through the emergency room, your name will not be listed on the report for Our Redeemer's. 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



### February Anniversaries Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

2/4/1974	Gene & Kathleen Ford	46 years
2/16/1974	Ron & Donna Greenwood	46 years
2/22/1964	Lynn & Annette Wakefield	56 years
2/26/1977	Clayton & Kathy Schenck	43 years

### Baptisms



<b>10/27/2019</b>	<b>Donna Thomas</b>
<b>12/18/2019</b>	<b>Lilian Keeton</b>
<b>12/24/2019</b>	<b>Audrina Combs</b>
<b>1/5/2020</b>	<b>Emmett Byron Dike</b>
<b>1/29/2020</b>	<b>Bodie Harrison Taflan</b>



**February Bible Study**

Our new study, "We are called!" continues with Session Two, "Disciples of Christ," where we will learn that Jesus invites us all to take up the cross and follow him.

**Dorcus Bible study** - Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 10:00am

**Rebecca Bible study** - Wednesday, Feb. 19 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, Feb. 11 at 10:00am

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

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

**Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Scholarships**

WELCA will again offer a scholarship to any student in the congregation who needs financial assistance to attend Bible camp. Applications are available in the narthex and should be submitted to the church office.

**Lutheran College Scholarships**

A one-time scholarship from WELCA is available to any student in the congregation who will be attending a Lutheran college. Applications can be obtained from Jackie Bartz and should be turned into the church office. The deadline for receiving applications is May 1.

**The Numbers Are In:**

We are happy to report the final financial results for the 2019 Fall Family Festival and Bazaar. It was a very successful event and we realized net proceeds of \$8069.86 which were allocated as follows:

ORLC Home Nursery	\$ 230
Camperships and Bibles	1500
Lutheran World Relief Kits and delivery	250
Quilters supplies	900
Youth in Global Missions	1000
Undesignated	69.86
Join the Journey	600
Lutheran World Relief	500
ORLC Emergency Assistance	520
Flathead Bible Camp	400
Lutheran Social Services ( St. John's United)	500
Family Promise	450
God's Love	700
Friendship Center	450



**Preschool News**

We are excited to announce registration for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Current students, alumni preschool families, and church members may register on Tuesday, February 11 (forms may be dropped off or mailed in before that day) and registration opens to the community on Tuesday,

February 18.

Our Redeemer's Preschool offers classes for 3, 4 and 5 year old students (age as of September 10, 2020). We believe each child is a unique and precious child of God and we provide age-appropriate opportunities for each child to experience success in a Christian setting. Our ultimate goal is to prepare children for life's adventures by letting them experience the joys of learning, friendships and God's love through both play-based and instructional methods. Information about class offerings as well as registration forms are available on the church website: [www.ourredeemerlives.org](http://www.ourredeemerlives.org) (click the Preschool tab). Brochures and registration materials are also available in the church office. If you would like more information or have any questions please call Trudy at 442-7842 extension 20.

**Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit items needed**

We are beginning to collect donations for our Personal Care Kits to send off to people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life threatening violence as part of our Lutheran World Relief ministry project. The list below includes the supplies needed to assemble these Care Kits (with items in **bold** needed most):



- **Light-weight bath size towels (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark colors recommended**
  - **Bath size bars of soap equaling (8 to 9 oz. bar), any brand**
  - Adult size toothbrushes in original packaging  
Note: Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business size envelope
  - Sturdy combs
  - Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- Donation boxes will be set out at the church to deposit your supplies donations. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry. Stay tuned for collection updates!

Questions? Please contact Kayme May or Kalley May at (406) 457-8280 (non-texting number).

**The Roeben-Raunig Lecture in Social Justice and the Human Animal Relationship**



*Fr. Daniel Horan, OFM, PhD presents:*

**Loving the Dust We Are: Franciscan Spirituality and Justice for All God's Creatures**

**Thursday, February 13 • 7:00 p.m. • Helena, MT  
Carroll College Simperman Hall Wiegand Amphitheatre**

Drawing on the profound but often misunderstood Franciscan spiritual tradition, Fr. Daniel Horan, Franciscan friar of Holy Name Province (NY), will suggest ways that we can renew our sense of cosmic creatureliness while deepening our appreciation for nonhuman creaturely agency, arguing for a Christian spirituality that encourages us to "love the dust we are" and work for justice for all God's creatures.



Find out more at [www.carroll.edu/horan](http://www.carroll.edu/horan)





## Council Meeting Summary – January 21, 2020

**Financials** – Giving to the general fund in December was above plan, but less than 2018. After paying the payables for 2019, there was a balance of approximately \$11,330. The financial review committee recommended paying \$5,642 to the Synod for December and carryover \$5,686 to cover January expenses. After much discussion, the recommendation passed on a 7-3 vote. The remaining benevolence payable (over \$30,000) was cleared from the books.

The building fund donations were enough to make the payment but \$4,800 short of plan.

**Nominating Committee** –A tentative slate of officers has been put together. The officers will be presented at the annual meeting.

**Sabbatical** – The council approved the dates for Pastor Arne’s sabbatical – May 4 through July 27. Key parts of his sabbatical include leading a tour to the Holy Land and the Life of Faith Initiative.

**Future** – Pastor Kendra led the council through an exercise to identify diversity issues. A focus for the coming year will be increasing openness to diversity by welcoming all people to our faith community.

In service to Christ and the Congregation,

Ron Pecarina, Past President



## Bridges.....



### ...building bridges to purposeful aging

The Helena Community Connections welcomes you to a wonderful new year of programming. Here’s what’s happening in February:

**Bridges Buffet**--Monthly Lunch and Program Series. February 6th 12:00 - 1:30 at Covenant Methodist Church 2330 E. Broadway. **Organizing Your Family History – Karen Huck** Last year Karen Huck came to Bridges Buffet and provided some great information on how to look for documents (sources) and what they contain. Now, do you have boxes, envelopes, or a zip lock bag of family documents and aren’t sure how to organize them? This could include but isn’t limited to newspaper clippings, pictures, birth & death certificates. Many times we not only have the physical documents but also information on our computers that we would like to find again or to pass on to others in some semblance of order. Karen Huck, Librarian for the Lewis & Clark Genealogical library will give you tips and information of how to organize your information so your family will be able to follow their history. Genealogy forms will be available to help you document your ancestors for others. 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 or contact Marsha for more information, 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, 9:30- 10:30am (except holidays). Bring a mat, no registration required. Covenant Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway. For more information contact Sandee at 442-1685. Food items for Food Share are appreciated.

**Cranium Café**--A free brain health workshop. February 20<sup>th</sup> 12-1:30pm at Covenant Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway. Participants learn and practice brain exercises and gain an improved understanding of the aging brain and how to keep it healthy as one ages. 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, 443-1287.

**Save the Date:** April 18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Marsha Goetting returns to provide three session on estate planning. Watch for more detail in the coming months.

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

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# February 2020

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>2</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Memory Loss Support Group - Conference Rm 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary	<b>3</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 11:00am - Knitters for Peace - Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study - Loft	<b>4</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace - Loft 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
<b>9</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Baptism Class - AD-1 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 4:00pm - Comfort Food Challenge - L&C Fairgrounds 5:30pm - Family Promise	<b>10</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 11:00am - Knitters for Peace - 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>11</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board - AD1 11:00am - Knitters for Peace - Loft 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share 5:30pm - Family Promise 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room
<b>16</b> 8:30am - Worship - Sanctuary 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship - Sanctuary 2:00pm - Making Sense of the Cross - Loft	<b>17</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 11:00am - Knitters for Peace - 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>18</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Room 11:00am - Knitters for Peace - Loft 4:00pm - Kid Packs - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Council - Conference Room 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
<b>23</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 9:30am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 9:45am - Fellowship - Great Room 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 12:15pm - Costa Rica Servant Trip Team Meeting - Loft 2:00pm - Making Sense of the Cross - Loft	<b>24</b> 8:30am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 11:00am - Knitters for Peace - Loft 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Men's Bible Study - CR 5-6 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	<b>25</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR 5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace - Loft 5:30pm - Night to Shine meeting - Conference Rm 5:30pm - Hunger Team Meeting - CR 5-6 6:30pm - Cub Scouts - Community Room



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>5</b> 6:30pm - WOW! Worship 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - Loft	<b>6</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 6:30pm - Family Promise Meeting - Comm. Rm 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>12</b> 5:30pm - Family Promise 6:30pm - WOW! Worship 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - Loft	<b>13</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 5:30pm - Family Promise 6:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Rm 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 5:30pm - Family Promise	<b>15</b> Voice Articles Due 5:30pm - Family Promise  WOW! Retreat - FLBC February 15-17, 2020 →
<b>19</b> 1:00pm - Rebecca Circle - Comm.Rm 6:30pm - WOW! Worship 7:15pm - WOW! Small Groups 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Safehouse - Loft	<b>20</b> Safehouse Servant Trip Taco John's Fundraiser 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00am - Symphony Rehearsal - Great Rm
<b>26</b> 12:00pm - Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Worship 7:15pm - Safehouse - Loft	<b>27</b> 9:00am - Sew in Love - CR#5-6 6:00pm - Girl Scouts - Community Room 7:15pm - Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00am - Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby - Great Rm