

Mid-week Lenten Worship
Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2
Soup Supper at 5:45pm
Worship at 6:30pm

Sunday & Wednesday Worship
Sundays 8:30am & 11am
Wednesdays 6:30pm



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 26th, 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 Call to "I AM": A Five-Part Lenten Series

At Christmas time, we celebrate the good news of God made flesh (Emmanuel). This Lent our mid-week Lenten services will reflect on the meaning of God made flesh. To fully understand this, we must recognize that when the God made flesh goes to the cross, God dies. This is the message of Lent. In Jesus Christ, God goes to the cross.

The gospel according to John reveals the fullness of who Jesus in a series of "I am" statements. Our Lenten series, *The Call to "I Am"*, focuses on these statements. The author, Karoline Lewis, from Luther Seminary writes this about the series:

Jesus as this one-and-only God, this unique God (John 1:18) is the distinctive claim of Christianity. Yet in today's world, what's said and believed about Jesus has the tendency to divide Jesus' humanity from Jesus' divinity. Our Christology's seem comfortable with choosing one or the other, depending on whom we need Jesus to be in a certain time or place -- or, for a certain purpose.

The Gospel of John reminds us -- which, during Lent, is an especially important thing to remember -- that to believe in Jesus is to hold the **fullness of Jesus' humanity and Jesus' divinity together**.

"What difference does this make?" you might be asking. Well, when we collapse Jesus' humanity into Jesus' divinity, it gets harder to imagine the purpose and pathos of the cross. After all, if that was God nailed to a tree, to what extent was that true suffering? And when we minimize Jesus' divinity, it becomes easy to reduce Jesus to an above-average teacher, miracle worker, and advocate for the poor.

The challenge of Lent is to **negotiate these simultaneous truths** -- and how to admit our own truth regarding *which* Jesus we prefer. Otherwise, all too often, Jesus ends up being trotted out and used to justify moral claims as if God were not a part of the picture.

A word about grammar may be useful here. The "I AM" statements in John are of two varieties: the absolute "I AM" statements in

which there is no qualifier, and the "I AM" statements with a predicate nominative. And yet the point of both is to hold both together. Each time Jesus says, "I AM," the entirety of the "I AM" statements stands behind this revelation. And every time Jesus says, "I AM the bread of life, I AM the light of the world," the fullness of the absolute "I AM" statements stands behind this claim. When we keep this in mind, we begin to see that if we try to separate God and the Word made flesh, we have likely missed the point of Christianity altogether.

Consider the following quotation, circulating on Pinterest boards and throughout social media: "I AM. Two of the most powerful words; for what you put after them shapes your reality."

March 5	Lent 1	I AM the Bread of Life John 6:35-40
March 12	Lent 2	I AM the Light of the World John 8:12-20
March 19	Lent 3	I AM the Door John 10:1-10
March 26	Lent 4	I AM the Good Shepherd John 10:11-18
April 2	Lent 5	I AM the Resurrection and the Life John 11:17-27
April 5 and 8		Passion Mime
April 9		Maundy Thursday
April 10		Good Friday
April 11		Easter Saturday
April 12		Easter Sunday

Our worship service is a worship of word and prayer, entitled "Prayer around the cross."

Join us each Thursday for soup supper at 5:45 followed by worship at 6:30.

Peace,
Pastor Arne

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



The following question was posted on our community chalkboard in February:

If this church was to develop our land, what community needs should we address?

- Green house
- Nature
- Community garden - feed the poor
- This town needs a roller skating rink
- Garden & kids
- Horticulture classes, specifically for Montana's weather
- Thrift store with reasonable prices
- Trees
- Affordable housing
- Basketball courts
- Homeless problem
- It isn't homelessness, it is addiction and mental illness. Open a treatment center and instead help people be more functional

Time to think about your Easter Bonnets and the Joy that Easter brings!

Yes, it is indeed time now that we are in Lent to start thinking about Holy Week and what all that means to us as Christians... and how we can help serve our fellow ORLC members by offering our service as worship assistants! Just as with the extra Christmas services, we are going to have a sign up sheet posted outside the sanctuary for you to consider adding your name to so that we can fill in all the needed positions for that week. Our regular teams will handle the worship assistant needs for our regular services on Palm Sunday, but there still remains many other opportunities to consider.

Here is a rundown of what will be on the chart:

- Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm - 2 ushers will be needed
- Good Friday, April 10th at Noon - a lector and 2 ushers
- Good Friday, April 10th at 6:30pm - a lector and 2 ushers
- Easter Sunrise Service, April 12th at 7:00am - 2 ushers and 2 communion servers
- Easter 8:30am service - 3 ushers (1 to help people find seating), 5 communion servers, 1-2 greeters, and 1 lector
- Easter 11:00am service - 3 ushers (1 to help people find seating), 5 communion servers, 1-2 greeters, and 1 lector

NOTE: The Easter Vigil will be a joint event with St. Peter's Episcopal Church at their facility this year.

Thank you all for your consideration of these worship assistant service opportunities. It will be wonderful to have this assistance identified long before Holy Week arrives. - Kristi Antosh, Worship Assistant Coordinator



Interested in becoming a member at Our Redeemer's?

On **March 8th and 15th** we will be holding informational sessions on becoming a member of our church family. On those Sundays we will meet at 9:45am. in the church conference room. We would love to have you join us and then if you so choose, we will receive you as new members during worship on **March 22nd**. Please indicate your interest on the welcome card, attached to the Sunday bulletin, and place it in the offering. We look forward to getting to know you!

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Sunday, March 15 @ 5:00pm
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Sunday, March 1st

Captain	Todd and Carol Will	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Ruth Straley, Ron & Marian Paulson, Carol & Todd Will, Lynda & Larry Hanson	Linda Coty, Jeanne McCoskery, Nelson Bock
Greeters	Designated Team Members	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Ushers	Carol & Todd Will, Bill Straley, Jerry Hoover, Larry Hanson, Ron Paulson	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Lector	Joy Novota	Jeanne McCoskery
Prayer Team	Bonner & Karen Armstrong	Melanie Denning, Kevin Mathews
Kid Time	Liz Swenson	Cheyenne Damron
Altar Guild	Ellen Dodds	Lisa Mathews

Sunday, March 8th

Captain	Kristi Antosh	David Thompson
Communion Assistants	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	Joe Ruby	Eric Spangenberg
Prayer Team	Sharlene Kolb, Julie Peck	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Mary Robertson	Mary Robertson
Altar Guild	Sharon Redfern	Sara Juers

Sunday, March 15th

Captain	Lorna Meyer	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Judy McMaster, Mary Williams,	Craig Erickson, Lori Chase, Kristi Antosh
Greeters	Pat Lumma	Kristi Antosh, Lori Chase
Ushers	Norm Rognlie, Tom Johnson	Kristi Antosh, Lori Chase
Lector	Charlotte Neill	Craig Erickson
Prayer Team	Dee Dee Fischer	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Jacque Bartz	Jacque Bartz
Altar Guild	Dora Lindner	Linda Huso

Sunday, March 22nd

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	Gretchen Krumm	Kathy Olson
Prayer Team	Bob DenHerder	Linda Coty, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	Liz Swenson	Cheyenne Damron
Altar Guild	Sharon Redfern	Lisa Mathews

Sunday, March 29th

Captain	Ruth & Bill Straley	<i>Open Position</i>
Communion Assistants	Sharlene Kolb, Linda Nelson, Ron & Marion Paulson	Mary Williams, Bob & Glenda Oldenberg, Susan Bergeland
Greeters	Ingrid Childress, Ruth Straley	Clint Ohman, Renie Lacey
Ushers	Don and Ingrid Childress, Bill Straley	Clint Ohman, Renie Lacey
Lector	Ron Paulson	Kevin Matthews
Prayer Team	Gary & Dee Dee Fischer	Kevin Mathews, Kathy Olson
Kid Time	No KidTime	No KidTime
Altar Guild	Open	Lisa Mathews

Preschool Basket Silent Auction



The annual Silent Basket Auction, sponsored by the Preschool Board, opens Sunday March 8 and runs until Sunday March 22. If you are interested in donating a completed themed basket, or an item for the auction, please contact the preschool at 442-7842 ext. 20 or simply drop it by the preschool office.

Each year preschool families, church and community members, and local businesses provide items to create amazing themed baskets. We are certain there will be something for everyone! Baskets will be on display in the Great Room for the duration of the Silent Auction, and basket winners will be notified at the close of the auction.

The funds raised from this event will enable us to provide enrichment opportunities to our students. We also use funds to supplement our tuition assistance fund, and we support the Angel Fund of Helena, which is a 501c corporation that helps area children with basic scholastic necessities.

Our Redeemer's Preschool is in its 21st year and we currently have 65+ children enrolled in seven classes. We are grateful to our Preschool Board for their dedication to the preschool. Our board is comprised of Sarah Sampson, Darbie Hess, Tracie Thompson, Brittany Kukes, Amy Knecht, Kathryn Dunkleberger and Brenna Stefanik.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of Our Redeemer's Preschool!

HUNGER TEAM

Kid Pack Request

How about a little Irish oatmeal for the kiddies this month? Yep, that's what Helena Food Share has requested. We need individual packets of oatmeal to keep the kids healthy and happy throughout the month of March. Regular and flavored are both acceptable. So spread a little cheer with the oatmeal this month. And thanks for your donations of fruit juice in February. They were greatly appreciated.



Kid Pack Assemblies

We shall be assembling kid packs on the first three Tuesdays of March (March 3, 10, and 17), 4-6pm at the Oakes Street warehouse. If you are interested, please contact Sandy Merdinger (slymerdinger@yahoo.com), who is aware of our weekly needs.

Hunger Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 5:30pm. Hunger Team meeting in the sewing room. Feel free to bring a sack lunch or snack to eat while we discuss plans for spring season of gardening and the upcoming summer milk campaign. Can't you just feel the spring in the air? New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Linda Nelson (ralinelson@yahoo.com).

Thank You from Family Promise

Thank you to everyone who assisted our Family Promise guests, February 9-15, as well as those of you who attended the Family Promise Comfort Food Challenge. Your support of this program continues to provide necessary support and assistance for families in need of transitional support during a difficult time. If you wish to learn more about



the program or become trained as a volunteer, please contact Janet Whitmoyer (jwhit6513@gmail.com) or Kathy Olson (kathyolson8686@gmail.com), coordinators for Our Redeemer's.

Who Are the Knitters for Peace?

A group of knitters joined together early in 2008 to start a charity knitting group. The group provides knitted items for such places as God's Love, Ft. Harrison, Our Place, Lutheran World Relief, The Giving Tree at the Cathedral, and a clinic in Hardin, MT. The group meets in the youth loft of Our Redeemer's each Monday and Tuesday, 11am -1pm, and at the Staggering Ox on Saturdays, 12-2 pm. Knitters of all ability levels are welcome to join the group, whether knitting for yourself, a loved one, or someone who needs a bit of warm love. Got a question? Dropped a stitch? Trying a new pattern? Just want to chat? The knitters will be happy to assist you. (They will even welcome those who crochet.) Questions? Contact Linda Nelson (ralinelson@yahoo.com).



GOD'S LOVE

Thank you, everyone, for your amazing contributions to God's Love. Whether it has been clothing, warm coats, hats, socks, gloves, footwear, sleeping bags, bedding, hygiene products, serving on a Monday evening, monetary, etc. your donation makes a difference in a life. One cannot measure your acts of kindness, but your continual support in helping others is deeply appreciated. It is a reminder we all have a vital role to play in combating homelessness. Thank you.





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



Come to the Table

Communion

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

March 22nd 1-3pm: Communion 101: An instructional time for both communicant and adults about Holy Communion.

April 5th 4-6pm: Seder Meal: An interactive Passover Seder Meal for communicant and their family.

An invitation was sent to all fourth grade students and their family. If you have any questions, you did not receive one, or have an interest in your child attending the class, please contact Liz at liz@ourredeemerlives.org or Pastor Kendra at kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org



VBS 2020!!

VBS dates: June 15th-19th

VBS hours: 9-12 Monday through Friday

Registration fee: \$30

(Scholarships available)

We need **LOTS of volunteers** - please let me know if you would like to help!

Registration forms will be sent out soon!

Any questions, contact Liz by email at liz@ourredeemerlives.org.

Children's Ministries schedule for March/April

Spring Break March 30th through April 3rd

- March 29th, April 5th & April 12th - No Sunday School or KidzEd - Due to Spring Break, Passion Mime Sunday and Easter!
- April 1st—No KidzEd or WOW
- April 8th—Passion Mime - No KidzEd
- April 9th—First Communion for 4th Graders

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

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

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@ourredeemerslives.org if interested.

All materials provided!



Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

Phyllis Bauer
Richard Carey
Roberta Carey
Malinda Diamond

Christine Hoffman
Blake McHugh
Dale Mickus
Ardell Nelson

June Pratt
Jessi Putnam
Mike Robinson
Verna Strand

Joe Toro
Kim Venetz
Lynn Wakefield
Adam Williams

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)
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)
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
Chad Beley
Lonnie Cook
Erin DenHerder
Sage Ellis
Micah Emmons
Jessilyn Emmons
Joe Fischer
Grant Gagnon
Jackie Copenhaver-Girard

Ryan Girard
Austin Grieve
Travis Gronley
Sam Harris
Charlie Heidbreder
Roger Henschel
Paul Horst
Anela Hemry
Wade Hemry
Cody Johnson

Colton Johnson
Chance McDowell
Kent McGowan
Dean McLain
Sawyer Linke
Erin Mills
James Morrison
Brian Neal
Keith Nordquist
Chris Oelkers

Scott Pocha
Courtney Rath
Tanner Reddig
Alex Stevens
Cody Stipcich
Darrell Stipcich
Victoria Stipcich

Our Seminarian

Taran Denning
Baird Linke



March BIRTHDAYS

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

3/1	Emma Hoover	3/9	Scott Brown	3/18	Dave Carlson		Ed Peachey
3/2	Mike Caplis		Pat Lumma	3/19	Loren Davis		Vicki Poore
	Richard Carey		Annette Sharkey		Tami Ellis		Lane Salsbery
	Elaine Heen	3/10	Thomas Guariglia		Larry Hanson	3/27	Katy Callon
	Braxton McCormack		Brianna Plant		Kendall Smith		Lyanne DenHerder
	Brekken Murray		Audrey Willard		Jenny Wade		Morgan McDaid
	Clint Ohman	3/11	Victor DeTienne	3/21	Linda Young		Kevin McLaury
	Kathy Olson		Brinley Mingay	3/22	Travis Elder		Matthew Vukonich
3/3	Kash Helfert		Christy Weikart		Duncan Ellis		Ava Watne
	Mary Rehm	3/12	Allison Aschim	3/22	Levi Rispens	3/28	Mark Lauf
3/4	Jason Cummings		Trish Harrington		Dylan Willcut		Rosie Michelotti
	Mariah Swenson	3/13	Sawyer Holm	3/23	Donna Greenwood		Jim Penner
3/5	Emily Berglund		Andi Michason		Marian Paulson		Ryan Quinn
	Sawyer Linke		Jessica Willcut	3/24	Mike Dyr Dahl	3/29	Vadine Rispens
	Lorna Meyer	3/14	Herbert Kulow		Rylee Solan		Sarah Magee
	David Swenson		Isabelle Mavis		Marge Kasper	3/30	Delores Stroh
3/6	Isaac Callon	3/15	Jourdain Klinepeter		Craig Martin	3/31	Aila Austin
	Brad Johnson		Kinsey Kuhn	3/25	Bennett Hanson	3/31	Chelsi Ebelt
3/7	Shawn Moore		McKenna Emerson	3/26	Erin Holm		Nancy Peterson
	Kacey Salo	3/16	Matthew Richards		Sean Maharg		
	Drew Sielbach	3/17	Tracey Tintinger				

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



March Anniversaries			
Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!			
3/6/1975	Jerry & Cindy Steinmetz	45 years	
3/18/1967	Bonner & Karen Armstrong	53 years	
3/25/1961	Dale & Judy Mickus	59 years	
3/26/1977	Mike & Debbie Robinson	43 years	
3/30/1974	Victor & Cindy DeTienne	46 years	

Baptisms	
2/23/2020	Julie Strong



Deaths		
James Gronneberg	10/30/19	
Walter Bauer	1/28/20	
Karen Hays	2/16/20	



WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Register by April 1: \$145.00 (includes two nights lodging, all activities, and meals)
- Register between April 2-12: \$155.00
- \$60.00 One Day Only (Two meals, speaker, workshops, no lodging)

Schedule

Friday, April 17: Sign-in: 4-6 p.m. with dinner at 6:15 followed by first education session and worship.
Saturday, April 18: Three meals, more education sessions with Pastor Siebrasse, community service and workshop options, evening campfire sing-along, and worship
Sunday, April 19: Sunday Brunch followed by worship and closing.

BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding including a pillow and blankets or sleeping bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots, or sturdy shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (FLBC also has Bibles available) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, towel, washcloth, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday morning offering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothing (jacket, hat, gloves) | <input type="checkbox"/> "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon Carlough Brown (for book study) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook and pen | |

REGISTER ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD

www.lmlchurch.org/womenstretreat/



Pastor Stacey Siebrasse grew up in Harre. She attended the University of Montana, graduating with a B.A. in Liberal Studies and a minor in Psychology. She spent the summers of 2005 and 2006 working as a counselor at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and served as a volunteer in Argentina through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program the year after she graduated. In 2013, Stacey received her MDiv from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. She was ordained into the ELCA and pastored two congregations - in San Francisco (2013-2014) and in Billings (2014-2017) before moving back to Missoula last year. Stacey now serves as a Community Organizer for the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative. She has been called to this position through the Montana Synod and is grateful for the opportunity to do specialized ministry within God's church. Stacey believes, once we are connected through stories and relationships, we have the ability to generate the strength needed to enact social change, communal health, and the wholeness of all people.

Sponsored by:
Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)
Five Valleys Women and Great Divide Clusters

You are invited to this annual event! All are welcome!
Bring a friend, daughter, granddaughter! (14 and up)

Cabins have electricity, bathrooms and some are ADA accessible.

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL NEEDS: (Dietary, medical, C-PAP, wheelchair access, mobility, lower bunk, etc.)

I would like to donate \$_____ to the Retreat Scholarship Fund so others can attend.

Please enclose your registration fee of \$145 if registered by April 1; \$155 if between April 2-12; and \$60 for Saturday only registration. No Refunds after April 9, 2020. For registration confirmation, include a self-addressed and stamped envelope.



Women's Spring Retreat

April 17-19, 2020
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC)
Lakeside, Montana

Congregations: From Gathered and Scattered to Unified Mission

You are committed to your church. You have friends in your congregation and a history of participating in the activities there. Working together, your church continues to bless its membership, your wider community, and the world.

But do you ever feel overwhelmed by what is needed to make your ministries sustainable? Do you feel divided by differing viewpoints and pressing issues that compete for your time and resources?

Pastor Stacey Siebrasse will teach us practical skills that help identify personal and congregational priorities. Using scripture to guide us, we will see what is possible when we work in unison, with the Spirit, to revive God's church and its people.

QUESTIONS?

Call or email Nancy Solum 1-406-240-0023 or WomensSpringRetreatMT@gmail.com

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM



March Bible Study

We continue with our study, "We are called!" with session three entitled, "Called to Serve," where we will learn that Jesus made it clear that our two calls, loving God and loving neighbors, are linked.

Dorcas Bible study - Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00am

Rebecca Bible study - Wednesday, March 18 at 1:00pm

Both groups will meet in the Conference Room. We welcome all new members and visitors to attend any of our Bible studies.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, March 10 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 Jacqui Bartz and should be turned into the church office. The deadline for receiving applications is May 1.

Cluster Retreat

The Great Divide Cluster will have a retreat at New Life Lutheran Church on Saturday, Feb. 29 in conjunction with Bold Women Day. The retreat will begin at 8:30am with breakfast, and the morning will have four different sessions including a Bible study on the Book of Ruth. After lunch at 12:30pm there will be a planning session for the April retreat at Flathead Bible Camp. All women are invited to come for all or part of the day.

Women's Spring Retreat

The annual spring retreat will be held at Flathead Bible Camp on April 17-19. The guest presenter will be Pastor Stacey Siebrasse who currently serves as a Community Organizer for the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative. She will teach participants practical skills that help identify personal and congregational priorities. Early Bird registration is \$145 for the weekend and will end on April 1. For more information and registration forms, please contact Pat Lumma at 457-2149.

Bridges.....



...building bridges to purposeful aging

We are pleased to provide a 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, March 5th, 2020. 12-1:30. "The State of Our County: Talking with Sheriff Leo Dutton".** Sheriff Dutton will join us for a talk about the current issues that face the law enforcement communities in Lewis & Clark County. We'll learn what the department's priorities are and how they are working with the community to keep residents and their property safe. A \$5 donation for program costs and non-perishables for Helena Food Share are suggested. Register at www.bridgeshcc.org by noon Monday prior to the event. Contact Alyce Brutosky at 458-8144 for more information.

Gentle Ways--A free weekly Yoga workshop of gentle stretching, balancing and strengthening exercises and led by experienced practitioners. Every **Tuesday** and **Thursday, 9:30-10:30am** (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. **March 18, 2020. 12-1:30** In addition to learning about and practicing brain exercises, participants will engage in a video series entitled **Building Your Resilience: Finding Meaning in Adversity** and learn how all of our challenges - from everyday stresses to life-altering traumas - can bring wisdom and growth. Nanette Whitman-Holmes, Life Enrichment Director at Touchmark, facilitates the session. Bring a sack lunch, other refreshments provided. Register at www.bridgeshcc.org. Contact Nanette at 406-449-4900 for more information.

SAVE the Date: My Destiny April 30, 2020 Dr. Marsha Goetting will provide two sessions on estate planning.

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

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WOW! Retreat

★ February 15-17, 2020

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

This year's WOW retreat was held at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in February! The weekend was be filled with delicious food, games, service projects, karaoke, worship, skits, small group discussions, and outrageous adventures including a polar plunge and so much laughter!

This year's theme was:

Walk on Water

We focused on the story of Peter when Jesus called him out of the boat only to find that when he took his eyes off Jesus, Peter began to sink. We too are called to be bold, and to step out of the boat and our comfort zone, always keeping our eyes on Christ, as we reach and serve others.





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 March



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

Mar. 4 - Youth Group Exchange Night @ Our Lady of the Valley

Mar. 29 - Spring Break—No Net

Apr. 1 - Spring Break—No Safehouse

Summer Youth Servant Trip Team Meeting



When: Sunday, March 15 @ 12:15pm

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!**

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 8:30am & 11:00am Worship Services

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



Council Meeting Summary – February 18, 2020

New Members – the Council welcomed its newest members Ryan Holm, Clint Mingay, Cody Salo, and Lynn Voss. Clint, Cody, and Lynn are at-large members, while Ryan is our new 2nd Vice-President.

Council Training - The new council will hold a half-day retreat and is working to find a date that works for most of its members.

Financials – In January, giving to the general fund totaled \$46,067, and before paying benevolence, the church had a positive cash flow of \$7,059.18. The council accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee and voted to send \$4,570.70 to the Montana Synod and \$457.07 to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. The council also decided to carry over to March the remaining \$457.07.

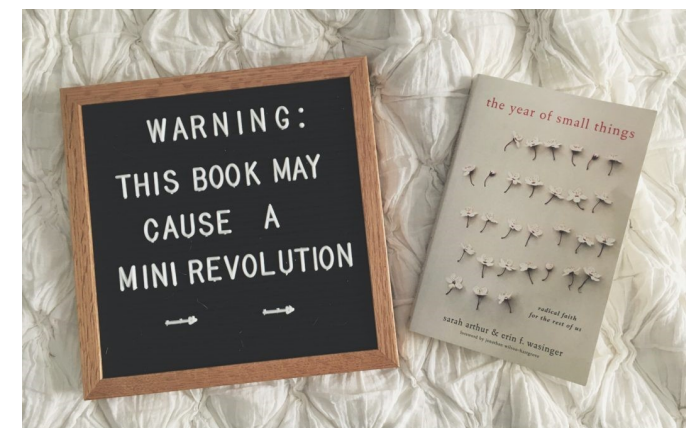
Stewardship – Pastor Arne, Karen Armstrong, and Craig Erickson will participate in the **Taste and See Cultivating Generous Congregations Conference at Bethel Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 29, in Great Falls.**

Upcoming – a possible focus for 2020 is the update of ORLC's Five-Year Plan and an examination of the many difficult issues that face today's Lutheran church. The scope, the process, and schedule will be the subject of future discussions by the council, and eventually, the entire congregation. We will have more to share with you soon.

I welcome your questions and comments, so please feel free to contact me at 399-0104 or ericksoncr@yahoo.com.

In service to you and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Craig Erickson
Council President



Book Study, Potluck Dinner & Fellowship

Who? Anyone interested in learning how to implement small practices of faith in their lives. Childcare will be available. Please RSVP for childcare to Pastor Kendra at kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org.

What? An evening of dinner and discussion to kick-off our year-long study of the book "The Year of Small Things: Radical Faith for the Rest of Us" by Sarah Arthur and Erin F. Wasinger.

When? Our first monthly meeting will be on Sunday, April 26 at 5:30.



Where? ORLC

Why? This is an invitation to let God change us, one small thing at a time. With this book, we walk alongside the two authors as they embark on a yearlong experiment to implement 12 small practices of radical faith--not waiting until they were out of debt or the kids were out of diapers. What made this experience life-changing for the authors was doing this together with friends and being honest and supportive with one another as they reorient their lives toward Jesus.



March 2020

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

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