



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

**Blessing of Lay Pastoral Associates**

On Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, join us in asking for God’s blessing upon Lori Bigwood-Pecarina, Lisa Williams-Mathews and Kevin Mathews upon the completion of their training to serve as Lay Pastoral Associates (LPA)s in the Montana Synod and the beginning of their ministry in this capacity at Our Redeemer’s.

The Montana Synod established, in 1997, a two year program of training and equipping qualified lay persons for congregational-based ministries of preaching, sacraments and worship leadership, and where appropriate, providing leadership for bible study, catechetical instruction, visitation and spiritual growth.

We give thanks to God for their willingness to serve and welcome their leadership among us.



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**THE VOICE**

**Join Us for Outdoor Worship  
August 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am**

We are gathering for an appropriately distanced outdoor worship service. Bring a lawn chair and an umbrella (it could be hot, it is NOT going to rain!)

The worship will also be live streamed for those who cannot be with us.

**We are the Church where we are.**

*“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...” Hebrews 10:25*

The dog days of summer. I haven’t heard the phrase used for some time, but I remember my grandfather talking about it in the hot steamy Minnesota weather of August. It was a time when people did anything they could to get away, to a lake, and to escape the heat. There is no escaping this summer or is it that summer is escaping us? In a normal year, we, Montanans, are doing everything we can to get out and enjoy this great home of ours. Because of that, we don’t see each other as much. While this year is wholly different, it is much the same. We may not be meeting together, but it is not because we are neglecting to. I know we all long to be able to meet together. In the meantime, we are the Church where we are. I also know that Our Redeemer’s is stirring up love and good works even in the midst of this crazy year. Thank you for your support of our mutual ministry and thank you for being the Church where you are.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Arne

**Congregational meeting August 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm**

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the property committee will present a next step in the development of our vacant property. We will be asked to approve the application for a development grant. The meeting will comply with social distancing and mask requirements. We will be live-streaming the event and providing an opportunity for live public comments. The live stream will enable those who feel uncomfortable coming to church to fully participate in this important congregational event. More information will be mailed out to the congregation prior to the meeting.

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

Take Financial Peace University this Fall



It's time to stop worrying about money! In *Financial Peace University*, you'll learn the proven plan to help you keep a budget, beat debt, and build wealth! You can sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at [fpu.com/1121271](http://fpu.com/1121271). Class will meet on Sundays from 10:30am - 12:00pm at the church starting on **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Partial scholarships are available, please contact Pastor Kendra.

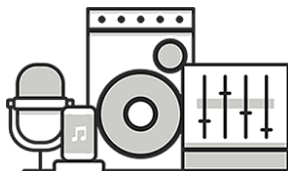
Communion at Touchmark

We will be offering communion outdoors to residents at Touchmark the first and third Tuesdays of the month while the weather holds and precautionary conditions allow. Our Touchmark worship team will be in touch with residents with details.



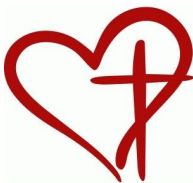
We Received a Technology Grant

I am very happy to announce that we received a grant for over \$4,000 for A/V equipment, cameras, and more that allow us to provide a quality live stream of our worship. The stream is available on YouTube and our website, [www.OurRedeemerLives.org/live](http://www.OurRedeemerLives.org/live). In this time of isolation, it is especially important to elevate worship and remain connected with our community of believers. We have heard from folks in retirement communities that are unable to attend, families and relatives in other states, former members, retired pastors, and even family as far away as Asia that have enjoyed our online worship services, where we reach about 200 people each week. Thanks to our council president Craig Erickson, as well as Jan Martin and Sarah Magee for their work in acquiring the grant money that made this possible!



Jason Callon  
Director of Worship and Arts

Memory Care Caregivers Support Group Meetings Resume



What is it? A support group for those who are caregivers for loved ones who are experiencing memory loss.

When will it meet? We will meet on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:45am in the Community Room. We will wear masks and practice social distancing.

Is this group for me? Caregivers will meet to share experiences and information and pray together.

Come to The Water

Baptism Class at Our Redeemer's



*Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!*

Do you want to get baptized? Please contact Pastor Kendra at [kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:kendraw@ourredeemerlives.org) to set up a "Come to the Water" session for you and your family. "Come to the Water" is a class we offer to discuss what we believe about baptism, what happens in the baptismal rite, and get you ready for your baptism.

Book Group: Join us for a virtual and in-person conversation about Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am. Please RSVP to [Pastor Kendra](mailto:PastorKendra@ourredeemerlives.org) to join the conversation via Zoom. The central storyline of this memoir is the relationship between Stevenson, the organization he founded (the Equal Justice Initiative, or EJI), and Walter McMillian, a black man wrongfully accused of murder and sentenced to death in Alabama in the late 1980's. The book will also ask us to reflect on the American criminal justice system, the restoration of offenders to society, and the moral tension between law and order and mercy.



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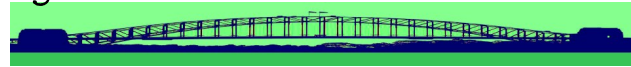
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Bridges.....



...building bridges to purposeful aging

Dear Friends and Supporters of **Helena Community Connections'** (HCC) Programs:

We pray that you have been safe and well during the past few months as the Coronavirus rocked our world.

We have missed seeing you at our four programs, **Bridges Buffet, Cranium Café, Gentle Ways and My Destiny.**

Normally, HCC would be planning fall 2020 programs, however, HCC now faces uncertainty about containment of the virus and when groups can resume in person events.

You may already know that AARP National has cancelled all in person events for the remainder of 2020. AARP Montana sponsors Bridges Buffet and that means we must follow its lead and also cancel ours.

Additionally, Covenant United Methodist Church remains closed to outside groups until at least Phase 3 is declared by Governor Bullock.

HCC will continue to keep you informed as more is known. HCC hopes to resume Bridges Buffet in January, 2021. Gentle Ways and Cranium Café may be able to begin again once Covenant becomes available.

In the meantime, HCC is exploring the idea of taping some video presentations that could be posted on [www.bridgeshcc.org](http://www.bridgeshcc.org). Please keep checking the HCC website, events tab, for program availability.

HCC hopes to plan a one-day workshop for Spring, 2021 on leaving a personal legacy, both financial and non financial.

Continue to stay safe and be well.

**Marsha Davis, Board Chair**

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## HUNGER TEAM NEWS

### Update on Family Promise

Family Promise continues to serve the needs of homeless families in our community. The need is now greater than ever, and the churches in our community are doing their best to assist their neighbors. Some changes have taken place, however. All families are now housed at First Christian Church. Evening meals are delivered there by the host churches, as boxed meals or sack suppers for each family. Meals are provided on paper plates. Volunteers from host churches are housed on a separate floor, with separate bathroom facilities for families and volunteers. The host church also provides toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer and bottled water for the guests. A number of safety protocols are also in place to ensure the safety of all concerned.

Our Redeemer's will host the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>. We are especially in need of 14 volunteers (2 per night) who will arrive at 6:00pm and stay until 7:00am the following morning. We will also need volunteers who can prepare and deliver meals for the families. Please contact Kathy Olson (406-431-8686) or Janet Whitmoyer (406-459-6513) if you are interested in finding out more about how to become a Family Promise volunteer.

### Udderly Committed

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the summer milk campaign for the kid packs program at Helena Food Share. You have contributed \$4,065.95 toward our \$6000 goal. Remember that the campaign ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, remember that your donation will be matched by a local foundation, doubling your contribution. You may either send your check to the church (with Milk Money designated in the memo), bring it to worship, or contribute online at [www.ourredeemerlives.org](http://www.ourredeemerlives.org) by following the links to Give and then to the Milk Money option under "Other Offerings." Your generous donations to this worthy cause are greatly appreciated.

### Community Garden

Yes, the garden is quite productive, both of produce and of weeds. You are welcome to help in the Helena Food Share plot by either harvesting produce and taking it to Helena Food Share or by stopping by to weed between those plants. If you take donations to Helena Food Share, just indicate that these are donations from Our Redeemer's. We are working to diminish the effect of the bindweed in the garden by placing cardboard on the paths. Thanks to the efforts of our garden manager, Carolyn Meyer, and the Hunger Team, we are gradually making some progress. Any questions about the garden should be addressed to Carolyn Meyer (303-513-6695).

## Preschool News

The Preschool "wing" of the building is quiet, but there are signs that things are about to get busy! Boxes of school supplies are arriving, and teachers are visiting their classrooms getting ready to welcome students during the first week of September.



This has been an unusual summer as our staff has devoted countless hours to planning to teach in the midst of a pandemic. We remain committed to providing a safe, nurturing and fun environment for 3, 4, and 5 year olds, while doing our best to meet health and safety guidelines in regard to Coronavirus. We are so blessed to have this facility, which provides space to keep classes with their own group and teachers. We are also blessed that this church and especially the church council have supported us in our planning for this unique start to the school year.

Our staff this year is a blend of new and returning teachers. Emily Haerter and Jan Kiely are both joining us this year and will each be teaching three-year-old classes. We are also excited to announce that Taylor Jenks, a recent Capital High School grad will be our assistant, serving as a classroom helper, handwashing monitor, temperature taker, room sanitizer, and wherever needed.

We are also blessed to welcome back Audra Shropshire to teach two sessions of four-year-old classes and Wendy Vukonich who continues to teach both morning and afternoon pre-kindergarten classes. Trudy Burke continues to serve as Director.

Please keep our staff in your prayers as they prepare for the school year ahead. Remember, too, our 70 plus students (and their families) who are getting ready to start or continue their preschool experience. It's an exciting time for everyone!



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

## FALL IS COMING!

⇒ On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School will start.

Children age 3 (by Sept. 10) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet every Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 am.

⇒ On Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Chil'Ed (formerly KidzEd) will begin.

Chil'Ed Worship takes place from 6:30 - 7:15pm and Chil'Ed, a learning opportunity for children age 3 (by Sept. 10) through 5th grade, is from 7:15 to 8:00pm.

Letters and more information coming in August!

Contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) with questions.

### Children's Ministry Volunteers

FALL IS COMING! We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** for Sunday School, KidTime and Wednesday night Chil'Ed.

Please consider volunteering to impact a child in a very significant way. All materials and lesson plans will be provided for you as well as training on how to work with and teach a group of children.

We really need your help! Without volunteers, it is not possible to run our Children's Programs!

Contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) if you would like to help out!

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Another fall is approaching and it is time for students to return to school and fall schedules to resume.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church will have a Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone Celebration on **Sunday, August 23rd** at the 9:30am summer service.

We are inviting all students (preschool through college) to come with their backpack or school bag. The students will be invited to bring their backpacks forward during worship to have them blessed.

Please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) with questions.



## Online KidTime!!

During this time while we are not together as a church community - your children can access KidTime online! All lessons are pre-recorded and posted on the ORLC website.

Please check it out!

KidTime is designed for children 3 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Join us online for stories, crafts and games!

KidTime: [www.ourredeemerlives.org/live/](http://www.ourredeemerlives.org/live/)

## 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  
Carol Kimble  
Blake McHugh  
Dale Mickus

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)  
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)  
Nancy McCoskery  
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)  
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 Henry  
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

Baird Linke



## August Birthdays!

Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!

|                  |                           |                      |                   |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Clay Perry     | 9 Beth Barry              | Mona Erb             | 26 Byron Dike     |
| Bill Schulz      | Susan Bergland            | Florine Hart         | Izzy Linder       |
| Lloyd Teigen     | 10 Caroline Burke         | Dylan Todd           | Dane Quinn        |
| 2 Reese Wickens  | Erik Goughnour            | 19 Dylan Burger      | 27 Dan Dodds      |
| 3 Kayla Pocha    | Sue Hill                  | Dorothy Cail         | Susie Elhart      |
| 4 Kari Brekke    | Deena Verworn             | Madilyn Lamping      | Stacy Grimmis     |
| Carson DesRosier | Eli Voss                  | Alyssa Magee         | Autumn Keller     |
| Mark MacMillan   | 11 Erinne Ark             | Amy Mingay           | 28 Jacob Buckley  |
| Carter Mummey    | Charlotte Neill           | 20 Monroe DeVerniero | Justin DesRosier  |
| Cody Vukonich    | Steve Wade                | Hildegard Fohnagy    | Craig Linke       |
| 5 Ellen Dodds    | 12 Christian Wilde-Spiger | Cort Jensen          | Carl Nordberg     |
| Nora Richards    | 13 Kimber Michalson       | Bryce Sampson        | Jon Tintinger     |
| 6 Einar Brosten  | Dorothy Morrison          | 21 Violet Lawton     | Connor Lamping    |
| Bob Sturdevant   | 15 Alayna Boe             | Joe Ruby             | Abbey Passage     |
| Ben Vukonich     | Elisabeth Campbell        | 22 Janay Buckley     | Tara Block        |
| Kenzie White     | Rose Oelkers              | Kathy Gessaman       | Gretchen Krumm    |
| 7 April Gronley  | Dan Wickens               | Brady Martin         | Adeline Mahlum    |
| Daniel Hill      | 16 Max Cover              | Morgan May           | Willia Sheard     |
| Judy McMaster    | Pat Lynch                 | 23 Doug Ferris       | 31 Jim Dole       |
| Rob Williams     | 17 Crystal Cislo          | Wanda Jaeb           | Ryan McLane       |
| 8 Rodney Austin  | Clint Mingay              | Pam Strand           | Victoria Stipcich |
| Dodie Heffner    | Scott Sim                 | Carolee Stuberg      |                   |
| John Steinhoff   | Greg Straw                | 24 Amanda Hill       |                   |
|                  | 18 Ray Brekke             | 25 Noah Hemry        |                   |
|                  | Carla Cronholm            |                      |                   |

## PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE...

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church to let us know.  
During this time, we are unable to visit but we would love to include you in our prayers.



## Happy Anniversary

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

|                           |           |          |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Scott & Nedra Brown       | 8/30/1963 | 57 years |
| Lyle & June Pratt         | 8/29/1964 | 56 years |
| Pat & Linda Keim          | 8/30/1964 | 56 years |
| Wes & Katie Tintinger     | 8/21/1965 | 55 years |
| Herb & Diana Kulow        | 8/20/1966 | 54 years |
| Terry & Linda Young       | 8/10/1968 | 52 years |
| Glenn & Janet Erickson    | 8/9/1969  | 51 years |
| Ralph & Julie Peck        | 8/9/1975  | 45 years |
| Pr. Arne & Susan Bergland | 8/18/1979 | 41 years |



## Baptisms

7/26/2020

Riley Ray Rummel



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

## \*New Children's Ministry Options\*

In lieu of Nursery Care, KidTime and the Prayground, during the worship service we have put the following children's ministries in place to engage children in worship during the service.

### Family Room in the Great Room

The Family Room is for families with children who find themselves needing to step out during worship. Please know that everyone is welcome in the sanctuary, including all children! The Family Room is provided as an option in lieu of the nursery. As always we encourage children to be a part of worship and they are absolutely welcome to do so with the congregation.



### Kids Worship Bags in the Sanctuary

Each child who attends worship is provided with a worship drawstring bag of items that they are encouraged to bring to church with them each week! The bag will include items like: a children's worship reflection book, utensils, craft supplies, bible based coloring and more. They will need their worship bag in order to have the needed utensils to take part in the weekly activities. We encourage families to bring along their Children's Bible to the service so that the kids can follow along with the gospel. A big Thank You to the Juers family for helping make this happen.

If you have any questions about these ministries, please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org)!

### Wednesday Matinee

All ORLC Youth Ages 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 3:30pm on Zoom to watch a movie together. August 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last matinee of the summer!

[https://zoom.us/j/8176799390?](https://zoom.us/j/8176799390?pwd=RzRDSEYQVRMbUxkZGtMQkI6T3Qyd09)

[pwd=RzRDSEYQVRMbUxkZGtMQkI6T3Qyd09](https://zoom.us/j/8176799390?pwd=RzRDSEYQVRMbUxkZGtMQkI6T3Qyd09)

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## Staycation Bible School

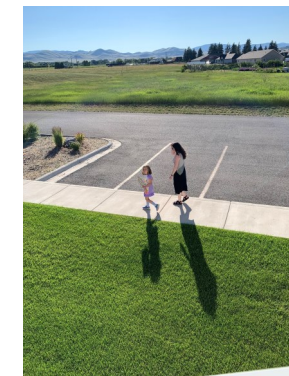
### Summer 2020 (June 15<sup>th</sup> - August 21<sup>st</sup>)!!

After prayerful discernment our staff has decided that we will not hold an in person VBS this year. We feel that this is the best decision for the health of the children and volunteers involved in VBS. In order to give a reprieve to children and families, there will be **no online instruction** - with the exception of video retelling of bible stories!

You can register your child any time during the summer - free of charge! Please contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) to register today.

We have been so blessed to be able to hold two Bible School socials this summer. Check out below how much fun we had!

All are welcome to join us for our final Staycation Bible School Get-Together on **August 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:00pm** outside in the ORLC courtyard. We will be holding an ice cream social and a VBS music concert!





# HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



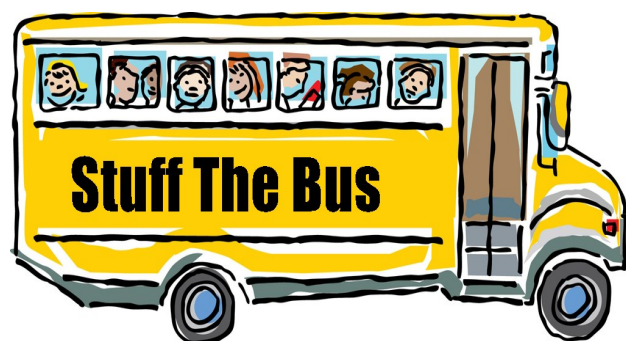
As we begin our **2020 Stuff the Bus** Campaign, we want to start by thanking you for your past contributions to Stuff the Bus. As the number of students benefiting from your generosity has risen from a handful at Helena Middle School to 1400 students community-wide last year; we are grateful that community partners like you also believe that every child should get to start the year on an even playing field with their peers.

In the interest of community safety, our **Stuff the Bus** campaign will look a little different this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions - we will be unable to accept actual school supply donations. We have designated only one site, Power Townsend, for school supply drop-off and are asking for monetary donations from our other partners. This fall, Angel Fund will be giving monetary grant assistance to schools in the Helena area to purchase school supplies. Donations for students in need are even more important than ever. Our goal is to help 1,400 students. We are asking our community partners to help through fundraising at their places of work and worship and communicating to others the adapted focus of our efforts.

**You can NOW donate on-line** through PayPal for Stuff the Bus school supplies this fall:

- Donate online at: [www.angelfundhelena.org](http://www.angelfundhelena.org)
- Or by check: PO Box 7436, Helena, MT 59604

The **Stuff the Bus** campaign will run through the summer, ending on **August 7th**. At that time, all donations gifted will be disbursed to area schools. Our hope is that this money will enable schools to buy supplies in bulk, therefore assisting more students than they would with individual supplies.



## Marvel Movie Mondays @ 7pm

Join Jackie in watching the Marvel Movies from the beginning. We'll start via Zoom and continue together in person once the weather turns nice! Check for updates on Facebook!

### Join Zoom Meeting

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**Meeting ID:** 458 411 1066

**Password:** 867468

## Safehouse Begins

September 16th



Please join us as we seek to grow closer to God and to one another stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

## Want to know what's the latest happenings with Safehouse and fun summer events?!

Follow [ORLC Safehouse](#) on Facebook to be in the know! And if you are in need of quick text reminders about Safehouse events and happenings, you can sign up for quick text updates and reminders by texting [@safehouse2](#) to 81010.



# Lutheran Bible Camp



3rd-7th Grades - July 19-22, 2020



Our Redeemer's has 5 Staff members working at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this summer! Please keep **Kristen Young, Maddie Robertson, Natalie Gates, Chelsea Gates and Rachel Lauf** in your prayers as the continue to be God's hands and feet this summer!

If you'd like to send then an encouraging note at camp, you can mail them a card in care at:

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp  
 550 Lutheran Camp Road  
 Lakeside, MT 59922

# Our Redeemer's Youth @Flathead



I've always believed that bible camp is so much more than the highlight of a young person's summer - it's a special place of excitement, inspiration, spiritual growth, rejuvenation, finding new friendships and strengthening the old ones. Earlier this spring when we all faced the impacts of COVID19 and faced the cancellation of so many things, my heart sunk at the possibility of not having camp for our youth this summer.

I thank God that Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, through much thoughtfulness, research and prayer, was able to adjust their programming and offer an incredible Christ-centered experience in a retreat-style format.

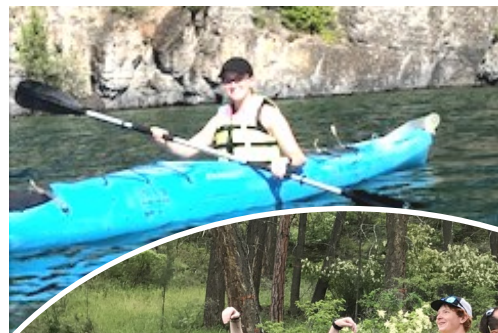
I was able to take two different groups with a total of 24 people to FLBC in July! Although camp was a little bit different, FLBC staff made sure we all stayed safe while enjoying all that camp has to offer while growing in faith, friendship, and love!

I am so grateful for the adult chaperones that accompanied our youth without which these trips would not have been possible: Ryan Swenson, Fred Goughnour and Liz Swenson. Thank you to all the staff and counselors that made our time a camp so meaningful, fun and rejuvenating!

In Christ's Service,

Jackie

P.S. We hope you enjoy some photos from our adventures!



8th Grade+ - July 12-17, 2020



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## Council Meeting Summary – July 21, 2020

The Church Council met on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6pm. The agenda and minutes from June were approved by the council.

- Beth Johnson, Council Treasurer and Sarah Magee, Director of Finance and Facilities gave a financial report. It was stated that we are holding our own considering reduced services due to COVID.
- The council then listened to a detailed and thorough presentation from the Facility Development Team sub-group which included Bonner Armstrong, Jerry Hoover and Gretchen Krumm. During the last six months, the group has pursued various avenue for prioritizing the development of the church property. They have had detailed discussions with three organizations that share our views on the importance of meeting those community needs as identified by the November 2019 charrette survey. With the church council approval, a congregational presentation on our property development will be offered on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm. The presentation will most likely be done through live stream on YouTube which will allow members to participate and make comments.
- The status of the Business Adaptability Grant was discussed. The grant for \$4,082.40 was successful and those funds will be used to reimburse the church for audio visual equipment used for live streaming. Pastor Arne stated his concerns about how long the pandemic may last and the congregation not receiving the benefits and support from our ministry, especially those who are home bound and those who do not feel comfortable coming to church. Pastor Kendra voiced concerns about meeting the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of congregants and sees us pivoting away from "ministry as usual" to "ministry as unusual."
- Trudy Burke, Pre-School Director, and Craig Erickson, Council President, are working on a \$10,000 Social Services Nonprofit Grant. If awarded, it will cover the cost of pre-school supplies, personal protective equipment due to COVID, and a classroom assistant. The grant application is being prepared to submit.
- The job description for Jackie Bartz, the Director of Youth & Family Services was approved by the council, as was updates to the Family Leave Policy.
- Pastor Arne discussed the committees of the congregation and asked that council members review and consider serving on one or two of the committees.
- The last agenda item was the approval of credit card limits and it was noted those limits have not changed in years.

Submitted by Janice Kirkpatrick  
Church Council Secretary

Women of the ELCA

## August Bible Study

The final session of our summer Bible study is entitled, "In the Nation: Giving Birth to Justice," where we are told that God calls us to act with love.

Combined Bible study is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, but at this time it does not appear that it will be held. Your circle leaders will keep you informed.

The WELCA Board: no meeting in August

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

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

## Sent to Lutheran World Relief

Following a blessing service on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, the quilts and kits were sent off to Lutheran World Relief on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Our shipment included 190 quilts, 101 Baby Care Kits, 210 Personal Care Kits and 110 School Kits. In spite of the challenging situation since last March, we had a very good response to this effort. Thank you to all who contributed to make this a job well done.

## School Kits

Even though we just shipped School Kits to Lutheran World Relief, we are now collecting items for the kits for next year's shipment. That's because **THE SALES ARE NOW ON!** Each kit contains the following:

- 4 - 70-sheet notebooks
- 1 - Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 - Ruler with inches on one side and centimeters on the other
- 1 - Pencil sharpener
- 1 - Blunt scissors
- 1 - 2 1/2 inch eraser
- 5 - Black or blue ballpoint pens
- 5 - No. 2 pencils, unsharpened

There is a tub in the narthex where you can put the items. We are told by LWR that School Kits are instrumental in preventing families from becoming refugees. When parents feel that their children have a future through education, then they want to stay in their home and help their children prepare for a better life.



# August 2020

AD = Administrative Wing  
CR = Classrooms  
PS = Preschool

| Sunday   | Monday    | Tuesday   |
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| <b>2</b><br>9:30am - Summer Worship<br><br>Blessings of Lay Pastoral Associates                        | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief   |
| <b>9</b><br>9:30am - Summer Worship<br>10:45am - Memory Care Group _ Community Room                    | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief  |
| <b>16</b><br>9:30am - Outdoor Worship<br>10:45am - Just Mercy Study Group - Zoom                       | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief<br>6:00pm - Staycation Bible School Get together - Courtyard |
| <b>23</b><br>9:30am - Outdoor Worship<br>7:00pm - Congregational Meeting<br>Blessings of the Backpacks | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief  |
| <b>30</b><br>9:30am - Summer Worship   | <b>31</b> |   |

Due to the COVID –19 Pandemic, this calendar may change rapidly, any change in worship will be on the website, emailed and a message will be on the church phone reflecting the changes. If you have questions, please call the church office at 406-442-7842.



| Wednesday                                      | Thursday                          | Friday    | Saturday                        |
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| <b>5</b><br>3:30pm - Wednesday Matinee - Zoom  | <b>6</b><br>9:00am - Sew in Love  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                        |
| <b>12</b><br>3:30pm - Wednesday Matinee - Zoom | <b>13</b><br>9:00am - Sew in Love | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>Voice Articles Due |
| <b>19</b><br>3:30pm - Wednesday Matinee - Zoom | <b>20</b><br>9:00am - Sew in Love | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                       |
| <b>26</b>                                      | <b>27</b><br>9:00am - Sew in Love | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>                       |

