

2021 Holy Week at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

Stations of the Cross

- Our Stations of the Cross meditative walk along Benton Avenue will be available throughout Holy Week.

Passion-Palm Sunday, March 28

Passion Mime

- This year the Passion Mime will be presented online. It will be available March 28th at our website, www.OurRedeemerLives.org.

Drop In Communion

- Available from 9:00 – 11:30 am

Wednesday, March 31

- Spark worship with traditional music at 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 2

- In-person worship services will be at noon and 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4

In-person Worship

- Services in the Sanctuary at **8:00am and 11:00am**
- **These services are by reservation only.** You may make reservations by going to our website, www.OurRedeemerLives.org. The first 80 or so reservations will be in the sanctuary, with overflow seating in the Great Room. Worship will be projected in the Great Room.
- Our **10:00am** service will be held in the south parking lot. We encourage you to bring your own lawn chairs.
- The Nursery will be open. Parents will need to stay with their children as there will be no nursery attendant.

Beginning on April 11, we will return to two worship services on Sunday morning at 8:30am and 10:30am, with Spark Worship on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm.

- Live streaming and online worship will continue.
- Coffee hour will resume.
- Kid time will be at the 10:30 worship.
- The Nursery will be open without an attendant.

All worship at ORLC continues to require masks and social distancing per health department guidelines.

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

April 2021



“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are.” 1 John 3:1

We are looking forward to our celebration of Easter Sunday. What a blessing that we might begin to worship face to face! The Easter Good News of an empty tomb and the promise of God's grace, love and mercy warms one's heart like that of a new spring day. The Gospel lesson that we will read in worship on April 18th (Luke 24:36b-48) recalls how the resurrected Jesus meets his disciples and shares a meal with them. Throughout the time of the pandemic, it has been vital for us to share the meal of Holy Communion. We have done so in a variety of ways. We are fed in that meal, and even from a distance, we are joined with one another as the children of God. As we slowly gain the ability to gather in one place as one family, we will continue to break bread at the table of our Lord.

These last many months, we have been able to share the Lord's supper with our family at Touchmark. A number of our bakers have made sure that each time we send our sisters and brothers back to their apartments with a bag of homemade cookies. Sharing this vestige of a coffee hour at Touchmark has made me long for the time when we can gather again in the Great Room. How great it will be to share a meal together, whether by a coffee hour or soup supper or potluck. That time is just around the corner. Meanwhile, dear family in Christ, whether near or far, the love of God is with you and for you. He is risen, He is risen indeed!

Peace be with you,
Pastor Arne

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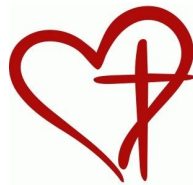
Caregivers Support Group

What is it? A support group for those who are caregivers for loved ones

When will it meet? Every first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. For April and May, we will meet via Zoom and then reevaluate.

What will be provided? Caregivers will meet to share experiences and information and pray together.

Please contact Pastor Kendra to indicate interest in the support group.



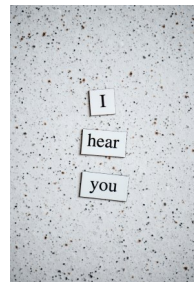
Grief Support Group

Who: Anyone who is grieving. We experience many losses in our lives -loved ones, jobs, homes, pets, opportunities. Whatever or whomever you grieve, you are welcome.

What: The group is intended to be a place to share, listen, and support one another.

When: We will meet on the second and fourth Sundays at 11:30 am from April-June.

Where: Community Room



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

One year into the pandemic, here's what I have learned:

- Anything that affects one person in the world affects us all
- Keep Jesus & Holy Spirit
- Be a CASA
- People are very generous
- Don't eat a bat
- Have quarantine in the summer
- Filled with love

TED Talks Discussion Group

What: A small group that views the same TED talk then meets via Zoom to discuss. Please preview "The Weird History of the 'sex chromosomes'" before we meet in April.

When: April 26 and every fourth Monday of the month following, 7:00 pm

Where: Via Zoom. RSVP to Pastor Kendra to receive the link

Who: anyone who is interested in a vibrant conversation about a pressing issue



Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!



**Come to
The Water**

Baptism Class at Our Redeemer's

Do you want to get baptized? Please join Pastor Kendra at 9:45 on the third Sunday of the Month for our "Come to the Water" class, where we discuss what we believe about baptism, what happens in the baptismal rite and get you ready for your baptism.

Smile for a Cause

In the past year, many of us have had to supplement our local shopping with online orders. While this is a necessity, consider turning it into a benefit by using AmazonSmile.com.

AmazonSmile.com allows you to support your favorite charity at no extra cost, and it works just like your regular Amazon account, even Prime is exactly the same. The only difference is that a portion of your purchase price will be donated to the charity you choose.

Simply go to www.AmazonSmile.com and choose Our Redeemer Lutheran (make sure it's the Helena, Montana one!) The proceeds from each of your purchases will automatically transfer to the church and will be split between the Preschool and the Youth Group.

Thanks for taking this simple step to help raise funds in support of the young people of the church!



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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Thursday, April 15 @ 5:00pm
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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

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
Dean Bunkowske
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)
Tom Carter
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)
Matt Cragwick (Shawn Moore)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)
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)
Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Carmen Sharp
Bob Shearer (Kaytlyn Shearer)
Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Mark Thompson (Kim Anfinson's brother)
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
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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
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Dean McLain
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Erin Mills
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Chris Oelkers
Scott Pocha
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Tanner Reddig
Cody Stipcich
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Victoria Stipcich

Our Seminarian

Baird Linke

HUNGER TEAM NEWS



God's Love

A huge heaping of thanks and gratitude from God's Love for the "Share the Love" fun day on February 15th. Thank you to Jackie Bartz and Liz Swenson for coordinating this event. Many bags of wonderful, warm clothing were collected and donated

to God's Love. This congregation keeps on going and giving. Always ready to help and take care of those in need of assistance and some kindness and show these wonderful people they are not forgotten. God's Love can always use our help.

They need:

- warm men's gloves/mittens in L/XL *[their supply is gone]*
- men's work gloves in L/XL
- washcloths/towels
- silverware
- plates and larger-sized cereal-soup bowls *[dishwasher/microwave safe]*.
- *They have a supply of paper plates but like serving evening meals on glassware.*
- toilet paper

If you feel you can donate an item or two, the God's Love donation hamper is located in the church foyer. Thank you for making a difference in a life.

Family Promise Needs You

Our Redeemer's will be hosting Family Promise again the first week in May. We are always in need of overnight hosts. What does an overnight host do? Two persons are responsible for sleeping overnight at the church. At this point, it appears that First Christian will still be hosting the families.

Overnight hosts have separate rooms in which to sleep, and new beds and mattresses have recently been purchased for this purpose. Typically, overnight hosts introduce themselves to the guests and wish them a good night's sleep. If emergencies arise, the hosts have contact information about persons who would be notified. Hosts usually start at about 7:00 PM and serve until 7:00 AM. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Family Promise coordinators for our church, Kathy Olson (kathyolson8686@gmail.com or 406 431-8686) or Janet Whitmoyer (jwhit6513@gmail.com or 406 459-6513). This volunteer opportunity is vital for the program's success, and your help is so greatly appreciated.



Summer Milk Campaign

Yes, we'll be collecting milk money for Helena Food Share's Kid Packs Program once again this summer. Details will be forthcoming in the May Voice. Stay tuned for more information.

Community Garden

Those of you with a green thumb and those who wish they had a green thumb will be pleased to know that special activities will be planned in the garden for Earth Day. Also, we'll soon be collecting seeds for the Helena Food Share portion of our garden. Further details are available from the garden manager, Carolyn Meyer (carolyn.sierra@gmail.com or (303) 513-6695).



Family Promise Update

2020 was a challenging year for Family Promise. While many Family Promise organizations nationally have been forced to suspend activities during the COVID pandemic, the Helena Area Family Promise not only survived but thrived, serving a record number of homeless families as well as those at risk for losing their homes. Through the efforts of a very determined staff and Board of Directors, the generosity of First Christian Church, and the support of many area churches and other service organizations, Family Promise served 2,650 people, including 725 families and 1600 children in 2020. In addition to providing shelter for homeless families, Family Promise has been instrumental in activities to prevent homelessness by supplementing rent or utilities and providing food support to families who have graduated from the program and others in our community.

As you can imagine, the Day Center, where families congregate during the day when not working or going to school, needs various household supplies. We are hopeful ORLC can provide a supply of laundry detergent. If anyone is interested in donating liquid detergent, please drop it by the church. Additionally, the need for overnight hosts is great. As the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work." We welcome all who are interested in joining our committed group of overnight hosts. As an added enticement, new beds with real mattresses for hosts are on the way! Please contact either of us if you would like to serve in this ministry of providing holy hospitality.

In His Love,
Janet Whitmoyer (406) 459-6513
Kathy Olson (406) 431-8686

Volunteers Needed:



Are you looking for a meaningful serving opportunity? Altar Guild is looking for new members! What a wonderful way to serve God, to prepare the Lord's Supper. Duties include: cleaning the

Altar area, setup and clean up Holy Communion. We need set up before the 8:30 service or clean up after the 10:30 service, and Wednesday 6:30 service. A mentor will be assigned to you to learn these duties. If you have questions please contact Lisa Mathews at 465-5580 or lew03@gmail.com.

Celebrating the Gift of Creation

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the week of April 18 - 25, we at ORLC, along with people of faith around the globe, will observe Earth Day and Earth Week as we have done for the past 51 years. The Earth is a gift to us, a sacred gift from God. As such, we celebrate and rededicate ourselves to tending and keeping this beautiful and precious gift, fulfilling our sacred calling from God.

Earth Day itself is observed on April 22, and people of faith around the globe will dedicate that day to, among other things, praying for our planet home and asking for the grace to rightly fulfill our commission to tend and keep it. At **noon**, and/or any other time of day, you are invited to use one of the prayers that can be found at <https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/prayers-and-climate-blessings>. Consider asking one or more of your brothers or sisters in the faith to join you in that prayer by Zoom, FaceTime, or by phone, etc. You are also encouraged to **share that prayer via whatever social media sites you frequent**.

On Saturday, April 24, at noon, there will be a brief Service of Blessing for our Community Garden followed by a bring-your-own-lunch picnic. And on **Sunday, April 25**, our worship will be centered around the theme of **Celebrating the Gift of Creation**.

There will also be an **Earth Day 5K** run in Helena on April 22. There are many other ways to observe and celebrate God's gift of Creation. You are invited to **share any other Earth Care observances or activities** in which you engage on the Our Redeemer's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/OurRedeemersLutheranChurch>.



Lutheran World Relief

Our youth 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. Once all donations are collected kits will be assembled.



They are requesting donations of the following:

- **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**

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!



Council Meeting Summary
March 16, 2021

The Church Council met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 6 pm. The Council approved the agenda for the March meeting and minutes from February.

- Jason Callon, Director of Worship and Arts, gave a brief report on his job duties. Jason was hired three years ago, and because of Covid, he had to learn very quickly how to navigate and work through the technical aspects of worship. When asked what his "back to normal list" would look like, he mentioned the continuation of live-streaming; continuation of outdoor services during summer and in the fall going back to services as they were; and upgrading equipment, especially the sound system and implementing acoustic treatment in the sanctuary.
- Pastor Kendra asked Council members to read an Alban Article: A Place at the Table. The article encourages churches to collaborate with different entities that may not share our beliefs. Still, we also need to keep in mind the intentions we established to develop our property.
- Beth Johnson, Treasurer, gave the February financial report, and Sarah Magee, Finance Director, reviewed Council Funds.
- Jan Martin reported that the Personnel Committee reviewed and revised the Family Leave Policy, which will be presented to the Council next month.
- Pastor Arne reported Easter Worship would consist of three services. Volunteers are needed for all three services. The 8 am, and 11 am services will be inside by reservations only. The Great Room with video and sound will be used if necessary. The 10 am service will be outdoors. We will begin in-person services at 8:30 am, and 10:30 am the week after Easter.
- Cody Salo, Church Council Representative for the Property Development Committee, reported that the Request for Proposal for a consulting firm should occur in April. The planning study can then move forward.
- Beth Johnson volunteered to be the Council representative for the Hunger Team, and Carolyn Meyer will be the representative for Worship and Arts.
- Chris May and Lori Chase were nominated to the Perpetual Fund Committee.
- Beth Johnson reviewed staff credit card limits and automatic payments. A motion was made and approved to maintain those limits and payments.
- The crack sealing of the north and south parking lots, as discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on March 2nd, will be moved to "Old Business" until we receive a second bid.
- Jan discussed the Synod Assembly, which will take place virtually on June 4th and 5th. Rostered staff will attend, and three non-rostered staff can also participate.
- A new staff position to improve congregational communication, electronic and website platforms was approved by the Council. It is currently a six-month, part-time (10 hours a week) contracted position.

Submitted by Janice Kirkpatrick
Church Council Secretary



A week at camp is often the highlight of a young person's summer! While Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp has had to adjust their summer programming with the impact of COVID-19. Last summer, we were able to attend in two separate groups and we had a blast learning and growing in faith and in God's beautiful creation! We've hear so much about it throughout the winter, we decided to doffer it again this summer! Join Liz and Jackie for an incredible Christ-centered experience in a retreat-style format.

What does a retreat-style camp look like? While there, a camp staff member will guide guests through the various activities that camp offers (swimming, Bible study, worship, canoeing, archery, sailing, hiking, etc.!). At camp, groups will remain distanced to the best of their ability, with specific mealtime procedures, scheduled activities, and more as guided by the CDC and Flathead County Health Department.

Jackie Bartz & Liz Swenson would like to take a couple groups of youth to experience camp:

- July 18-23 - A full week adventure for older youth (8th grade and older)
- August 1-4 - A shorter trip (4 days/3 nights) for 3rd grade to 7th grade.



By splitting up the groups, we will be better able to gage levels of activities, bedtimes, bible studies, etc. for each group.

FLBC requires us to bring 1 adult female (myself) and 1 adult male as chaperones for the time at camp as well as masks for all (to be worn only when needed in doors and when in close proximity to other groups). More information on specific forms and info will be distributed closer to the beginning of summer.

As camp is trying to limit outside folks dropping in, we will travel as a group using a 15 passenger van to transport our group to and from camp. *Please note that as we will be traveling together, social distancing will not be a possibility during transport, but we will follow camp rules for safety and social distancing once on site.*

****WELCA (Women of the ELCA) also offers camp scholarships to any student who needs financial assistance to attend Bible Camp. Applications are available in the narthex and can be turned into the church office.*

Registration for camp is due two weeks prior to the start date of each trip (June 28th and July 5th) to the church office as we will be registering as a group!

ORLC @ Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Summer 2021

Select one: ☐ July 18-23(8th grade+) ☐ August1-4 (3rd-7th grade)

Adult Name(s): _____

Youth Name and Grade : _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent's Cell Phone _____

Please list any dietary restrictions or considerations that you may have: _____

☐ I am willing to be an adult chaperone.

****Please return this registration form with payment to ORLC office ASAP or at least two weeks prior to trip.***



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



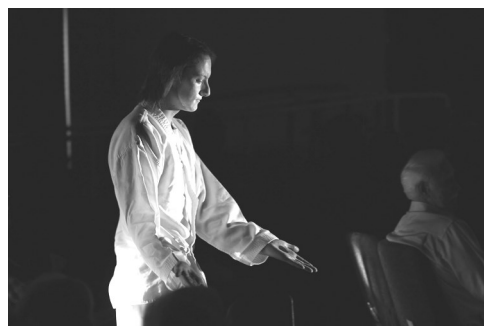
Meet our student leaders for the 2020-2021 year - Nathan Spangenberg, Dylan Maharg, Ella Krumm, Haileigh Tompkins, Emma Hoover, Lili Keeton, Amanda Haab, and Jacob Yaeger.



Online Sunday, March 28th, 2021

Our dedicated, creative, and resilient youth would like to share with you an adapted Passion Mime for this season. They have been working tirelessly to record this wonderful re-telling of Jesus' life, death and resurrection for all to witness from the comfort and safety of their own home.

All are invited and welcomed to witness Christ's story on the Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church website at www.OurRedeemerLives.org beginning on Passion/Palm Sunday!



Want to know what's the latest happenings with Safehouse?!



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**.

Also, email Jackie at Jackie@ourredeemlives.org to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.

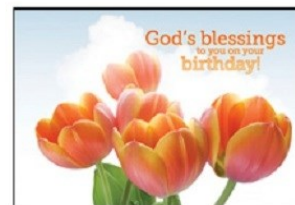


Lutheran College Scholarships

High School Seniors, are you planning on attending a Lutheran college next fall? A one-time scholarship is available to students in our congregation, like you, attending a Lutheran college in the fall! Please contact Jackie Bartz for an application and return it to the church office by **May 1st**.



Please take the time to fill out this one page application as there are so many wonderful ladies that wish to help support you in your education and future!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

2 Dan Adams	11 Tess Jensen	McKenna Pocha	26 Casey Ebelt
Lynnette Avery	Brock McDaid	19 Markell Ebert	Jeanne McCoskery
Linda Nelson	Rylee Williams	Mark Langdorf	27 Sophia Hill
Kate Passage	12 Amy Carlson	Rachel Lauf	Kevin Mathews
Kathy Schenck	Evan Coble	20 Karen Caplis	28 Rueben Fink
3 Jayme Johnson	Gene Ford	21 Rachel Dike	George Hafer
Jacob Yaeger	Thomas Johnson	Chelsea Gates	Rosemary Hemry
4 Emma Dole	Mary Smith	Landen Skillman	Mary Kay Linke
5 Britton Heuiser	13 Nadria McCormack	22 Lyndie Ark	Annette Wakefield
Shelby Martin	14 Patti McFadden	Kennedy Pocha	29 Lynda Hanson
Katelyn Will	McKenna Moore	Kim Quinn	Elizabeth Heuiser
6 Jodi Aschim	15 Elizabeth Cook	Bill Straley	Carl Richards
Ian Flynn	Barb Penner	23 Paige Esposito	Steven Sim
7 Helen Bunkowske	16 Michael Alberts	Ella Krumm	Mark Thatcher
John Michelotti	Nate Brunett	Ray Read	Aidan Wade
Ben Olmstead	Carrie Reynolds	24 Emma Esposito	Denise Wolf
Leona Williams	Nadine Sim	Bryce Harrington	30 Julie Ackerlund
8 Logan Colberg	17 Howard DesRosier	Joan Haubein	Finn Doran
Kristie Wolter	Trey Moseman	Jaylen Tintinger	
Lynn Worsech	Travis Gronley	Alyssa Tompkins	
9 Ed McFadden	18 Haleigh Henschel	25 Kristi Antosh	
Jeannie Ryan	Annelise Marble	Scott Robertson	
10 Mike Sheard			

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.



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

4/18/1981	Mike & Willa Sheard	40 years
4/22/1977	Merlyn & Linda Huso	44 years
4/3/1971	John & Marlene Simms	50 years
4/9/1970	Jeff & Jan Martin	51 years

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming and to find additional COVID-19 related information.

* Spring Environmental Education Field Day

Saturday, April 10th, 2021 10am - 4pm

\$25 / student / \$12/adult chaperone - includes lunch!

Join us for a day of fun and learning at FLBC! Learn more about the world around you and enjoy the fun activities camp offers at our Environmental Education Field Day. Visit <https://flbc.net/field-trip/> to learn more and register.

* Adult Spirituality Retreat - "Shepherd Me, O God"

April 18th - 20st, 2021 (Sun - Tues)

\$165/person (\$125 for Monday only)

Join Pastor Brenda Satrum at FLBC for time with your Shepherd, as we dwell with God in Word, prayer, silence, and song. (CEU Credits available) Register online or by contacting the FLBC office.

* Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 9th, 2021

Suggested donation: \$25/adult | \$18/ages 5-14 | Free/4 & under

Celebrate Mother's Day on the lake! 3 settings are available: 9:30, 11:00, and 12:30.

* Memorial Day Family Retreat & Work Weekend

May 28th-31st, 2021

FREE! Registration still required :-)

Come have a fun weekend and help FLBC get ready for summer!

* Women's Retreat

June 11th - 13th, 2021

\$165/person (\$125 for Saturday only)

Join us for a weekend of rejuvenation, fellowship and fun! Pastor Miriam Schmidt (Big Sky, MT) will lead us through the theme "Saying No, Saying Yes - A Spiritual Practice"



Preschool Spring Fundraiser - Jar Raffle

A spring fundraiser has been a tradition at Our Redeemer's Preschool for the past 20 years. This year our event will be a little different.

Starting Sunday, April 25, there will be a wide variety of prizes on display in the Great Room. Each prize will have its own raffle jar. Tickets will be available for purchase, and you can decide which raffle(s) you would like to enter.

Our drawings will be held on Monday, May 3, and winning ticket holders will be notified. Be sure to check out all the great items and drop your tickets for the ones you would like to win!

The funds raised from this event will enable us to provide enrichment opportunities to our students.

We will also be able to supplement our tuition assistance funds which help families who have been hard hit by Covid circumstances this year.

Our Redeemer's Preschool is in its 22nd year and currently has 65 students enrolled in seven classes and six staff members. We are grateful to our Preschool Board for sponsoring this event and for their dedication to the Preschool.

Thank you in advance for your support of Our Redeemer's Preschool and our Jar Raffle!



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Children's Ministry Easter

Schedule

Spring Break March 29th
through April 2nd



- **March 21st** - Sunday
School reconvenes IN-PERSON at ORLC in the Community Room @9:30 (parents are welcome to wait in the Great Room during class!)
- **March 28th, April 4th** - No Sunday School
Due to Spring Break, and Easter!
- **March 31st** - No KidzEd
- **April 1st** - (Maundy Thursday) First Communion for 4th Graders
- **April 4th** - (Easter Sunday) Children's Easter Ribbon Celebration @11:00am
- **April 11th** - Sunday School/ KidTime reconvenes during 10:30 service!

Share Your Heart and Spread the Warmth Event

We had so much fun tying blankets, building snowmen, and adding donated winter clothing for God's Love! We had a great turn-out.



KidTime is BACK!!

KidTime will reconvene on **April 11th** during the **10:30** worship service in the Great Room!



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Communion

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.

March 21st 1-3pm: Communion 101: An instructional time for both communicant and adults about Holy Communion.

March 28th 4-6pm: Seder Meal: An interactive Passover Seder Meal for communicant and their family.

April 1st 6:30pm: First Communion: During the Maundy Thursday service at ORLC!

An invitation was sent to all fourth grade students and their family. Please RSVP by **March 15th**! 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



Liz and Jackie are planning to take youth ages 3rd grade-7th grade to camp as a group August 1-4, 2021! Registration forms can be found on the ORLC website under Youth Ministry.

We hope you will join us!



VBS 2021!!

June 14th - 18th 9am-Noon

We will hold an in-person VBS this summer following all safety precautions. Most activities will take place outdoors, all children will be required to wear a mask, and classes will be capped at 10 kids. Finally, all families will be asked to sign our ORLC youth ministry Covid-19 waiver found on our website.

Please go to the following link to fill out the registration form today.

<https://forms.gle/MS4ppSiS5pLLidWSA>

Rocky Railway - Kids explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop!

REGISTER NOW!

Volunteer opportunities!

We need more volunteers than ever before! Opportunities for purchasing supplies, teaching, decorating, and much more! Please go to the following link to fill out the registration form (<https://forms.gle/LM7uoBuYBMAYtWv8>)

or contact Liz at liz@ourredeemerlives.org for more information.



April Bible Study

This month we conclude our study of angels with Session Four entitled, "Feasting, Funny, Alleluia Angels," where we will learn that God's messengers lead us from the shadows of death into the light of new life.

Combined Circles will meet on Tuesday, April 20 at 10:00 am. Hope to see you there. All new members and visitors are welcome to join us.

The WELCA Board: TBA

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

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

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

WELCA offers a one-time scholarship to any student in the congregation who will be attending a Lutheran college. Applications are available from Jackie Bartz and are due in the church office by May 1.

Baby Care Kits

WELCA is again getting ready to prepare Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief and we need your help in supplying the items that make up the kits. The following are needed:

- Cotton knit shirts (no Onesies)
- Long or short sleeve gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Cotton receiving blankets (up to 52" square)
- Cloth diapers (available at Walmart)
- Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood (or include a baby cap)
- Socks
- Hand towels (dark color preferred)
- Gentle soap (4-5oz)
- Diaper pins or large safety pins

All items should be new or can be used if in very good condition, infant to size 2. There is a tub in the narthex for your donations which will be accepted through the month of April. Thank you for your help.

April 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4 Easter Sunday 8:00am - In-Person Easter Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am - Outside Easter Worship - Parking lot 11:00am - In-Person Easter Worship - Sanctuary	5 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Zoom	6 Communion at Touchmark 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
11 8:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am - In-person Sunday School 10:45am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 11:30am - Grief Support Group - Community Room	12 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room	13 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 7:00pm - Reflections - Online meeting
18 8:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary 9:45am - Baptism Class 10:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am - In-person Sunday School 10:45am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft ***** FLBC Adult Spirituality Retreat ***** April 18 - 20 *****	19	20 Communion at Touchmark 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - WELCA Bible Study 5:30pm - Hunger Team - Community Room & Zoom 6:00pm - Council Meeting
25 Preschool Jar Raffle Begins 8:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am - In-person Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am - In-person Sunday School 10:45am - Net - Youth Leadership - Loft 11:30am - Grief Support Group - Community Room	26 7:00pm - TED Talk - Zoom	27 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30pm - First Communion	2 12:00pm - Good Friday Worship 6:00pm - Good Friday Worship	3
7 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Confirmation University 7:15pm - Safehouse	8	9	10 FLBC Spring Field Day
14 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Confirmation University 7:15pm - Safehouse	15 Voice Articles Due	16	17
21 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Confirmation University 7:15pm - Safehouse	22 Earth Day Earth Day 5K - Helena	23 11:00am - Service of the Word - Sanctuary	24 12:00pm - Service of Blessing for Community Garden & Picnic Lunch
28 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - KidzEd 7:15pm - Confirmation University 7:15pm - Safehouse	29	30	

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.