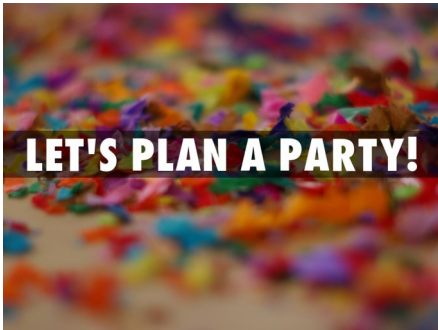


Homecoming Celebration & Commemoration



Who: Everyone is invited!
What: A planning meeting for this event which will take place in the fall. The events may include a picnic, a concert, a softball game, a service project, a study...what do you feel called to do?
When: Our first planning meeting will be Sunday, June 6 at 10:30.
Where: Community Room
Why: We gather together to give thanks for God's faithfulness through the pandemic; to name what and who was lost; to be God's people together; and to continue to live out God's mission for ORLC.
"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalms 100:1, 5



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Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." Matthew

13:31-32

The mustard seed is neither the smallest of seeds nor is it the greatest of plants. At best, we would call a mature mustard plant a shrub. What was Jesus trying to say with this teaching? We might have understood this better if he had chosen Knapweed, Cheat Grass, or Canadian Thistle because mustard is an invasive plant.

In his book, *Dancing Through Thistles in Bare Feet*, Gary Harder suggests that the mustard seed has two qualities. First, it is uncontrollable. Once established, you cannot get rid of it; it is wild and untamable. In Jesus' time, the mustard plant was viewed as a healing plant. That is its second quality. Harder says, "The Spirit will never, ever be limited by our way of gardening. The Spirit will bring together people we think should be kept apart and mess up our interpretations and categories. The Spirit will do all that to bring healing to our world and the church."

Our congregation was planted in the Helena valley over sixty years ago. Moved by the Spirit, our founders took up the mission to plant the church in this place, sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. Years later, as that ministry experienced growing pains, this congregation saw the opportunity to grow the church in this place. Now we face a third opportunity to share the mission of the church through how we develop our property.

May the words of Oscar Romero's poem, "A Future Not Our Own," urge us to be the wild, uncontrollable mustard seeds that God would have us be.

*This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.*

Peace be with you,
Pastor Arne

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

Announcing the Interim Pastor for Our Redeemer’s

Tuesday, May 18, the Church Council voted to enter into an agreement with Pastor Trina Johnsten.

The Reverend Trina Johnsten was born and raised in Great Falls, Montana, graduating from Great Falls High School in 1985. She attended St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN), majoring in English and Religion, and then spent nine years serving in the areas of Admissions and Financial Aid at several colleges, including her alma mater. In 1998, she married Dennis Trotter and began an M.Div. at Wartburg Theological Seminary (Dubuque, IA), two really good decisions in one year! Since graduating, she has served parishes in Pennsylvania, Nebraska, California, and Montana, garnering experience in both rural and urban ministry and doing work as a chaplain and interim pastor. In all her calls, Rev. Johnsten has been a strong advocate for Lutheran Outdoor Ministry, serving on the board for El Camino Pines in southern California and as an advisor at Christikon in Montana, where she worked as a counselor during college. Her most recent call was as the Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment at United Lutheran Seminary (Philadelphia, PA), where Dennis also served as the Chief Operating Officer. Since returning to Montana in the summer of 2019, Rev. Johnsten finished out Bishop Jungling’s interim ministry at Gold Hill in Butte, just completed an interim year with Bethel in Great Falls, and is now looking forward to her time at Our Redeemer’s. She and Dennis enjoy biking, lifting weights, fishing, hiking, reading, music, and time with family, particularly their two nieces in Great Falls and their four grandchildren in Bellingham, Washington. Rev. Johnsten will be starting at Our Redeemer’s on August 9.



ORLC Transition Team

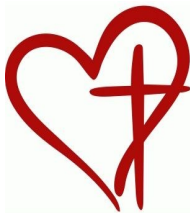
As we make the transition to a new lead pastor the Church Council has appointed a transition team. The work of this team is to assess the needs of the congregation in creating a congregational profile. That profile will be used in the search process for a new lead pastor. There will also be a call committee formed that will use the profile in assessing and interviewing potential candidates for our new lead pastor.

The Transition team consists of Dwight Hiesterman, Ruth Straley, Drew Sielbach, Beth Johnson, Chris Boe and Sarah Sampson.

If you have any questions, please send them to Jan Martin, the ORLC Church Council President at jomvallymt@gmail.com

Caregivers

Support Group



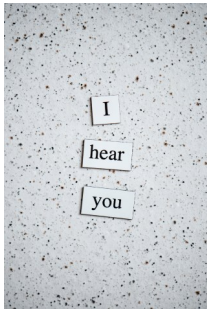
What is it? A support group for those who are caregivers for loved ones

When will it meet? Every first Monday of the month (June 7th) 7:00 pm via Zoom

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 Saturday June 19th at 9:30am in the Community Room

Where: Community Room

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Tuesday, June 15 @ 5:00pm
loriw@ourredeemerlives.org

June 3 Congregational meeting
6:30 Church Sanctuary

This meeting is for informational purposes only. The Property Development committee wishes to inform the congregation regarding the progress made in creating partnerships to help us develop our land. Congregational and community input will be addressed as a part of the ongoing process of the committee’s work. There will be no need for a congregational vote at this time.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

Phyllis Bauer	Christine Hoffman	Jessi Putnam	Kim Venetz
Richard Carey	Carol Kimble	Mike Robinson	Lynn Wakefield
Roberta Carey	Blake McHugh	Verna Strand	Adam Williams
Malinda Diamond	Dale Mickus	Joe Toro	

Our Family and Friends

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

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Jeremy Bauer	Jackie Copenhaver-Girard	Wade Hemry	Keith Nordquist
Chad Beley	Ryan Girard	Cody Johnson	Chris Oelkers
Lonnie Cook	Austin Grieve	Colton Johnson	Scott Pocha
Erin DenHerder	Travis Gronley	Chance McDowell	Courtney Rath
Sage Ellis	Sam Harris	Kent McGowan	Tanner Reddig
Micah Emmons	Charlie Heidbreder	Dean McLain	Cody Stipcich
Jessilyn Emmons	Roger Henschel	Sawyer Linke	Darrell Stipcich
Joe Fischer	Paul Horst	Erin Mills	Victoria Stipcich
Grant Gagnon	Anela Hemry	Brian Neal	

Our Seminarian

Baird Linke

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

Moooove Over Covid!

It's Summer Milk Campaign Time!



Once again, it is time to donate to the summer milk campaign for the kid packs program at Helena Food Share. We have until August 31, 2021, to reach our goal of \$6000. This amount will be matched by a local foundation, providing \$12000 of milk money for hungry kids in our community. All of you have been so generous in the past several years, and Helena Food Share is so very appreciative of your commitment.

How can you donate? You may always write a check to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and indicate Milk Money on the memo line. Or, if you would prefer, you may donate online at ourredeemerlives.org. Go to the donation page and then to Online Giving. Under "Other Offerings," you will find the category Milk Money. Simple! Touchless! Also, Priceless!

What Is Family Promise Doing Now?

First of all, thank you to everyone who helped with hosting our Family Promise guests early in May. Your homecooked meals and willingness to spend the night with our guests made our job both enjoyable and meaningful.



Family Promise has continued to serve homeless families in our community throughout the 2020-21 pandemic. Thanks to the generosity of First Christian Church, families have been housed in that facility, with member churches providing meals and overnight hosts for the families. In fact, during 2020, Family Promise was able to assist 66 families with everything from rent, mortgage, and utilities to food and case management. In this way, the organization was able to provide ongoing support for a variety of family needs.

In August, Our Redeemer's will commence hosting Family Promise guests in our building once again. Strict hygiene protocols will be followed because of COVID-19. We are delighted that we can once again welcome families into our building. But we desperately need your help to provide the support needed during that time.

What do we need? We need folks to set up and tear down the living areas at the beginning and end of the hosting week. We need overnight hosts who will remain in the church (in separate quarters and with separate restroom facilities from our guests) from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am each evening. New mattresses have been purchased, to provide a more comfortable arrangement for overnight hosts. We also are in need of a couple of coordinators to assist with both

the physical arrangements for our guests and to provide early evening hosts.

You will be hearing more about the successes of this program, as well as our need for assistance prior to our hosting the week of August 22-28. In the meantime, contact the ORLC Family Promise coordinators, Janet Whitmoyer (406) 459-6513, jwhit6513@gmail.com or Kathy Olson (406) 431-8686, kathyolson8686@gmail.com for more details.

Got Seeds or Plants?

The community garden is once again dedicating a large portion of its plots for Helena Food Share. The garden manager, Carolyn Meyer (303) 513-6695, carolyn.sierra@gmail.com is gladly accepting donations of plants and seeds for this plot. Since Vacation Bible School children will be assisting in planting that section of the garden, donations will be accepted prior to June 14. Please contact Carolyn about any donations or questions about garden upkeep.



GOD'S LOVE

THANK YOU for all the continual support for God's Love. Every item is deeply appreciated and put to good use. With summer almost upon us, they can use more silverware and soup bowls. If you are in the market for new summer sandals or tennis shoes, or any shoe...please consider donating your well-loved pairs to God's Love.

Right now, they are seeing an influx of women who need assistance. The director said he is not sure if it is domestic issues or related to Covid stress and unemployment problems, but they need hairbrushes, combs, women's underwear, and women's socks. Of course, hygiene products. They have plenty of shampoo, soap, etc., right now as numbers overall are way down at the shelter. But, they are experiencing a shortage of women's items.

He also said with Helena Food Share's tremendous assistance to them and food from some grocery stores and box stores, they are no longer cooking on Monday and Tuesday nights. They use the wonderful produce, meat, etc., that is provided on Monday mornings from the community. Definitely serving folks and helping anyone out but do not have an actual cook in the kitchen on those two nights.

Blessings to each and every one of you for your incredible generosity. It is appreciated by the Hunger Team and God's Love.

Questions about donations may be addressed to Judy McMaster (406) 465-7118, judy1950@bresnan.net.



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

How can I help with Vacation Bible School?



We will hold VBS **June 14-18!** Our theme this year is Rocky Railway—Jesus' Power Pulls us Through.

We need more volunteers than ever before! Our biggest needs are group leaders and assistants as well as craft leaders. Please go to the following link to fill out the registration form today OR point your phone camera at the QR code below! <https://forms.gle/LM7uoBuYBMsaYtWv8>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS

I want to express my deepest appreciation to everyone who has graciously donated items for VBS! Check out our 'VBS Donations' board outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting the Youth!

Contact Liz (liz@ourredeemerlives.org) for more info.



KidTime is BACK!!

KidTime has reconvened in person during the **9:30** worship service in the Great Room—and will run throughout the summer!

All children PK-2nd grade are welcome to attend and participate. Kids will get the opportunity to learn about the gospel lesson in a meaningful way.



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

We hope you will join us!
Contact Liz with questions.

Children's Ministry Volunteers

As we head into summer and look toward the 2021-2022 school year keep in mind that we are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** for Sunday School, KidTime and Wednesday night KidzEd!

We really need your help! Without volunteers, it is not possible to run our Children's Programs! Contact Liz, liz@ourredeemerlives.org

Jacob M. Yaegeer

Jacob is the son of Mike and Pam Yaegeer and is graduating from Capital High School. He is a proud member of Business Professionals of America (BPA) and qualified for nationals this year in Personal Financial Management. Jacob has played music almost his entire life. While he has played a few instruments, he settled on piano and keyboard. He has enjoyed being involved as a member of the Spark Band and a Safehouse student leader at Our Redeemer's.

Jacob plans to start at Helena College, taking his general courses first. He then plans to further his education and attend medical school for Psychiatry.



Kileigh Bartole

Kileigh is the daughter of Mike and Shannon Bartole and is graduating from Capital High School. She was a ballet dancer at Queen City Ballet for 14 years and was in the Queen City Ballet Company for one year. Kileigh was also one of our dedicated nursery attendants at Our Redeemer's. She is a member of the National Honors Society in 2020-2021 as well as an Honor Roll student all four years of high school.

Kileigh will be attending Montana State University in the fall of 2021 with an undecided major.



Congratulations CLASS OF 2021



MEET THE GRADUATES

Emma Hoover

Emma Hoover is the daughter of Dwain Hoover and Verna Boucher and is graduating from Helena High School. She is a student leader at Safehouse, and a Dollar store aficionado. Emma is President of Key Club, a Valedictorian, and received a Chancellor Award at the University of Montana Western. Emma plans to attend the University of Montana Western this fall, majoring in biology with a minor in pre-med. She then hopes to continue on in graduate school for dentistry.



Lilian Keeton

Lilian is the Daughter of Larry and Carrin Keeton and is graduating from Capital High School. She has played both tennis and soccer throughout high school. She is also a student leader at Safehouse, and a member of the Spark band at Our Redeemer's. Lilian is a member of Business Professional of America (BPA) and National Honor Society (NHS). She is a Distinguished Student, Valedictorian, and Student of the Month. Lilian plans to attend the Honors College at Northern Arizona University this fall.



Nathan Spangenberg

Nathan is the son of Eric Spangenberg and Kristi Wolter and is graduating from Capital High School. Nathan joined the Capital High Cheer team his junior year and has stated it was one of the best decisions he ever made. He enjoyed the energy and camaraderie of the cheer squad, along with the excitement of cheering on Capital High athletics. Nathan also participated in track and field all four years at Capital. While COVID shut down his junior year, he was excited and looking forward to his senior year of participating in long jump and triple jump. Outside of school, he has been an active participant in Safehouse, both as a student and a youth leader in the group, including volunteering in the summer for Vacation Bible School and as a youth guide for WOW retreats to FLBC. Additionally, he enjoyed his work supporting the audio-visual booth for church services and functions. Nathan plans to attend Montana State University-Bozeman (Go Cats!) with plans to study and major in both electrical and computer engineering. He will also continue to cheer as a member of the MSU Spirit Squad.



Haileigh Tompkins

Haileigh is the daughter of Jim and Gina Fuller and is graduating from Capital High School. She enjoys spending time with friends and family. Haileigh loves helping younger youth at church and has been a dedicated nursery attendant and Vacation Bible School volunteer at Our Redeemer's. She has also been a Safehouse student leader and a member of the Spark Band on Wednesday evenings. Haileigh plans to begin her studies this fall at Highlands College of Montana Tech to study x-ray technology.



June Birthdays!

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

1	Steve Burger	9	Ron Olson
	Guy Goughnour		Sydney Aschim
	Zachary McHugh		Amelia Dodds
2	Christine Armstrong-Mills	10	Pat Fischer
	Jennifer Balcerzak	11	Harry Howell
	Trent Selvig		Louise Wilson
4	Asher Bomar	12	Deb Esposito
	Carol Will	13	Emma Coble
5	Nelson Bock		Haydin Henschel
	Carolyn Meyer	14	Teah Falconer
	Dale Mickus		David Hanson
	JJ Olson	15	Carly Bergquist
	Madison Robertson		Vicki Chapman
6	Kaela Burke	17	Cannon Colegrove
	Dean Chaussee		Zack Horinek
	Kellie Guariglia		Eric Meyer
7	Katrina Steinhoff	18	Ed Johnson
8	Samuel Ark		Tiffany Sturdevant
			Dominic DeFilippis
			Helen Ellis
			David Fulkerson
		19	Tanner McLaury
			Jennifer Colegrove
			Skylar Rispens
20	Chris Boe		
	Tenley Forgey		
	Karen Midtlyng		
21	Lucas Ballantyne		
22	Emmiett Dike		
	Trey Tintinger		
23	Kit Quinn		
	Lily Yearry		
24	Lauren Alberts		
	Bonnie McFarland		
	Judy McLean		
	Lynn Voss		
25	Bill Hess		
	Charlotte MacIntyre		
	Mark Studt		
26	Dylan Hill		
	Wendy Vukonich		
27	Gary Bay		
	Alaire Maynard		
	Judy Mickus		
	Shawn Moore		
	Lauren Robertson		
	Laura Steinhoff		
28	Jessica Grimmis		
	Beth Johnson		
	Kayme May		
	Diane Rauch		
29	Justine Alberts		
	Kari Christensen		
	Nate Jensen		
30	Jason Callon		
	Glenn Erickson		
	Janet Lauf		
	Jake Willcut		



June Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

- 40 Years! Harry & Sheri Howell 6/27/1981
42 Years! Dennis & Dodie Heffner 6/23/1979
43 Years! Bob & Lyanne DenHerder 6/10/1978
43 Years! David & Sherril Senn 6/11/1978
43 Years! Pat & Linda Lynch 6/17/1978
44 Years! Dan & Ellen Dodds 6/19/75
46 Years! Rick & Vicki Chapman 6/21/75
49 Years! Carl & Kim Anfinson 6/2/1972
49 Years! Tim & Dorothy Cail 6/9/1972
50 Years! Mark & Sharon Redfern 6/3/71
53 years! Dwight and Roxanne Hiesterman 6/8/1968
53 years! James and Barbara Penner 6/24/1968
60 years! James and Vicki Poore 6/24/1961



Baptisms

Zayanna Anita Raina Gray	4/17/21
Kavan Thomas Kaufman	5/16/21

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.



Confirmation May 9, 2021

We celebrate with the following students who affirmed their baptism in 2021:

Brooklynn Haab

Britton "Birdie" Heuiser

Bryar Michalson

Lauren Robertson



Questions of Faith

As part of their preparation for Confirmation, I asked each student to write five faith questions. The resulting questions were challenging. I wanted to share a few of them with you:

- If God created the world and people in seven days, how do things like the dinosaurs, the Ice Age, evolution, and the Big Bang fit into the story?
- How do you find your calling? How do you know?
- How is Jesus God's only son when we are all children of God?
- If God/Jesus cares for people, why are people dying of COVID?
- How do we know God is real?



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



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@ourredeemerlives.org to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.



A week at camp is often the highlight of a young person's summer!



Last summer, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp had to adjust their programming with the impact of COVID-19. However, we were still 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. 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!).

Jackie and Liz are leading two groups of youth:

- July 18-23 —A full week adventure for older youth (8th grade and older) **\$351**
- August 1-4 —A shorter trip (4 days/3 nights) for 3rd grade to 7th grade. **\$211**

For more information and registration please visit our website: <https://www.ourredeemerlives.org/flbc-summer-2021/>



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!

June 14-19, 2021 9am to Noon

Rocky Railway is our VBS theme this year in which kids explore Jesus' power and how he can pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop!

Come have a blast encouraging our younger youth in their faith. We are looking for older youth and adults to help with games, crafts, Storytelling, making snacks in the kitchen, being a group leader, and helping set-up and clean-up. If you are interested, please signup online at <https://forms.gle/LM7uoBuYBMsAYtWv8>

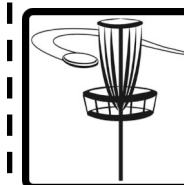
Thank you all for being a positive and supportive part of our youth's lives!



Stay connected this summer and join Jackie and the crew for some fun activities! All are welcome! Bring a friend!

June 23 @7pm— Bike and Rubber Ducky Race

Meet in the ORLC parking lot for a bike ride to Spring Meadow and Tenmile Creek area. Once there, we will have a splash and race rubber ducks in the stream for prizes!



June 29 @7pm—Frisbee Golf

Meet at the Hyzer Hills Frisbee Golf Course (by the South Helena Exit) for some fun and fellowship! Don't have a disc, don't worry! We'll have plenty for you to borrow!

More to Come!

Jackie is busy planning summer outdoor movie nights and more! Stay tuned for the latest on summer fun activities!





FLBC is looking for a few more summer staff members to round out our team!

We are so excited for this summer ~ Weeks of camp have been filling up quickly, and we are looking for a few more staff members to add to our Summer team to welcome more campers to FLBC! If you or someone you know would be a good fit for a team, we would love to start a conversation!

Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/> to learn more about working at camp and to find instructions for applying.

BACKPACKING WITH THE BISHOP!

Join FLBC Staff and Bishop Laurie Jungling for a backpacking trip through the Jewel Basin, August 22 - 26. Find more information at <https://flbc.net/backpackingwiththebishop/>

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming and to find information on how to register for each of these retreats.

Memorial Day Family Retreat & Work Weekend - Register by May 14th!

May 28-31, 2021 - FREE! Registration still required :-)
Come have a fun weekend and help FLBC get ready for summer! Plus, we're hosting a 5K Run/Walk! Add it to your Memorial Weekend Retreat, or just join us for the event on Saturday, May 29th. Run or walk the route at FLBC to help us raise funds for camperships! \$25 per participant includes a Transformation T-Shirt & lunch!

Women's Retreat - Register by May 25th!

June 11 - 13, 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"

Summer Family Weekends - Register 2 weeks ahead of time

July 2 - 4 & July 16 - 18, 2021

Spend time on the lake, enjoy Bible Study sessions led by Pastor Barb Gwynn & Pastor Scott Hedegaard (weekend 1) and Pastor John Lund (weekend 2).



Council Meeting Summary May 18, 2021

The Council adopted the agenda for this meeting and approved the minutes from the April Council meeting.

Jerry Hoover and Herb Kulow took Council members on a walk around the church property to better understand what the Property Development Team is proposing to develop the land. This was followed by a presentation that included plat maps, preliminary survey reports, and a Resolution document. The Resolution document is a chronology of what decisions were being made over the past two decades when those decisions were made and steps being made going forward.

- Council approved the Resolution with an amendment made by Carolyn Meyer to include water rights. A congregational meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 pm, which will highlight this information.
- The April Church Council meeting minutes were approved as distributed.
- Beth Johnson, Treasurer, gave the April financial report. The Council authorized forwarding the benevolence calculated based on March giving to benevolence partners.

Discussion took place on hiring extra tech help for Jason Callon, Director of Worship and Arts.

- Council asked for further clarification, and once that is received, Jan Martin, Council President, will send out options for Council to vote on.
- Lynn Voss, Preschool Board Representative, stated the Preschool had another good year, and the staff was very grateful for Teacher Appreciation Week. Trudy Burke, Preschool Director, announced she will be leaving at the end of this summer. In addition, two other Preschool teachers will be leaving as well at the end of the school year.
- The new Communication staff person position is being put on hold for the time being.
- A six-member Transition Team Committee has been formed and will have its first meeting on Thursday, May 20. As part of the transition process, their first order of business will be conducting a congregational survey through Holy Cow Consulting Survey.
- The Council approved hiring Pastor Trina Johnsten as Interim Pastor. Her contract period will begin on August 9.

Submitted by Janice Kirkpatrick
Church Council Secretary

Introducing Our Newest LPA, Luanne Tangedal

Luanne Tangedal has lived in Helena since September 2020 and has been the nurse coordinator for the St. Peter's Health Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic. Since starting her nursing career 40 years ago, she has spent half of that time as a certified nurse-midwife throughout the US and even spent a couple of years in Ethiopia. She attended one of the first programs of lay pastoral associates in the ELCA Montana Synod. In the many ELCA churches that she has joined throughout the US, she has always been involved in music, worship, outreach, leadership, and adult education. She's also been involved in volunteer work in the world of her fraternity, Bobcat alumnae organizations, women's advocacy, politics, playing her clarinet in orchestras and bands, as well as using her singing voice in many choirs.



St. John's United
SO MUCH LIFE TO LIVE

On Sunday, May 2, the annual meeting of the St. John's United and St. John's Foundation membership was held at their new facility, Gainan Commons, in Billings. Mark and Sharon Redfern attended as member delegates of Our Redeemer's Lutheran.

St. John's United continues to make great strides in their mission of providing living opportunities within nurturing environments of hope, dignity, and love. Their ever-expanding vision provides the opportunity to seek innovations that

put love into action. Over 600 residents call St. John's home and enter the continuum of care at different levels. A variety of activities are offered to in-house residents as well as to those in the greater community. St. John's operates one of the largest daycare facilities in Yellowstone County and administers Lutheran Social Services, a statewide adoption agency. They have partnerships established with churches and retirement complexes in Laurel, Red Lodge, Hamilton, and the Billings Heights, serving 2,150 seniors.

This past year, the Foundation received a record high in donations. Included is an employee giving option, utilized by nearly all employees, that allows them to give back to what is viewed as an outstanding workplace. Additionally, there were 3,500 volunteered hours. On campus, funding allowed St. John's to complete the construction of a 56-unit affordable housing complex (Chapel Court) that replaced the original facilities built over 56 years ago. Mission Ridge completed a major renovation and remodel of social spaces. The generosity of donors provided the gift of property to establish Gainan Commons - home to SJU Home Health and Hospice, a highly complex laboratory, and a vaccination clinic. On their legacy campus, St. John's provided space for the Billings Clinic to expand their emergency hospital capacity and SCL Health used a St. John's building to provide a COVID-19 infusion center. As President and CEO David Trost noted, their work did not stop in the midst of a pandemic nor did their focus on the future cease.

In addition to Senior Housing, St. John's strives to serve the most frail as well as the most economically disadvantaged. Towards that end, they have received a \$800,000 grant for three years to support families and reduce the number of children in foster care. Recognizing the need for continued skilled medical care, they have partnered with Miles Community College to establish a nursing apprentice program which will provide students with some tuition assistance as well as an internship at St. John's. Luther's Lodge provides housing for out-of-town residents seeking medical treatment.

WELCA of Our Redeemer's Lutheran has supported St. John's in the past including a donation this past year. Many thanks to all who give generously so that this important mission can continue. Questions or comments may be directed to the Redferns: sandmredfern@gmail.com.



June Bible Study

We will begin a new three-month summer study in June entitled, "Just Love, Part 2." We will have a combined Bible study on June 8 at 1:00 pm at the church. See you there.

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 World Relief Update

The quilts and kits have been sent off to Lutheran World Relief, and we continued to provide for those in need around the world in spite of challenging circumstances. We delivered: 175 quilts, 70 Baby Care Kits, 138 Personal Care Kits, and 95 School Kits.

Our thanks to everyone who made this possible by sewing and knitting, buying items and packing up the kits.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
6 9:30am - Outdoor Worship 10:30am - Homecoming Celebration Planning Meeting - Community Room	7 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Zoom	8 Voice Articles Due 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 1:00pm - WELCA Bible Study
13 9:30am - Outdoor Worship	14 ~~~ VBS Week - June 14—18 ~~~ 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room	15 9:00am - noon ~~~ 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:00pm - Council Meeting
20 9:30am - Outdoor Worship	21	22 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
27 9:30am - Outdoor Worship	28 7:00pm - TED Talk - Zoom	29 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 5:30pm - Hunger Team - Community Room & Zoom 7:00pm - Youth Frisbee Golf - Hyzer Hills

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 9:00am - Sew In Love 6:30pm - Congregational Meeting-Sanctuary	4	5
9	10 9:00am - Sew In Love	11	12
16 ~~~ VBS Week - June 14—18 ~~~	17 9:00am - noon ~~~	18	19 9:30am - Grief Support Group - Community Rm
23 7:00pm - Youth Bike Night to Spring Meadow	24 9:00am - Sew In Love	25	26
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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.