



**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.

**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).



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**OUR REDEEMER'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Helena, MT 59602  
406-442-7842

# OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 2021

## THE VOICE



## VBS 2021



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





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



**KidTime, for children  
age 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup>  
grade, will continue  
through the summer at  
the 9:30 service  
except 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
weekend and Labor Day weekend.**



*Thank you*

I cannot even begin to thank all the volunteers, donors, and staff for their generosity of time, talents, and money that made ROCKY RAILWAY VBS such a great success! We had a wonderful week, campers, volunteers, staff, and all!

In addition to learning the stories of Jesus' power working in others, the campers were also able to work on two community projects.

They worked in the Food Share part of the community garden and raised money for ELCA World Hunger. The children planted the garden plot for Food Share. They also raised about \$350 to buy piglets to go to those who are most in need in the world.

Thank you to our generous congregation for the contributions of food, paper products, and gift certificates! It was such a blessed week!

Liz

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### **Our Redeemer's Church Council**

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

Thursday, July 15 @ 5:00pm  
loriw@ourredeemerlives.org

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

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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

Our Seminarian

Baird Linke

Seeking Preschool Teachers!


Our Redeemer's Lutheran Preschool is looking for energetic and creative teachers to join our staff. We are currently accepting applications for part-time teachers in our 3-year-old and 4- year- old classes for the 2021-22 school year. You may pick up an application packet at 3580 N. Benton Ave. or call 442-7842 ext. 20 for more information.

Qualifications: A kind and loving teacher with a strong commitment to the Christian faith. Bachelor's degree or certificate in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education, with a current Montana teaching certification, is preferred. Other combinations of training and experience will be considered.

Our Redeemer's Preschool is one of Helena's premiere preschools serving three, four, and five-year-olds for over 20 years. We offer play-based learning opportunities, preparing our students for continued success in future education and in life. Our facility includes modern classrooms designed for preschoolers, a fenced playground, and several nearby learning amenities.

Both positions are open until filled.





We Have Openings  
In The Guy's House!

Are you 18-25 years old?

Are you looking for more than just a roof over your head?

Are you looking for a place to live where you have support and mentorship to learn and grow into the person you want to be?

Do you want to live with other young adults who support each other during this transition to independence?

If so, Life Houses may be a good place for you!

Life Houses Offers

**BASIC LIFE SKILLS**  
Learn how to get a job, manage personal finances, live with others, etc

**CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**  
Grow through weekly meetings, mentorship and accountability

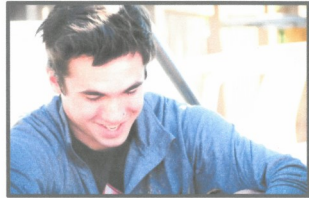

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING**  
Organic leadership development by learning to serve others and help them grow emphasizing the importance of self-leadership

MORE INFORMATION

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Church news Council Meeting Summary June 15, 2021

- Trudy Burke, Preschool Director, and Amy Knecht, Preschool Treasurer, presented the 2021-2022 Preschool budget and a timeline history for the Preschool Director. The budget reflects total income for the preschool at \$120,828.08 and total expenses at \$119,649.75, a difference of \$1,178.33, which is a very small margin. For the 2020-2021 preschool year, the Director's salary was \$33,924, with the church contributing \$4,128. With Trudy's announcement that she will be leaving at the end of the summer, Council members considered that an appropriate wage for a new director with the same qualifications and experience as Trudy would require a wage increase. Also, the Preschool budget does not allow for that increase. After further discussion, Council members felt that a starting wage of \$40,000 would be appropriate for all the services and duties this position provides. A motion was made and approved to increase the church contribution to the preschool from \$4,000 to \$12,000 a year. A second motion was made to approve the preschool budget as presented.
- The May Church Council meeting minutes were approved as distributed.
- Sarah Magee, Finance Director, gave the May financial report. The Council approved the motion to not pay the April and May benevolence and leave the May cash balance in the account.
- Discussion took place regarding Council members volunteering to help Jason Callon, Director of Worship and Arts, with the Sunday 9:30 service: setting up, running tech, and ushering. Members can sign up on-line or on the hard copy sign-in sheet posted each Sunday.
- Jan stated that ORLC hosts Family Promise for one week, four times a year. The cost is \$250 per week or \$1,000 a year. Funds to cover this cost can come out of the Thrivent Fund account.
- The Transition Team reported the Holy Cow Consulting Survey will be going live beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be no Council meeting in July, a social gathering for Council members is being considered instead. We will meet in August since Pastor Trina will be here and it will be her first Council meeting.

Submitted by Janice Kirkpatrick  
Church Council Secretary



HUNGER TEAM NEWS

Udderly Committed?

Yes, the summer milk campaign is now underway. We still have a long way to go to reach our \$6000 goal. With the local foundation match between now and August 31, we should be able to give Helena Food Share a total of \$12,000 to provide milk for the kid packs program for the upcoming school year. How can you give? You may always write a check to ORLC and put Milk Money on the memo line. If you would prefer online giving, go to [ourredeemerlives.org](http://ourredeemerlives.org) and follow the links to online giving. You will find Milk Money listed under Other Offerings. Either way, you will be helping hungry kids to have nutritious meals over the weekends. And each and every one says, "Thank you!"



Community Garden

Thanks to the efforts of the Hunger Team and Vacation Bible School children who have planted a good section of the community garden for Helena Food Share. Help with weeding, mulching, and fighting grasshoppers is always appreciated. Please contact either Carolyn Meyer (303) 513-6695 or Vicki Downhour (406) 465-2197 if you have questions about how to proceed.



Family Promise

Our Redeemer's will be hosting Family Promise guests in August. We desperately need overnight hosts to stay with our guests. Separate rooms are provided for the hosts, and COVID-19 protocols will be followed in order to guarantee the safety of all concerned. Two adults are needed for each evening, which means we need 14 people the week of August 22 - 28. Please give this calling careful consideration. If you can find time and a place in your heart to help, please contact the church coordinators (Janet Whitmoyer, (406) 459-6513 or [jwhit6513@gmail.com](mailto:jwhit6513@gmail.com)) or Kathy Olson (406) 431- 8686 or, [kathyolson8686@gmail.com](mailto:kathyolson8686@gmail.com)). They can provide more details and answer any questions.



God's Love

Because of an influx of females at the facility, God's Love is in need of hairbrushes, women's underwear, socks, and hygiene products. The kitchen is also in need of bowls. You may leave donations in the God's Love collection hamper in the hallway outside the administrative wing of the church.

Women of the ELCA

July Bible Study

We will continue with our summer study, "Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation is for Everyone)." Last month we considered "Just Wisdom," and this month we will talk about "Just Truth."

The date for our combined Bible study will be announced.

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.

School Kits:

Before we know it, school supplies will be on sale and that is when WELCA begins to collect items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. As soon as the sales begin, there will be a tub in the narthex for the collection.

The items needed are:

- 70-sheet Notebooks
- Rulers (centimeters on one side, inches on the other)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- #2 Pencils, unsharpened
- Ballpoint pens, blue or black
- Crayons, 16 or 24 in a box
- Erasers-2 1/2"



Outdoor Movie Night in the ORLC Court Yard

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a nice summer's evening outside enjoying a movie with your family and friends. We will have popcorn, water and lemonade for all to enjoy throughout the evening.



Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00pm Cartoons and outdoor games
- 9:15pm Movie: Harry and the Henderson's (PG)

Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00pm Games and cartoons
- 9:15pm Movie: Pitch Perfect (PG-13)

Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30pm Cartoons and outdoor games
- 9:00pm Movie: Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13)

Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30pm Games and cartoons
- 8:45pm Movie: Aladdin (2019- PG)

Questions?!

Feel free to contact Liz, Jackie, or Pastor Kendra:

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[Kendra@OurRedeemerLives.org](mailto:Kendra@OurRedeemerLives.org)

[Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.org](mailto:Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.org)



After a long winter, we are all ready for some fun and fellowship in the sun! Mark your calendars and join us for these FREE summer fun events! **All ages** are welcome to join in or just sit back and enjoy the fellowship! Bring your friends!

Giant Slip 'n Slide + Water Fun



Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 7:30pm

Cool off with some water fun! Liz, Pr. Kendra, and Jackie have plans for a giant Slip 'n Slide, water fights, bubbles, and more! Bring your own water fun toys or use some of ours, just plan to get wet! We'll even have popsicles!

Swim 'n' Suds @ Last Chance Splash Park

Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:15pm to 7:15pm



Bring your whole family and some friends for a **FREE** night of fellowship and fun in the water. Our Redeemer's, St. John's and New Life will have the pool exclusively for these two hours including the pool, lazy river, water slides, diving boards, and splash deck. There will be life jackets and lazy river tubes available at no additional charge. So, bring your family and friends, a picnic dinner and some water or lemonade for an amazing and free night of fun and fellowship!

We will be collecting soaps for God's Love and Lutheran World Relief Kits. Bring your hotel shampoos and bar soaps or any bars of soap or laundry detergent to help those in need!





# HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



## Last Chance to Register!

A week at camp is often the highlight of a young person's 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 (8<sup>th</sup> grade and older) **\$351**
- August 1-4 - A shorter trip (4 days/3 nights) for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. **\$211**

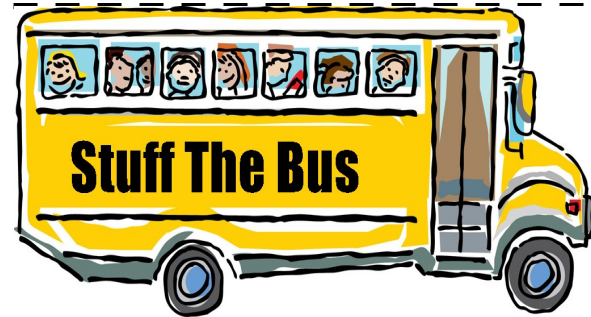
For more information and registration please visit our website: <https://www.ourredeemerlives.org/flbc-summer-2021/>



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

Follow ORLC Safehouse on Facebook to be in the know! 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](mailto:Jackie@ourredeemerlives.org) to be added to the monthly Safehouse E-news.



You are invited to be a part of something wonderful in Helena this summer! Stuff the Bus 2021 is a faith based social justice project collecting school supplies for children in need.

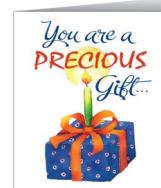
As the number of students benefiting from your generosity has risen from a handful at Helena Middle School to fourteen hundred students community-wide last year; we are grateful community partners (like you) believe that every child should start the year on an even playing field with their peers.

Like last summer, our Stuff the Bus campaign will look a little differently this summer. Due to Covid-19, we will be unable to accept actual school supply donations. Instead, we will be asking for monetary donations. **This fall, the Angel Fund will give monetary grant assistance to schools in the Helena area to purchase school supplies.** Donations for students in need are more important than ever. **Our goal is to help 1,400 students.** We are asking our community partners to help with fundraising at their places of work and worship ~ communicating to others the adapted focus of our efforts.

You can **DONATE NOW**:

- Donate online at [www.angelfundhelena.org](http://www.angelfundhelena.org)
- Mail a check to: The Angel Fund  
P.O. Box 7436  
Helena, MT 59604

Thee Stuff the Bus campaign will run through the summer, **ending on August 6<sup>th</sup>**. At that time, donations will be disbursed to area schools. Our hope is Stuff the Bus donations will enable schools to buy supplies in bulk, therefore assisting more students than they would with individual supplies.



- Shana DeBoer  
Chris Olson  
Dale Reagor
- Darbie Hess  
Sharon Langdorf  
Skip Verworn  
Shannon Voss
- Jon Ebelt  
Sandy Merdinger  
Ralph Peck
- Xavier McCormack
- Andrew Callon  
Haley Moseman  
Leon Sedlezky
- Dale Aschim  
Mara Flynn  
Trevor Holm
- Jori Mummey

- Keanna Thatcher
- Kim Venetz  
Rio Willard  
Marlene Williamson
- Lisa DeWitt  
Frank Gessaman  
Ryan Holm
- Jan Kirkpatrick  
Brenda Mollet  
Macee Murolo  
Julie Strong
- Jim Poore  
Kendall Salo
- Jack Avery  
Glenn Kenney  
Lora McDaid  
Ron Morley  
Alyssa Plant
- Isaac Penner
- Clint Erb

## July Birthdays!

- Dee Dee Fischer  
Ed Thamke
- Judy Hoover  
Jaymes Skillman  
Ben Tintinger
- Kason Gamradt  
Tyler Gronley  
Bryar Michalson
- Stu Kirkpatrick  
Melanie Ruby  
Lori Sandru
- Sage Ellis  
Lillian Liston
- Kim Barry  
Jordan Erb  
Kyler Maharg  
Jan Miller  
Lucy Taflan
- Faith Ebert  
Christopher Shaner
- Emily Carlson  
Luke Carlson  
Olivia Elder  
Thad Michalson  
Ron Whitmoyer
- Grant Ellis  
Evalena Hemry  
Mary Lachenbruch
- Erin Den Herder  
Tim Orthmeyer  
Story Salsbery
- Laila Steinhoff  
John Darlow  
Alli Wade
- Marilyn Murray  
Burt Ward
- Jim Haubein  
Brenna Lawton  
Todd Moore  
Lauren Wetherell



## July Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!



Norm & Karen Mldtlyng	7/12/1980	41 years
Bill & Carrie Engle	7/8/1966	55 years
Del & Audrey Schubring	7/16/1963	58 years



## Baptisms

Codie Jean Rummel



6/20/21

## PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE...





We are once again able to visit the hospital. If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church to let us know.

# July 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>4</b> 9:30am - Outdoor Worship 	<b>5</b> Office closed 	<b>6</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
<b>11</b> 9:30am - Outdoor Worship	<b>12</b> 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room	<b>13</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
<b>18</b> 9:30am - Outdoor Worship <div>***** 8<sup>th</sup> grade &amp; older to FLBC July 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> *****</div>	<b>19</b> <div>***** 8<sup>th</sup> grade &amp; older to FLBC July 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> *****</div>	<b>20</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:00pm - Council Meeting
<b>25</b> 9:30am - Outdoor Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 5:30pm - Hunger Team - Community Room & Zoom



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>9</b> 9:00pm - Outdoor Movie Night 	<b>10</b>
<b>14</b> 6:00pm - Giant Slip 'n Slide Water Fun 	<b>15</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love <div>Voice Articles Due</div>	<b>16</b> 9:00pm - Outdoor Movie Night 	<b>17</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love	<b>30</b> 9:00pm - Outdoor Movie Night 	<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.