

Join us for a friendly game of all-ages softball!

Sunday, September 12, 1:00 pm

Bob Ryan Fields (Corner of Custer and Henderson)

Our Redeemer's - St. John's - New Life
Contact Pastor Kendra to sign up.



OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE VOICE

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

September 2021



First order of business:

Thank you for the many prayers raised on my behalf before you even knew me. Prayers for the transition process, prayers for our move, prayers that we'd find a place to live in a tough housing market but especially prayers for healing, as I recovered from a rather dramatic health crisis.

Second order of business:

Thank you for the warm welcome you've extended to Dennis and me. So many of you have reached out to connect with us, offered insight into Our Redeemer's and Helena, brought offerings of hospitality. For as large as this congregation is, it has felt intimate and inviting as we enter into ministry with you.

Third order of business:

Let the adventure begin! This congregation is more familiar with the role of the interim pastor than others I've served, but just so we all start on the same page let me put out a few basics:

- Per the ORLC constitution, an interim pastor has all the responsibilities of a regularly called pastor. I am a voting member of Council and *ex officio* on all committees, so it's important that I know what's going on throughout the congregation. Please add my email trina@ourredeemerlives.org to any groups for which you have oversight, so I can keep up with all the great ministry happening here.
- An interim pastor makes sure that the basic tasks of ordained ministry continue...things like leading worship, preaching, providing faith formation, offering pastoral care, baptisms/weddings/funerals...all these things that are integral to our life together. You are very fortunate to have an associate pastor, programming staff and administrative support staff who are all very gifted at what they do and dedicated to the mission and ministry of ORLC. But they are each called to very specific roles, and several are part-time. Having an interim pastor ensures that they can continue to do what they have been called to do and not take on additional work in this time of transition.
- In addition to this, an interim pastor supports the Council, Transition Team, and Call Committee as they do the work of preparing for a new pastor. This will include looking at the history of ORLC, reviewing its current mission and ministry, looking ahead to possible new ministry opportunities, and making sure the

congregation is well-connected to the synod and larger church.

- Interim pastors usually come with a wealth of experience elsewhere. I've been a chaplain at a Lutheran retirement home, a solo pastor in PA and NE and on the staff of a large congregation in CA, served as a senior administrator at one of our ELCA seminaries, and this is now my fifth time as an interim pastor. This means I come with fresh eyes and more than one way of doing things, gifts that will help as we spend this transition time reviewing what has been and planning for what is to come.
- An interim pastor is not available for the call they are preparing the congregation to offer. This allows us to get right down to business because I'm not trying to impress you so you'll offer me a job and you're not trying to impress me so I'll take one. In some cases, interim pastors are called upon to deal with issues or make decisions that are difficult or even controversial in preparation for the new pastor. This is not the case here at ORLC, but it's best an interim pastor move on when the process is complete and let the congregation welcome a newly called pastor.

Fourth tiny order of business:

Those who have served the church during the pandemic have had a hard row to hoe, be it as pastors or program staff or administrative support. They have been the front line in trying to hold community together. They have been called upon to make hard decisions about how and whether we gather. And, they have had to hold in tension that those they serve are not of one mind on these things. Not just at ORLC, but throughout the church, it has been a season of exhaustion, frustration, and in some cases discouragement for professional church workers. We continue to be impacted by the ongoing pandemic in ways that are beyond our control, plus it's a time of leadership transition for the congregation. In all our interactions with one another let's lead with kindness and grace.

God has so richly blessed this congregation...with excellent staff, a myriad of gifted lay leaders, a beautiful facility, and resources well beyond what most have. I look forward to what the year will bring.

Pastor Trina Johnsten



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Fall Worship Schedule begins on September 19

After the listening session on July 18, a survey and discussions with those who could not attend, the ministry team had a lengthy discussion about worship this fall. The decision was to return to the schedule and worship format Our Redeemer's has followed in the fall for many years, that of 2 services on Sunday mornings, the traditional service at 8:30 and the rejoice service at 11:00. This decision was made with the knowledge that two services on Sunday is more work for the ministry team. Some of the important factors in reaching this decision were:

1. With two services it will be easier to respond to changing recommendations from the CDC and county health officials, and to maintain appropriate distance between family groups during worship as care for the health of our members is part of our ministry.
2. The time between services will facilitate Sunday School, Bible Study and fellowship.
3. Some members of the congregation prefer one service over the other.

This decision is supported by the church council, and will be reviewed as conditions change.

Jan Martin, Council President



September Bible Study:

This month we begin a new three-month study entitled, "The Gift of the Spirit." In Session One, "Spirit of God: Revealer and Resource," we will hear how the Spirit continues to reveal the truth of Jesus to us and to the world, and how the gift of the Holy Spirit is a resource for God's people.

Combined Bible Study will be held Wednesday, September 15 at 1:00 pm.

The WELCA Board:

Tuesday, September 14 at 10:15 am

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief:

Tuesdays at 9:00 am

Sew in Love Service Group:

Thursdays at 9:00 am

School Kits:

We are very grateful to everyone who contributed items for the School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. When we get them all packed, we will let you know the final total of kits filled. Thank you for helping us send God's love to needy children around the world.

Fall Family Festival:

There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, September 7 at 11:00 am



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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Wednesday, September 15 @ 5:00pm

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Swim & Suds

Along with St. John's Lutheran Church and New Life, we had a fantastic evening for Swim n' Suds in August. Soap collected by pool goers and through Thrivent Action Team cards has benefited Lutheran World Relief, God's Love, the YWCA, and the Friendship Center.



Calling for Nominations to the Call Committee

The ORLC Constitution states:

When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a Call Committee is established. The Council President solicits the congregation for volunteers and the Council establishes the committee. At least one member of the committee should also be on the Church Council. (C13.04)

The time has come to gather names of those who can provide service to our congregation through this ministry opportunity. The Call Committee will consist of six members, plus two alternates and should broadly represent the many groups that make up our community. The calling of a new pastor is a very time-consuming process and members of the Call Committee will be expected to prioritize participation in this group during their service.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Call Committee or who wants to suggest an individual may send me the names with the address, phone number and email address. Please send the information to me by mail (1431 Flowerree, Helena, MT 59601) or email (jomvallymt@gmail.com). Nominations will be taken until September 15. I'll acknowledge everyone who volunteers and contact those who are suggested.

In Christ's service
Jan Martin, Council President

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

Holy Cow! Generosity Abounds

Thank you for your generous contributions to the summer milk campaign for Helena Food Share. The exact total, including the matching foundation contribution, will be announced as soon as a worship date is scheduled for the BIG CHECK to be given to Helena Food Share sometime in September. Stay tuned for the details. And "Thanks" again for your generous support for the "Mooove Over, COVID" campaign. You have done much to help hungry children in the Helena community. It truly does take a village to accomplish this task.

Take a Peek at the Garden

The garden has been most prolific this summer. Although the heat might have disagreed with some of us, the garden loved this extra boost. Stop by sometime before the first frost and take a look at it. About half of the designated plots this season were dedicated to Helena Food Share. Thank you to everyone who planted, weeded, and harvested during this season. And a special thanks to Vicki Downhour, who kept tabs on the garden throughout the season and encouraged the chickens to eat the grasshoppers.

Update on Kid Packs

Helena Food Share will resume Kid Pack builds in September and will start collecting donations, as well. During the months of September and October, we shall be collecting low-sugar granola bars. A bookmark requesting items for the upcoming months will appear in the Sunday bulletin shortly. Donations may be left in the Helena Food Share crates in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Our Redeemer's will begin assembling kid packs in October. Stay tuned for more details. If you wish to know more about this program or want to add your name to the volunteer list, please contact Sandy Merdinger (sandymerdinger@gmail.com, 406-443-2244).

"Thank You" from Family Promise

Thank you to everyone who made our guests feel welcome when we hosted them in our building, August 22-29. It was such a blessing to be able to offer our facility to these guests for the first time in over a year. You made this possible, and we are most grateful.

Our church hosts guests four times a year. The church always needs persons to set up and tear down the guest bedrooms, evening and overnight hosts, and meal providers. If you wish to learn more about the program or to volunteer your services, please contact our church coordinator, Kathy Olson (kathyolson8686@gmail.com, 406-431-8686).

The Council adopted the agenda for this meeting and approved the minutes from the June Council meeting. The Church Council did not meet in July.

- Council member introductions were made to Pastor Trina and opening devotions were led by Pastor Trina.
- Beth Johnson, Treasurer, gave the July financial report. The Council authorized forwarding a dedicated benevolence amount received to Flathead Lake Bible Camp and forwarding the Building Fund donations for June to Mission Investment Funds. Offerings to the General Fund have been low during the summer months, which is consistent with past years. Benevolence for April, May, June, and July has been held until offerings to the General Fund increase, which is anticipated in the upcoming months.
- Documentation of a Council resolution was recorded regarding IRS rules for pastoral compensation.
- Pastor Kendra reiterated the rationale for keeping two services on Sunday mornings starting in fall.
- Nominations for the Call Committee will be accepted by Jan Martin through September 15. ORLC membership is a requirement for the Call Committee. The Church Council will be tasked with selecting people that were nominated for the Call Committee. It was noted that the selected committee members will need to dedicate considerable time to the Call Committee.

- Beth Johnson, Transition Team member, reported that the results of the congregational survey will be received on September 1. A summary of the work performed by the Transition Team, which will include a summary of survey results, will be presented to the congregation once the Transition Team wraps up their work.
- Cody Salo, Church Council Representative for the Property Development Committee, reported on committee activities, which includes researching existing and potential ministries/opportunities with regard to the property. A listening session with the neighborhood regarding the property is scheduled for September 8th.
- Beth Johnson, Church Council Representative for the Hunger Team, reported on Hunger Team activities.
- Jan Martin, Council President, requests that a Council member be available in the Great Room after worship service for questions or comments from congregation.
- The ORLC COVID plan was discussed at length. The Council proposed and passed a motion that ORLC will follow CDC guidelines concerning COVID recommendations.

Submitted by Beth Johnson
Church Council Treasurer

GOD'S LOVE

No easy answer. If you have driven downtown, quite sure you have noticed a tent city has popped up. This is a community problem with no easy solution; it is not a God's Love problem. Very easy to point fingers and question, but cities everywhere are experiencing the same issues. Nationwide there is a huge increase in drugs, alcohol, abusive behaviors, and mental health. Yes, God's Love is dealing with all these behaviors and more.

God's Love is very short on staff but long on helping those in need. But, with limited resources and a shortage of help, they are also frustrated with what is happening with the afflicted and homeless here in Helena and the surrounding area. They are a band-aid fix with 25 men's beds - full; seven women's beds - full; and nine rooms upstairs designated for family and at least six or more families applying approximately every two weeks. Everyone coming through their door are people with problems. In speaking with Dave Miller, Executive Director of God's Love, this community desperately needs an Emergency Family/Transitional shelter with long-term access to all. Our community is extremely fortunate to have God's Love. The Miller's opened the shelter over 30 years ago and have

provided the bulk of the funding. Because this shelter is their passion, belief, and love, it was provided to this community to give the downtrodden an outlet for some assistance and, hopefully, a start in bettering their lives. It is easy for a community to expect them to "just deal with it" since they opened this facility and are still operating it. Homelessness/drug abuse,/mental health problems are not going away. If you feel you have a calling and compassion to help, the Miller's could use help. You can go down there and speak with Dave Miller or call at 442-7000

They cannot take every problem into their facility but are trying to assist the homeless living on the sidewalks right now. Dave said they allow these folks to come in and use the bathroom facilities and shower, and of course, are offered a meal. In doing so, they are in need of blankets - twin size or full and do not have to be brand new as they are providing blankets to those on the street who do not have them; and could also use pillows. Dave Miller expressed extreme gratitude to our church for their generous giving, help, and prayers. As of now, he is trying to work with the city on a solution but again, no easy solution. We've heard the saying "It takes a village"; it does. And prayers.



FALL IS HERE and Sunday School & KidzEd will be starting.

REGISTER TODAY!!

⇒ Sunday School at 9:45 am - Begins **September 19th**!

⇒ KidzEd at 7:15 pm on Wednesdays - Begins **September 15th**!

⇒ KidTime at the 11:00 am service on Sundays

After you have reviewed the options for children's education times (see above and previous page) please use the following steps to register your child(ren.) Please note that registration will be completely online this year.

Children's Ministries Registration (2021-2022):

Option #1: Place your phone camera over the QR code to take you to the Google registration page.



Option #2: Type the Google link into your web browser to take you to the Google registration page. <https://forms.gle/shbDDFuTaF9PU4vYA>





Development Planning Update and September Meetings Planned

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, along with our partners; The City of Helena, Helena Area Habitat for Humanity, YWCA, Rocky Mountain Development Council, and Trust Montana were granted \$40,000 of planning money through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This, along with partner matching funds and City funds of \$28,000, are funding a development planning process for our land. This process will help determine partner and congregational goals, community and development goals, and the general feasibility of developing the property around the church.

To lead ORLC and our partners through this process, the consultant team of Mosaic Architecture and SMA Architects, along with consultants Stahly Engineering and GL Development have been hired. A kick-off meeting with the congregation was held on Sunday, July 25th during which the consultant team and our planning partners were introduced. Leading the planning process from Mosaic Architecture are ORLC members Jeff Downhour and Gretchen Krumm and from SMA Architects, member Tim Meldrum. Both firms have extensive experience working with public planning processes, master plans, and CDBG-funded planning and construction projects.

Each of our partners shares in the mission vision of providing affordable, safe housing for people in our Helena community, but they each target services to a different sector of our community.

- The YWCA specifically serves women and children. They are seeking to create transitional housing for women who have graduated from their intensive 6-month sober living program to support them in After Care while they find suitable housing. This facility would provide 18-24 months of housing for these women and their children in a tobacco, alcohol, and drug free living environment where they continue to receive supportive services and gain the financial independence required for more stable housing. The YWCA is also opening a trauma-informed daycare this fall to specifically provide services to children who have experienced trauma. Their staff are specifically trained in the environment and therapy needed to nurture these children.
- Rocky Mountain Development Council develops, owns, and manages affordable rental housing. They typically leverage several different funding sources to subsidize the financing of their projects, including Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), CDBG Housing grants, Housing Trust Fund (HTF), and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grants. RMDC's current properties range in size from 8 to 85 units and its total portfolio includes 382 units in the tri-county area. Tenants must income-qualify to rent from RMDC. RMDC provides on-site management and maintenance of their properties.
- Helena Area Habitat for Humanity builds housing for income-qualified people who can qualify for a loan for a reduced-cost home. They leverage material, labor, monetary donations, and grants, as well as a mutual self-help programs in which neighbors help one-another to build their homes to reduce the sale price of the home to the qualifying homeowner.
- Trust Montana is a Community Land Trust. They hold land in trust for affordable housing and establish ground leases with the final building owners. They manage any future resale or property transfer to maintain compliance with the affordable housing land trust. Resale of buildings are restricted to income-qualified buyers and price escalation is capped to insure long-term affordability of the property.
- The City of Helena is our grant sponsor. They recognize a desperate need for more affordable housing in our community and are taking steps to encourage the development of such, including creating an Affordable Housing Trust Fund and a potential fee waiver for any project serving a population at or below sixty percent of the area median income. Their support and sponsorship of this planning effort is yet another indication of their commitment to solving this community problem.

The planning process will begin with a church-wide effort to establish future mission priorities for ORLC so that the church can define what land they want to retain for future church development. Once mission priorities are established and analyzed, a church site planning effort will help to define a future property boundary.

We will kick-off this mission planning effort first with a Listening Session with our neighbors. As we assess priorities for our church mission, it will be important to hear what our neighbors think our mission in this place should be. If we are indeed "reaching out to serve", we should understand the needs of those to whom we are reaching out.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

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

Our Family and Friends

Allie (Luci Pearson) Zachary Ark Brandon Bach Victor Bachmier Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece) Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim) Steve Boyter Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson) Tom Carter Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter) JLD (Gary and Joy Novota) Jake Dirks (Lori Chase) Stormy Flinders The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson) Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad) Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool) 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) Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces) Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards) 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 Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt) Mark Thompson (Kim Anfinson's brother) Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble) Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son) Yvonne (Luanne Tangedal) Families of suicide victims
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Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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

Baird Linke



Our Redeemer's had 3 Staff members working at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this summer! Praising God for these faithful servants : Ella Krumm, Maddie Robertson, and Clay Perry!



This summer's theme was *From Now On* and centered on Micah 6:8:

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Each day presents new opportunities to hone these traits, to acknowledge the ways we fall short of them, and to re-focus for the road ahead. The overall theme, *From Now On*, is a reminder that through Christ's grace this call is always there.



Please plan to attend a Listening Session with ORLC and its Neighbors, Wednesday, September 8th at 7pm. In-person and virtual options will be provided.

This listening session will be followed by two identical workshops at which we will be seeking your input on mission priorities. Please also plan to attend one of the following identical workshops to help evaluate and rank possible future mission development on the ORLC site.

Sunday, September 19th at 9:45 am

or

Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:15 pm

After the proposed church boundary is established, ORLC will engage with our partners, neighbors, and other community stakeholders to master plan the development beyond the church property boundary. Questions such as suitable density, housing type and variety, aesthetics, neighborhood amenities, funding, trails and connections, landscape and sustainability will all be discussed and analyzed to reach the highest and best solution for the community and the neighborhood.

Please feel free to reach out to a member of the ORLC Development Team or our consultant team with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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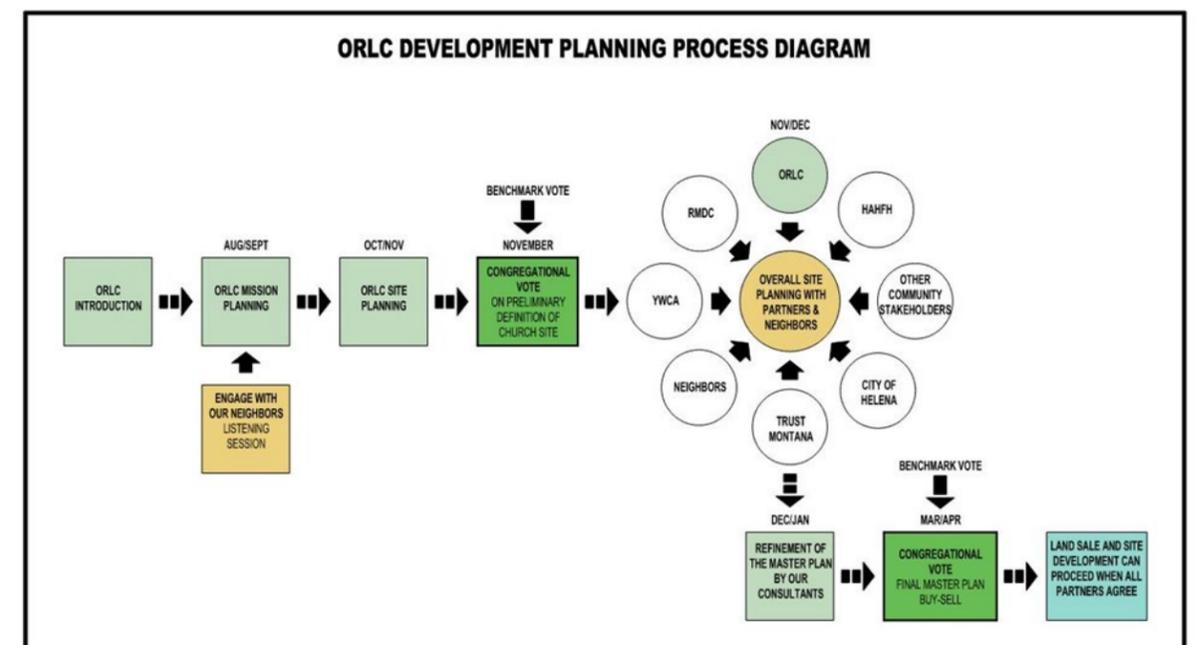
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**Back to School at
Our Redeemer's Preschool!**

The past week was Preschool Orientation where students and parents visited their classroom and met their teacher. It was so wonderful to meet our new preschoolers and to see our friends from last year. Our first days of school are September 7 and 8, and we know it's going to be a great year!

We are thrilled to announce that we have three new staff members joining us this school year- all answers to prayer! Kathryn Dunkleburger will serve as an Assistant for all classes. This is a position we added last year and found to be a real boon to our program and students.

Our new Threes teacher is Alenna Maw who joins us with lots of experience in the world of early childhood. And our Fours classes will be taught by Tiffany Miller, a former PS mom. All three of these women have a love of children and of God and we are so happy to have them with us.



We are also blessed to have returning staff this year. Wendy Vukonich will once again be teaching two sessions of Prekindergarten, and Trudy Burke continues to serve as Preschool Director.

We do have a couple openings for three and four year old students. If you know of someone who might be interested, please send them our way!

TED Talks Discussion Group



What: a small group that views the same TED talk then meets via Zoom to discuss. For September, please preview "Machine intelligence makes human moral more important" by Zeynep Tufekci before we meet.

When: September 6, 7:00 pm

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

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

Getting Down to Basics

New to the Lutheran faith, wonder what Lutherans confess, or need a Lutheran Catechism refresher?

Martin Luther had many questions about the Christian faith, and he knew that everyone else did too.

This class will discover people caught in the act of confessing their faith through Lutheran Confessions and Luther's Small Catechism.

Beginning September 19

9:45 am – 10:45 am
Community Room

Facilitated by Deacon Carol Will
cwill1935@gmail.com (406) 461.6552

**Caregivers
Support Group**



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

When will it meet? Every fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the church.

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.



Our Redeemer's Youth @ Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp



Bible camp is so much more than the highlight of a young person's summer - it's a special place of excitement, inspiration, spiritual growth, rejuvenation, finding new friendships and strengthening the old ones. I thank God that Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, through much thoughtfulness, research and prayer, was able to adjust their programming and offer an incredible Christ-centered experience again this summer.

We were able to take two different groups of youth this summer, and the ORLC hiking group even followed us! FLBC staff made sure we all stayed safe as we enjoyed all that camp has to offer while growing in faith, friendship, and love! We even faced some of our fears on the high ropes course, sailboat, talent show and flying squirrel!

I am so grateful for the support of our congregation and for Liz Swenson who accompanied us. Thank you to all the staff and counselors that made our time at camp so meaningful, fun and rejuvenating!

In Christ's Service,
Jackie

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



ORLC Hiking Group 2021



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Safehouse Begins

September 15th

High school youth, do you ever wish that there was a place that you could be yourself; a place where you could talk about your fears and your struggles and ask tough questions; a place to form lasting friendships and where you are accepted for who you are? Then Safehouse might be the place for you!

We will meet every Wednesday at 7:15 pm (following Spark worship) in the youth loft.

Please join us as we seek to grow closer to God and to one another!

Want to know 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.

Campus Clean Up



Wednesday, September 29th

In the evening of September 29th, our youth would like to **invite all ages and abilities** to participate in a service projects around the church grounds. This may include spreading wood chips in the flowerbeds and boulevard, re-staining picnic tables, picking up garbage, simply straightening and cleaning the kitchen, etc.

All are welcome to come for an hour or two to help keep our beautiful facility in peak condition. Many hands make light work! Thank you ahead for being willing to partner with our youth!

Questions?! Contact Jackie, Pastor Kendra, or Jerry Hoover.

Youth Cottage Meeting



Make your voice heard and help us discern the future of our church during Safehouse on Wednesday, September 22nd. Middle school, high school, and college youth welcomed!

We will have an open conversation about the past, the present, and most importantly what we hope for the future. Join us in this valuable conversation!



September Birthdays!

Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!

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| 1 Carol Olmstead | Owen Hanson | 15 Kyler Gamradt | 23 Cindy Rand |
| Caven Wade | Graysen Molenda | Liv Perry | Gabe Studt |
| Reagan Wolf | Sarah Sampson | 16 Brian Coble | Lori Chase |
| 2 Bob Den Herder | 8 Mark Barry | Nicholas Swenson | Erik Helfert |
| Kim Ewing | Sawyer Mingay | Sharlene Wetherell | Sarah Liston |
| Nancy Gates | Jake West | 17 Kruz Green | Brendan McCormack |
| Ken Kolb | Janet Whitmoyer | Tami Rasmussen | 25 Jackie Bartz |
| 3 Steve Ackerlund | 9 Brien Alberts | Declan Dubois | Katherine Guariglia |
| Lynn Wakefield | Joslyn Buckley | Kavan Kaufman | Lori Michelotti |
| 4 Trudy Burke | Darby Martin | Kevin Rauch | 26 Chad Beley |
| Jerry Hoover | 10 Ryan Magee | 19 Sandy Bay | Annie Chase |
| Hunter Perry | Brynn Selvig | Connie Carlson | Judith Dole |
| Ruth Straley | Verna Strand | Ellie Doran | Leah Esposito |
| Parker Yearry | 11 Lori Walter | Jim Reynolds | Macrae Mannix |
| 5 Letha Ebel | 12 Betty Brosten | Sherril Senn | 27 Tenley Gronley |
| Sophie Robertson | Malinda Diamond | 20 Claire Lake | Tanner Reddig |
| 6 Kelly Elder | Bodie Taflan | Sharon Redfern | 28 John Ballantyne |
| Dylan Grimmis | 13 Mark DeBoer | Reid Willard | Sara Juers |
| Cheyenne Hafer | Nick Michelotti | 22 Lupine Meyer | John Simms |
| Abigail McLane | Mary Williams | Anna Passage | 30 Karen Darlow |
| 7 Kari DesRosier | 14 Nathan Spangenberg | Kim Randall | Mike Magee |
| | | | Ron Pecarina |

Save the Date!



Saturday, October 30th 1-3pm

We are planning this event in the afternoon so that we can include more young kids from the community.

We are seeking generous adults (and high school aged youth) who would be willing to open up their hearts **and their trunks!** All that is needed is a trunk, a bowl of candy and a sense of adventure! this is a great way to meet others and partake in intergenerational fellowship!

Sign-up in the Narthex or with Liz Swenson!

Happy Anniversary



Celebrate with those married 40 years

Dan & Mary Adams	9/15/1979	42 years
Rick & Susan Elhart	9/23/1978	43 years
Mike & Cindy Rand	9/18/1976	45 years
Ray & Linda Read	9/10/1966	55 years
Jim & Janice Anderson	9/5/1965	56 years
Bill & Delores Stroh	9/14/1963	58 years
Bill & Ruth Straley	9/3/1961	60 years

Funerals



7/29/2021	Timothy Burke
8/21/2021	Wesley Tintinger

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.

September 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 9:30am - Worship	6 7:00pm - TED Talk Discussion - Zoom	7 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 11:00am - Fall Family Festival planning meeting
12 Blessing of the Backpack Sunday 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:45am - Baptism Class - AD-1 10:45am - Grief Support Group 1:00pm - Luther League Softball Game - Bob Ryan Fileds	13 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room	14 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:15am - WELCA Board meeting
19 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sunday School - Classrooms vary 9:45am - Getting Down to Basics Class - Community Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	20	21 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:00pm - Council Meeting
26 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Sunday School - Classrooms vary 9:45am - Getting Down to Basics Class - Community Rm 9:45am - Grief Support Group 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	27 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Room	28 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am - Contemplative Prayer 12:00pm - Development Committee Meeting - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	2 9:00am - Sew In Love	3	4
8 10:00am - Contemplative Prayer 12:00pm - Transition Team - Conf. Room 5:00pm - Development Committee Meeting - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm - Confirmation University Orientation - Zoom	9 9:00am - Sew In Love	10	11
15 Voice Articles Due 10:00am - Contemplative Prayer 1:00pm - WELCA combined Bible Study 5:00pm - Develop. Committee Meeting - Youth Loft 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal	16 9:00am - Sew In Love	17	18
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