

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

January 2022



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Welcome
New Members

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dive a little deeper, an additional optional class will be offered on Sunday, January 23, 12:15 – 1:00pm. To help with planning, please let the office know if you'll be attending any of these sessions (406-442-7842).

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

An update from the ORLC Call Committee

We shared earlier that the first main task of the Call Committee is the write-up and completion of our *Ministry Site Profile*. This is the document through which we will convey our congregation and community's unique spirit, gifts, talents, and challenges to any potential candidate.

As the *Ministry Site Profile* nears completion, nominations will be invited from congregation members. Nominees for the position of Pastor must be on the clergy roster of the ELCA or eligible full communion partner denominations (Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, The Episcopal Church, The Moravian Church, United Methodist Church).

Nomination forms will be offered to the congregation for this purpose, or members can provide names to the committee in writing, accompanied by as much information as possible, to aid the synod office in identifying the nominees. Nominees are not to be contacted by either the call committee or the individual making the nomination. Instead, the synod office will determine if the nominees in question are open and available for a call. Receiving a nomination does not guarantee that the candidate will be presented to the Call Committee. The synod staff considers other factors of congregational fit and suitability. Keep in mind, we are not the only congregation for whom the Synod must provide candidates. They have lots of vacancies to worry about. On the other hand, we have only one congregation to worry about.

That said, there are literally thousands of pastors in the ELCA, and there is no way the Synod can know all of them and whether they might be the perfect candidate for ORLC. But you know this congregation. You know a good sermon when you hear one. If you are traveling these days and you have an opportunity to worship at an ELCA congregation either online or in person, and you hear/see a pastor that you think would be the perfect fit for us, why not scribble down some notes on what impressed you about the person, and let the call committee know? Forms for submitting a nomination will be made available later in January.

In Peace,

Call Committee:

Abigail McLane, Gretchen Krumm, Eric Meyer, Eric Spangenberg, Ingrid Childress, Jessica Salo, Jacob Yaeger, Karen Armstrong

Please continue to hold the Call Committee in your prayers as they work on our behalf.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the faithfulness of the Transition Team who prepared the way for them. Thank you to Chris Boe, Lori Chase, Ingrid Childress, Dwight Hiesterman, Beth Johnson, Jan Martin, Jessica Salo, Sarah Sampson, Drew Sielbach and Eric Spangenberg for their service on this team.

Pastor Trina

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Caregivers Support Group



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

When will it meet? We will not be meeting in December. Join us on January 3rd at 7:00pm.

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

Please contact Lori Bigwood-Pecarina at 406-672-2470 to indicate interest in the support group.



Holy Communion for Online Worship

If you join us for worship online, please consider receiving Holy Communion at the same time as the in-person gathering every week. You may use bread or crackers and wine or grape juice from home. You may also commune with only one element (either the bread or the wine). The presider will address the words of distribution to the online community immediately after the

Lord's Prayer and then to those gathered in person. Jesus is present!

Grief Support Group

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in January. We will continue to meet in the Conference Room between the first and second services. For those wishing to join the group or receive more information, you can contact Jane



Peachey at 234-567-1461 or email jepeachey60@gmail.com. For those of you who do not know me, I am a retired hospice social worker and bereavement facilitator. I have retired my licenses as well, so anyone desiring formal counseling should explore available resources. I welcome phone calls and hope to journey with you through your grief if you desire the support.

Guest Musician Fund Established – Thanks to You!

We received a very generous gift of \$1,000 from an anonymous donor to fund more professional guest musicians in our worship. Thank you! This will allow us to continue bringing in symphony players, music teachers from around town, and other professionals. Guest musicians receive \$75-\$125, based on how much work/music they have to prepare. This fund will allow us to continue this tradition of elevating worship. If you would like to give, just make a note in the memo line of your check titled "guest musicians" and it will get to the right place. Thanks again and here's to many more celebrations!



Come to The Water

Baptism Class at Our Redeemer's



Interested in baptism? Please let Pastor Trina know! We offer a one-hour session during which we discuss what Lutherans believe about baptism and go through what happens in the baptismal rite. These sessions are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. Pastor Trina can be reached at trina@ourredeemerlives.org or 406-442-7842.

Pastor Trina will be on vacation December 29 through January 9. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 406-442-7842 or Jan Martin at 406-459-3339.

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Our Redeemer's Church Council

If you have questions or concerns and would like to visit with a council member, please feel free to contact any of us at the following email or phone:

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Saturday, January 15 @ 5:00pm

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Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

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

Our Family and Friends

Allie (Luci Pearson)	Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)
Zachary Ark	Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)
Brandon Bach	Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)
Victor Bachmier	Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)	Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)	Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Steve Boyter	Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
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)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Jake Dirks (Lori Chase)	Jacki Riley (Lori Walter's sister)
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Stormy Flinders	Carmen Sharp
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)	

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Chad Beley	Ryan Girard	Colton Johnson	Chris Oelkers
Lonnie Cook	Austin Grieve	Corey Longbottom	Scott Pocha
Erin DenHerder	Travis Gronley	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	Tait Strom
Adam Guay	Cody Johnson	Keith Nordquist	

Our Seminarian

Baird Linke



Did You Know... is an idea dreamed up by a bunch of crotchety old guys to take note of some wonderful people in Our Redeemer's who have done some nifty things, (meaning the kinds of things that God likes so much). The idea is to have a few lines in The Voice each month dedicated to some one who has done/is doing something particularly good for Jesus' sake, especially somebody that many folks might not know about. So, to begin--

Did you know... that ORLC member, Fred Goughnour (Gof-nour) restores classic old boats for a living? **However**, this summer and fall, Fred took time away from his regular work to spend roughly 140 hours completely refitting/restoring a 26 foot, multi-camper canoe that belongs to Flathead Lutheran Camp, that was in dire need of repair.

Fred noted that Jackie Bartz and ORLC kids spent 20 or more hours helping out, and a group of guys from the church got it transported back to the camp and built a mini boathouse to house it and protect it from the weather.

Is that great or what?



Worship Assistant Schedule

8:30am

11:00am



January Bible Study

To start the new year, we will begin a new four-month study entitled "The Kingdom of God," where we will look at Jesus' teaching on the kingdom of God using His parables and other scriptures. We will return to our circles.

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 10:00am

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 1:00pm
We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 10:00am

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

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

College Scholarship:

WELCA is pleased to offer a \$1000 scholarship to any student in the congregation who will be a freshman in a religiously affiliated college. Application forms are available from Jackie Bartz and must be received in the church office by May 1.

Fall Festival Financial Results:

The net proceeds from the Fall Festival were \$4680. This amount was allocated as follows:

- \$1500 Camperships and Bibles Fund
- \$200 LWR Kits and Delivery Fund
- \$600 Quilters Supplies Fund
- \$780 Undesignated Fund
- \$400 Flathead Bible Camp
- \$400 God's Love
- \$400 Family Promise
- \$400 Lutheran World Relief

And congratulations to Pastor Trina on winning the quilt raffle!



Pastor Trina Johnsten & husband Dennis Trotter

Sunday, January 2, 2022		
Captain	Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Williams-Mathews
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover	Kevin & Lisa Williams-Mathews
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	Team Members
Lector	Gary Fischer	
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Lisa Williams-Mathews

Sunday, January 9, 2022		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	helpers needed
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske	Team Members
Lector	Kathy Olson	
Altar Guild	Lori Walter	Lori Chase

Sunday, January 16, 2022		
Captain		helpers needed
Usher	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson	Lori Chase
Greeter	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma	Team Members
Lector	Dwight Hiesterman	
Altar Guild		Kim Randall

Sunday, January 23, 2022		
Captain	Ray Reed	helpers needed
Usher	Bonner Armstrong, Norm Midtlyng	helpers needed
Greeter	Gordon Blomquist	
Lector	Joy Novota	
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Shannon Bartole

Sunday, January 30, 2022		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	helpers needed
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske	Team Members
Lector	Linda Nelson	
Altar Guild	Lori Walter	Lisa Williams-Mathews

Family Promise Update

Family Promise has continued to serve families in various ways throughout the past year. They recently shared these stories.

Meet some of these families:

· A father paying for a child's appendectomy realized that he couldn't pay the rent if he paid the medical bills. Family Promise assisted him with rent funds and helped him with budgeting so he wouldn't fall behind again.

· A father whose job required commuting nearly 20 miles each day realized his transportation costs were eating into the income available for housing. Family Promise provided gas cards, so he didn't have to dip into his rent money while he shored up his savings.

· A couple arrived in Helena with assurances that their jobs with a national company would transfer to Montana. But the mom was expecting a second child and couldn't start work right away. Affordable housing also wasn't available due to the lengthy waitlist in Helena. While staying in the Family Promise congregational housing, the couple's second child was born, and the family put away money as they moved up the waiting list for affordable housing.

Our Redeemer's will host Family Promise guests the week of February 6-12, 2022. We hope that we can once again host guests in our building. But regardless, we need overnight hosts and meal providers. Several of our regular overnight hosts are no longer available. We desperately need your help. The responsibility of the overnight hosts is to be at the overnight location from about 7pm to 7am. If you can sleep away from home, you are perfect for this job! Or if you can afford to lose a few hours of sleep once a quarter, you are also an ideal match! Usually, the guests are in their quarters fairly early and bed at a reasonable hour. If you can be of assistance, please notify Kathy Olson (kathyolson8686@gmail.com, (406) 431-8686) or Linda Coty (cotyak@hotmail.com, (406) 443-5857).

Kendra Wilde Hunger Endowment Fund

This fund, managed by the ELCA Foundation, will generate interest funds to address hunger issues in our community. The ORLC Hunger Team will disperse those funds. The team will report to the congregation quarterly about using these funds. If you still wish to donate to the fund, you may do so by writing a check to ORLC and designating the name of this fund on the memo line. Questions about tax issues may be addressed to Jan Martin (jomvallymt@gmail.com, (406) 459-3339).

Helena Food Share

We are collecting individual juice boxes for the Kid Pack Program throughout January and February. Leave donations in the crates by the Food Share display outside the sanctuary.

If you wish to help with Kid Pack assemblies on the first three Tuesdays of the month, 4-6pm, please contact Judy McMaster (judy1950@bresnan.net, (406) 465-7118).

Helena Knitters for Peace

If you happen to be anywhere near the Youth Loft on Tuesdays between 11am and 1pm, you are likely to hear the click-clack of knitting needles, as well as lots of conversation and laughter. The Helena Knitters for Peace meet there, diligently working on their task of clothing the world, one stitch at a time. The group donates hand-knitted items to various groups, such as Lutheran World Relief, the Giving Tree at Cathedral of Helena, St. Labre Indian School, God's Love, and the Department of Health and Human Services. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to knit whatever they would like. The group can always locate someone who needs that specific item. The group also meets on Saturdays, 1-2pm at Y'arnings, to accommodate those still employed. Feel free to join the group, whether you are a beginning knitter or a more accomplished one. All are welcome. If you would like more information, contact Linda Nelson (ralinelson@yahoo.com, 406-422-3751).

The Council adopted the agenda for the meeting.

- Pastor Trina led the Council in opening prayer. With a Quorum present, Jan Martin called the meeting to order.
- First order of business was to introduce Baird Linke, Student Pastor, to the Council, and Council members introduced themselves to Baird. Baird is assuming many pastoral responsibilities, including assisting with worship leadership, teaching confirmation, and extra programming for Lent. We feel very fortunate to have his help.
- The November Minutes were amended for clarification purposes and were approved as amended.
- Craig Erickson reported the Generosity Committee (previously known as Stewardship) continues to meet with Dennis Trotter to learn more about the Synod's pilot project, Fed by Ravens. It is a new way of looking at giving. Craig further reported that the Join the Journey Campaign officially ends at the end of March 2022. The Generosity Committee will invite John Cross back to ORLC for one last time before his contract ends. At this time, the congregation must continue to pay the mortgage; the committee will be communicating with members about their continued financial support for building and grounds.
- Beth Johnson presented the November financial report. A motion was made and carried to pay \$5355.81 of council funds and \$9443.50 of building funds to Mission Investment. \$850 in Lenten donations remained undesignated. It was decided to share those funds equally between Synod benevolence and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.
- Pastor Trina explained how Pastor Kendra's departure is affecting her workload. Baird, our LPAs, and other volunteers have been helping her manage many of the additional responsibilities. The Council decided it is important to fill the Associate Pastor position when appropriate.
- The City Planning Commission met in December to review ORLC's property development plan. Several development partners agencies and individuals submitted comments in support of the plan. The Commission will take the topic up at their January budget meeting; the feeling is optimistic that the city will commit some funding to the project.
- Covid protocols were reviewed, and masking requests will remain in place for the next month.
- Trudy Burke, Preschool Director, is leaving her position at the end of the school year. The Personnel Committee is ready to post the vacancy and establish a search committee to fill her position. In addition, Ralph, our Custodian, is leaving that position but will remain working with us until a replacement can be found.
- There are several vacancies on various committees. Nominations are being sought, and volunteers are welcome!

Baird closed the meeting with a moment of quiet reflection and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Childress

Update from the design team.

During the congregational meeting, a proposed church boundary was presented on Sunday, November 14th, between services. A vote of the congregation affirmed the boundary to allow our planning partners to begin planning housing for the remainder of the property.

The planning team has held the first workshop with all partners represented to discuss project goals and strategies. Identified goals include:

- Create a neighborhood that connects to the larger community.
- Create living units that prioritize individual privacy and dignity.
- Prioritize sustainable development principles.
- Create a financially feasible development.
- Seek and encourage partner collaboration.

At this meeting, our housing partners provided updates on the current status of the housing crisis from their perspectives. The average home price in Helena just recently exceeded \$400,000. RMDC has over 900 people on the waiting list for their Red Alder Residences property. Habitat for Humanity now has 250 families on their waiting list. The YWCA reported that homelessness has increased 150% in the last 18-month period. These statistics, along with current construction prices, have the team developing strategies for optimizing the housing density while still preserving the desired open space, trails, and site amenities needed to support a great neighborhood environment. We heard from our housing partners that time is of the essence. While this project alone cannot solve the crisis, incremental solutions are needed soon.

The opportunities for ORLC to support this new neighborhood with community-use spaces, community gardens, preschool services, and future visions of offering daycare services and supporting our partners through community service ministries are great. This opportunity for our congregation to be more fully engaged in community service could be pivotal and life-changing in many ways. We ask for your continued prayers as this congregation discerns its role in the community.

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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Youth Kid Pack Build

January 12 @7:15pm

Middle and high school youth are invited to help assemble Kid Packs with Helena Food Share on Wednesday, January 12th after worship. We will load into cars and head over to the Helena Food Share Warehouse (located on the corner of Oakes and Railroad (across from the Meadow Gold Dairy). It should take about an hour and 15 minutes. See you



LEARN HOW TO MAKE LEFSE!

Lesfe is a Norwegian treat that is a treasured tradition passed down through the generations. It is fun to learn and even better eat! Come join some ORLC aficionados to learn how to make lefse from scratch!



January, 7 @4pm: Learn how to cook and rice potatoes, and make the dough

January 8 @10am: Learn the rest - how to roll out the dough, cook, and best ways to eat lefse!

Sign-up with Baird or Jackie.

Sign Up Now!

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Grade: _____

Special Medical and Dietary Needs: _____

Yes! My parent has filled out a 2021-22 Permission Slip and it has been mailed in/turned in!

I need a new permission slip sent to me, please!

Please contact me about a scholarship to cover the registration fee. **Please don't stay home due to the cost - we will find a way to cover it!**

* Please return this registration form and \$50.00 to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 3580 N. Benton Ave. Helena, MT 59602 by January 31st. The \$50 is non-refundable.

* Make checks payable to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.



This year's WOW retreat will be held at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp February 19-21, 2022! The weekend will be filled with delicious food, games by the fire, sing-alongs, skits, small group discussions, and outrageous adventures!

High schoolers will lead small group and worship. We believe middle schoolers thrive on the example of older students, and we are so blessed to have faith-filled and generous leaders for our middle schoolers!

Be sure to invite a friend along for this awesome weekend!

For more information or registration on this event, please contact Baird at baird@ourredeemerlives.org or Jackie at jackie@ourredeemerlives.org



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Safehouse



High school youth, do you ever wish 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 7:15pm (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 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.



SPARK & SAFEHOUSE ON ICE!

**Wednesday,
January 19,
7:15-9:00 pm**



All ages are invited to go ice skating at Memorial Park this special Wednesday in January. Just tell them you are with Our Redeemer's, grab skates, and enjoy a twirl or more on the ice! Bring your own ice skates or skates will be available to borrow.

Questions?! Please call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842 or jackie@ourredeemerlives.org

2022 YOUTH GATHERING

TEAM MEETING:

**January 9 at 12:15pm
Noon in the Youth Loft.**

We'll get to know one another as a team, discuss fundraisers, plan trip details and much more!



Helena Area Habitat for Humanity is an affordable housing organization dedicated to building quality, safe, and affordable housing as well as performing critical repairs on existing homes. We seek to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. The

organization has completed 54 homes in the Helena area while performing over 50 critical repairs for existing homeowners. To meet the growing demand for workforce housing in Helena, Habitat has committed to growing capacity to build at least 30 homes each year by 2030 while providing critical home repairs to an additional 75 homes each year. Although our primary operations focus on the Helena area, we are currently collaborating with the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation in a pilot rural housing program in Red Lodge, MT. We have plans to expand this program to other rural communities throughout the state. In addition to our construction operations, Helena Habitat also has a ReStore that sells second-chance home improvement and construction items to the community at extremely affordable prices in addition to our construction operations. The ReStore serves as a community staple in being a sustainable alternative solution for the disposal of gently used or surplus products. The revenue generated from the ReStore serves as a funding source for our homeownership and repair programs.

Helena Habitat is incredibly excited to partner with ORLC, YWCA, RMDC, and Trust Montana on the development project on the church grounds. Habitat believes in effective partnerships to create beautiful neighborhoods for working families. Land is hard to find inside the city limits. The ORLC project provides the opportunity to build many homes with mixed uses to serve various needs in an area in proximity to city services, food, and jobs. Habitat is excited about the church's vision to be stewards of their land to build a vibrant community to meet the needs of the Helena community.



Thank you to our Safehouse youth for making Christmas extra special for the children



at the Intermountain Residential Program. They donated their own money along with a grant from Town Pump and were able to shop and fill 24 Christmas stockings! Thank you for your generosity and for sharing your love and kindness for all children!



It's time for Carroll College Basketball!

Our youth continue their partnership with Carroll College and Sodexo by staffing the concessions at Carroll basketball games. Come say hi and support our youth! Better yet, volunteer to join the crew!

Basketball Games are:

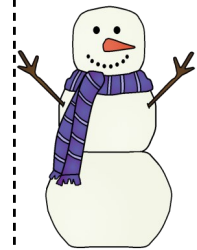
*January 6, 20, & 29 *February 3 & 10

This will be fun new way to raise money, get to know one another, engage the community, and serve others!

If you are interested and able, please contact Jackie at 442-7842 or jackie@ourredeemerlives.org.



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



KidTime and Sunday School
will resume on January 9th.
KidzEd will resume on
January 12th.
Have a wonderful break!

SAVE the DATE!



Vacation Bible School
will take place

July 5th-8th, 2022

Contact Liz for more information or if you
would like to volunteer during this event!
liz@ourredeemerlives.org

Save the Dates!

- January 2nd: No **Sunday School** or **KidTime**
- January 5th: No **KidzEd**
- January 16th: No **Sunday School**
- January 19th: **Youth(PreK-12th)Ice Skating Night**
- February 20th: No **Sunday School** or **KidTime**
- March 2nd: No **KidzEd**
- March 27th: No **Sunday School** or **KidTime**
- March 30th: No **KidzEd**
- April 3rd: **Communion 101** for 4th Graders
- April 10th: **Seder Meal** for 4th Graders
- April 14th: **First Communion** service
- April 17th: **Easter-No Sunday School** or **KidTime**
- April 27th: Last day of **KidzEd**
- May 8th: Last day of **Sunday School**
- July 5th-8th: **Vacation Bible School** (hosted by FLBC!)

KidTime continues all year long.

If you have questions or want more information, please
contact Liz at liz@ourredeemerlives.org

Ice-Skating Night

All kids PK-5th grade are
invited to come ice-
skating on Wednesday,
January 19th following
the 6:30 Spark Worship
service at ORLC. (7:30 ish.)



Skate rentals are **FREE** and ORLC will pay
your admission fee!! All are welcome to join.
See you there!



Thinking about signing up for
FLBC but not sure if you'll know
anyone there??

**Jackie Bartz (Director of Youth
and Families)** plans to attend
camp as a volunteer the week
of **July 31st - August 5th!** Jackie
is even willing to drive
campers up to camp. Please
register normally at **FLBC.net.**
Please contact Liz or Jackie
with questions.



January BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Cody Avery | Norm Rognlie | 19 Cheri Goosen | 26 Susan Day |
| Wendy Studt | 9 Claudia Morley | 20 Mary Adams | Charlene Mayala |
| Irene Thamke | 10 Anna Marie Bartole | TJ Cook | Bridger Voss |
| 2 Sharon Amor | Cody Stipcich | Ashlyn Lamping | 27 Lori Bigwood-Pecarina |
| Carter Avery | Carl Tanberg | Dugan Ward | Isaiah Penner |
| Lexie Reddig | Luanne Tangedal | 21 Sheri Howell | 28 Mary Robertson |
| Haylee Tripp | 11 Tria McCormack | Kalley May | 29 Kileigh Bartole |
| Tyler Trip | 12 Brian Heuser | Jerry Mayala | 30 Melissa Haab |
| 3 Leah Baranek | Isabelle McCormack | Lance Wetzel | Marcy McLean |
| Cindy Little | Tim Meldrum | 22 Addalyn Selvig | Roy Watne |
| Joanna Thamke | Susan Sielbach | David Thompson | 31 Blake McHugh |
| 4 Tevin Wetzel | 13 Cody Salo | 23 Treven Maharg | Kami Wade |
| 5 Joe Fischer | Laura Trapp | 24 Logan MacIntyre | |
| 6 Denise Richards | 14 Mike Lindner | Celia Senrud | |
| 7 Kobe Gamradt | Pastor Kendra Wilde | 25 FayeAnn Cummings | |
| Delmar Schubring | 16 Shauna Helfert | Tracie Reddig | |
| 8 Anna Ebert | 18 Tyler Sharkey | Sam Tintinger | |



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

1/27/1979	Curt & Cindy Little	42 years
1/19/1973	Jerry & Judy Hoover	49 years
1/29/1956	Jim & Joan Haubein	66 years

HOSPITALIZED? LET US KNOW...

We have a caring group of individuals who are happy to visit hospitalized members. The hospital staff is not currently asking religious preference or church membership on admission. Please notify the church office if you, your family, or friends are hospitalized. We want to be a part of your healing process.

Preschool News

We are excited to announce registration for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Current students, alumni preschool families and church members may register on Tuesday, February 8 (forms may be dropped off or mailed in before that day) and registration opens to the community on Tuesday, February 15.

Our Redeemer's Preschool offers classes for 3-, 4- and 5-year-old students (age as of September 10, 2022). We believe each child is a unique and precious child of God and we provide age-appropriate opportunities for each child to experience success in a Christian setting. Our ultimate goal is to prepare children for life's adventures by letting them experience the joys of learning, friendships and God's love through both play-based and instructional methods.

Information about class offerings as well as registration forms will be available on the church website: www.ourredeemerlives.org (click the Preschool tab) in mid-January. Brochures and registration materials will also be available in the church office. If you would like more information or have any questions please call the Preschool office at 442-7842 extension 20.



Update on Music Ministries at ORLC

In January, the ministry team will submit a formal annual report, and I encourage you to read that for more detailed information. Still, I wanted to take a moment to talk about the past and coming year of music at Our Redeemer's.

Covid has been a challenge for us and continues to be so, as we try to keep each other safe while celebrating worship. The choir has sung on a few occasions but is limited in scope by singing with masks on. In the future, we will try to sing about once a month in worship and will present virtual choirs to supplement. If you have any interest, I encourage you to join the choir! No experience necessary; All are welcome! Some of our members have retired, so we need to replace them.

The bell choir is in a similar circumstance of finding new members. Ever wanted to ring the bells during worship? Speak with Autumn Keller or with me! They would like to ring once a month during the year but find it challenging to fill out their roster. Again, no experience necessary!

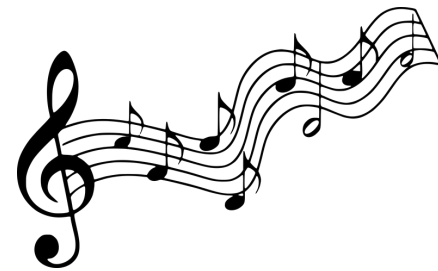
The Rejoice team is in a very good place. We are five members strong and celebrate at 11:00am worship weekly, with contemporary Christian music, modernized hymns, and other praise songs.

If you've been in worship the past couple of months, you will have noticed more guest musicians. We will continue to do this: invite professional musicians from the community to help us elevate worship. We can look forward to more of that during Lent, Easter, and Pentecost! A special fund has been set up and seeded with \$1,000 that helps us compensate these talented musicians! If you are interested in contributing, leave a check in the offering plate with "guest musicians" in the memo line.

Children's choir is another thing I think we've missed over the past several years. Look to Easter for a special surprise! If you are a parent, please contact me about your kiddos singing this Easter.

As always, I am deeply grateful for your support of these ministries, and I look forward to many more special celebrations!

-Jason Callon
Director of Worship and Arts



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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



The Intergenerational Christmas Event was a success!
Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents to this event. Please enjoy some pictures of this joyous time with the youth and families from our church community.



January 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 8:30am - Worship 11:00am - Rejoice Worship	3 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group	4 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Mtg.
9 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Net Youth Leadership - Youth Loft 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm. 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	10 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	11 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - WELCA Board meeting - AD-1 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share
16 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime 12:15pm - New Member Class	17 Office Closed 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	18 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Conference Rm
23 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime 12:15pm - New Member Class	24 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	25 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
30 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	31 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 9:00am - Sew In Love 4:00pm - Carroll College Concessions	7	8
12 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal	13 9:00am - Sew In Love	14	15 Voice Articles Due
19 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Youth Ice Skating Night - Memorial Park 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal	20 9:00am - Sew In Love	21	22
26 6:30pm - Spark Worship 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft 7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - New Member Class	27 9:00am - Sew In Love	28	29 4:00pm - Carroll College Concessions

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.