



OUR REDEEMER'S

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Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022 at Noon & 6:30pm

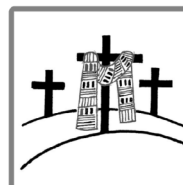
Join us for worship, the imposition of ashes, and communion, as we enter into the season of Lent.



Holden Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday in Lent at 6:30pm

This prayer service includes communion and is designed to center our hearts during Lent.



Holy Week & Easter

April 10—April 17

Join us for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, featuring very special music!



What's the latest at Our Redeemer's?

Come to an *Open Forum* on April 3rd and find out!

Keeping information moving and spreading it out among a community is always a challenge, especially in this day and age when ways to communicate have multiplied. Some only want things sent electronically, some only want paper, some prefer text messages, and some don't have a computer or cell phone at all. Then there's our website, Facebook page, YouTube videos, and Instagram account.... Do you see what I mean?

But there is so much interest happening in this congregation right now that we must gather! And so, on **Sunday, April 3rd at 12:15pm**, we will join together for a time of conversation hosted by the Generosity Committee (formerly called the Stewardship Committee).

At this Open Forum, one of the primary topics will be our next steps as the *Join the Journey* campaign formally comes to an end. We will get an update on the status of the mortgage and our general financial health. Folks involved in the property development project will be present to answer questions, and we will check in on the progress of the Call Committee as they seek our next pastor.

It is an exciting time to be part of Our Redeemer's. You support a host of ministries that serve God's people inside the congregation, throughout the community, and around the world, all while reducing the principal of your mortgage from over \$2.5 million to \$1.3 million. The current partnership with the City of Helena and several ministry partners to develop a project that would address a serious need to provide affordable housing in our community is a model to be envied. And just think about what could be possible if that project results in the elimination of the mortgage. The sky's the limit at that point, with your increased ability to reach and serve more of God's people.

There is much to discuss and plan, and I hope you will participate in the conversation. I, for one, am thrilled to be with you at this time in your history. It is so encouraging to witness a group of people who are living out the gospel and stepping with faith into what God has in store for them in the future.

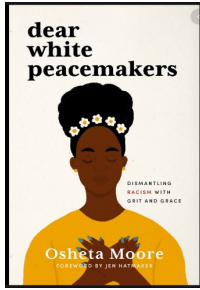
Pastor Trina



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

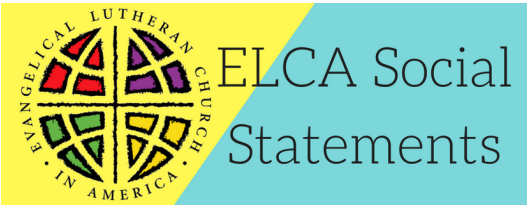
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Beginning March 6 and running through April 10, Lon Bechtel and Jane Peachey will be leading an exploration of the book *Dear White Peacemakers, Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace* by Osheta Moore. The group will be offered either between services or at 1:30pm, depending on which time has more sign-ups. To register for this class, please email Lori Walter (loriw@ourredeemerlives.org) or call her at 406-442-7842. Please indicate your first choice for time and if you are willing to come regardless of the time chosen.

Our student pastor Baird Linke will be leading us in a series on four of the ELCA's Social Statements each Sunday between services, beginning on March 6th. We will take two weeks to discuss each statement, starting with Caring for Creation, followed by Church in Society, Economic Life, and Peace. We hope to see you there! Copies of the social statements will be available on the usher's stand.



PHILIP FORTENBERRY RETURNS TO HELENA! Yes, the amazing pianist from Las Vegas is returning to Helena for the 10th anniversary gala for Starz on Stage... AND... he is performing in a specialty concert and introducing a surprise (we're working on it) for our church family. **SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, April 2 - 3pm** - for an afternoon delight with Philip at the piano in the church sanctuary. Featured performers are Philip + a guest star + other musicians to-be-announced in "Rockin' Broadway." More details are to be announced as the parts and pieces come together! A limited # of tickets will be available, with sales to begin approximately March 10. Thrivent Financial (Autumn Keller) is a sponsor with partial proceeds of the concert donated to the Intermountain Children's Home. Attendees are asked to consider bringing requested 'wish list' items for Intermountain's Residential needs. The list will be posted in the next Voice and on the Starz on Stage website when the tickets will be made available. For more information, contact Gary & Joy Novota - 406-227-9711(Starz on Stage home business land-line), 406-459-3967(cell), or joyofmusic66@q.com.



Phyllis Bauer pictured with her friends, Charlene Mayala, Marian Paulson, Ron Paulson.



Children and Youth Acolytes Needed for Lent

In the season of Lent, March 2nd - April 17th, our 8:30am worship service will include acolytes processing and lighting candles at the beginning of worship. Contact Liz Swenson (liz@ourredeemerlives.org), all ages are welcome to participate!

The Voice is published monthly as an update on the ministry and mission of

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Tuesday, March 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	Adam Williams
Richard Carey	Christine Hoffman	Dale Mickus	Verna Strand	
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Our Family and Friends

Allie (Luci Pearson)	Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)
Zachary Ark	Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)
Brandon Bach	Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Victor Bachmier	Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
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	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Tom Carter	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	Jacki Riley (Lori Walter's sister)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)	Carmen Sharp
Stormy Flinders	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	Families of suicide victims
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)	
Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)	

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?

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.

Did You Know... A young member of ORLC, David Hanson, has and is generously giving his time to serve others. As an example, while still in High School, he was one of the youth that helped some retirees go up to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and nailed up wainscoting boards, trim, stained door frames, and provided hands of help on other remodeling projects in Hagen Hall. He was a leader in the church youth group, helped with the sound booth, and on occasion still does. He achieved Order of Arrow and is an Eagle Scout who was instrumental in leading the Scout troop in the construction of several of the picnic tables you see around the church property. He also was a liaison leader in obtaining bark and recruiting help in spreading bark around the church property and the boulevard, a never-ending job. He also was a leader in helping to gather material and construction of and the dismantling of the ORLC outside nativity display the last couple of years. Our youth leader, Jackie, reminds us that David is always asking her if there are projects that he can do to help the church. Thank you for your infectious laugh, leadership and doing God's work, David Hanson!



God's work, our hands!



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.



Caregivers Support Group

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

When will it meet? We will meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.

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

Please contact Lori Bigwood-Pecarina at 406-672-2470





HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Safehouse in March

High school youth, please join us during March as we enjoy some fun fellowship and seek to answer some deep questions about God and faith. This month we will focus on the season of Lent and the Journey to the cross. Join us in the Youth Loft from 7:15 to 9:00pm on Wednesdays, but please take note of the special dates below.

- **February 23:** Youth Preparing the Ashes
- **March 2:** Ash Wednesday - No Safehouse or Small Groups
- **March 27:** Spring Break - No Safehouse or Small Groups



...to all who mentored and engaged with our youth in learning, service, and activities over the last

few weeks! If you'd like to share a skill, time, or just connect with the youth, we'd love



ROSEMALING
WITH HILDEGARDE
KRUMM



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



Follow ORLC Safehouse on Facebook to be in the know! And if you need quick text reminders about Safehouse events and happenings, you can sign up for quick text updates and reminders by texting **@safehouse2** to **81010**.



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



Christian College Scholarships

High School Seniors, are you planning on attending a Lutheran college next fall? A one-time scholarship is available to students in our congregation, like you, attending a Lutheran college in the fall! Please contact Jackie Bartz for an application and return it to the church office by **May 1st**. Please take the time to fill out this one page application as there are so many wonderful ladies that wish to help support you in your education and future!



Mark your Calendars for Summer Camp at FLBC!

Summer camp registration opened December 15th, and Jackie will be heading up to camp **July 31-August 5**. She is willing to give the youth a ride to and from camp. Please register your child at <https://flbc.net/registration/> and sign-up with Jackie for a ride! Spaces fill up fast! I hope you can join me for an amazing Christ-centered week in God's beautiful creation!

2022 YOUTH
GATHERING
CANCELLED



Although we always knew it was a possibility from the very beginning, we had all hoped and prayed that somehow, somehow the ELCA National Youth Gathering would go on this summer, and our youth would feel the presence of the Holy Spirit work in and amongst each other as they gathered in worship, prayer, service, and relationship. However, a notice recently came out that it is officially canceled for the summer of 2022 due to Covid concerns. Nonetheless, we know that although we may not be gathering together as originally planned, we know that God is ever-present by our side and the Holy Spirit continues to move through this amazing body of Christ. After talking with our team, we are shifting our plans to something different but still meaningful and service oriented. While we are still discerning options, our youth will continue to be devoted and positive. Please keep them all in your prayers! A team meeting to plan our next move is March 6 @ 12:15pm in the Youth Loft.

Women of the **ELCA**

March Bible Study

We will continue with Session Three of our study, "Eternal Life in the Gospel of John," where we will see how Jesus used the expression "eternal life" to talk about the "kingdom of God."

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, March 15th at 10:00am

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, March 16th at 1:00pm
We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: no meeting in March

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 1st.

Flathead Bible Camp Scholarships

WELCA is again happy to offer financial assistance to any student in the congregation needing help to attend Flathead Bible Camp. Because funds are limited and the cost of camps is increasing, all scholarship applications must be turned in to the church office by **April 1st**. Once all applications are received, we will determine how much aid we can give to each applicant.

Baby Care Kits

It's time to start gathering items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. There will be a tub in the narthex for your donations from March 13th - April 3rd. Each kit contains the following items:

- Cotton knit shirts (no onesies)
- Long or short sleeve gowns or sleepers without feet
- Cotton receiving blankets
- Cloth diapers
- Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
- Socks
- Hand towel (dark color)
- Gentle soap
- Diaper pins
- New or gently used items may be used, infant to size 2.

Quilt Sunday

After a two-year hiatus because of the pandemic, Quilt Sunday will be observed this year on April 24th. Come and enjoy the beautiful and creative quilts on display in the sanctuary.

Garage Sale

Don't forget to start getting your household "treasures" together for the churchwide garage sale on June 4th. You may bring your contributions to the church beginning on May 30th.

Switching It Up for Kid Packs

During March and April we’ll be donating low-sugar granola bars to Helena Food Share for the kid pack program. Thanks so very much for all the fruit juice you donated during January and February. And thanks to everyone who has helped with the kid pack assemblies. We’ll continue to assemble the packs through April. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Family Promise

Thank you to everyone who helped make our guests feel comfortable and well-fed during the week of February 6th-12th. You helped celebrate a birthday and made the week very special for everyone. Our next hosting week is May 1st-7th. We hope to host in our building at that time.

Thoughts of Springtime?

We can always dream of warmer days, more sunshine, and trees and flowers in bloom. There are garden plots available for rent in our community garden. Although a large segment is set aside for Helena Food Share, there are always extra plots for your use or for use by our neighbors. If you want more details, please contact Vicki Downhour (greenxena@msn.com, (406) 465-2197) or Linda Nelson (ralinelson@yahoo.com, (406) 422-3751).

Special Guest on March 6th

Renee Bauer, director of Family Promise, will be our guest at worship on March 6th. Be sure to join us for worship either in-person or online to learn about the amazing things happening with this local organization and the cooperation of churches in our community. Many creative programs have been put into place during the past couple of years to assist families in staying in their homes, and providing housing during times of crisis.

GOD’S LOVE

In reading an article about the homeless, there was a sentence which said, “Jesus has provided the escape plan from death, but the closing of the doorway of poverty, He has left in the hands of humanity.” Hunger Teams extends a huge thank you for all your support in our efforts to help those who struggle. We feel this is our responsibility and obligation to help, not cast them off.

For March, we are seeking the following items for God’s Love:

- Band-aids [all sizes]
- Ibuprofen/Tylenol/Excedrin
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Neosporin [anything that might help with blisters]

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Albert Einstein

The Church Council met on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 6:00pm. Pastor Trina opened the meeting with a brief devotion. Present: Pastor Trina Johnsten, Lynn Voss, Cody Salo, Beth Johnson, Jan Martin, Kevin Mathews, Carolyn Meyer, Tom Johnson, Tracy Moseman, Julie Penner, Ingrid Childress, Clint Mingay, and Sarah Magee. Each member shared a little bit of their personal story as a way of introductions for new members.

Beth reviewed the January financial/building report prepared monthly by Sarah. General Fund receipts were \$47,054. Building Fund donations for January were \$14,106. Council moved that we pay the calculated benevolence of \$2,352.71 to our benevolence partners: the Montana Synod, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Family Promise, Friendship Center, God's Love, Good Samaritan, Helena Habitat for Humanity, and Helena Food Share.

Approximately \$6900 will be used for an automatic door opening system and installation on the main North entrance. Funding for this is from a gift from the John Wright estate.

Pastor Trina and members of the staff submitted written reports in advance so that Council members could be familiar with much of what has been going on in the life of the church.

Trina reported that she continues to work on all aspects of pastoral care at ORLC. She has been focusing on visitation coverage and updating the homebound list, preparing training for the Eucharistic Ministers program, caring for those hospitalized or in hospice care, and updating and expanding the congregation's prayer ministry.

Preparations are underway for Lent and Holy Week, followed by Summer activities for children and youth.

Cody reported on the Property Development Committee's online public meeting hosted by the City. The meeting was well attended, and there were many positive comments and a few negative ones. On behalf of the congregation, the Property Development Committee drafted a letter to the City with the intent of establishing a direct line of communication regarding the potential sale of a portion of our land for affordable housing. The draft correspondence outlines our hopes for a sale that meets specific criteria. The letter is not binding and makes clear any sale is dependent upon an affirmative vote by the congregation. Lynn will submit the letter as President of ORLC.

Ingrid reported that the Ministry Site Profile was submitted to the Synod Office on Friday, February 11, and received confirmation it was received. The next step for the Call Committee is to meet with Pastor Jason Asseltine to receive candidates and prepare for the interview and selection process.

Jan reported on the Generosity Committee and their plans to continue paying the mortgage when the Join the Journey Capital Campaign expires at the end of March. Meetings are being scheduled with past givers, and a full congregational meeting will be held to reach out to everyone for financial support. Communication needs to be broad and ongoing.

Covid cases are dropping rapidly, but we continue to be at a high transmission rate. CDC guidelines recommend continued masking, but with a high vaccination rate and relatively mild symptoms, we hope we will soon be able to lift our request for masking in the building.

The staff has recognized that additional funding is needed for projects within our ministries, such as Vacation Bible School and Confirmation Retreats. The Council authorized the pastors to approve distributions from the Thrivent Choice Funds up to \$2000 per project for ministry needs. For more than \$2000, requests will be brought to the Council.

There was a conversation about the expectations of Council members. Lynn hopes for full and lively discussions among the members and that all members remain contributing and active in the life of the church. Some committees could use additional membership; he will provide that information.

Lynn indicated the Calendar of Council meetings will remain on the third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 6:00pm. The Executive Committee will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted
Ingrid Childress, Secretary

Welcome to our New Members

Last month, ORLC was blessed and privileged to welcome 20 new members. We couldn't introduce them all in last month's Voice, but here we introduce a few more. Again, WELCOME!

Hermes, Emily, Sullivan, and Vera Lynn

The Lynns have lived in Helena for six years and came from First Lutheran Church. Before Helena, they lived in Bozeman, Livingston, and Sheridan, Wyoming. They are both teachers for Helena Public Schools.



Elmer Strong

Elmer is a proud military veteran, having served in Vietnam, and is looking forward to getting to know folks better.



Dan, Steph, Letty, and Signe Richardson

Dan works for KLJ Engineers. A promotion two years ago had them transfer from Great Falls to Helena. Steph worked in adaptive recreation but, since the move, has focused on supporting her family as much as possible through these Covid times. Letty is in 6th grade at HMS and is on the Lions swim team. Signe is a 2nd grader at Warren Elementary and plays soccer. As a family, they ski, float, camp, hike, hunt, and ride horses. They are looking forward to the active life of this church.



Kapri, Eleanor, Troy, and Natalie Byrne

Kapri is a CPA originally from Dillon. She recently left the workforce to focus on family. Her husband of 15 years, Todd Byrne, is a director of software engineering at SoFi. Eleanor is a 7th grader at CR Anderson. Troy (4th grade) and Natalie (2nd grade) attend Rossiter. The Byrnes love boating, skiing, and riding dirt bikes. Kapri and her children have been attending ORLC for two years and look forward to meeting more people and being more involved.



RETREAT 2022

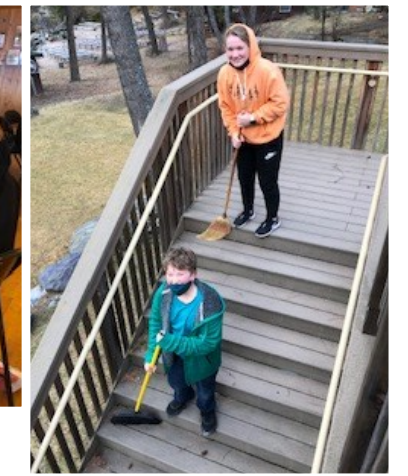
RAN BIBLE CAMP
3-21, 2022



year and *what a wild life it is!* This retreat, led by our and explored other scriptures as well. Kennedy, middle school youth through the weekend with their its, leading small group discussions and activities, jiding them through a blessing service, engaging ring games through a blackout and jumping into ekend was for all! Thank you to the many hands



POLAR PLUNGE!



SERVICE PROJECTS



DUTCH OVEN BAKING



HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS: HEATHER YAEGER, KENNEDY BARTOLE, KATIE STEINHOFF, KALLEY MAY, KASH HELFERT, DANE QUINN, ISAAC PENNER



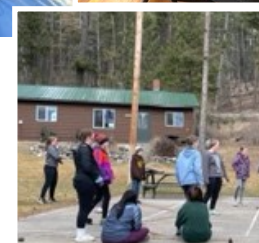
WORSHIP



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SO FUN!



CONFIRMATION

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"Wild Life" was the theme of our confirmation retreat this year. A wonderful high school youth, was based on John 10:1-10. Kalley, Katie, Heather, Dane, Kash and Isaac guided our amazing gifts: planning and leading worship, acting out skits, assisting with service projects, cooking in Dutch ovens, and encouraging them in conversation and yes, even play Flathead Lake for a polar plunge! What a blessing this weekend behind the scenes that made this weekend happen!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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



First

Come to the Table

Come to the Table classes will be held for children in **second, third, or fourth** grades and **any** other families interested in learning about Holy Communion. **Please save these dates:**

April 10th @1:00pm - Fed and Forgiven: An instructional time for both communicant and parents about Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday, April 14th @ 6:30pm

We invite the children and their families to this very special service to celebrate their deepened understanding of communion and for those who are not yet communing, to receive their First Communion.

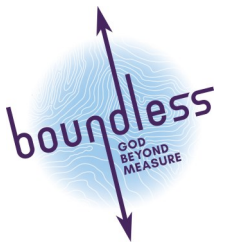
An invitation will be sent to all second, third and fourth-grade students and their families. If you have any questions, please contact Liz at liz@ourredeemerlives.org or Pastor Trina at trina@ourredeemerlives.org.

Children's Ministries schedule for March/April Spring Break March 28th through April 1st

- March 27th - No Sunday School Due to Spring Break!
- March 30th - No KidzEd
- April 10th - Fed and Forgiven - First Communion Class @1:00pm
- April 14th - (Maundy Thursday) First Communion @6:30pm
- April 17th - Easter

VBS 2022!!

⇒ This year, we are very excited to partner with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp to bring VBS to Our Redeemer's! Six staff members from FLBC will attend and help to lead the camp!



Theme: Boundless: God Beyond Measure

VBS dates: July 5th-8th, 2022

VBS hours: 9:00am-12:00pm Tuesday - Friday

We need **YOUR HELP!** We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to make VBS possible. Here are the following areas we need help:

- ♦ Crafts
- ♦ Classroom Leaders (must be 16 or older)
- ♦ Classroom Assistants (all ages welcome)
- ♦ Games
- ♦ Kitchen
- ♦ Decorations/Stage Building
- ♦ Set-up and Clean-up Assistance
- ♦ Dinner Hosts for FLBC Staff

Registration will take place online via Google forms. Please keep an eye out for more information on this coming soon!

Contact Liz for more information
liz@ourredeemerlives.org.



FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC) was founded in 1943 and is located on the west shore of Flathead Lake. FLBC offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages. The summer program serves over 2300 youth of all ages. The staff is trained to help campers understand God's message of grace and to provide positive Christian role models. FLBC also offers workshops, retreats, and seminars throughout the year for lay, rostered and other individuals. FLBC is dedicated to the spiritual, physical, and emotional growth of each person.

In 2020, 16 ORLC youth attended summer camp. ORLC held its confirmation retreat at FLBC with six adults, eight high school leaders and 17 middle school youth. Jackie Bartz, ORLC Youth & Family Ministry Director, took several "family groups" including 12 youth, 3rd-7th graders, and nine youth, 8th-12th graders, with three adults and two adults respectively. The ORLC Hiking Group, 24 strong, also attended that summer.

This year ORLC high school students attended a ski weekend at FLBC in late January and confirmation students attended a President's Day weekend in February. Jackie will be attending camp the week of July 31st to August 5th and has invited youth to ride with her. FLBC will be sending six counselors to assist with Vacation Bible School at ORLC in early July. WELCA provides camperships and makes a direct contribution to FLBC from their funds. Numerous ORLC members also make direct contributions to FLBC. ORLC's 2022 budget includes \$3,337 or .5% of contributions as part of its overall benevolence program.

For more information check out the camp website at <https://flbc.net/>

Announcements:

EARLY REGISTRATION SPECIAL

Youth campers who are paid in full and have all paperwork completed and turned in by April 1st will receive a \$25.00 Canteen credit to use during the week (or ½ week) they are at camp! Contact the FLBC (406-752-6602) office if you have any questions. Don't wait to register, camps are filling up quickly! <https://flbc.net/summer-camp/>

FLBC is hiring for 2022 Summer Staff!

We are putting together an awesome team of staff to help us make Summer 2022 amazing! We are looking for faith-filled, hard-working, and kind-hearted individuals to join our team. Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/> to learn more and to apply! People ages 18+ are invited to apply for a variety of positions such as camp counselors, support staff, and more!

Volunteer and Pastor application is open!

Plan your week at camp as a Camp Pastor, Adult Volunteer, or Camp Grandparent. Serve as a resource to our staff and campers, as well as helping FLBC with basic functions like dishes, cleaning, maintenance work, and more, while enjoying time with the FLBC community in God's Great outdoors on Flathead Lake. Information/FAQs as well different application options (printable vs online app) are available at <https://flbc.net/donate-volunteer/#volunteer> We are looking for more CAMP NURSES to help us keep camp as safe as possible. Thank you!

Upcoming Retreats:

Find more information and instruction for registering on our website: <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/>

Peer Ministry Leadership Training with Lyle Griner

April 1-2, 2022 (Fri - Sat with options to attend all or part of the event, and options to extend your stay!) \$100/person (Fri - Sat.) / \$85 for Saturday only

Join us April 1-2, 2022 for a Peer Ministry Leadership Training with Lyle Griner at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp! Peer ministry is about the practical life skill that empowers us to become Good Samaritan leaders who care for every neighbor, every day, everywhere in every relationship. This retreat is for adults and youth (Jr high and up). Bring a group from your congregation, scout troop, or come on your own!

Easter Sunrise Service

April 17th, 2022 - Easter Sunrise service at the lake, 6am at FLBC

Adult Education/Spirituality Retreat with Dr. Andrew Root

May 1-3, 2022 \$225/person (entire event) Monday only: \$175

Join us for this special retreat with Dr. Andrew Root, professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary. Expect insightful sessions such as "Living after a pandemic...why are we exhausted?" and time for fun and relaxation at camp, too - quiet time, reading time, worship, hikes, pottery, and great food. This retreat is for all adults. Pastors, LPA's, Lay people, Youth workers.

Memorial Day Work Retreat

May 27-30, 2022 FREE (registration required!)

Enjoy all of the fun activities camp has to offer, and help FLBC prepare for summer camp with some work projects!



March BIRTHDAYS

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

3/1 Emma Hoover	3/9 Scott Brown	3/17 Tracey Tintinger	3/26 Bennett Hanson
3/2 Mike Caplis	Pat Lumma	3/18 Dave Carlson	Erin Holm
Richard Carey	Annette Sharkey	3/19 Loren Davis	Sean Maharg
Elaine Heen	3/10 Thomas Guariglia	Tami Ellis	Ed Peachey
Brekken Murray	Brianna Plant	Larry Hanson	Vicki Poore
Clint Ohman	Audrey Willard	Kendall Smith	Lane Salsbery
Kathy Olson	3/11 Victor DeTienne	Jenny Wade	3/27 Katy Callon
3/3 Kash Helfert	Brinley Mingay	3/21 Linda Young	Lyanne DenHerder
3/4 Jason Cummings	Christy Weikart	3/22 Travis Elder	Morgan McDaid
Mariah Swenson	3/12 Allison Aschim	Duncan Ellis	Kevin McLaury
3/5 Emily Berglund	Trish Harrington	3/22 Levi Rispens	Matthew Vukonich
Sawyer Linke	3/13 Sawyer Holm	Dylan Willcut	Ava Watne
Lorna Meyer	Andi Michason	3/23 Donna Greenwood	3/28 Mark Lauf
David Swenson	Jessica Willcut	Pr. Trina Johnsten	Rosie Michelotti
3/6 Isaac Callon	3/14 Herbert Kulow	Marian Paulson	Jim Penner
Brad Johnson	Isabelle Mavis	Julie Penner	Ryan Quinn
3/7 Shawn Moore	3/15 Jourdain Klinepeter	3/24 Rylee Solan	Vadine Rispens
Kacey Salo	McKenna Emerson	Marge Kasper	3/29 Sarah Magee
Drew Sielbach	3/16 Matthew Richards	3/25 Craig Martin	Delores Stroh

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.

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

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.

March Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!



3/30/1974	Victor & Cindy DeTienne	47 years
3/18/1967	Bonner & Karen Armstrong	55 years
3/25/1961	Dale & Judy Mickus	61 years

Worship Assistant Schedule

8:30 AM		11:00 AM
Sunday, March 6, 2022		
Captain	Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover Ron Paulson, Todd & Carol Will	Kevin & Lisa Mathews
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	Team Members
Lector	Gary Fischer	
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Lisa Williams-Mathews

Sunday, March 13, 2022		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	helpers needed
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske	Team Members
Lector	Carol Will	
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Kim Randall

Sunday, March 20, 2022		
Captain		helpers needed
Usher	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson, Norm Rognlie	Lori Chase
Greeter	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma	Team Members
Lector	Jackie Bartz	
Altar Guild		

Sunday, March 27, 2022		
Captain	Ray Read	helpers needed
Usher	Bonner Armstrong, Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	helpers needed
Greeter	Gordon Blomquist	
Lector	Kathy Olson	
Altar Guild	Lori Walter	Lori Chase



Preschool News

Everyone at Preschool is looking forward to spring and all the fun that season brings!

We continue to accept registrations for the 2022-2023 school year and currently have openings in all levels. You can learn more about our Preschool program by visiting the Preschool page on the church website. Word of mouth is our best form of advertising, and we love it when church members tell their friends and neighbors about the education opportunities we provide.

Our next fundraiser event will be held Tuesday, March 8th, at Mackenzie River Pizza. To participate, simply dine at Mackenzie River (in person or to-go order) anytime that day, and present the voucher below when you settle your bill. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our program. We will use monies raised to build our tuition assistance fund and for playground maintenance.





OUR REDEEMER'S PRESCHOOL


School Night Voucher

Mackenzie River Pizza Our Redeemer's Preschool invite you to dine with us in Helena on **TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

Order your favorite items from our fresh, tasty menu and Our Redeemer's Preschool I will receive a donation equal to **20% OF YOUR MEAL DOLLARS** from Mack Riv.

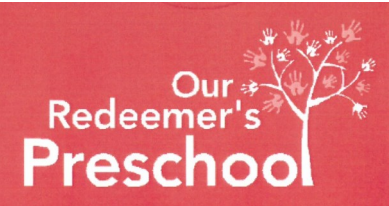
Present this voucher when settling your bill to ensure Our Redeemer's Preschool receives your contribution!

Helena • 1110 Road Runner Dr. • 443-0033

 @mrphelena • mackenzieriverpizza.com

*Works all day for dine-in and carryout on designated event date. Excludes alcohol.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022



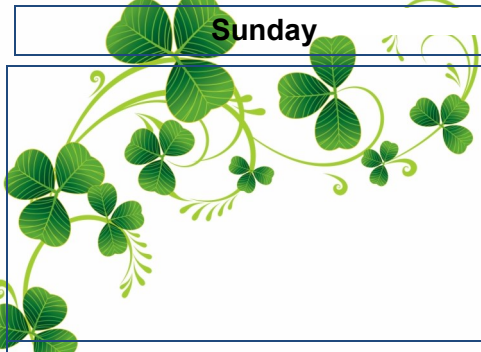
Want to see what a day at preschool is like? Check out this fun YouTube Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYXTunc8_Uw

March

2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share
6 Lent 1 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Social Statement discussion with Baird - Comm. Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime 12:15pm - Youth Trip Meeting	7 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book Club - Carol Will's home	8 MacKenzie River/Preschool fundraiser 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:15am - WELCA Board meeting - AD-1 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Mtg.
13 Lent 2 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Social Statement discussion with Baird - Comm. Rm 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm. 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	14 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Community Room 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book Club - Carol Will's home	15 Voice Articles Due 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 4:00pm - Kid Pack assembly - Helena Food Share 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Conference Rm
20 Lent 3 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Social Statement discussion with Baird - Comm. Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	21 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book Club - Carol Will's home	22 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
27 Lent 4 8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Social Statements with Baird 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Rejoice Worship + KidTime	28 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Rm 7:00pm - Textual Relations Book Club - Carol Will's home	29 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
***** Spring Break ***** March 28 - April 1 *****		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Ash Wednesday 12:00pm - Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Worship	3 9:00am - Sew In Love	4	5
9 6:30pm - Holden Evening Prayer 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	10 9:00am - Sew In Love	11	12
16 1:00pm - Rebecca Circle Bible Study-Conf Rm 6:30pm - Holden Evening Prayer 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	17 9:00am - Sew In Love	18	19
23 6:30pm - Holden Evening Prayer 7:15pm - Confirmation University-Comm. Rm 7:15pm - KidzEd - Classrooms vary 7:15pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	24 9:00am - Sew In Love	25	26
30 6:30pm - Holden Evening Prayer	31 9:00am - Sew In Love		
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