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OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

September 2022



Goodbye, Summer ... Hello, Fall Programming!

Fall programming for our students and a return to two worship services let us know that summer is over, and we're back to the regular patterns of the year.

Here's an overview of what's beginning this month:

Worship

Wednesday night worship restarts on September 14. We will be exploring several styles of worship this fall, beginning with five weeks of camp-style worship. Join us around the fire and sing some FLBC favorites. We gather from 6:30-7:00pm, with communion offered weekly.

Sunday, September 18, we return to two services, 8:30 and 11:00am. The early services will be accompanied by organ, and the late service will be accompanied by piano, guitar, and drums, but both services will follow the same order of worship. **The nursery is staffed from 8:30am-12:00pm.**

Children's Programming

Sunday morning is when it's all happening for ages 3 to grade 5! There will **KidTime** during the service each week when Liz Swenson and her helpers provide a story and activity centered on the gospel lesson. Between services is **Sunday School (9:45-10:45am)**, where the kids enter into a story through crafts, music, acting, cooking, and science. This programming is experiencing a lot of growth right now and could use some extra hands to help out. Please contact Liz at 406-442-7842 if you're able to assist.

Confirmation

This year, we will offer **Confirmation classes Wednesday evenings (7:00-8:00pm) and Sunday between services (9:45-10:45am)**. The same lesson will be taught at both times, giving families a bit more flexibility as they balance the many demands upon their student's time. Fellowship activities (game nights, trivia, skating) and Servant activities (helping with KidPacks, assembling health kits, campus clean-up) will still occur on Wednesday evenings so the high school students may join in. The first class sessions will be Wednesday, September 14, and Sunday, September 18. Thank you to Dennis Trotter, Liz Swenson, and Jackie Bartz for overseeing this important programming this year while we are still short-staffed. If you have any questions about Confirmation, please reach out to Jackie at 406-442-7842.

Safehouse (youth group)

Grades 9-12 gather in the Youth Loft **Wednesday nights (7:00-9:00pm)** for a time of fellowship and conversation on faith and life. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie.

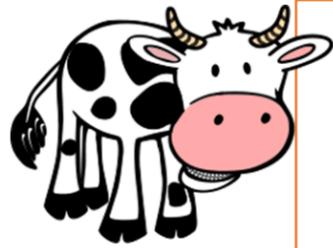


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Thank You for Moo-ving the Milk Campaign Ahead

You met our goal of \$6000 for the Summer Milk Campaign by the end of August. The first \$6000 will be matched by a local foundation, guaranteeing at least \$12,000 for milk for the kid packs program for the upcoming school year. The final total will be announced when we present The Big Check to Helena Food Share on Sunday, September 11. You made this happen, so don't miss this big celebration!!

Are You Frustrated that You Can No Longer Talk with Friends or Relatives?

Would you like to engage in a discussion with those persons?

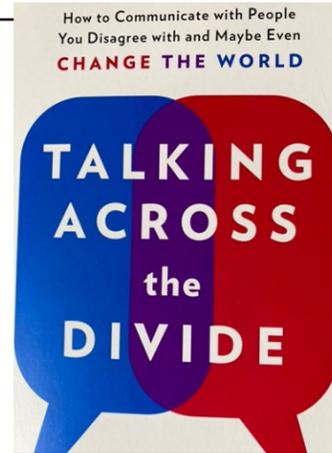
Our Redeemer's will be offering a learning opportunity based upon Justin Lee's book, *Talking Across the Divide*, at 9:45 each Sunday morning in October and November. The group will address the issues of why we have trouble listening to those with different opinions and will also practice listening and storytelling skills. Do you dare to make a difference? If so, put these dates on your calendar. Books will be available at Montana Book Company by mid-September.

Questions may be addressed to any of the following:

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Jane Peachey (Jepeachey@yahoo.com, 234-567-1461)



Thank You from Family Promise

Although there were no Family Promise guests at Our Redeemer's the week of August 21-27, all of you were amazingly flexible in adjusting your plans. And a special "Thank You" to meal hosts that brought meals to the Day Center. Some of the recent grads are still in need of meals because of inadequate kitchen arrangements. You made their mealtime much more enjoyable and manageable.

Thanks to everyone who has baked communion bread over the summer.

We appreciate your devotion to this ministry.

Barbara Penner
Kim Randall
Kristi Antosh
Lisa Williams-Mathews
Mary Robertson
Sandy Bay



We will need at least one or two new people to continue this ministry. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please send me an e-mail, or give me a call. The commitment would be to bake communion bread every two months, for a year. A recipe is provided and personal instruction is available.

Thanks,

Kim Randall

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Thursday, September 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	Dale Mickus	Jessi Putnam	Kim Venetz
Richard Carey	Christine Hoffman	Jim Poore	Verna Strand	Adam Williams
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Vicki Poore	Thea Swenson	

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	Larry Kuntz (Dave & Lori Swenson)
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)	Sharon McLane Ryan & Abigail McLane)
Tom Carter	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Mrs. Coggins (Debbie Hurni's friend)	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Luke Den Herder	Carmen Sharp
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Stormy Flinders	Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	Families of suicide victims
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	
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 Seminarians

Baird Linke
Shawn Juers

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

Update on Kid Packs for the 2022-23 School Year

We shall begin collecting items for the Kid Pack Program during September. We are requesting individual fruit cups for that month. So find a case of your favorite fruit and leave the fruit cups in the Helena Food Share crates in the hallway outside the sanctuary. And thank you once again for your great generosity!

We shall not begin Kid Pack assemblies until October. Stay tuned for more information about that part of the program within the next month.

Community Garden

The garden has been quite productive this summer. Stop by and check out its bounty when you are in the area. The chickens have kept the grasshoppers under control pretty well, and the combination of rain and warm weather have greatly benefited our efforts. We shall continue harvesting up until the time of the first frost. Feel free to stop by to weed or harvest at any time. Donations made to Helena Food Share should be accompanied by a receipt that lists the total number of pounds donated, as well as the specific produce. Those receipts need to be returned to Vicki Downhour (406-465-2197, greenxena@msn.com).

COMFORT FOOD CHALLENGE RETURNS!!!!!! Thursday, September 8, 5-7pm here at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.

After a 2-year hiatus, Family Promise is now sponsoring its annual fundraiser, but with a few new twists. Our church is excited to host this event, which will include food trucks and sides offered up by various churches (HINT: Vote for our watermelon). Tickets are available in the church office for \$15 a person. You can get out of the kitchen that night and support a worthwhile cause. Let's show our Family Promise neighbors that we're there for them.

GOD'S LOVE

Summer flew by and we are falling back into 'fall' activities. With the change in weather, God's Love could use gloves [work & warmer gloves], hats, lightweight coats, sweatshirts, backpacks, flashlights, socks, and hand warmers for cooler nights.

God's Love has a continuous need for personal hygiene items. This includes, but not limited to: toothbrushes, toothpaste, nail clippers, floss, combs, hairbrushes, first aid kits, wet wipes, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo, soap, and any item you may think of that comes in pretty handy. And, with the influx of travelers and people staying there cleaning items are always needed and used. (bleach, laundry detergent, Pine-sol, Fabuloso, Windex, etc.)

The changing of seasons affect the homeless in so many different ways. When we have a roof over our head, perhaps air conditioning, a shower, a bed, medical care, you know - the comforts of home and basic living, it is easy to forget not everyone is as fortunate or perhaps, lucky. We are blessed in so many ways and the Hunger Team is definitely blessed by this amazing congregation and their continual support of our missions. Thank you!



September Bible Study

This month we begin a new three-session study entitled "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith." The first session is "Trees," where we will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important.

We return to our individual Bible study groups this month.

Dorcas Bible Study: Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 10:00am

Rebecca Bible Study: Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 1:00pm

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 10:30am

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

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

"Thinking of You" Packages

WELCA is coordinating "Thinking of You" packages for our two seminarians, Baird Linke and Shawn Juers. This is a great project for a family or group to undertake and would involve purchasing the items and packing and shipping the package. We hope to send the packages quarterly. Suggested items include Montana-made products like food, hats, and T-shirts, along with a card or note letting Baird, Shawn, and his family know we are thinking about them. Eight families/groups are needed. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Did You Know?

You have probably noticed the beautiful quilt featuring Jesus and the Tree of Life which has graced our worship space for the past couple of years. This work was a collaboration between Charlene Mayala - who did the design based on an image in our worship book- and Cheryl Liedle and Janet Erickson, who did the applique and the background quilting. Janet also created the banners which hang in the sanctuary during the "green" season of Pentecost, which runs from Pentecost Sunday - fifty days after Easter - through Christ the King Sunday just before the beginning of Advent.



Janet and her husband, Glenn, moved to Helena and joined Our Redeemer's in 1981. Pastor Lowell Anderson introduced them to Lyle and June Pratt, which began a close friendship that has continued ever since.

Janet had a distinguished career in education, teaching in Helena public schools from 1981 through 2007. She received several awards for her teaching, including a Presidential Award for teaching science and a Helena Public Schools Distinguished teacher award, among others. She also was trained at NASA to teach about space exploration and the effects of space travel on human biology.

After retiring from teaching, Janet (who had been sewing since she was ten years old in 4H) began quilting. She soon joined Sew in Love, a ministry of the congregation that makes and donates quilts to the congregation and other charitable organizations in Helena, including the Friendship Center and Family Promise. Janet is currently working on a quilt to be raffled off to benefit our Seminary Scholarship Fund. During Covid, she also sewed hundreds of beautiful cloth masks, many of which she donated; many of us have worn those masks during worship in the past couple of years.

Janet has also sung in the choir, regularly participates in Bible study, and her huckleberry pies are renowned for making occasional - but always brief! - appearances at congregational potlucks. Janet is also a fine photographer and often takes photos at church activities for our website, Facebook page, etc. Janet is a tireless worker and servant and says, "When you serve in love, you are the one who benefits most." We thank God for you, Janet!

SUPPORT Groups

Grief Support Group



All those who are grieving are welcome to join the ongoing grief support group. We have decided to meet on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 11, following the service. When we return to 2 services, we will meet between services. Please contact Jane Peachey or Lori Bigwood-Pecarina if you have questions or want to join our group. Jane's number is 234-567-1461.

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 to indicate interest in the support group.



Words from the Bishop: All are Really Welcome

"An argument arose among [the disciples] as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'"
 Luke 9:46-48



"All are welcome!" That's what many signs in front of our churches or statements across our bulletins announce. All are welcome! But do we really mean "all"? And what does it mean to welcome all these "alls"?

During this month of June, the lives of a group of people who often have not been welcomed in our churches have been recognized and celebrated by our society, communities and churches as human beings worthy of dignity and respect. These people often self-identify by using one or more of a group of letters, LGBTQIA+, which stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, plus others who don't really fit into these categories but don't fall into a societal norm either.

Sadly, LGBTQIA+ people have not been and still are not regularly welcomed or accepted by the church that claims to be the body of Christ. Worse yet, God's name and Word have been used by those calling themselves Christian to do horrible damage to LGBTQIA+ people in their bodies, spirits, hearts, and minds. In other words, "All" have not been welcomed; only some.

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines "all" as the *whole* amount of or *every* member of. Nothing is excluded when we use the word all. So when we use the word "all," we have to mean "all" in our words, actions, even thoughts. All means everyone. And since God's welcome into Christ's body is without condition, so must the church's welcome be to all, everyone, even in the midst of our discomfort or fears.

As Jesus himself proclaims, when we welcome those whom the world has often considered to be the least in society, we welcome Christ himself into our places, spaces and lives to be loved, accepted and cared for by the body of Christ.

It is so easy to exclude or dehumanize or demonize those who are different or those we don't understand. That is the way of the world without the love of God's welcome in it. But followers of Christ are called to welcome even in the midst of not understanding -- listening to, learning from, accepting, loving and supporting all who are different as human beings created in the image of God and as beloved children of God marked by Christ's cross forever.

Welcoming LGBTQIA+ folks into our communities means putting aside our fears, anxieties and ignorance and instead opening our hearts to the gifts, skills and experience these children of God bring into our lives. It's about remembering to walk humbly with God, never putting ourselves in God's place to condemn but instead exhorting ourselves to love and learn from our neighbors, even those who may live their lives differently. It's about "all of us being one in Christ," never putting worldly identities ahead of the identity each of us has been clothed with in our baptism into Christ. (Gal 27-28)

And so I invite you to practice welcoming LGBTQIA+ people into your communities of Christ. Because the church has so long struggled with accepting LGBTQIA+ people, this is a hard practice for congregations and their members to enter into. Maybe a good place to start is by confessing our weakness in welcoming all of God's "alls" and by repenting, changing our direction toward the love Christ calls us to embody. Maybe it's time to explore becoming a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation. (<https://www.reconcilingworks.org>)

Or maybe we begin simply by saying to a LGBTQIA+ person, "**God loves you and so do I.**" For as Paul reminds us all in Romans 8:39, "There is nothing in all of creation that can separate you from God's love in Christ Jesus."

May God bless you this week with the Spirit's infallible love. And please, let us celebrate this nation's birth safely!

Bishop Laurie

Attending: Lynn Voss, Kevin Mathews, Jan Martin, Tracy Moseman, Tom Johnson, Cody Salo, Ingrid Childress, Sarah Magee. **Excused:** Clint Mingay, Beth Johnson, Pastor Trina Johnsten and Julie Penner. Guests: Nelson Bock and Kathy Olson. Lynn opened the meeting with a devotion.

Proposal by Nelson Bock

Nelson described a proposal for changing out the fluorescent lights to LED bulbs. By using Northwest Energy's E+ Commercial Lighting Rebate program, the church would save on the purchase of the replacement bulbs as well as on monthly electrical bills. Using the figures for current commercial electrical rates and our electrical usage over the last year, the National Center on Appropriate Technology estimates that we would recoup the cost of the bulbs in approximately 3 years. LEDs are predicted to last up to three times longer - up to 20+ years vs. an average of 7 years for the fluorescent bulbs, which would result in long-term savings on replacement costs.

Nelson estimates the initial total outlay for the church would amount to approximately \$6000, with \$2400 returned to the church by the Rebate; the net cost to the church would be about \$3600, not including any installation or potential equipment rental costs.

Family Promise Comfort Food Challenge

Kathy explained that ORLC has always participated in the annual Family Promise fund raiser, and that this year we will be hosting the gathering on September 8. This year's plans include a BBQ/Picnic theme. There will be food trucks in the south parking lot and the various churches will provide snacks for the estimated 400 guests. Members of the Hunger Team will be on hand to help as needed and Lori Walter will have tickets available in her office. Jan volunteered to provide advice/information during the ongoing planning since she has several years' experience with the fundraiser.

Financial Report

Sarah reported that giving has been good so far this summer. Council decided to pay the May and June Building Funds to Mission Investment and to pay Benevolence to the Synod for May, June and July from Other External Gifts.

Sarah also reported that the air conditioning is now working in the Sanctuary.

Kevin reported that the Annual Picnic committee received one grant for \$250 from Thrivent. The committee is planning for about 300 on August 27. Council agreed to provide up to \$1500 for the Picnic from the Church's Thrivent Funds.

Minutes

Minutes were approved as amended with suggested clarifications.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports

Pastor Trina's written report indicated that fall planning is being completed. Because of students' schedules, two Confirmation classes will be offered - one on Wednesday evenings and one on Sunday.

Pastor Trina will do annual staff reviews in the late fall, with an eye to current job descriptions and the evolving needs of the congregation.

Cody reported on the Property Development Team. Gretchen Krumm will hold a Q&A session on September 11 after the Service at 10:45. He said we can expect some decisions from the City in a few months as they work through applications for the ARPA funding. The County may also consider some type of contribution.

Old Business

Council discussed the evolving Covid virus, treatment options and vaccinations. Council decided to change and update our Covid Protocols and Practices to encourage people to follow their individual preferences and beliefs whether to mask or not and to attend in-person or online as they feel comfortable. Masks will remain available in the building.

Cody reported that the internet system has been upgraded which may improve the phone system. Cody provided some discontinued phone units from his work place which will hopefully help also. He will follow up with Sarah and Lori to see if things are operating better.

Kevin reported that he invited Charlene Mayala's input into the group working on building signage. The team includes Kevin, Charlene, Dave Mehl and Steve Keller.

The Outreach and Welcome Committee (formerly known as Hospitality) continues to offer coffee in the Narthex before service. If anyone wants to offer their help to let Karen Armstrong know so she can add the names to her list of providers.

Pastor Trina's Installation will be held in the afternoon of October 23. Pastor Jason Asselstine will be presiding and the Rev. Dr. David Lose will preach. A reception will follow the Installation Service.

New Business

Council agreed to gather more information on the Lighting Proposal before taking any action.

Rocky Mountain Development Council provided a large BBQ for our use for our August 27th picnic. They offered to gift it to the church.

Lynn highlighted an opportunity for Mental Health Training available for Faith Communities across Montana. Tracy explained that this is being offered through her office at the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Respectfully submitted,



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

**Children's Ministry
Registration Open!**

All children age 3 (by Sept. 10) through 5th grade are invited to join us every Sunday from 9:45am-10:45am for Sunday School!

⇒ Please note, this year we will have a separate Preschool Sunday School class for children ages 3-5!

Please follow the link to register for the 2022-2023 Children's Ministry religious educational opportunities OR use the following QR code.

<https://forms.gle/yK1e1bBBCjapQU1TA>



All families of children age 3-5th grade should have received a letter in the mail with more details! Please let me know if you didn't.

Contact Liz at
Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org
with questions.



**KidTime and Sunday School Teachers
Needed!**

⇒ We need a Preschool Sunday School teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. All lessons and materials will be prepared for you!

⇒ We need KidTime leaders for the 2022-2023 school year. All lessons are prepared for you!

Contact Liz at Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org with questions.

Like our Facebook page to stay in the loop!

<https://www.facebook.com/orlcchildrensministries/>





HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL STARTING SEPTEMBER 14TH!

Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30-7:00pm

Confirmation University 7:00-8:00pm

Safehouse High School Youth Group 7:00-9:00pm



CONFIRMATION UNIVERSITY

All Middle School students are invited to enroll in Confirmation University (CU). CU is a confirmation model that:

- Allows kids to complete confirmation requirements when they have scheduling conflicts with other activities
- Provides more options for kids to learn how to fulfill their baptismal calling using their gifts and interests by enrolling in electives
- Allows for more meaningful interaction between the generations of our congregation

CU classes take place from 7:00-8:00pm on Wednesday evenings, and 9:45-10:45am on Sunday mornings from September through April.

To register, please fill out the online form:

<https://forms.gle/VQU5VxGPdiuAwuVK6>

Or scan the barcode with you phone's camera to reach the link:



If you have questions, please contact Jackie Bartz at Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.org or Liz Swenson at Liz@OurRedeemerLives.org



Safehouse:

High School Youth Group

High school youth, do you ever wish that there was a place where 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 Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm in the youth loft following worship from September to April.

Join us for fun, food, fellowship, and faith sharing. Invite a friend! All are welcome!

To register, please fill out the online form:

<https://forms.gle/VuQYXc6MZk1j9FLT8>

Or scan the barcode with you phone's camera to reach the link:



If you have questions, please contact Jackie Bartz at Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.org

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.



September Birthdays!

Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!

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| 1 Carol Olmstead
Caven Wade | Sarah Sampson | 15 Kyler Gamradt
Liv Perry | 23 Cindy Rand |
| 2 Bob Den Herder
Kim Ewing
Nancy Gates
Ken Kolb | 8 Mark Barry
Sawyer Mingay
Jake West
Janet Whitmoyer | 16 Brian Coble
Nicholas Swenson
Sharlene Wetherell | 24 Lori Chase
Erik Helfert
Sarah Liston |
| 4 Trudy Burke
Jerry Hoover
Hunter Perry
Ruth Straley
Parker Yearry | 9 Brien Alberts
Joslyn Buckley
Darby Martin | 17 Kruz Green
Tami Rasmussen | 25 Jackie Bartz
Katherine Guariglia
Lori Michelotti |
| 5 Sophie Robertson | 10 Ryan Magee
Brynn Selvig
Verna Strand | 18 Declan Dubois
Kavan Kaufman
Kevin Rauch | 26 Chad Beley
Annie Chase |
| 6 Kelly Elder
Dylan Grimmis
Cheyanne Hafer
Abigail McLane | 11 Lori Walter | 19 Sandy Bay
Connie Carlson
Ellie Doran | 27 Tenley Gronley
Sharon Haugen
Tanner Reddig |
| 7 Kari DesRosier
Owen Hanson
Graysen Molenda | 12 Betty Brosten
Malinda Diamond
Bodie Taflan | 20 Claire Lake
Nick Michelotti
Mary Williams | 28 John Ballantyne
Sara Juers
John Simms |
| | 14 Nathan Spangenberg | 22 Lupine Meyer
Kim Randall | 30 Karen Darlow
Mike Magee
Ron Pecarina |

Come to The Water

Baptism Class at Our Redeemer's



Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

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@ourredeemlives.org or 406-442-7842.

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.

Weddings

8/6/2022 Adrian Hanson & Kimberly Weisert



Baptisms

7/10/2022 Evelyn Nicole Lachapelle

7/10/2022 Kinsley Grace Lachapelle



Happy Anniversary

Celebrate with those married 40 years



Dan & Mary Adams	9/15/1979	43 years
Mike & Cindy Rand	9/18/1976	46 years
Ray & Linda Read	9/10/1966	56 years
Jim & Janice Anderson	9/5/1965	57 years
Bill & Delores Stroh	9/14/1963	59 years
Bill & Ruth Straley	9/3/1961	61 years



You may have seen the recent article in the Helena Independent Record about our project. This article was written following a presentation made by Gretchen Krumm to a joint work session of both the City and County Commissions, at which public subsidy was requested to kick-start the project.

At this meeting, Gretchen shared that the PAR (Preliminary Architectural Report) was complete and publicly available on both the church's and the City's websites. (This document can be accessed from the church website on the Property Development page, located under the "Happenings" tab).

Gretchen presented the vision behind the project and who the partners involved are. She also shared the project's planning goals which are to create a connected and walkable neighborhood that retains as much open space as possible. The proposed master plan utilizes the existing high-pressure gas line easement as a green corridor through the middle of the site, which serves to connect each partner to public amenities like walking paths, a community center, and park space. She shared that the proposed density and height of buildings was modified in concession to neighborhood feedback but still provides 33 Habitat for Humanity homes, 60 affordable rentals owned and managed by RMDC, and 20 efficiency units for YWCA.

A compelling argument was made about the beneficial role of Trust Montana, a Community Land Trust (CLT), which would hold ownership of the land on which the Habitat for Humanity homes are built. They would hold the land in trust for affordable housing and manage any resale of these homes to income-qualified buyers. The restrictions in place with a CLT home cap the earned equity at 1.5% annually. This means that in a rising market, a CLT home maintains its affordability long term and that any subsidy invested initially grows in value over time, benefiting many future generations in our community.

The county commissioners shared that about 80% of their ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds have already been committed and that the remainder is being held as contingency due to inflation. However, commissioner Andy Hunthausen voiced firm support for the project and hoped the county would study ways for them to participate. County Commissioner Jim McCormick did offer that the county could be a sponsor on grant funding applications.

The Interim City Manager Tim Burton shared that the city is still engaged in a process to decide how to commit their nearly \$8.5 million distribution and expects that they will have applications available in a couple of months for outside groups, such as ourselves, to apply for funding. The partnership intends to request \$2.4 million of ARPA funds to facilitate the property purchase and the installation of Horseshoe Bend Rd. and other infrastructure needs.

In July, the RMDC board voted that contingent on the receiving public funding and suitable partner agreements, they would be willing to act as the project's lead developer. This means they may be the intermediary property owner who sees the project through the subdivision process, rezoning, and infrastructure installation phases.

All our housing partners continue to see rising wait lists of people needing housing. Please keep these community members in your prayers as we continue to press forward in search of ways that ORLC can be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

The Property Development Team includes the members listed below. If you have any questions about the development planning, please contact one of these team members.

Jerry Hoover
Jan Martin
Jeff Downhour

Cody Salo
Nelson Bock
Ryan McLane

Gretchen Krumm
Bonner Armstrong

Sharon Haugen
Craig Erickson

Del Schubring
Herb Kulow



FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP 2022



JULY 31 – AUGUST 5, 2022

Our Redeemer's had 20+ youth spend a week at FLBC this summer. Although many youth attended a week at FLBC at different times throughout the summer, it was an honor to spend the last week of the summer with this small crew from ORLC! It may have been hot and a bit smokey, but we all had a blast in God's BOUNDLESSNESS! These youth simply jumped into all that camp had to offer, including leading worship, songs, and skits, making friendship bracelets and other crafts, conquering low ropes courses, polar plunging, learning and growing in bible studies, starlight tea parties, eating lots of ice cream, and so much more! I am so grateful for all the joy, giggles, and conversations with these wonderful youth!



ARTS & CRAFTS

COOLING OFF IN THE LAKE



POLAR PLUNGE



PEACE CANOE



CABIN GROUPS



WORSHIP & CAMPFIRE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4 9:30am - Worship	5 Office Closed	6 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
11 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:45am - Grief Support Goup - Conference Room 10:45am - Nursery Attendants Meeting - CR5-6 10:45am - Property Dev. Committee Q & A - Comm Rm	12 Pastor Trina's call begins 6:00pm - Preschool Board - CR5-6	13 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 10:00am - WELCA Board - AD-1 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm
18 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Confirmation - CR4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime	19	20 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Rm 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Community Rm
25 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Confirmation - CR4 9:45am - Grief Support Goup 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime	26 7:00pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Rm	27 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	2	3
7 7:00pm - Confirmation University Orientation	8 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 Comfort Food Challenge ORLC Parking lot & Great Room 5:00-7:00pm	9	10
14 6:30pm - Camp Worship 7:00pm - Confirmation University - Comm. Rm 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	15 9:00am - Sew In Love Voice Articles Due	16	17
21 6:30pm - Camp Worship 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conf. Rm 7:00pm - Confirmation University - Comm. Rm 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	22 9:00am - Sew In Love 1:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive - Comm. Rm 	23	24 Carroll College Football Concessions
28 6:30pm - Camp Worship 7:00pm - Confirmation University - Comm. Rm 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft Campus Clean-up	29 9:00am - Sew In Love	30	