

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

October 2022



Installation of Pastor Trina Johnsten at Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Helena

You are invited to a Service of Holy Communion and Installation on **Sunday, October 23 at 4:00pm**, as the people of Our Redeemer's welcome their new lead pastor, Rev. Trina Johnsten. Special guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. David J. Lose, senior pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran (Minneapolis), with Rev. Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop of the Montana Synod, officiating. All are invited to worship in person at 3580 North Benton Ave, Helena, Montana, 59602. The service will also be livestreamed, with a link on the front page of Our Redeemer's website (OurRedeemerLives.Org).

Clergy who attend are invited to process. The color of the day will be green. There will be a reception following the service.

Dr. Lose will also be preaching at the two morning services (8:30 and 11:00).

As I write this, I've been back for two weeks now in my new role as lead pastor at Our Redeemer's, and I must say that it's been the easiest job transition I've ever had! Thank you for the warm welcome home.

It certainly feels like things are in full swing around here again. We're back to two services on Sunday and Wednesday evening worship. Youth group, Confirmation, and Sunday School are meeting again. Offering Confirmation twice a week appears to have been a good decision; we've had 22 students attend in the first week, double the average weekly attendance of last year. Director of Children's Ministries, Liz Swenson reports that the first week of Sunday School saw one of the largest classes she's had in the four years she's been on staff: 13 sweet kiddos, with 14 attending the *KidsTime* offered during worship that same morning. I dropped in on the first bell/chime rehearsal, and there were 17 in attendance learning good techniques from Autumn Keller, and the choir seems to grow each time they bless worship with their musical offering.

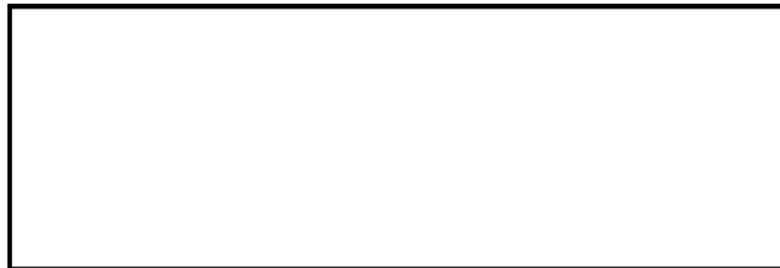
Pastors in Montana report that worship attendance and program participation have not bounced back from the Covid restrictions that began March 2020, which is also true across the nation; however, we seem to be bucking that trend. Our Redeemer's average weekly worship attendance in 2019 was 267. In the last two weeks in September, we averaged 263 between our three services and online watchers. Thanks be to God for your faithfulness after a challenging season in our collective lives together. I promise that regularly hearing the Word and joining together for the Meal will bless you and strengthen you for all the other things you deal with during the week. But it appears you already know that... :)

Even though we've come through a year's interim together and now entered into what feels like a more settled time, Our Redeemer's is still in the midst of transition as we seek to return to a staffing level that is more in line with the size and needs of the congregation. There's not a week that goes by that I don't miss the good work of Pastor Kendra. Much of what she did, like teaching confirmation, baptism preparation, first communion and Bible classes, and oversight of pastoral care, requires theological training and can't just be passed on to other current staff or volunteers. Not to mention her excellent preaching and creative assistance with worship.

And so, you will see that Council is forging ahead with the formation of a Call Committee for an associate pastor. Please prayerfully consider if you have the interest and time necessary for this important ministry opportunity and reach out to Lynn Voss with nominations. And a heartfelt thank you to all who are helping with worship leadership, preaching, music, teaching, visiting, welcoming, and the host of other things that need some extra coverage right now.

Only a couple of weeks back and I've been astounded at the depth of our confirmands' questions about faith, had communion wafers blow away during campfire worship on a Wednesday night, plunged a toilet, watched several of you bleed for the Red Cross in the Community Room, laughed hard over food choices for my upcoming installation (there will *not* be pepperoni or mayonnaise), and many, many times given thanks for the opportunity to be in ministry with you in this place and in this time.

To God be the glory.
Pastor Trina



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

Dear Friends at ORLC,

There isn't enough love or thanks to express our gratitude to ORLC as you have stood with us while Beth battled cancer. Thank you for the meals, gifts, visits, flowers, cards, prayers, communion, music, love, time, thoughts, food, rides, phone calls, prayer shawls, just being there, and the list goes on. Your prayers and love have overwhelmed us in the best possible way. We are humbled and blessed by your love and support that have helped get us through this difficult time. Thank you!

To God be the glory,

Dave and Mehl Family

Plymouth Congregational Church's ping pong benefit festival on August 6th was a tremendous success. The financial tallies are in, and we thought you would be interested in knowing that the event raised over \$4000 in support for Helena's Afghan families.

A portion of the proceeds reimbursed the cooks for the delicious lunch they prepared; some of the remainder purchased school supplies for the kids attending public school this fall; the remainder (about \$1500) will be used to purchase new winter coats or outer wear for the children.

Thank you for your support, your attendance, your kind words, and for spreading the word.

With Gratitude,

*Jennifer Jeffries Thompson and Frank Kromkowski
Plymouth Congregational Church's Social Justice
Committee*

<https://www.plymouthmontanaucc.org/>,

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



Dear members of Our Redeemer's,

Thank you again for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, and always asking my husband, Ed Johnson, how I was doing during my extended illness. As most of you probably know, my last health report was good news. I had two tumors on my liver and after five radiation treatments, the PET scan showed they were gone.

I will have follow-up appointments with the doctor, keeping a close eye on everything. I am now in remission and full of joy. I am so grateful that God is giving me some more time.

I can't thank you enough for your kindness and goodness. Knowing how many people were praying for me gave me strength and courage. Nothing is impossible with God, and I glorify Him.

Sincerely,

Millie Johnson & Family

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Saturday, October 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
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Dora Lindner
Dale Mickus
Jim Poore

Vicki Poore
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Kim Venetz
Adam Williams

Our Family and Friends

Allie (Luci Pearson)
Zachary Ark
Brandon Bach
Victor Bachmier
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)
Steve Boyter
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)
Tom Carter
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)
Mrs. Coggins (Debbie Hurni's friend)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)
Luke Den Herder
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)
Stormy Flinders
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)
Christine Hoffman
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)

Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)
Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)
Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)
Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Larry Kuntz (Dave & Lori Swenson)
Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Sharon McLane Ryan & Abigail McLane
Julie Mehl (daughter of Dave Mehl)
Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Carmen Sharp
Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Families of suicide victims

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Chad Beley
Lonnie Cook
Erin DenHerder
Sage Ellis
Micah Emmons
Jessilyn Emmons
Joe Fischer
Grant Gagnon
Adam Guay

Ryan Girard
Austin Grieve
Travis Gronley
Charlie Heidbreder
Roger Henschel
Paul Horst
Anela Hemry
Wade Hemry
Cody Johnson

Colton Johnson
Corey Longbottom
Chance McDowell
Kent McGowan
Dean McLain
Sawyer Linke
Erin Mills
Brian Neal
Keith Nordquist

Chris Oelkers
Scott Pocha
Courtney Rath
Tanner Reddig
Cody Stipcich
Darrell Stipcich
Victoria Stipcich
Tait Strom

Our Seminararians

Baird Linke
Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers



October Bible Study

Session Two of our fall Bible study, "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith," is entitled "Soil." We are told that dirt shows up in Scripture nearly as much as it does in our lives.

Dorcas Bible study: Tues., Oct. 18 at 10:00am

Rebecca Bible study: Wed., Oct. 19 at 1:00pm

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: Tues., Oct. 11 at 10:00am

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 MT made products like food, hats and T-shirts along with a card or note letting Baird and Shawn and his family know that we are thinking about them. Eight families/groups are needed. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Thankoffering Sunday

WELCA will hold Thankoffering Sunday on Oct. 30. This is the day when we offer special offerings in thanksgiving for all our blessings. These offerings support the Women of the ELCA in providing resources for local WELCA units like the one here. Special offering envelopes will be located in the chair backs.

WELCA FALL FESTIVAL

A gathering was held by women of the church to talk about our Fall Family Festival. It was decided that this fall instead of a full festival on the first weekend of November, WELCA will host a Holiday event on the second Saturday, December 10th at the church from 9-Noon. This pre-Christmas event will include a bake sale of all types of baked goods, cookies, candies and holiday treats. We will also serve fresh coffee, lefse and cinnamon rolls which you can buy and or enjoy while you gather on Saturday morning for this social time. Hopefully you might be interested in contributing to our Bake Sale event in December by contributing baked cookies, desserts, fudge, candies, and more. If you are interested in volunteering to bake contact either Charlene Mayala, csmayala66@gmail.com or Karen Armstrong, karmstrong248@gmail.com.

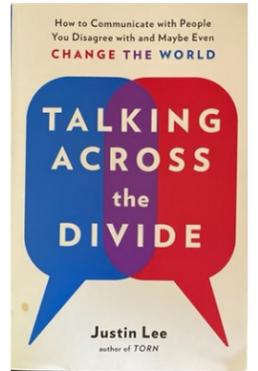
Also, our **Sew In Love** women will be holding a quilt raffle during the holiday season this year to raise funds to help our seminarians with some of their financial needs for their schooling. Those tickets will be on sale here at the church beginning Sunday, September 18th between worship services in the Great Room and continue until December 10th.

Talking Across the Divide

Are you disturbed that talking with friends and relatives has become more difficult? Are you concerned that our families, communities, and nation have become more divided? If so, join our Sunday discussions of *Talking Across the Divide* by Justin Lee. We may not change the world, but perhaps we can change something, and perhaps even change ourselves.

This exploration will begin on Sunday, October 2 in the Community Room at 9:45am. Sessions will continue on Sundays throughout October and November. Books are available at Montana Book Company for \$15. Please support your local independent book seller and join with others as we attempt to make the world just a bit better than we've found it.

Sign up for the discussion in the church office. Questions may be addressed to Linda Nelson (406-422-3751, ralinelson@yahoo.com), Lon Bechtel (406-594-1237, lonbechtel@gmail.com), or Jane Peachey (234-567-1461, jepeachey@yahoo.com).



Lutheran World Relief Quilters - need more fabric for quilt tops. It can be cotton, cotton blends, and corduroy. Larger pieces are appreciated. They can also use gently-used flat twin sheets or new flat twin sheets and all-purpose thread of any color. Thank you.



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

Walk Through the Bible Class



The annual *Walk Through the Bible* class for all 3rd grade students and their families will be held on **Sunday, October 16th @ 1:00-2:30 pm** in the Community Room.

Bibles will be presented on **Sunday, October 16th** at the 8:30am and 11:00am worship services.

During the class, Pastor Trina and Liz Swenson will share ways to become familiar with the Bible through games and activities. As parents and sponsors, the promise was made at each child's baptism to place the Holy Scriptures in their hands and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith. Plan now to participate in this significant event.

Please RSVP for your child by emailing Liz at Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org or call the church office.

Children's Ministry Registration!

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 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>



Contact Liz at Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org with questions.



Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir will perform on **Sunday, October 16th** at the 8:30am service! Practices takes place during the beginning of Sunday School from 9:45-10:00 each Sunday.



Contact Liz (Liz@OurRedeemerLives.Org) or Jason (Jason@OurRedeemerLives.Org) with questions.



Join Us

October 29th @ 1:00-3:00PM

All Children and Families are welcome!

(Contact Liz or Jackie with questions)

Worship Assistant Schedule

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
First Sunday October 2		
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover, Ron Paulson, Carol & Todd Will	
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	
Communion	Carol & Todd Will	Joy Novota
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Charlene Mayala
Second Sunday October 9		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske, Sharlene Kolb	Carl Tanberg
Communion	Blair & Gretchen Krumm	Carl Tanberg, Joy Novota
Altar Guild	Lisa Mathews	Kristi Antosh
Third Sunday October 16		
Usher	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson, Norm Rognlie	Lori Chase
Greeter	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma	Lori Chase
Communion	DeeDee & Gary Fischer	Lori Chase
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Kristi Antosh
Fourth Sunday October 23		
Captain	Ray Read	
Usher	Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	Jan & Jeff Martin
Greeter	Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	Jan & Jeff Martin
Communion	Linda Coty, Linda Nelson	Jan & Jeff Martin
Altar Guild	Lori Walter	Kathy Gessaman (w/Lori Walter)
Fifth Sunday October 30		
Usher	Bonner Armstrong, Ingrid Childress	
Greeter	Karen Armstrong, Charlene Mayala	Kathy Olson
Communion	Ingrid Childress, Ron Paulson	Kathy Olson
Altar Guild	Lori Walter	Lori Walter

Attending: Pastor Trina Johnsten, Lynn Voss, Jan Martin, Cody Salo, Kevin Mathews, Beth Johnson, Tom Johnson, Julie Penner, Tracy Moseman, Ingrid Childress and Sarah Magee.

Prior to the meeting, Brett Penner took a photo of the Council to be posted on the ORLC website.

Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Pastor Trina opened the meeting with prayer.

Financial Report

Beth and Sarah reported that August giving was among the lowest month that they can remember. Receipts for the General Fund totaled \$32,601 which is \$15,338 less than the 2022 plan. Building fund donations for August totaled \$7,832 which is \$3,101 less than plan. The positive cash balance is \$6,288.69. Council voted to hold all Council Funds, Building Funds, and Benevolence for August. Sarah noted that the Property Tax is due in November. There was discussion about conveying budget information at a temple talk to inform the congregation about the budget status in keeping with the desire for more transparent communication. Lynn will present a temple talk at the September 25 services.

Timeline for the 2023 Budget:

- Council review and approval of proposal November 15
- Informational meeting for congregation November 20
- Congregation vote to affirm budget December 4
- Annual Congregational Meeting January 29, 2023

Decisions yet need to be made on cost of living increases for staff; how to handle benevolences for local partners; and which ongoing activities should be built into the budget (e.g. Vacation Bible School and increased postage for community outreach).

Sarah reported the Tri-County technician recommended not to override the HVAC controller. The HVAC system uses all the bells and whistles that are controlled by the controller and the system would not operate to its full potential or efficiently without it.

Ministry Team Reports

Pastor Trina reported that during the four weeks she was out she attended the Catholic Diocese dedication of the Jewish synagogue. She also helped with the Confirmation orientation and helped with the opening days of the Preschool. Since her return to permanent status she has been meeting with staff to establish her expectations and further program planning. Her Installation will be held on Sunday, October 23, at 4:00pm followed by a reception. There is a reception planning team working out the details of that event.

Cody reported that the City/County approved their budget and now the Team is communicating with officials more

directly about the Property Development Plan. Kim Mangold was added as a new member of the Property Development Team. Kim brings experience as a former deputy director for the Department of Agriculture and a member of the YWCA Board of Directors. Cody reported that the Independent Record will publish an article next week on the project.

Tracy reported that the Preschool Board met the previous evening and the members are very engaged. They elected officers, went through a budget orientation, discussed fundraising, and other topics. Opening days have gone smoothly. Kris Thatcher's contract as Interim Director expires at the end of the calendar year. Council will revisit her contract with consideration of extending it through the school year.

Kevin reported on the Outreach and Welcome Committee. The picnic went well and Installation planning is ongoing.

Jan reported that the Generosity Committee will be meeting this Sunday (September 25) and rebuilding their momentum from the summer break. All are welcome to attend.

Beth reported the Hunger Team provided a \$14,001.77 check to Food Share from the summer Milk Campaign. The Team continues to harvest food from the garden.

Old Business

Cody reported that the Internet was upgraded last month and it is six times faster than previously. The Upgrade is saving the church \$75 per month.

Kevin reported that he and Dave Mehl are continuing exploring better building signage. Kevin also reported that the Audit Committee will meet and begin their work soon.

Lynn reported that he has been gathering more information on the Lighting Replacement Proposal. Lynn suggested the Council revisit this project at the next meeting.

Council discussed next steps for a Call Committee for the Associate Pastor position. Jan will resurrect her nomination document from last time. Individuals can nominate themselves or someone they recommend. Nominations should be delivered to Lynn by October 16. Council will meet to review the nominations and establish the committee members. Meanwhile, Lynn will contact Pastor Jason Asselstine in the Synod Office to see when he might be available to meet with the newly established Call Committee.

New Business

Lynn reported that Lori Walter identified individuals who have not participated in the life of the congregation for several years - beyond the years of the pandemic. Lynn reviewed those names with the Council. Council accepted the names of those individuals to be put into "inactive status." Those numbers will not be included in the Church's Annual Report for current membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Childress, Secretary



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



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.





Youth Fundraising Opportunity with Carroll College!

Great news, youth! Carroll College and Sodexo have asked if our youth group would be willing to staff the concessions at Carroll football games again this fall. We would work together as a team for about 4 hours each game and raise money for all of the fun things we will do this coming year: ice skating, special projects, retreats, and more!

But wait! Adults, do you love hanging out with our youth and have a couple of hours to spare? We would love to have some adult hands helping with this endeavor too!

We will need approximately 10-12 youth and adults to work each game.

Football Games are: October 1 & 22

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

If you are interested and able, please sign up by scanning the QR code with your phone camera or contact Jackie at 442-7842 or Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.org.




CU YOUTH RETREAT

Confirmation retreats offer a great opportunity for youth to gather in fellowship and community with one another as they explore their faith!

Join us for an overnight retreat at the Montana Learning Center **October 19-20** beginning around dinner on Wednesday evening and finishing after lunch on Thursday. There will be games, skits, worship, campfire, and more! Join for fun and fellowship!

Please RSVP to Jackie at Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.Org as soon as possible!

High School Youth, come help as staffers and lead the confirmands in discussions of faith while building awesome relationships with them!

Christmas Wreaths

It's not too early to think ahead for the Christmas season! High school youth will be selling Christmas Wreaths again this fall. **Due to limited supply, please reserve your wreath early** by contacting a youth or signing up for one in the Great Room at the Information Desk.

Your beautiful, fresh wreath should arrive the weekend before Thanksgiving, just in time for your Christmas decorating. All proceeds will go toward the youth. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk in the Great Room or call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.





Trunk-or-Treat

October 29, 2022 1pm-3pm

Our Redeemer's is planning an outdoor Halloween in which members of the congregation will adopt a parking space to decorate their trunk or the area in general for families to pass through.

We will have a scavenger hunt, games, hot cocoa and cider for all to enjoy! Join us for the fun!

Questions?! Contact Jackie by calling 442-7842 or emailing her at Jackie@OurRedeemerLives.Org.



How can I help?



Sign Up for Trunk Space!

We are looking for folks willing to decorate a parking space in the back parking lot. Sign-Up at <https://forms.gle/yaru9NfNHwSm3psq9> or by using your phone camera to scan the QR code to the right. Here's what you need to know:



- Decorate your space - You can do this by parking your car and decorating your trunk, putting up a canopy tent to decorate or whatever creative fun you can come up with!
- Smile, wave & have a good time!

Donate Candy!

If you are unable to decorate a spooky space but would like to help in another way, consider donating bags of candy for distribution. With the whole congregation and the entire neighborhood invited, there will be a lot of candy passed out!

You can drop off **individually wrapped mini or bitesize candy** in the church office or give a monetary donation for us to purchase candy on your behalf.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2 Richard Chase
Gary Fischer
Korbyn Jurenka | 10 Kellen Deboer
Zachary Wadhams | Brenda Gustafson
Amanda Haab
Renie Lacey
Cindy Stipcich | Brett Penner
23 Walker DesRosier
Haley Jurecki |
| 3 Roy Hemry
Kapp Johnson
Clara Thamke
Haley Walter | 11 Gerry Day
Ann Dodds | 12 Tim Williamson
Mike Yaeger
Pam Yaeger | 24 Tyler Harrington
Marisa Mailand
Tom Michelson Naegele
Heather Yaeger |
| 4 Kyler Deboer
Natalie Gates
Joy Novota | 14 Danica Boe | 15 Luke DenHerder
Jaden Maharg
Todd Will | 25 Megan Cail
Richard Livesay |
| 5 Bonnie Heimbach
Roxanne Hiesterman
Kale Wetherell
Elise Wolf | 16 Marki Jo Sharkey | 17 Terrance Young | 26 Shawn Juers
Julie Lake
Alexander Morsette
Amber Skillman |
| 6 Baird Linke
Kelsi Rummel | 18 Anna Forseth | 19 Wyatt Smith | 27 Natalie Byrne
29 Helen Hammond
Bethany Lindner |
| 7 McKenna Michalson
Brooklyn Swenson | 21 Brody Romano | 22 Carl Anfinson
Dana Meldrum | 30 Karen Reinhart
Paula Strand |
| 8 Patrick Johnson
9 Gordon Blomquist
Carol Ferris | | | 31 Jeff Downhour
Jackson Lake
Jane Peachey |

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@ourredeemerlives.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.



Happy Anniversary

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

Mike & Carol Maynard	10/1/1982	40 years
Ron & Claudia Morley	10/1/1982	40 years
Roy & Evalena Hemry	10/24/1975	47 years!
Ken & Sharlene Kolb	10/06/1962	60 years!

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

Thanks for sending the milk campaign over the top!

Wow! You exceeded the mark for our summer milk campaign by over \$2000. Your donations of \$8001.77 were also matched by another \$6000 from a local foundation. You have made many hungry children very happy. This amount was presented to Helena Food Share on Sunday, September 11, and it will provide all the milk for the Kid Pack Program for this school year. Thank you again for your amazing generosity!

Kid Pack Builds

We are resuming the building of Kid Packs at Helena Food Share warehouse this month. Our Redeemer's assembles the Kid Packs on the first three Tuesdays of each month, 4-6pm at the warehouse on Oakes Street. About 1200 packs are assembled each week. For further information, contact Judy McMaster (judy1950@bresnan.net, or 406-465-7118).

Kid Pack Request for October

This month we are collecting individual packets of oatmeal for the Kid Pack Program. You may leave any donations at the Helena Food Share display in the hallway. And thank you for your generous support of this program.

The Bountiful Garden

The Community Garden has provided a bountiful supply of produce for Helena Food Share this season. As of this writing, we have donated about 700 pounds of produce, and we have yet to harvest the heavy squash and pumpkins!

Karen Nelson recently assisted with a nutrition education program for AWARE clients, using produce from our garden. Thank you, Karen!

Cherry trees were recently planted in the garden in memory of Beth Mehl, a vital member of the Hunger Team for many years. Thank you for those who assisted with this project.

Remember: We are accepting donations of leaves to keep our garden soil healthy and happy. Bagged leaves may be left anywhere in the garden where there are grass clippings. Loose leaves should be placed in the straw bale receptacle outside the garden. Used leaf bags are available in the wire cage next to the red shed (opening is on the bottom). Yes, reduce, re-use, and recycle!!!!

Family Promise

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Comfort Food Challenge for Family Promise such a success last month. About 350 people attended this event, enjoying delicious food from local churches, restaurants, and food trucks. Family Promise raised over \$9000 with this fundraiser.

Family Promise continues to assist families in a variety of circumstances. Some need overnight housing, some only need meals, and some need a place for their children to feel safe during daytime hours. The staff at Family Promise continues to remain flexible in meeting the needs of homeless families and adapting to their circumstances. We appreciate the flexibility of all volunteers from Our Redeemer's who continue to provide food and housing for those in need.

GOD'S LOVE

YOU continue to amaze and inspire us with your generous donations. There is rarely a week where the God's Love hamper isn't overflowing and/or items are also placed on the floor. Upon dropping off these items, we are always met by gracious and polite souls who want to help with the hauling in, etc. Gratefulness is written all over their faces.

For October, God's Love can definitely use more cleaning supplies. Bleach, Lysol, any floor cleaner and sink/shower cleaner is in high demand. And, they can use cough drops. The recent air quality is causing issues and they are rapidly going through them.

Hunger Team thanks you for all your support as these donations are vital in helping God's Love provide a service and a safe haven for our homeless.



From the Independent Records "20 Under 40":

It was while attending Catholic Mass as a young boy that Jason Callon, director of worship and arts at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, first discovered his love and appreciation for music.

"Music has a deep place in my soul," said Callon, reflecting on his earliest musical experiences. "Being in the midst of music puts me in a place that is comforting, and I feel at peace when listening to it or playing it," said Callon.

Originally from Washington state, Callon studied music at Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington. He later relocated to Montana for his wife's job and has remained actively involved in Helena's musical community ever since.

Within his role at Our Redeemer's, Callon currently leads a variety of different musical ensembles. He has hopes to expand the church's music program in the future though by getting more of the congregation involved and possibly even putting on a concert series with professional musicians.

"The church has a really bright future," said Callon.

In addition to his work at Our Redeemer's, Callon is also an instructor with Ironhorse Consortium for Young Musicians, where he leads musical ensembles and teaches classes on music technology and theory.

Additionally, he serves as a music instructor as part of the Last Chance Music Camp.

Callon acknowledged that while, originally, he never had any intentions to teach music, the experience has opened his eyes to the talent and capabilities of young people.

"They have a deep capacity to understand complex and abstract concepts," said Callon.

For Callon, the most rewarding part of his work is getting to experience and share in the moments when those concepts click for his students.

When Callon isn't busy teaching music, he serves as a substitute percussionist with the Helena Symphony and provides live sound for events like the Governor's Cup and Helena Street Rodder's Car Show through his small business — Helena Tech Pro.

"Music and art speak to the soul in a way that little else can," said Callon. "When you've had a bad day, music and art are always there for you to turn to. They offer a way to nurture you mentally, psychologically, and spiritually like nothing else can."

Congratulations on being one of Helena's 20 under 40 this year, Jason.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A caregiver tends to the health and well-being of another, often a family member with health challenges. Caregivers may assist by taking on specific tasks such as grocery shopping, housework, preparing meals, emotional support, or helping with personal care. Often the role is centered on ensuring another can remain independent and confident for as long as possible. Responsibilities vary depending on the needs of the loved one.

challenges as they walk alongside another through life's changes. This group strives to provide a safe place to share experiences and provide support for those who fill this essential role.

We will meet on the last Sunday of each month after the second service or about 12:10pm in the Conference Room. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina and Jane Peachey lead the group. Call Lori at 406-672-2470 with any questions.

Our next meeting is October 30th at 12:10 at ORLC in the Conference Room.

Caregivers have their own



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Group will meet between services on October 9. All who are mourning the loss of a loved one are welcome to join us. We meet the second Sunday of each month. Grief is an unwanted journey, through unmapped territory. Sharing the ups and downs of the journey can be helpful as you find your own way. If you have questions or just need to talk, call Jane Peachey 234-567-1461 or email her at jepeachey@yahoo.com.

Council Corner

I really appreciate our mission statement at ORLC: *Embraced by God's love, we reach out to serve because our Redeemer lives!*

It doesn't just say what we do (serve); it emphasizes *why* we do what we do. It starts with *why* and ends with *why*. That *why* makes all the difference. We don't serve others because we are told to (though we are); we don't serve because there is need (though there is); we certainly don't serve because we think others deserve to be served (our judgment is entirely irrelevant). We serve because serving others is a tangible expression of love...love that God showers on us every moment of every day, love baked into God's creation. *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16). This Son, simultaneously human and God, suffered and died to redeem us to God. Then he triumphed over death to give us abundant, eternal life. That new life frees us to serve - to love - as God loves us.

In the coming weeks and months, you will hear talk of money as we look toward completing the ministries we committed to when we approved this year's budget and as we discern the ministries God is calling us to - and the resources that will be required - next year. Remember, this is *your* church. Throughout these final months of 2022, prayerfully consider how God's love has freed you to love and serve. Consider how *your* participation in *your* church can create the structure for experiencing and extending that love. And when you hear "dollars" and "budget," remember those are simply means by which we reach out to serve - *because* we are embraced by God's love and empowered by a Redeemer who has freed us from the power of sin and death.

Kevin Mathews
Council First Vice President

Déjà vu!

Calling for Nominations to the Call Committee

It may seem that we've just barely gotten through one call process to add Pastor Trina to our ministry team, yet we forge ahead to return to being fully staffed at Our Redeemer's. To that end, we are again forming a Call Committee as we begin searching for an associate pastor.

When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a Call Committee is established.

The Council President solicits the congregation for volunteers, and the Council establishes the committee. At least one committee member should also be on the Church Council. (C13.04)

The Our Redeemer's Constitution states:

The Call Committee will consist of six members plus two alternates and should broadly represent the many groups that make up the Our Redeemer's community. The calling of a new pastor is a very time-consuming process, and members of the Call Committee will be expected to prioritize participation in this group during their service.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Call Committee or who wants to suggest an individual may send me names with complete contact information (email address, phone number, mailing address). This may be sent via email (orlc.pres@gmail.com) or mailed to me at 708 Good Shepherd Ct, Helena, MT 59601. Nominations will be taken until October 16. I will provide follow-up on all nominations.

Lynn Voss
Council President

Summer BBQ Wrap-up!

On Saturday, August 27, 2022, over 175 individuals came together to enjoy and share a picnic dinner. The wind was breezy, but the temperature was warm, and the atmosphere was filled with anticipation, joy, and excitement as we welcomed neighbors, friends, and congregation members. Everyone shared a delicious dinner, and there was much conversation which resulted in stories of recent vacations, the anticipation of the start of the new school year, laughter and smiles, and wishes of hope for a continued healthy and happy summer. Many thanks and appreciation to the following:



- Young adults for promoting games, fun activities, face painting, and helping with set-up and take-down, David Hanson, Kaela Burke, and Isaac Penner.
- Jason Callon and a talented band for performing entertaining and progressive live music (in the wind).
- Mark Langdorf for securing the large, mobile grill and preparing and barbecuing the pork and chicken.



- Lynda Hanson for compiling task lists so that no detail was overlooked as we prepared for our guests and for contacting the teams and individuals who came together to support all the tasks, and for collating the Thrivent applications for monetary grants.
- Gretchen & Blair Krumm for being the gracious dishwashers for the multitudes.
- BBQ chefs who grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs and those who helped slice and serve the entrees.



- Kitchen women who helped cut and slice, and serve the side dishes of salads, beans, pickles, condiments, watermelon, and apple pies
- Various cooks and bakers shared their resources and talents for tasty desserts, and hostesses shared cool beverages and greeters that ensured all were welcome in our church home.
- Community Garden managers had the inspiration to plant and nourish a variety of vibrant sunflowers and wildflowers that decorated each of the "picnic" tables and those that helped arrange the centerpieces.



- Those who helped with the advertising and weekly announcements, as well as the signage, notices in the neighborhood, and the wrap banner on our boulevard chalk kiosk.
- ORLC Council for their attendance, financial support, and continued prayerful support for ORLC outreach for our neighbors and friends.
- Jackie Bartz, who assisted prior to and after, during the week, cleaning and preparing our church home.



- PopCycle; Onawa, Rusty, and Sali & Maggie Linden, who rode their delivery bike in the wind to share their tasty ice cream and candy confections for dessert.
- Jerry Hoover and others for ongoing care and maintenance of our church building and property management.
- Sarah Magee & Lori Walter offered support for building access and donation receipts.
- All who helped set up and move tables and chairs and then cleaned up and swept and mopped and washed the linens and dish towels. It was all appreciated!

Hospitality is a generous act; to invite others to share what you/we have. It was evident on this day the family of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church shared our space, our food, and our time and tremendous talents to enjoy each other's company and host our new friends and neighbors. Thanks be to God!



Preschool Update

Our preschool classes are off to a great start! Teachers and students are enjoying their time together. We will be starting Chapel Time (gathering in the sanctuary once a week for a brief children's message) the last week of September; we will also have our Blessing of the Backpacks during this time.



Picture days are October 4th and 5th. We always enjoy educational visits; we have the Fire Department coming on October 19th. If you would like to share your knowledge and skill with our preschoolers, please let us know and we'll get a date scheduled!

Outside of our class routines, we plan a once-a-month event typically on a Friday so our preschool families can gather and socialize. In September, we met at Spring Meadow; plans for October are being finalized.

As we roll into fall, we will be kicking off preschool fundraisers such as Christmas wreath sales, ORLC preschool T-shirts, etc. We will also be increasing our FaceBook presence, sharing more of our weekly highlights, and coming soon: an Instagram page!

Our Preschool Board members this year are: Anna Forseth, Brittany Kukes, Tetyana Missey, Brenna Stefanik and Kayla Strom. Council liaison is Tracy Moseman. A group that is generous with their time and talents; we are blessed to have them. We would like to have at least one or two more Our Redeemer's members on this board. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Kris Thatcher at 406-442-7842, ext. 20, or Kris@OurRedeemerLives.Org.

Kris



Adult Christian Education Opportunities

WELCA - Dorcas Bible Study

Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00am
Contact: Kay Patterson
406-422-8060

WELCA - Rebecca Bible Study

Third Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm
Contact: Hildegard Krumm
406-443-3483

Men's "Fix'it" Group

Wednesday mornings at 9:00am
in various coffee shops
This is a social gathering & sometimes they work on repairs at the church campus.
Contact: Jerry Hoover
406-431-2303
jerry.r.hoover@gmail.com

Women's Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the month at 11:30am
in the Conference Room at ORLC
Contact: Sharlene Kolb
406-443-5878
kolb558@msn.com

Talking Across the Divide

Every Sunday morning during October & November
at 9:45am in the Community Room at ORLC
Contact: Lon Bechtel Linda Nelson Jane Peachey
406-594-1237 406-422-3751 234-567-1461



October 2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Talking Across the Divide - Community Rm 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime	3	4 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse
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16 8:30am Children's Choir Sings @ 8:30am 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Talking Across the Divide - Community Rm 9:45am - Confirmation - CR4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 1:00pm - Walk through the Bible - Community Rm Associate Pastor Call Committee Nominations Due	17	18 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Rm 10:00am - Worship Service @ Touchmark 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Community Rm
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Carroll College Football Concessions Fundraiser
5 6:30pm - Camp Worship 7:00pm - Confirmation University Orientation 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	6 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	7	8
12 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - Camp Worship 7:00pm - Confirmation University - Comm. Rm 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	13 9:00am - Sew In Love	14	15 Voice Articles Due
19 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conf. Rm ~~~~~ Fall Confirmation Retreat ~~~~~	20 9:00am - Sew In Love	21	22 Carroll College Football Concessions Fundraiser
26 6:30pm - Compline Worship 7:00pm - Confirmation University - Comm. Rm 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	27 9:00am - Sew In Love	28	29  1:00 - 3:00pm