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December 2022



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Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
3580 North Benton Avenue
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00AM Traditional Organ	4:00PM Symphonic Brass	6:00PM Rejoice Band	10:00PM Acoustic Unplugged
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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE OF THE WORD AT 9:30AM



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Please welcome our new Associate to the Bishop!



It is with joy and excitement that I announce that **the new Associate to the Bishop of the Montana Synod ELCA is Rev. Brenda Frelsi.** Pastor Brenda has been serving at Zion Lutheran in Glendive for the past three years and before that she served a congregation in Casper, Wyoming for 17 years. She comes to us with much enthusiasm and energy and a desire to engage congregations and ministries of the synod in discerning where God is calling us as church to go in the future.

A brief bio: Pastor Brenda grew up in the Midwest, but always wanted to live where there were more outdoor options. Montana has become that place. Brenda's priorities in ministry are to demonstrate kindness and to build positive relationships doing productive ministry which brings her and those she serves joy while we do God's work with our hands.

Brenda's ordination verse is Galatians 5:22-23 "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." She believes that when we concentrate on the joy, there is more patience and a foundation of love when differences of opinion arise. In this time of creativity and innovation in exploring how we are called to be church together, Brenda brings to the synod office a passion for rural and small town ministry. Her interests include biking, running, skiing, hiking and photography and she hopes to find partners throughout the synod for these activities.

Pastor Brenda will be spending the next months completing her service with the people of Zion in Glendive and will officially begin her role as the A2B on January 1, 2023. Thank you, Pastor Brenda, for saying yes to this exiting yet daunting calling and thank you to the folks in Glendive for their willingness to offer their pastor to the whole synod in service to the wider church.

In Christ's Spirit of New Life,
Bishop Laurie Jungling



Annual Budget Meeting December 4, 9:45am

Please join us between services on December 4 to vote on the proposed spending plan for 2023. It is important that all congregational members that are able attend this meeting.

Our Redeemer's Holiday Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, December 10th
9:00am - Noon
Homemade Baked Goods & Lefse
Sew In Love Craft Sales
Sit & Enjoy Fresh Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee



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

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

GOD'S LOVE

Mary was about to give birth, to have Jesus. The Bible tells us that, "while they were [in Bethlehem], the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Lk 2:6-7). The Bible is very clear about this: there was no room for them. We can imagine Joseph, with his wife about to have a child, with no shelter, no home, no place to stay. The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person.

When visiting at God's Love this week, all 24 men's beds are full and last night, November 14th, 31 additional people were sleeping on the floor as there is no place for them. The seven beds for women, full. They have eight families upstairs and informed me that come Monday (21st), there will be a total of 15 kids amongst these families.

For December, we are holding our annual Gloves/Mittens/Hat/Socks Drive. Socks are one of the most sought after items at a shelter.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, Christmas, let us remember those who are struggling with so many issues. Homelessness, addictions, mental health, sickness, no jobs, no healthcare, no steady income...the list is endless. Keep all in your hearts and prayers. Thank you, **ORLC**, for supporting this mission throughout the years.

KID PACKS

Thank you for the generous donations of granola bars for the Kid Pack program last month. We'll be collecting individual juice packs during the month of December. Help us to fill those empty Kid Packs with nourishing vitamins during these cold months of the year.

We continue to assemble Kid Packs on the first three Tuesdays of each month at the Oakes Street warehouse. If you wish further information about these assemblies, please contact Judy McMaster (406) 465-7118, judy1950@bresnan.net.

FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you to everyone who worked to make our Family Promise guests feel at home during their stay at Our Redeemer's just prior to Thanksgiving. Five families were our guests that week. Two families spent the nights at our church, and three other families, now assisted with emergency housing assistance at local motels, also received meals and assistance during that week. It truly takes a village to make this happen: those who set up the rooms and disassembled them, those who spent the night in our church, and those who prepared the meals for our families. Those of you who prayed for our guests are valued, as well. We couldn't have done this without your help.

Want to celebrate the season and help Family Promise at the same time? Plan to attend the holiday concert by John Floridis at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 PM. Donations for Family Promise will be accepted at the door.

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

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Our Redeemer's Church Council

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

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Thursday, December 15 @ 5:00pm

LoriW@OurRedeemerLives.Org

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

Our Members

Phyllis Bauer	Malinda Diamond	Dora Lindner	Vicki Poore	Verna Strand
Richard Carey	Linda Huso	Dale Mickus	Jessi Putnam	Thea Swenson
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Jim Poore	Ruth Straley	

Our Family and Friends

<p>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 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</p>	<p>Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni) 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) Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt) Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son) Families of suicide victims</p>
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Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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

Baird Linke
 Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers

ORLC HUNGER TEAM

Wishing you a season that's merry
 and bright with the light of God's love.

What we accomplished together this year:

Family Promise

Hosting of families - overnight hosts, meals.
 Children and summer fun activities
 Comfort Food Challenge
 Donation of beautiful quilts made for the families (Janet Erickson)

God's Love Donations - month after month...it's astounding!

A special thanks to the Quilters For Lutheran World Relief who donated ten beautiful quilts for the shelter. This was the first time the shelter had ever received handmade quilts, made just for them. God's Love was created in 1981.

Helena Food Share

Community Garden
 Kid Packs (Oct.-April, first three Tuesdays of each month)
 Monthly donations to supplement Kid Packs
 (oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups)
 Summer Milk Campaign/Treacy Foundation - \$14,001.77
 Thanksgiving Food Drive

Kendra Wilde Hunger Endowment Fund for 2022 given to
 Ukraine, God's Love, Family Promise



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Holidays and special occasions often create upsurges of grief. If you are struggling with grief this holiday season, please join us on December 11 between services. We meet in the Conference Room next to the main offices. We will offer support and a chance to share with others. For information or support feel free to call Jane Peachey 234-567-1461 or Lori Bigwood-Peccarina 406-672-2470.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Many in our midst provide the gift of care for loved ones. The caregiver's support group seeks to uplift those who fulfill various needs. Please join us on Sunday, December 18th at 12:10pm in the Conference Room next to the church offices. We are meeting on the third Sunday this month due to the Christmas holiday. Jane Peachey and Lori Bigwood-Pecarina lead the group. Contact Lori at 406-672-2470 or lytletrunk@gmail.com with any questions.





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



Intergenerational Christmas Event! (ICE)

When: Sunday, December 11th from 2:00-4:00

Where: The Great Room @ORLC

Who: Everyone—All Ages 1- 100!

What: Christmas Party to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

- * Gingerbread House Making!
- * Christmas program by Sunday School
- * Arts & Crafts
- * Games
- * Carol Singing
- * Cookie Decorating



RSVP to Liz by phone, (406)442-7842
or email, liz@ourredeemerlives.org by

December 5th!

Advent Candle Lighting

Believe it or not Advent is HERE. Please sign you and your family up to light the Advent candles during worship! We are looking for families to volunteer for all Sunday worship services throughout Advent. Please follow the link below to sign up:
<https://tinyurl.com/3xcjrb85>



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

Liz and Jackie plan to attend camp as volunteers the week of July 16-21, 2023!

Register as normal at FLBC.net, and let us know if you would like a ride up to camp!

Please contact Liz or Jackie with questions.

Holiday Schedule

Sunday School

December 25th - Christmas Break

January 1st - Christmas Break

KidTime

December 25th - No KidTime

January 1st - No KidTime



Come Make a Gingerbread House!!

Join us at the *Intergenerational Christmas Event* to assemble a Gingerbread house (Dec. 11th @2-4pm)! Each house is made with homemade gingerbread. We will have all the materials you will need at the event! We just need **YOU** to **RSVP** so we know how many houses to have prepared. We hope to see you all there.

RSVP to Liz by phone,
(406)442-7842 or email,
liz@ourredeemerlives.org by

December 5th!



Present: Pastor Trina Johnsten, Lynn Voss, Tracy Moseman, Julie Penner, Clint Mingay, Cody Salo, Beth Johnson, Jan Martin, Kevin Mathews, Sarah Magee and Ingrid Childress. Pastor Trina opened the meeting with a discussion on the origins of Christ the King Sunday in the Church Calendar Year, and a reading from Luke 23; she followed up with an opening prayer.

Financial Report

Council agreed to pay Council Funds for June and Building Funds for August and September to Mission Investments (totaling \$16,233.30) and held Council Funds for July and August and Building Funds for October. Council also agreed to use funds from Other External Gifts to pay the Property Tax of \$15,000 due the end of November.

Prior to discussing the 2023 Spending Plan, Kevin shared copies of ORLC's Mission Statement and "satisfaction drivers" and priorities from the last Holy Cow Survey. It was with these criteria in mind, that the Council reviewed the draft Spending Plan prepared by Sarah. This proposal will be presented to the congregation at a Budget Forum on November 20, 2022, between services. Sarah will make notation changes and have copies and slides for the congregation to review and discuss.

Ministry Reports

All staff submitted detailed written reports on their ministries and activities for the last month.

Property Development: Cody reported that the City is expected to have the Request for Proposals Grant open in about three weeks. All the partners are working together to submit our application for funding.

Preschool: Tracy reported the Preschool is looking for more lunch buddies. An announcement will go into the Sunday bulletin to encourage people of any age to volunteer.

Pastor Trina reported that she will be doing another new member class in December. Also she is encouraging families from the Preschool to attend the Intergenerational Christmas Event.

Outreach and Welcome Committee: Kevin reported that Jason is having trouble finding worship assistants at the 11:00 services (greeters, readers, ushers). A clipboard will be re-established in the narthex as a reminder for people to sign up.

Generosity Committee: Dennis Trotter will be doing three sessions on money during January, 2023. Also there will be some educational classes on Planned Giving and options under some retirement plans for a Required Minimum Distribution. Jim Penner has prepared articles for the December and January Voice Newsletters.

Old Business

Audit Committee has nearly completed it's work.

Energy Savings: Cody reported that the Friendship Center recently installed solar panels on the building and they are operational. After some discussion it was decided to ask Nelson Bock to explore an application to Northwest Energy.

Call Committee: Pastor Trina and Lynn Voss established the first meeting of the new Call Committee for Thursday, November 17, at 6:00pm.

New Business

Council decided to extend the contract for the Interim Preschool Director position to Kristine Thatcher through the end of the school year.

Pastor Trina presented the various categories and responsibilities that Pastor Kendra held to share with the Call Committee for the Associate Pastor position. Council reviewed and made a few edits and suggestions that will be provided to the Call Committee for their consideration.

Nominating Committee: Cody reported that he has been collecting names and contacting individuals. The committee will meet next week.

Kevin reported that he has heard there is an interest in a new pictorial directory. There was some discussion on ways to make it easier for pictures to be taken and submitted. Council also considered not using one of the big church directory companies for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingrid Childress
Secretary

ORLC Property Development Planning Update

The ORLC Property Development Team and our planning partners continue to seek ways of financing the housing project we so desperately want to see happen on our property. In October, the city put out requests for Letters of Intent from community organizations interested in applying to the city for a portion of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds they have yet to obligate. All the partners participated in putting together a very comprehensive Letter of Intent which was ultimately submitted by Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC) as the proposed lead developer of the project.

The City of Helena received approximately \$8.5 million in Local Recovery Funds from the US Treasury. The City Commission has already allocated \$1.8 million of the savings for the Ten Mile Water Treatment Plan project, leaving approximately \$6.7 million for the Commission to determine how to distribute. The Commission is evaluating internal city funding requests in addition to soliciting the Letters of Intent from community groups. At the October 26th administrative meeting, the City Manager recommended that the commission fund approximately \$1.8 million of internal funding requests and retain \$1.6 million in contingency, leaving approximately \$3.3 million to distribute externally. The city received 43 Letters of Intent from 41 organizations with funding requests totaling \$15.7 million.

All of this means that the City Commission is now tasked with setting priorities for this funding and ultimately deciding how to distribute limited funds amid many requests. The Letters of Intent were not official applications but were intended to give the commission a sense of how much interest there was in the community for these funds. It is our understanding that the official application for funds will be made public in late November or early December, and it is fully the intent of the partnership to make application for these funds.

During this period of decision-making by the commission, we encourage you to write a letter or email to our Mayor and City Commissioners encouraging them to support the ORLC Affordable Housing Project with ARPA funding. For more information and tips about how to write a letter in support of our project, please contact Gretchen Krumm at gretchen@mosaicarch.com. She will provide you with a bullet-list of talking points you could include in your letter along with email addresses for City Commission members.

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

Jerry Hoover	Cody Salo	Gretchen Krumm	Sharon Haugen
Del Schubring	Jan Martin	Nelson Bock	Bonner Armstrong
Craig Erickson	Herb Kulow	Jeff Downhour	Ryan McLane
Kim Mangold			



Learning from the BEST!

A large group gathered to learn how to make Lefse from one of the best, Helen Bunkowske. This was a two-day event to prepare the potatoes one day and roll out and cook the lefse on the second day.

Pictured are from left to right: Helen Bunkowske, Judy McMaster, Charlene Mayala, Karen Nelson, Kay Patterson, Linda Hanson, Julie Mehl.

Not pictured: Dave Mehl



December Bible Study

For December we have an Advent devotional entitled, "Good things come in small packages."

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 10:00am at Touchmark

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, Dec. 14 at noon at Shellie's Cafe for lunch and Bible study

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: no meeting in December

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

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

Thank You

WELCA thanks all those who made contributions to our Thankoffering Sunday on Oct. 30. We collected \$697 to support Women of the ELCA. Your generosity is a blessing.

Take a Meal Ministry

Do you love to cook? Some members of our congregation need meals during hard times in their lives such as death, illness, or cancer treatment. Join our Meal Team and you will be invited to sign up online when it is convenient for you to help. The more who help, the lighter the load. Show your love through FOOD!

Contact Lisa Mathews at 406-465-5580 or lewm03@gmail.com for more information.

Need a Meal? Let Pastor Trina or Lisa know and we will set up a scheduled meal plan for you.



GIVING WITH TAX BENEFITS

Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)

Individuals aged 72 or greater who have a **traditional IRA, SIMPLE IRA, SEP IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or 457 (b)** are required to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from these assets annually. Owners may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to transfer up to \$100,000 to a non-profit organization, like Our Redeemer's, annually count as some or all the owner's RMD and the amount will be excluded from the owner's adjusted gross income. Contact your investment account provider to request a QCD transfer and consult your tax adviser for any questions.

Appreciated Stock Donation

Individuals holding common stock, mutual funds, or exchange traded funds that have appreciated in value may gift these securities to a non-profit organization, like Our Redeemer's, and receive an itemized deduction for the full amount of the securities' value on the day of transfer, avoiding paying capital gain taxes. This donation does not qualify if taxpayer takes the standard deduction. Consult your tax advisor for any questions.

Individuals making these gifts should contact Sarah at the church office (442-7842) to designate where to credit the gift.



Call Committee Selected

The Church Council gathered to form the Call Committee for the Associate Pastor position. The Call Committee members are pictured above and listed below in order as they appear:

Shauna Helfert, Craig Linke, Larry Hanson, Jane Peachey (second alternate), **Kristi Antosh, Abigail McLane, Dwight Hiesterman** (first alternate).
Not pictured: **Dee Dee Fischer**



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Safehouse in December



High school youth please join us during the month of December as we serve our community, give back to one special family, and rediscover the Real Reason for the Season.

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 - Join us for Lessons and Carols at 7pm!

Dec. 7 - Safehouse meets to shop for the Intermountain Children's Adopt a Cottage Christmas Program. Bring any dollars or change you wish to help contribute.

Dec. 14 - A special Advent with Safehouse

Dec. 21 - Christmas Trivia & Game Night— Bring a white elephant gift for the Safehouse Christmas Party after!

Dec. 28 - Happy Christmas Break—No Safehouse

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.



Gas, Groceries, & so much more!

Shopping with gift cards is an easy way to support our youth ministries every time you shop. Purchase a gift card at face value and a portion of that purchase goes toward mission trips, retreats, and other youth expenses.

The possibilities are endless! Dining out, filling up your gas tank, grocery shopping, your favorite latte, vacations, every day expenses, Christmas gifts. We have some cards available for immediate purchase to popular local stores such as Walmart and Target, but we will be taking orders for any of the hundreds of other retailers who have offered this fundraising opportunity to non-profit organizations.

Order by December 11th to get your gift cards for Christmas! To purchase a gift card or to find out more information, please contact Jackie Bartz at 442-7842.

Safehouse Sponsors A Cottage!

This year, Safehouse youth with their generous hearts have decided to make Christmas extra special for 24 children ages 8-14 in the residential program at Intermountain. Our youth will be shopping for each child so that he or she will a Christmas Stocking full of goodies plus a few general items for each cottage.

To make this happen, our youth pull together their own pennies, nickels, dimes, and a few dollars to purchase the gifts. To ensure that no one is left out or short, we are asking the Congregation to help out! The youth have built a fireplace



with Christmas gift tags with gift ideas to be purchased or feel free to drop off general stocking stuffer items. **If your heart feels called to help the youth in this joyous gift to children, please take a gift tag, fulfill the request and return it no later than December 7th at noon.**

This year you can also purchase a gift online from an Amazon Wishlist and it will ship directly to Intermountain! The wishlist is located at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/1xICS19?ref=wl_share

Thank you for your generosity and love for all children! **Questions?!** Contact Jackie at 442-7842.



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| 1 | Bob Winfield | 8 |
| 2 | Karen Armstrong | |
| | Libby Martin | 9 |
| | Chase Sampson | |
| | John Wadhams | 10 |
| 3 | Marla Maharg | |
| | Jim Schulz | |
| 4 | Jan Anderson | |
| | Bailey Marble | |
| | Riley Rummel | 11 |
| | Thea Swenson | 12 |
| 5 | Sharlene Kolb | |
| 6 | Madison Grotbo | 13 |
| | Dayna Willcut | |
| 7 | Brooklynn Haab | 15 |
| | Jessica Salo | |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Kimberly Shaner | | |
| Tami Darlow | | |
| Joshua Griffeth | | |
| Norm Midtlyng | 16 | |
| Dan Richardson | 17 | |
| Alexander Wickens | | |
| Sam Fischer | | |
| Kevin Harrington | 18 | |
| Laurel Orthmeyer | | |
| Craig Trapp | 19 | |
| Lacie Willard | | |
| Steve Keller | | |
| Ingrid Childress | 20 | |
| Mike Maynard | | |
| Mackenzie Grimmis | | |
| Blair Krumm | 21 | |
| Hermes Lynn | | |
| Carol Maynard | | |
| Charlie Mummey | 22 | Lyle Pratt |
| Mike Randall | | Ryan Swenson |
| Maureen Ward | 24 | Nikki Goosen |
| Jocelyn Gates | | Chris May |
| Kaden Juers | | Darrell Stipcich |
| Jill Myhre | 25 | Hildegarde Krumm |
| Emily Walter | 26 | Janet Erickson |
| Tim Cail | | Julia Goughnour |
| Erin Mills | | Leah Martin |
| Nolan Burke | 27 | Sonya Amman |
| Ann Harris | 28 | Charlie Brown |
| Mark Robertson | | Adam Liston |
| Byron Beley | | Liliana Swenson |
| McKenna Robertson | 29 | Lauren Heuiser |
| Roselyn Santy | | Linda Huso |
| Chris Denning | | Jenny Moore |
| Rhett Quinn | 30 | Sabrina Brott |
| Madeline Richards | | Cathy Reagor |

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.



December Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

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| 11/12/1982 | Richard and Roberta Carey* | 40 years |
| 12/18/1982 | Gary and Dee Dee Fischer | 40 years |
| 12/27/1976 | Bill and Darbie Hess | 46 years |
| 12/20/1975 | Kapp and Bonnie Johnson | 47 years |
| 12/27/1970 | Larry and Lynda Hanson | 52 years |
| 12/30/1969 | Bruce and Judy McMaster | 53 years |
| 12/29/1962 | John and Karen Darlow | 60 years |
| 12/27/1959 | Ron and Marian Paulson | 63 years |

*Our apologies to Richard & Roberta Carey for missing their anniversary in November. Forty years and going strong!

Worship Assistant Schedule

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
First Sunday December 4		
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover, Ron Paulson	Kevin Mathews
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	Lisa Williams-Mathews
Communion	DeeDee & Gary Fischer	Kevin and Lisa
Altar Guild	Kathy Gessaman	Kathy Gessaman
Second Sunday December 11		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Lynn Voss, Lon Bechtel
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske, Sharlene Kolb	Lynn Voss, Lon Bechtel
Communion	Lori Bigwood-Pecarina, Gretchen Krumm, Sharlene Kolb	Lynn Voss, Lon Bechtel
Altar Guild	Lisa Mathews	Kathy Gessaman
Third Sunday December 18		
Usher	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson, Norm Rognlie	Mark Langdorf, Lori Chase
Greeter	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma	Mark Langdorf, Lori Chase
Communion	DeeDee & Gary Fischer	Mark Langdorf, Lori Chase
Altar Guild	Lori Walter	Lori Walter

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25		
9:30am	Service of the Word	Jan & Jeff Martin



FLBC HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT—JANUARY 13–15, 2023

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is hosting a youth ski retreat- a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other youth groups from around the state. Youth Groups will stay at camp and each group will decide whether they would like to ski at Big Mountain or Blacktail Ski Resort on Saturday and Sunday. The Camp will provide all meals, including sack lunches. Evening activities include games, snacks, bonfire, worship and more.

- Cost: \$115 per person (includes all meals, snacks and lodging). Registration forms are available in Youth Loft. **Youth are responsible for their own lift tickets and rental costs at the ski resorts.**

If you are interested in participating, please turn in the registration form below and registration fee to Jackie by December 19th. Questions?! Please call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842 or email at jackie@ourredeemerlives.org

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Retreat Registration Form



RETREAT(S): Senior High Youth Ski Retreat - January 13-15, 2023

Adult Name (s) _____ Home Phone _____

Youth Name (s) and ages _____ Mobile _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please list any dietary restrictions or considerations that you may have:

FESTIVAL OF ANGELS

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Helena Avenue

9:00 am-Noon

100% of the proceeds from the sale will go towards

Lutheran Disaster Response

and

Family Promise of Greater Helena



Scandinavian Bake Shop




*Handcrafted Items
for sale*

*Baked Goods
for sale*

December 2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Annual Budget Meeting 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 12:15pm - New Member class - Community Room	5	6 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse
11 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 12:15pm - New Member "Digging Deeper" Class 2:00pm - Intergenerational Christmas Event	12 6:00pm - Preschool Board - CR5-6	13 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study at Touchmark 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm 7:00pm - John Floridis Concert - St. Paul's United Methodist
18 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - Confirmation - CR4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 12:10pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Room	19 FLBC High School Ski Retreat Registration Due	20 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 10:00am - Worship Service at Touchmark 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Community Rm
25 9:30am - Christmas Day Service of the Word	26 Church Building & Office Closed	27 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 7:00pm - Lessons & Carols for Advent	2	3 Festival of Angels 9:00 - noon at St. John's Lutheran
7 6:30pm - Prayer Stations 7:00pm - Confirmation 7:00pm - Safehouse - Shopping for Intermountain 7:15pm - New Member Class	8 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	9	10 9:00am - Our Redeemer's Holiday Craft & Bake Sale 
14 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Shellies Cafe 6:30pm - Compline Worship 7:00pm - Confirmation - Comm. Rm 7:00pm - Safehouse - Youth Loft	15 Voice Articles Due 9:00am - Sew In Love	16	17
21 6:30pm - Christmas Carol Singing 7:00pm - Youth Christmas Trivia & Game Night	22 9:00am - Sew In Love	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship 10:00am - Traditional Organ 4:00pm - Symphonic Brass 6:00pm - Rejoice Band 10:00pm - Acoustic Unplugged
28 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 7:00pm - Lessons & Carols for Advent	29 9:00am - Sew In Love	30	31