

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

July 2023



Special Recognition for Jackie



Join us on Sunday, July 30th, to say farewell to Jackie Bartz, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries. Special refreshments will be offered during coffee hour, and an opportunity to thank Jackie for all she has done for our congregation. Let's shower her with cards to show our appreciation.

I had one of you pay me a visit this week with such a pleasant purpose:

Pastor, I have a retirement distribution coming that I'd like to give to the church.

What are the areas of greatest need?

Other similar conversations have occurred in the past two years:

Pastor, we sold some property at a great profit and would like to give a portion to Our Redeemer's.

How can it be used?

Pastor, we were blessed with extra income this year. Please use this for ministry.

Pastor, we got an inheritance from a beloved aunt and would like to tithe on it.

We hope it will bless Our Redeemer's like she blessed us.

Such faithful and generous folks. Thank you for witnessing to me and others as you steward what you've been given.

We are into what many in our area live for: the glorious summer months in Montana. I am hearing from you of big fish tales, abundant wildflowers seen on hikes, camping adventures in the rain, and even the joy of lawn and garden work after the long winter months. I am not quite up for any of those activities yet, but I do take joy in seeing fawns and fledging eagles on my drive into town each day. We truly live in a most magnificent place.

Last summer, the Council and the Generosity/Stewardship Committee challenged us all to be mindful of our summer giving and to continue our support of the ministries of Our Redeemer's even as we may not be regular in worship on Sundays, and many of you gave an extra \$50 a month in June, July, and August in response. So I am reminding us all again that while we are out enjoying what Montana has to offer in the summer, ministry continues at 3580 N Benton Ave.

We've just finished a very successful week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) in which two-thirds of the 66 attendees were not members of Our Redeemer's, and half of them were under the age of six. We had two preschool parents who joined us as volunteers for the week and have two families attending New Member Orientation through this programming. In the next week, we have a climbing event for children and youth one night and a free movie with pizza dinner for everyone another night. The Servant Trip leaves in a week to help clean up after hurricanes in Florida. A large group is headed to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in mid-July. So much to bring us together for fellowship and fun!

Blessings to you on a safe and restorative summer. I hope to catch up with you at one of the many events happening between now and the start of school.

Pastor Trina



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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The grief group will meet on July 9 after service. Grief can be a lonely walk, even for those with deep faith. There are no fixes or solutions; even Jesus wept at times. Groups offer encouragement as each person finds their path in a world that no longer feels the same. All who grieve are welcome. If you need support or have questions, feel free to ask Jane Peachey 234-567-1461 or Lori Bigwood-Pecarina 406-672-2470.



CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Whether you provide personal care, run errands, or support a loved one emotionally, you are a caregiver. The role is filled with both joy and frustration and can be exhausting. Our gathering strives to share friendship and uplift one another along the journey.



Following the Sunday worship service, we will meet on July 30th at 10:40am. If you wish to speak to the leaders, contact us at the numbers below. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina 406-672-2470 Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Touchmark Worship Service

A monthly worship and communion service is offered at Touchmark on the third Tuesday of each month by Our Redeemer's members, Sharlene Kolb and LPA Lori Bigwood-Pecarina. If you would like to attend with some of our member residents there, please join us in the forum at 10am on July 18th. If you have any questions please contact Lori at 406-672-2470.

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Our Redeemer's Church Council

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Saturday, July 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	Linda Huso	Nikki MacMillan	Vicki Poore	Tim Williamson
Richard Carey	Pr. Trina Johnsten	Lorna Meyer	Laurie Simms	
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Ron Paulson	Ruth Straley	
Jim Haubein	Dale Mickus	Jim Poore	Thea Swenson	

Our Family and Friends

Zachary Ark	Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Brandon Bach	Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Victor Bachmier	Sharon McLane Ryan & Abigail McLane)
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)	Julie Mehl (daughter of Dave Mehl)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Steve Boyter	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Tom Carter	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)	Families of suicide victims
Stormy Flinders	
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	
Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)	
Larry Kuntz (Dave & Lori Swenson)	
Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)	

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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

Our Seminararians

Baird Linke
Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers



July Bible Study

This month we continue with our study entitled "Salvation Now."

We will again meet as a combined group on **Wednesday, July 19, at 1:00pm**. We will meet in the Great Room, and Rebecca Circle will be the hostess. Jan Martin will lead the study.

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, July 11 at 10:30am

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

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

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

I know, we just finished shipping all our kits to Lutheran World Relief, and we did. Even though we won't send out School Kits until next May, it's time to buy the school supplies now **because they are on sale!** There will be a tub in the narthex for your donations and a list of needed items. We'll start collecting on July 23 and continue until the end of the sale.

ALTAR GUILD SUMMER SCHEDULE				
DATE	CLEAN/PREP Before Sunday	SET UP FOR 9:30 service	CLEAN UP AFTER 9:30 Service	OTHER INFO
7-2	Sonya	Kristi	Charlene	Green Paraments Outdoor worship
7-9	Lori W Communion kits	Lori W	Lisa	Green Paraments
7-16	Lisa		Shannon	Green Paraments
7-23	Lori W	Lisa	Lisa	Green Paraments
7-30	Sonya	Charlene	Charlene	Green Paraments

Interested in joining this ministry? Contact Lisa Williams-Mathews, lewm03@gmail.com or 406-465-5580.

Call Committee

As they say, the proverbial 'ball' is in the Synod's court, and your committee is poised to leap into action as soon as a candidate is presented to us. Please join us in praying for a wonderful candidate to respond to our request, and of course, if the good Lord could see fit for that to happen sooner rather than later, we would all be happier. Thank you for your continued prayers.

-- your Call Committee

What a pile of hats and headbands!

This assortment of hats and headbands is only a small number of the knitted (and crocheted) items that the Knitters for Peace have completed since the beginning of this year. This particular assortment is destined for The Giving Tree at the Cathedral of St. Helena in December.

Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Feel free to join this chatty group at Our Redeemer's on Tuesdays, 11:00am -1:00pm or at the Scenic Brew on Saturdays, 1:00 - 3:00pm.



A Few Ways Our Redeemer's Equips for Ministry

Practice	
Fellowship (living in community)	Caring for each other
Giving (<u>our selves</u> , our time, our money)	• Prayer ministry
Service projects and trips	• Meals in times of need
	• Communion provided at home
• Garden	Caring for our neighbors
• Grounds and building maintenance	
• Committees	• Touchmark worship services
Worship	• Partnerships
• Leadership and facilitation	- Foodshare
• Participation	- Family Promise
	- The Friendship Center
	- Lutheran World Relief
	- Development of our property
Education	
Sermons	Synod assemblies
Classes	Children's and Youth Ministries
Book studies	• Sunday school
Bible studies	• VBS
Preschool	• Retreats
Northern Rockies Institute of Theology, continuing education	• Confirmation
	• Servant trips

Montana Synod Vision, Calling, and Values

Vision

A Montana/N. Wyoming Synod that is continuously building up and equipping one another for the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in people's lives, their communities, the synod, Christ's wider church and God's world.

Calling

Equipping the followers of Christ of the Montana/N. Wyoming for ministry of:

- 1) Building Up the Body of Christ; AND
- 2) Living Christ's Love into the World

Values

1. Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ's grace and love for all
2. Engaging in God's justice for the World, especially the "least of these" (Mt 25)
3. "Walking humbly with God" in all we do and say (Micah 6:8)
4. Pursuing "unity in harmony with diversity" across church and community
5. Promoting relationships and collaboration across the synod and wider church

Early in June, I attended the Annual Assembly for our ELCA Montana Synod. I was stimulated and moved by the powerful reminders that we at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church are a part of the much larger whole of God's Kingdom. We support, and are supported by, the work and prayers of 28,000 baptized members of 120 Montana congregations. Through them and with them we shine the grace-filled Gospel light of Christ into the lives of people throughout our state.

Our synod passes about a third of its income through to the ELCA at the national level, which comprises 8,900 congregations. Those gifts help bring God's tangible presence to people across our country and throughout the world. Additionally, we share in ministry with six Christian denominations who are "full communion partners," including the Presbyterian-USA, Episcopal, and United Methodist churches.

This expansive view of who we are and what we are called to do is reflected in the synod's focus on "Equipping for Ministry." The synod's logo contains that concise mission statement. It is based on Ephesians 4:11-13:

"The gifts [Jesus] gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, **to equip the saints** for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (NRSV)

The Synod's statements of vision, calling, and values strongly reflect this focus (see following). In her report, Bishop Jungling talked about how this focus has always been appropriate, but it is becoming increasingly imperative as the church struggles to provide pastors when and where needed. She reported that, "...over 50% of our congregations are without pastors right now. And with the baby boomers retiring younger, I am expecting more pastors to leave in the next two years either through retirement or transfer out of synod."

I am especially interested in how Ephesians 4 elaborates on Jesus's objectives for equipping "the saints" (i.e., Christ's church, us). Different bible translations use different words, but the NRSV includes equipping:

- ...for the work of ministry
- ...for building up the body of Christ in love, with the aim of producing a unified, mature, and complete faith in and knowledge of Jesus
- ...that we might "grow up" into Christ through speaking the truth in love
- ...that we might be renewed into the likeness of God "in true righteousness and holiness"

We at ORLC are doing an admirable job at equipping for ministry. For example, consider Baird Linke and Shawn Juers, two current seminarians with Our Redeemer's origins. I brainstormed a few more examples shown in the following table; there certainly are many more.

The gifts God has given you are needed in this world now more than ever. Do you feel equipped to serve; to grow into the likeness of God; to help build up, heal, strengthen this congregation, this community, and this world through relationship with the Savior of the World? How could you and your family become better equipped? How could we at Our Redeemer's become better equipped and better equippers? Please share your thoughts. I would love to hear them, and they would very likely serve to build up the body of Christ.

Kevin Mathews
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HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



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

facebook

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.

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



YOUTH SUMMER SERVANT TRIP:



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA DISASTER RESPONSE, SARASOTA, FL
JULY 2-10, 2023

Our youth are partnering with Hope Lutheran Church youth from Bozeman, MT to use their talents and skills to serve others. Luther Springs Bible Camp Staff will meet our team Sunday at Faith Lutheran, Sarasota, FL. We will spend the week working on debris removal and other rebuild projects with Lutheran Disaster Response as well as working alongside Faith Lutheran in their food distribution program. After our work is complete each day we will spend time at the beach enjoying some beach fun, sunset worship and devotions. Thank you to all who have prayed for, encouraged, and supported our youth!

Sponsorship Brunch

Saturday, July 22, 2023 @ 10am

After we return, we will be holding a sponsorship brunch as our special way to say thank you for all of your support and prayers. This will be a meal that is served by the youth and it will be a great opportunity to get to know your sponsored youth better! You will sit at a table with your youth and you will share in their experiences. Likewise, we will present a special program that will give you all sorts of insights into our experience, including a multimedia experience that will include video and still photos from the trip!



Please RSVP to Lori Walter in the church office by calling 406-442-7842 or emailing loriw@ourredeemerlives.org by **July 14**.

Please know that you are making a huge difference in the lives of our youth! Thank you so much!

Stay connected this summer and join ORLC crew for some fun and **FREE** activities! All are welcome! Bring a friend!

July 1 to July 10— Youth Servant Trip with Lutheran Disaster Response to Sarasota, FL

Youth will participate in a week of service, assisting with hurricane relief efforts, and adventure alongside youth from Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman, MT.

July 16 to July 21— Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Week with Jackie

ORLC youth will travel with Jackie to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for an incredible Christ-centered week. Each day offers time for worship, drama, music, crafts, campfire, and play in the sunshine and water.

July 14, August 17—Movie Matinees

Enjoy a free afternoon movie with dinner and treats included at 5pm in the Great Room. All are welcome! Bring friends!

July 14: Coco

August 17: Ratatouille

July 26— Splash 'n Swim

Free family swim night at Last Chance Splash Park from 4:30 to 7pm. Bring soap, shampoo or detergent to donate!

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

GOD'S LOVE



So this July 4th, let's think about how we can help stem the tide of homelessness in our urban areas. That would let freedom ring for *all* of us. [author unknown]

For July, God's Love is asking for some canned vegetables. They received their commodities and it is all canned corn. Yes, they are thankful for corn as everything helps but could definitely use more of a variety when making soups, etc. If you can help with purchasing some canned vegetables - peas, beans, mixed vegetables, etc. they would be very appreciative. And, they are finding themselves in need of twin sized blankets. Actually, they will accept any size as what they can't use on the cots and family beds they place out on a table for taking. Of course, the list is ongoing for basic hygiene needs as they are handed out on a daily basis. This church is very giving and kind, you are exactly what inspires Hunger Team to keep moving forward. Thank you.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED WITH THE GARDEN IN THE LAST MONTH.

On May 22, many of you showed up to plant, weed, and harvest. On June 14, the Vacation Bible School kids planted beans and squash. And on several other occasions, the Boy Scouts, Carroll College students, Hunger Team members, and many more took time to enjoy the beauty of the garden and help with its maintenance.

By mid-June, we had already donated over 100 pounds of lettuce, rhubarb and spinach to Helena Food Share.

AND NOW FOR A SPECIAL INVITATION:

You are invited to join us in the garden on **Monday evenings** (weather permitting) at **6:30**, beginning July 10. Join the Hunger Team and the Boys Scouts as we weed, harvest, and tend the needs of our bountiful garden so that Helena Food Share recipients can receive fresh produce throughout the season.

Bring yourself, your spouse, your children or others to help in this joyful endeavor.

SUMMER MILK CAMPAIGN

You are already making an "udder" difference for our neighbors. As of mid-June, you had donated over \$1100 towards our goal.

The Hunger Team still works tirelessly to secure matching grant monies. So stay tuned! We hope to have more news for you next month.

Our goal is \$21,000. That amount will purchase all the milk for 1100 children each week during the 2023-24 school year.

Checks should be made out to ORLC with "milk money" on the memo line. Milk bottle donations may be left at the Helena Food Share donation display in the church hallway. Online donations can be made at www.ourredeemerlives.org. Follow the links for giving. You will find "milk money" as one of your giving options.



Where is your milk bottle?

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Our Redeemer's will be hosting Family Promise guests the week of **August 20-26**. Needs continue to change for our guests. Church support for these families is even more crucial as the rental assistance monies from the federal government are no longer available to assist families in need of temporary shelter.

Our hosting responsibilities in August consist of the following: overnight hosts (2 each evening); set-up crew on Sunday August 20 and take-down crew on Sunday, August 27; meals for Sunday-Thursday, August 20-24. It truly takes a village (or a congregation) to care for these neighbors.

If you are available for any of these tasks, please contact **Kathy Olson (406) 431-8686, kathyolson8686@gmail.com** our Family Promise volunteer coordinator. She is also the volunteer trainer for our community and would be willing to provide training for those who might need it.

Unfinished Business

- The Council is still in the process of forming a long-range planning committee to examine future needs of our congregation.

New Business

- The Council will host a send-off event for Jackie Bartz on Sunday, July 30. A special reception will be held following the 9:30 worship.
- The Council discussed salaries for Director of Youth Ministry and Director of Worship and Arts staff by examining remuneration for positions at similar-sized ELCA congregations in the Montana Synod. They also made the decision that going forward the part-time Director of Youth Ministry and Director of Children and Family Ministry positions will be paid the same amount.
- Council members and Pastor Trina will meet with potential candidates for an interim part-time Director of Youth Ministry.
- The Council is in the process of forming a search committee for the Director of Worship and Arts position.
- The Council approved these persons to serve on the Personnel Committee: Lori Chase, Sharon Haugen, and Dave Carlson. They will join Lynda Hanson, who presently serves on that committee.
- The Council is making tentative plans for a fall potluck and ministry fair.

Upcoming Programming

- The Council and Pastor Trina discussed the possibility of offering adult education offerings on Biblical interpretation and how those interpretations influence our decisions about social issues.

Linda Nelson
Secretary

Financial Review

Receipts for the ministry fund totaled \$45,102 during the month of May, which was \$6,418 more than May 2022. Building fund donations totaled \$8,716, which was \$405 more than May 2022 but \$2,217 less than the monthly mortgage payment. The council voted to withhold benevolence and dedicated funds for this month. Those payments will be made at a later date. Pastor Trina will write an article for *The Voice* encouraging people to keep their giving up-to-date during the summer months.

Ministry Reports

- Pastor Trina reported that her health has improved, and she plans to be in the office 3-5 hours each day, Monday-Thursday. Several guest preachers will be in the pulpit throughout the summer, including the new Lutheran Campus Ministry pastor from MSU and the new pastor serving the prison ministry in Deer Lodge.
- Vacation Bible School went well. Since two-thirds of the 66 children who attended were outside the church family, this appears to be a great evangelism tool.
- Jackie Bartz and Liz Swenson continue to offer activities and support for the children and youth of our congregation. Jackie's last day at Our Redeemer's will be July 31.
- Preschool has concluded its activities for the school year but will be sponsoring four summer camps. There are about 10 openings for the fall and a very small number of openings for one summer camp at the end of July.
- Jason Callon continues to work with Pastor Trina in planning worship activities. However, beginning May 29, he limited his hours to 10-15 per week. He is now available only on evenings and weekends.

Committee Reports and Miscellaneous Items

- Property Development Committee continues to work with both the city and the county in order to access funds for the purchase of a portion of our church's property for affordable housing.
- The Perpetual Fund recently awarded funds for 2 seminary students (Shawn Juers and Baird Linke), as well as funds for postcard mailings to our church's neighbors and funds to the Hunger Team for the summer milk campaign.
- New signs have begun to appear around the church building. Others will soon be installed.
- The Council is examining ways to upgrade the security system at the church.
- The Council plans to begin work on gathering photos and contact information for a new church directory in the fall.
- Kevin Mathews attended the Synod Assembly in June.
- A new router has been placed in the administrative wing of the church. Further upgrades will be recommended for the future.
- The Constitution Task Force will present their first round of suggested changes at the 2024 annual meeting.
- Council member photos will soon appear on the new bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



Did you know... there is a team of "older guys" who meet for an hour or so every Wednesday morning and discuss any issue that comes to their mind. They often talk about folks in our church who enhance the many ORLC ministries and our mission. However, many of you might not know some of these folks because they work behind the scenes and do not seek or need any acknowledgment. So, each month one of us interviews one of the folks that come to our collective mind and shares some little-known facts about them.

Did you know... **David McHaley** moved to Montana after spending much of his life in San Diego, CA. As you might have guessed, he was a young surfer and served three years at Camp Pendleton in the US Marine Corps and another three years in the reserves. Subsequently, he spent another 15 years as the owner-operator of a landscaping business with his brother. Concurrently he found time also to attend training and become a firefighter in Riverside, CA.

As time passed, David lived in Yuma, AZ, and Chandler, AZ, learning about retail store management, resort management, and food store management.

However, the call of the wild (Phillipsburg, MT) brought David further inland in 1993.

Later he moved to Helena to help his family operate the Rodney Street Laundry. Simultaneously he shared his skills and talent with various community service enterprises, including a side-line gig in janitorial services.

That side-line gig brought him to Our Redeemer's when he answered the call for our custodian position. He has been with us since February 2022. It is David who you can thank for the spic and span look of the church. His knowledge of cleaning chemicals, operating specific equipment, plumbing, carpentry, and janitorial service has been a Godsend to us.

He works tirelessly on floors, walls, windows, and furniture. His work schedule accommodates the church, preschool, and community calendars, ensuring every activity begins in a clean and safe environment; a schedule that often means his coming in early in the day, staying late at night, and working weekends and holidays.

David comments, "This is the best place I have ever worked. People are so nice to me. I just love working here." Well, David, you are so very kind to us, too. Thank you for being so conscientious about your work and relationships. We look forward to our continued time together.



Youth and Family Events

THIS SUMMER!!

Splash 'n Swim Night!

Who: All are welcome!

What: Free family swim night at Last Chance Splash .

*Bring soap, shampoo or detergent to donate!

When: July 26th @4:30PM-7PM

* Contact Liz (liz@ourredeemerlives.org) or Jackie (jackie@ourredeemerlives.org) with questions!



Summer Movie Matinee's!

When: July 14th @5:00PM

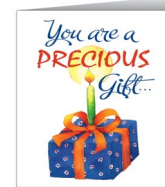
What: *Coco*



*Dinner and movie treats provided! Contact Liz with questions: Liz@OurRedeemerLives.org

When: August 17th @5:00PM

What: *Ratatouille*



July Birthdays!

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

1 Shana DeBoer
Chris Olson
Dale Reagor
2 Randy Coty
Darbie Hess
Sharon Langdorf
Skip Verworn
Shannon Voss
3 Sandy Merdinger
4 Todd Byrne
Nancy Goughnour
5 Andrew Callon
Haley Moseman
Leon Sedlezky
7 Dale Aschim
Mara Flynn
Trevor Holm

8 Jori Mummey
Keanna Thatcher
9 Kim Venetz
Rio Willard
Marlene Williamson
10 Frank Gessaman
Ryan Holm
11 Brenda Mollet
Julie Strong
13 Jim Poore
Kendall Salo
14 Alan Baglien
Jack Avery
Glenn Kenney
Lora McDaid
Ron Morley
Alyssa Plant
15 Isaac Penner
16 Clint Erb

Dee Dee Fischer
Ed Thamke
17 Judy Hoover
Jaymes Skillman
Ben Tintinger
19 Greyson Peck
Tyler Gronley
Bryar Michalson
20 Melanie Ruby
Lori Sandru
21 Sage Ellis
Lillian Liston
Letty Richardson
22 Kim Barry
Jordan Erb
Kyler Maharg
Jan Miller
Lucy Taflan
23 Faith Ebert

Christopher Shaner
24 Olivia Elder
Thad Michalson
Ron Whitmoyer
25 Grant Ellis
Evalena Hemry
26 Erin Den Herder
Jenny Harris
27 Tim Orthmeyer
Story Salsbery
28 Laila Steinhoff
29 John Darlow
Alli Wade
30 Robyin Ericksen
Marilyn Murray
Burt Ward
31 Jim Haubein
Brenna Lawton
Todd Moore
Lauren Wetherell

July Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

Mark & Sharon Langdorf	7/2/1983	40 years
Norm & Karen Mldtlyng	7/12/1980	43 years
Bill & Carrie Engle	7/8/1966	57 years
Del & Audrey Schubring	7/16/1963	60 years

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.

JOIN US Celebrating 80 Years of FLBC FREE CONCERT & PICNIC *All Are Welcome!*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE:
Saturday, July 1, 2023

TIME:
1:00-5:00 PM ~ Camp Activities
5:30 PM ~ Picnic
7:00 PM ~ Concert
featuring *JUSTmove*
Followed by
Campfire & S'mores

LOCATION:
550 Lutheran Camp Rd,
Lakeside, Montana

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED ~ JUST COME!
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BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY

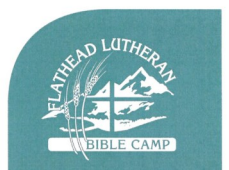
In a time when we are so polarized, how do we build what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called "a beloved community"?

Is it possible for all of us in society to have dignity and value? How can we see cultural differences as a gift that makes us stronger rather than a burden that makes us weaker?

In this powerful interactive experience, co-creators of **JUSTmove: Antiracism Education through the Arts**, David Scherer (AGAPE*) and Joe Davis use storytelling and the arts to help us rethink how we see diversity in ourselves and in our world.

DAVID SCHERER (AGAPE*) has been a trainer and facilitator for 20+ years. He teaches at Luther Seminary.

JOE DAVIS is a poet, teacher, and performer who was recently a keynote presenter for 30,000 people.



Stellar Vacation Bible School 2023

We had a STELLAR week at Vacation Bible School! There were 63 preschool and elementary aged children who joined us as well as 40 willing and devoted volunteers. We learned all about how Jesus shines his light in the darkness. The campers spent the week exploring this theme through crafts, science, games, Bible storytelling, music, snacks and puppet shows. Additionally we also enjoyed water rockets, an engine powered rocket launch and a homemade planetarium. We had a blast! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents this week.


In Christ,
Liz Swenson



July 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 9:30am - Outdoor Summer Worship	3	4 Church office Closed - Independence Day
***** Youth Summer Servant Trip ***** July 1 - 10, 2023 ***** Sarasota, FL		
9 Welcome New Members 9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime 10:40am - Grief Support Group - Conference Room	10	11 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief -CR#5-6 10:30pm - WELCA Board - AD1 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm
16 9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime	17	18 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief -CR#5-6 10:00am - Touchmark Worship and Communion 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 5:30pm - Council Meeting - Community Room
~~~~~ Our Redeemer's week at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp ~~~~~ July 16-21 ~~~~~		
<b>23</b> 9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief -CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
<b>30</b> 9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime 10:30am - Reception for Jackie's last day 10:40am - Caregiver Support Group - Conference Room	<b>31</b>	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>  Youth Summer Servant Trip July 1 - 10, 2023 * Sarasota, FL
<b>5</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm.	<b>6</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>12</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm.	<b>13</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>14</b> 5:00pm - Summer Movie - "Coco" 	<b>15</b> <b>Voice Articles Due</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 1:00pm - WELCA Combined Bible Study -	<b>20</b> 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00am - Sponsorship Brunch
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26 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 4:30pm - Splash 'n Swim Night - Last Chance Splash Park	27 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	28	29