

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

June 2024



You are invited to hear a new thing!

Last month, members of the staff, some of our musicians, and the IT Team participated in a sound system demo in the sanctuary. A local company brought in two systems that are upgrades from what we currently have so we could hear the difference. And did we ever hear a difference...so much so that we want you all to hear it! Please join us on **Thursday, June 13 at 5:30pm** and bring your ears. Light snacks will be provided.

Questions can be directed to Jerry Hoover, Dennis Trotter or Jason Callon.



Welcome to summer...a time to refresh, and recreate, to catch a few fish, and get a few bug bites. It was fun to see so many of you at our first blended worship on May 26. The music sure sounds good with 175 voiced joined together. While some of our committees take some time off in the summer and we pause our Wednesday and Sunday children and youth ministries, there are a lot of opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship this summer, so don't take the summer off from the Our Redeemer's community! Pastor Trina

- June 2** **Spring garden planting** at 10:30am

- June 2** **Let's go for a hike!**
July 14 Leaves from the church after worship at 11:00am
August 18 Led by Gretchen and Blair Krumm

- June 9,16,** **Come experience Confirmation with Dennis Trotter** at 10:30am
23, 30 Explore four New Testament stories
 Magnificent snack cart provided!

- June 10-14** **Vacation Bible School** 9:00am – noon
 Any help is appreciated
 Come for just one or two mornings
 Or join us for a short opening worship at 9:10am

- June 21** **Help with a reception** Noon and 4:00pm
 We honor Mike Caplis and Carla Cronholm this day
 See Charlene Mayala to volunteer

- June 23** **Sing with the choir**
 Open to all, rehearsals to be announced
 See Jim Penner for more information

- June 30** **Singer/songwriter John Hermanson of Storyhill in worship**
 Our first outdoor worship of the season and some really great music!

- July 14, 21,** **Explore faith and doubt with Jason Callon** at 10:30am
28 Using Brian McLaren's book *Faith after Doubt*

- July 21** **Community Fun Night** 4:00 – 7:00 pm
 Art projects, board games, food
 This is for all ages.

- August 7** **Swimming Night** 4:00pm
 Last Chance Splash Waterpark and Pool
 Free! Bring a friend.

- August 10** **WELCA garage sale**
 Get rid of some stuff and buy some more!
 See Charlene Mayala to volunteer

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Don't get tricked by scam emails

Many of you got an email last week that appeared to be from Pastor Trina, asking for help with some vague unnamed task. It was another one of those scam messages. If you respond, eventually you are asked to buy some gift cards or wire money or share personal information.

The crooks are getting more and more clever...the message may call you by name, the address may contain components of our email addresses here at Our Redeemer's. But Pastor Trina or other staff will never send an email or text asking for such things.

If you get something suspicious, give us a call at the office and check on it before you respond.



CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

A small group of individuals providing support for loved ones meets monthly at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in the Conference Room. We will meet on Sunday, June 30 at 10:45am after the single worship service. We strive to listen, share, and walk with one another through our individual journeys. Companionship is provided for your loved one during the hour long meeting.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The grief group will meet Sunday June 2 at 10:45am. All who have suffered loss are invited to join the group. Grief is a confusing journey that each person takes individually. Together we share, lift up and provide a safe place to explore our grief. No two people experience grief in the same way yet we find comfort in knowing we are not alone.



If you wish to speak to one of the leaders during the week or have any questions, please contact us at the following numbers:

Lori Bigwood-Pecarina 406-672-2470 OR Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Touchmark Worship Services

Our Redeemer's members provide a worship and communion service monthly at Touchmark Retirement Community. We will meet Tuesday, June 18 at 10:00am in the forum. Lisa Williams-Mathews LPA, Kevin Mathews LPA, and Sharlene Kolb will provide leadership. If you would like to worship with them and our member residents at Touchmark, you are welcome to attend. Touchmark is located at 915 Saddle Drive.

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Our Redeemer's Church Council

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Wednesday, May 15 at 5:00pm

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June Birthdays!

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



1 Guy Goughnour	Ron Olson	David Fulkerson	Wendy Vukonich
2 Christine Armstrong-Mills	9 Sydney Aschim	19 Jennifer Colegrove	27 Gary Bay
Jennifer Balcerzak	Amelia Dodds	Skylar Rispens	Abbey Begger
Trent Selvig	10 Pat Fischer	20 Chris Boe	Laura Leck
4 Asher Bomar	11 Harry Howell	Tenley Forgey	Alaire Maynard
Carol Will	12 Kylee Wetzell	Lucas Ballantyne	Judy Mickus
5 Nelson Bock	13 Emma Coble	Jack Palmer	Shawn Moore
Dave Carlson	Haydin Henschel	Lisa Richards	Lauren Robertson
Carolyn Meyer	14 Kapri Byrne	22 Emmett Dike	28 Jessica Grimmis
Dale Mickus	Teah Falconer	Trey Tintinger	Beth Johnson
JJ Olson	David Hanson	23 Kit Quinn	Kayme May
Madison Robertson	15 Carly Bergquist	Lily Yearry	Dave Mehl
6 Kaela Burke	Vicki Chapman	24 Lauren Alberts	Diane Tackett
Kellie Guariglia	Cannon Colegrove	Bonnie McFarland	29 Justine Alberts
7 Katie Steinhoff	Zack Horinek	Judy McLean	Kari Christensen
8 Ann Marie Carlson	Eric Meyer	Lynn Voss	Nate Jensen
	16 Ryan Griffeth	25 Bill Hess	30 Jason Callon
	17 Ed Johnson	Randy Huffsmith	Glenn Erickson
	Tiffany Sturdevant	Charlotte MacIntyre	Janet Lauf
	18 Dominic DeFilippis	26 Dylan Hill	Jake Willcut



After a week with our Associate Pastor candidate, who interviewed with the Call Committee and Pastor Trina and met with staff and Council members, the Call Committee has unanimously decided that we will NOT be calling this candidate to serve at Our Redeemer's.

Thank you for your unwavering prayers and support during this rather intense time. Our focus as a Call Committee is to find an individual who is a good fit for Our Redeemer's and will bring the gifts and talents the staff, Pastor Trina and the congregation need to further our many ministries together. We continue to listen to God and trust in the Holy Spirit's direction while we work within the synod's process. However, our focus remains centered on what is best for Our Redeemer's, and we are committed to that purpose. Your understanding and patience have been invaluable to us.

There have been some questions about the synod's process regarding candidates who are not yet ordained (first-call candidates, like our own Baird Linke). Once a pastor is ordained, they are "free agents" who can decide to move from one congregation to another as they feel the Spirit is leading them. The process for someone who has just graduated from seminary and is not yet an ordained pastor is different. In that case, the bishop guides the student to a call that is appropriate for them as they begin their ministry career. So, while we as a congregation cannot nominate a recently graduated student (like Baird), the bishop may present a recently graduated student to us as a candidate. If you have questions about this process, Pastor Trina would be happy to answer them. If you'd like to nominate an ordained pastor for the Call Committee and the congregation to consider for our Associate Pastor position, please pass that information on to a member of the committee.

Abby McLane (chair), Kristi Antosh, Lori Chase, Dee Dee Fischer, Shauna Helfert, Dwight Hiesterman and Craig Linke

June Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

- 40 Years! Kevin & Marie Rauch 6/2/1984**
- 41 Years! Bill & Cheri Goosen 6/25/1983**
- 43 Years! Harry & Sheri Howell 6/27/1981**
- 45 Years! Dennis & Dodie Heffner 6/23/1979**
- 46 Years! Bob & Lyanne DenHerder 6/10/1978**
- 46 Years! David & Sherril Senn 6/11/1978**
- 46 Years! Pat & Linda Lynch 6/17/1978**
- 47 Years! Dan & Ellen Dodds 6/19/77**
- 49 Years! Rick & Vicki Chapman 6/21/75**
- 52 Years! Carl & Kim Anfinson 6/2/1972**
- 52 Years! Tim & Dorothy Cail 6/9/1972**
- 56 Years! Dwight and Roxanne Hiesterman 6/8/1968**
- 56 Years! James and Barbara Penner 6/24/1968**
- 61 Years! Lowell and Joan Anderson 6/23/1963**
- 64 Years! Kenneth & Bonnie Richmond 6/12/1960**



Baptisms

Avery Lee Sitch 5/5/24



Funerals

4/29/24 Richard Allan Oie, Sr.
5/10/24 Norman Howard Rognlie

Confirmation

Ryan Daniel Griffeth 5/5/24
Letty Mae Richardson 5/5/24



PERPETUAL Fund

The Perpetual Fund Committee is pleased to announce that grants and scholarships from the Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church Perpetual Fund and Seminary Scholarship Fund are available for qualified applicants and projects in 2024.

Awards from the Perpetual Funds are intended to enhance specific Our Redeemer's missions and ministries which have not received funding from the general or designated church giving. Examples of acceptable areas include:

1. The ELCA's missions at home and abroad include professional leadership, educational ministries, global missions, and social ministries.
2. Outreach into the community, including grants to campus ministries, social service agencies, and special programs in our parish area for those in spiritual and/or economic need.
3. Scholarships or grants to members of Our Redeemer's for church-related education, church-related leadership conferences, or training, which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people.

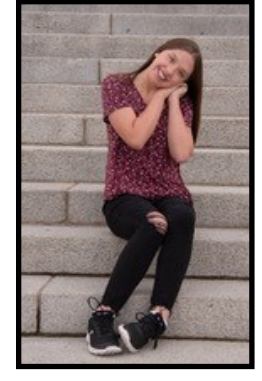
Seminary scholarship funds are available to Montana Lutheran students in good standing from local area sources who are enrolled in or attending an ELCA seminary.

Call Lori Chase at 410-271-5841 for additional information or clarification. Electronic applications are available for Perpetual fund requests.

MEET THE GRADUATES

Brisies Gauer

Brisies is the daughter of Cassandra Gauer and is graduating from Helena High School.



Bri has been active in Cheerleading, choir and community activities. Whenever she comes to worship with her family or pops in the door on Wednesday nights she always has a bright infectious smile on her face.

Brisies will be taking a year off and then has plans to go to Montana State.

Kash Helfert

Kash is the son of Erik and Shauna Helfert and is graduating as an Honor Student from Capital High School.



Kash is an avid golfer. He played for Capital for all four years, making it to the National PGA Championship in Texas. Kash also enjoys bowling, boating and fishing. He is active as a unified coach with Special Olympics in both track and field and bowling.

Kash's future plans involve everything and anything golf. He plans to pursue a career in turf management.

Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be in dread of them. For it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

-Deuteronomy 31:6

Isaac Penner

Isaac is the son of Brett and Julie Penner and will be graduating from Helena High School.

Isaac has been involved with the Track team throwing javelin, he started a chess club, played baseball for many years and pitched for the Reps. He earned Life Scout status in Scouts and won 1st place in the bridge building competitions this year. He also won the Top Gun Award at Aviation Challenge in Hunsville, AL in

2021. In addition, he also helps with streaming the worship services on Sunday mornings.

Isaac loves to golf, play basketball, and play video games. After graduation he plans to take a long trip with his Grandma Barb.

Dane Quinn

Dane is the son of Kim and Patrick Quinn and is graduating as a Valedictorian from Capital High School.



Dane has also been involved with the Varsity Soccer team, the Varsity Basketball team, and National Honors Society. In addition to all of his achievements, he has also been apart of the youth ministry here at the church. One of his favorite places is FLBC where he has been both a camper and has been apart of the FLBC retreats hosted by ORLC.

Dane will be attending Carroll College to major in Accounting and play soccer for the Saints.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

-Philippians 4:13

Katie Steinhoff



Katie is the daughter of Laura Leck and John Steinhoff and will be graduating from Capital High School.

Katie has been involved in youth ministry here at the church for a very long time. She is a natural leader for the younger youth. She has a fun and curious nature that many gravitate too.

Katie has been the Speech and Debate Captain for three years, is on the Rugby team and plays guitar and bass guitar. Katie will be attending MSU in the fall to study Biomedical Engineering and Spanish.

And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman.

-Ruth 3:11



Long Term Prayer Concerns

Help us update our Long Term Prayer Concerns list by calling the church office, 406-442-7842.

Our Members

Phyllis Bauer
Janet Benson
Richard Carey

Roberta Carey
Jim Haubein
Noreen Johnson

Carol Kimble
Mark Langdorf
Dale Mickus

Nikki MacMillan
Lorna Meyer
Julie Mehl

Ron Paulson
Laurie Simms
Ruth Straley

A new year means updating our prayer list. Please reach out to Lori Walter with prayer requests. LoriW@OurRedeemerLives.org or 406-442-7842

Our Family and Friends

Luke Brown (brother of Charlie Brown)
Brandon Erickson (son of Janet & Glenn Erickson)
Sawyer Ewan (cousin of Mary & Mark Robertson)
Millie Johnson (wife of Ed Johnson)
Danny McCaughan (nephew of Lori & Dave Swenson)
Scott Linke (brother of Craig Linke)

Our Seminarians

Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Brandon Bach
Kyle Begger
Erin DenHerder
Kellan Elder
Travis Elder
Micah Emmons
Jessilyn Emmons
Grant Gagnon
Adam Guay

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

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

Scott Pocha
Tanner Reddig
Cody Stipcich
Darrell Stipcich
Victoria Stipcich
Tait Strom
Andrew Zimmer

Community Garden Planting Party

Join us in the Our Redeemer's Community Garden on Sunday, June 2, for a planting party. We will be planting plants raised by Carroll College students and seeds collected at the community garden seed swap. All food raised in the half of the garden we will work in will be donated to Helena Food Share.

Wear your garden duds to church, and take time for coffee and cookies after church, then head to the garden. Bring a kneeling pad and garden gloves unless you have a favorite trowel; we have a bucket full of them in the garden. Many hands make light work, and green thumbs are not required.



Did You Know?

A conversation with Delores Rosin about her history at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church is a most joyous gift! If you don't know her, introduce yourself and enjoy her delightful stories! The highlights of her faith journey below are in her own words.

Still, the part that's NOT included is the incredible inspiration Delores's faithful and joyful serving and mentoring have been for so very many of us in this congregation!



It was years before I knew that God was forming a plan for my life. My husband, Larry, and I grew up in a farming community between Fairfield & Power, MT. His family were members of a little Lutheran Church (St. Paul) a few miles from my home. I had been baptized in the Lutheran Faith as a small child, but now circumstances made it difficult for me to attend this church. When I was nine, two neighbor families offered to pick me up each week for Sunday School and Worship. These faith-filled people

were part of God's plan! I learned of God's love for me through dedicated Pastors & teachers. At 14, I confirmed my faith and began teaching Sunday School, Summer Bible School & singing in the adult choir. It was at Luther League, (youth group) that I became aware of Larry....the rest is history!

In 1969, our family moved to Helena and were led to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. The congregation was ten years old and was worshipping in the small Fireside Room. It didn't take long for our family to become involved. I joined WELCA, Circle Bible Study, and choir, and I helped start and work the annual fall bazaars, sewed quilts for Lutheran World Relief and the community Friendship Center. I was privileged to help plan the kitchen in our new church. For several years, Larry and I were in charge of the funeral receptions and took care of mailing the Voice Newsletter each month. We asked retired members to help, which became a fun activity for all. Larry ushered on Sundays and helped to start a men's "coffee" group, which is still going strong. He helped maintain the property and building and made lasting friendships. Did I mention the gallons of paint he went through to keep all rooms in good condition?

I have seen this congregation enthusiastically plan and build a new sanctuary at our former location and put the same dedicated time and effort into constructing our new church on Benton Avenue. I have observed members rallying together during difficult situations, prayerfully led by the Spirit. I am thankful for leaders who make important decisions and keep us going in the right direction.

Though Larry passed away in 2019, his words live on... "Whether I'm here to worship or to change a burned-out light bulb, I know it's where I want to be. While I'm here to serve, I also receive countless blessings...in a warm handshake of welcome, support, and encouragement when I need it most... sharing laughter and joy when things are going well for me".

Delores concluded an earlier writing by saying, "CERTAINLY THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SINCE MY CONFIRMATION. IT WAS DIFFERENT FOR MY CHILDREN AND NOW FOR MY GRANDCHILDREN, BUT LET THE CHANGES COME!!! God has promised all generations . . . "My Spirit abides among you; fear not." Haggai 2: 5



JUNE 2: Wildflower Hike

On June 2, we have a special treat for you—a Wildflower hike at Skidway Campground. Located on US Highway 12 in the Deep Creek Canyon, about 21 miles east of Townsend, this hike offers two options. You can choose a one-mile hike up to a meadow that is usually adorned with a stunning array of wildflowers. From there, you can either head back to your cars for a 2-mile out and back trip, or continue on a loop trail that is about 4-4.5 miles round trip back to the campground.

Leashed dogs are welcome to join. We'll meet in the south church parking lot at 11am for carpooling and departure. Remember to bring lunch and water; bear spray is recommended for your safety.

Join us this SUMMER...

◆ All events are FREE for the whole family!

June - August - KidTime all Summer

June 2 - Family Hike

June 10-14 - Vacation Bible School

June 23-28 - Our Redeemer's @ FLBC

July 14 - Family Hike

July 28-Aug 2 - Our Redeemer's @ FLBC

August 7 - Suds 'N Swim @ Last Chance, 4:00pm

August 18 - Family Hike

August 25 - Blessing of the Backpacks Service

Contact Liz with questions: liz@ourredeemerlives.org



VBS Donations



Thank you to all who have graciously donated items for VBS!

All donations can be dropped off in the ORLC office.



Vacation Bible School 2024

Theme: *SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God!* Kids will take an undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.



Dates: June 10 - 14, 2024

Hours: 9:00am - Noon, Monday thru Friday

Age: PK-5th Grade (4 years old by Sept. 2024)

Price: Only \$10! (The church helps to cover the remainder of our expenses.)

REGISTER by May 31: Follow the link below or use the QR code to register your child for our upcoming VBS, we can't wait to see you there!

<https://forms.gle/ZsVRqrmizqAeZKEZ6>



Contact Liz for more information, liz@ourredeemerlives.org.



VBS Opening Worship

All Are Welcome!!

We hope you will join us for opening worship each day during Vacation Bible School on **June 10 -14, 9:10am-9:40am**. We will sing, listen to a short message from our puppet friends and participate in a camp style worship. All are welcome and encouraged to join - see you there!

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

GOD'S LOVE

After careful consideration and prayer, Bruce and Judy McMaster will no longer be Our Redeemer's liaisons for God's Love. They served in this position for over nine years and feel it is time for new ideas and/or a different direction. If you are interested in being a liaison for God's Love, please contact Judy McMaster at judy1950@bresnan.net or Kathy Olson at kathyolson8686@gmail.com. You would become part of The Hunger Team that meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The Hunger Team thanks this amazing congregation for all their prayers, support and giving through the years for God's Love. We continue to be blessed and are extremely grateful for you.

DON'T FORGET THE MILK!

The summer milk campaign for Helena Food Share launched on Sunday, May 12. Our goal for the summer is \$22,500, which will provide milk for 1500 kid pack recipients each week during the 2024-25 school year. Each and every donation from the congregation is greatly appreciated. Monthly updates will be provided as the campaign continues through August 31.

The campaign launched with over \$2000 in the fund, thanks to a grant of \$800 from the Montana Synod Hunger Team and a matching amount of over \$1200 from Our Redeemer's Hunger Team.

Cash, checks, and online giving are options for your contributions as you enter this busy season. Cash donations may be left at the Helena Food Share display in the hallway. Checks should be made out to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church with "Milk Money" on the memo line. Online donations can be made at the donation page on the website, www.ourredeemerlives.org, or with the QR code listed.



Family Promise

Many thanks to the everyone who served as an overnight host, a food host, or helped with set-up and tear-down for our recent Family Promise host week! A special thank you to the Our Redeemer's staff for your flexibility in sharing your space and to Phyllis Michaelson (volunteer coordinator), Linda Nelson (meal coordinator), Linda Coty (overnight host coordinator) and Bruce and Judy McMaster (set-up/tear down coordinators). Our guests were so appreciative!

Next hosting week will be August 18-24. If you would like to learn more about Family Promise, please contact Kathy Olson at 406-431-8686.

Kendra Wilde Hunger Endowment Fund

The Hunger Team recently designated 2024 first quarter funds of \$315.90 to the United Way's Housing First campaign. These funds are used to purchase and refurbish the Helena Inn for sustainable housing. Housing will be provided for those who qualify for housing vouchers through the Housing and Urban Development program.

If you wish to contribute to this ongoing fund, designate checks to Our Redeemer's with Wilde Endowment Fund on the memo line.

In the Garden

Thank you to Carroll College Gardening Class for their help preparing the garden in April. They persevered through all kinds of weather and got the Our Redeemer's Community Garden ready for the season. **VBS kids** will help to plant squash and beans once again, as is the Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church tradition - thank you! Thank you also to **Boy Scout Troop #1207**. They will be lending a hand in the garden 6:30 – 7:30pm most Monday evenings this summer starting June 17. Join the chaos (I mean, fun) if you can! Finally, thank you for **monetary donations** made to the Garden Fund. It is greatly appreciated.

Short on cash? **Donations of grass clippings** are also appreciated! No poison allowed (including 'Weed and Feed'). Please unload clippings in the designated area south of the hen house (there are signs). Watch for opportunities to **donate your time** in the garden. Or just stop by to soak up the beauty! See you there!

Church Council Organizational Plan

The Church Council has been working on an organizational plan for the last several months. Their goal is to be more responsive to the needs of the congregation and to improve communication between the Council and the many ministries of Our Redeemer's. Every member of the Council chose a ministry that spoke directly to their passions. In the upcoming months, someone from the Council will be reaching out to you, if you are a leader in any of the following ministries. Also, if you are involved in a ministry in the church that does not seem to be represented here, please reach out to Pastor Trina or to Ingrid Childress, Council President.

Each Council member's contact information is included in every issue of The Voice.

Outreach Ministry - Linda Nelson and Mary Kay Linke

- ◇ Hunger Team
- ◇ Lutheran World Relief Donations - organized by WELCA at Our Redeemer's
- ◇ Additional local assistance (Sew in Love and Knitters for Peace)

Faith Formation - Tracy Moseman and Sarah Sampson

- ◇ Preschool - Preschool Director
- ◇ Children and Family Ministry - Liz Swenson
- ◇ Youth Ministry - Steph Richardson, Interim
- ◇ Adult Education - Pastors and Deacons

Worship - Edward Johnson and Kevin Mathews

- ◇ Music - Jason Callon
- ◇ Worship Assistance (Jason Callon and Altar Guild)

Congregational Care and Fellowship - Julie Penner and Jennifer Colegrove

- ◇ Fellowship Groups - Singles group, men's coffee group, young adult group, etc.
- ◇ Support and Care groups - Care givers support group and grief support group
- ◇ Congregational support - Sunday fellowship, funeral receptions, care team, hospital visits, new member support, Eucharistic ministries, prayer shawl ministry and meal ministries

Finance - Tracey Tintinger

- ◇ Perpetual Fund
- ◇ Audit Committee
- ◇ Financial Review Committee

Facilities and Administration - Ingrid Childress, Attila Fohnagy

- ◇ Building and grounds - including IT issues, Earth care, and Property development
- ◇ Administration - Stewardship, Long-range planning, Personnel and Nominating committee

April Financial Review and Action

Because of your generous and faithful giving (\$70,914 for the month of April), the Council approved the payment of all expenses for the month. This action includes a payment of \$11,019.72 to the Building Fund, \$3880.90 to Dedicated Fund, and \$2836.54 to the Montana Synod. These payments still leave a cash balance of \$44,399.60. It was noted that the property taxes of \$9729.97 are due on May 31.

Ministry and Committee Reports

- ◆ Call Committee
 - ◇ Abby McLane reported on the progress of the Call Committee for an associate pastor. The committee decided not to issue a call to the recent candidate but requests names of potential candidates to be sent to the Committee, as they continue to search for a suitable candidate for our church.
- ◆ Pastor Trina and Staff Reports
 - ◇ Worship numbers have improved considerably at both worship services. Stewardship, IT, Facilities, and Long Range Planning Committees are meeting regularly and will update the congregation when they have plans to share.
 - ◇ Pastor Trina, Ingrid Childress, and Attila Foinagy will attend the Synod Assembly May 31 - June 1.
 - ◇ A Women's Retreat will be held in Three Forks the first weekend in October.
- ◆ Property Development
 - ◇ The committee is still waiting for a response from Rocky Mountain Development Council.
- ◆ Outreach Ministries—Linda Nelson
 - ◇ Hunger Team activities are listed elsewhere in The Voice.
 - ◇ Lutheran World Relief recently picked up donations from Our Redeemer's for this year: 275 quilts, 36 baby kits, 89 school kits, and 139 personal care kits. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, assembled kits, and packed them for delivery.
 - ◇ Sew in Love meets every Thursday morning in the quilting room. They provide handmade items and personal hygiene items for every woman at The Friendship Center and the YWCA, as well as providing small fleece blanket for every child. Their needs include cotton fabric for quilts and tote bags; small tubes of unopened toothpaste, soaps, and shampoos; individual coffee mugs/cups (no themed mugs or cups, please); and individual Christmas mugs (generic, and **not religious**). Donations may be left in the Quilt Room.
 - ◇ Knitters for Peace meet every Tuesday at 11:00am. They donate prayer shawls, as well as handknitted items for Lutheran World Relief. They also provide handknitted items for several local and statewide charitable organizations.
- ◆ Preschool
 - ◇ The Council adopted the 2024-25 preschool budget.

Unfinished Business

- ◆ Council Organization—Please see the complete organization information in a separate article in this month's Voice.
- ◆ Photo Directory—Julie Penner
 - ◇ Printed versions of the photo directory will be available after worship services.
 - ◇ A donation box will be provided, to help cover expenses of these printed copies.

Linda Nelson, Secretary



Preschool Update - Recruiting Board Members and Hello Summer!

Our classes finished up just before Memorial weekend. We had fun end-of-year programs and all our little "graduates" received completion certificates!

We have several board members that have served for multiple years on our Preschool Board that are now transitioning out. This group serves as an advisory board to our preschool, and meets on a monthly basis. The Board is a diverse group; some are educators, some are not; some have children in preschool and some don't. If you are passionate about our preschool and would enjoy serving in this capacity, now may be the time! Please contact Kris Thatcher at 406-442-7842, ext. 20, or stop by the preschool office and visit.

Three of our four summer camps are booked; we still have a few openings in our MT Wildlife Camp that is scheduled for July 15-19. Registration forms are available throughout the church or on our preschool web page.

We have a few openings remaining in our fall registration for 4 and 5-year-olds. Please share if you know anyone that is looking for a great preschool! Thank you.

As the school year closes, we once again thank you for your generous and ongoing support of our preschool. This is such an endearing program and fills our hearts to be able to make a difference in these little children's lives.

Kris Thatcher, Alenna Maw, Marie Grissom and Wendy Vukonich



Volunteers Needed:

Are you looking for a meaningful serving opportunity? Altar Guild is looking for new members! Preparing the Lord's Supper is a wonderful way to serve God and others.

Duties include:

- Cleaning the Altar area.
- Setting up Holy Communion before the 8:30am service.
- Cleaning up after the 11:00am service.

We also decorate the church for Christmas as a group. You will be assigned a mentor to learn these duties.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Lisa Williams-Mathews at 406-465-5580 or email at lewm03@gmail.com

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AD = Administrative Wing
CR = Classrooms
PS = Preschool

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:30am - Community Garden Planting Party 10:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Room 11:00am - Wildflower Hike - Meet in south parking lot of church	3 10:00am - Staff Meeting 4:00pm - Long-Range Planning Meeting - Conference Rm.	4 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief -CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Young Adult Group - Lewis & Clark Brewery
9 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 10:30am - Confirmation experience with Dennis Trotter	10 ***** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	11 9am - Noon - Monday - Friday ***** 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm
16 Outdoor Worship 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Confirmation experience with Dennis Trotter	17 10:00am - Staff Meeting	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 6:30pm - Young Adult Group - Lewis & Clark Brewery
23 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:30am - Confirmation experience with Dennis Trotter	24 10:00am - Staff Meeting	25 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief -CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
~~~~~ Our Redeemer's kids to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp ~~~~~		
<b>30</b> Outdoor Worship  <b>9:30am - Worship with John Hermanson</b> 10:30am - Confirmation experience with Dennis Trotter 10:45pm - Caregiver's Support Group - Conference Room		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>5</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 11:30am - Bible Study - Conference Room 5:30pm - VBS Volunteer Orientation	<b>6</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6  ~~~~~Middle School Lock-In~~~~~	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ***** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9am - Noon - Monday - Friday *****	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <span style="background-color: yellow;">Voice Articles Due</span>
<b>19</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 1:00pm - WELCA Bible Study - Great Room	<b>20</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>21</b> 10:00am - Mike Caplis' Memorial - Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 12:00pm - Mike Caplis' reception - Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church 3:00pm - Carla Cronholm's Memorial - Fort Harrison Pavillion 4:00pm - Carla Cronholm reception - Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church	<b>22</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm.	<b>27</b> ~~~~~ Our Redeemer's kids to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp ~~~~~	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



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