

# OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

August 2025



## CREATION HIKES

### AUGUST 3: TROUT CREEK CANYON

This is an out-and-back hike that is relatively flat and offers impressive views of limestone cliffs rising 1,000 feet above the narrow creek bed and trail. The group can decide how long to make this hike. The full-length out-and-back is 6 miles round-trip, but can obviously be made shorter. The trail begins at Vigilante Campground, where vault toilets are available. Vigilante Campground is located 6.7 miles past the town of York. Remember to bring a lunch and water. We will eat lunch at the cars before hiking. Bear spray is recommended for your safety. We will meet in the Great Room at church at 11:00am to arrange carpooling before departure.



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As many of you know, there are a lot of needs after a person and/or a family has moved. You have to get all the legal paperwork, such as car titles, moved to the new state. You need to replace things that were destroyed in the wild ride of the U-Haul. You need to fill a pantry again (thank you again for all the gift cards!). But, more than anything, you need to find some peace and happiness in the new place.

I'm sure we have all heard and indulged in the concept of a "happy place." For some, it's an overstuffed recliner with the correct team sport playing on a large TV. For others, it is a beach that is a long, long, long way from responsibility. For our family, it looks different to each person as well. For Ben, it is in his room, the door closed, and a guitar screaming through an amplifier. For Abi, it is a craft project spread all over, and music is playing on a Bluetooth speaker. For Annie, it is an Americano on a deck with the phones tucked away (porch swing is a bonus).

For me, the happiest of places is on a trail. As I have traveled around and gained experience in the outdoors, I have come to realize that almost any trail will do. Trees, rocks, steep climbs, rolling hills, water, desert... as long as it is mostly dirt and moving away from civilization, I'm a very happy person. And, I have to say, I am really thrilled with the trails we have already found around Helena.

There are many reasons that trails are where I find happiness. I get to use all the gear that I love. I am dependent upon the skills I have carefully curated over the years. But, perhaps most importantly, it is the time I finally remember to do my own form of praying. I have never been a person who has benefited much from formal prayer. I love writing and leading them, but they are not the primary way I communicate with the Divine.

Rather, my form of prayer is a conversation that is spread out over hours and miles. It is informal. It starts and stops without much rhythm. And, to be quite honest, it can be a bit rowdy/emotional at times. As I walk my chosen dirt path for the day, God will hear everything that is on my heart. There will be joys and delights. There will be sadness and grief. There will be anger and doubt. And, yes, people have caught me mid-conversation before and looked at me as if I were growing a third arm.

Our Gospel for July 27, was Luke's telling of Jesus' teaching on prayer (Luke 11:1-13). It is a passage that is fertile ground for interpretation and reflection. But, I think more than anything, it reminds us to remain in communication with God. It urges us never to stop talking with God about the things that rest upon our hearts... sometimes heavy, sometimes light. This is admittedly difficult in a world filled with endless noise and distractions. It takes deliberate time and effort. Perhaps, it takes a deliberate place as well. Maybe it should always be a part of our 'happy place'... whether that is a recliner or a ridgeline. Wherever that place may be, I hope you find a space where you are reminded that the Divine wants us never to stop talking, never stop whispering, never stop yelling.

Peace!  
Pastor Adam

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

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Another fall is approaching and it is a time for students to return to school and fall schedules to resume.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church will have a Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone Celebration on **Sunday, August 24** at the **9:30am** worship.

We are inviting **ALL** students (preschool through college) to come with their backpack or school bag. The students will be invited to bring their backpacks forward during worship to have them blessed and will receive a small token to remember that God is always with you!

\*Contact Liz at [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) with questions!



## Join us this SUMMER...

**August** - KidTime all Summer

**August 24** - Blessing of the Backpacks

\* Please keep an eye on your email throughout the summer for more information about events!

Contact Liz with questions; [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org)



**Summer** KidTime, for children age 3 and up, will continue through the summer at the 9:30 service. Hope to see you there!

REGISTRATION is open for all Middle School and Confirmation events. Use the QR code to pull up the registration form.



Who: Middle Schoolers and friends

When: Wednesday, October 15 - Thursday, October 16

Where: Ulm, MT

More details to come next month.

Mark your calendars and save the date.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 20** - Middle School Night, 6:00 - 8:00pm

**August 24** - Blessing of the Backpacks during worship.

**September 10** - Confirmation Orientation, 6:00 - 7:00pm

**September 14** - Slip N' Slide Kickball Kickoff, 4:00 - 6:00pm

**September 17** - Youth Wednesday Nights with Confirmation begins, 6:00 - 8:00pm

**October 15 -16** - Middle School Fall Retreat

## Kickoff Slip N' Slide Kickball Event!

When: Sunday, September 14, 4:00 - 6:00pm

Bring your friends and family for an all youth fall kick off at church.

Liz will have things for the littles, while the bigs play kickball. We are going to spoil your dinner with ice cream as well.



## Sunday Gatherings in the Loft



Starting on Sunday, September 21 from 9:45-11:15am in the Loft, Steph and other adults over the school year will be offering a Sunday morning gathering for Middle School and High School students. This is a casual time to gather with a simple reflection on the mornings Biblical text and how it might relate to our own lives today.

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

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Friday, August 15 at 5:00pm

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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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Liaison: Congregational Care and Fellowship



### August Birthdays!

Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!

- |                  |                      |                   |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 John Ericksen  | 11 Charlotte Neill   | Bryce Sampson     |
| Bill Schulz      | 13 Dorothy Morrison  | 22 Kathy Gessaman |
| 2 Reese Wickens  | 15 Alayna Boe        | Charlie Gorman    |
| 4 Carter Mummey  | Rose Oelkers         | Morgan May        |
| Julia Sinel-Barr | Claire Palmer        | 23 Pam Strand     |
| Brady Swenson    | Dan Wickens          | 26 Byron Dike     |
| 5 Ellen Dodds    | 16 Pat Lynch         | 27 Dan Dodds      |
| Nora Richards    | Asher Welch          | Stacy Grimmis     |
| 6 Ben Vukonich   | 17 Clint Mingay      | Autumn Keller     |
| Kenzie White     | 18 Ray Brekke        | 28 Craig Linke    |
| 7 Judy McMaster  | Mona Erb             | Carl Nordberg     |
| Rob Williams     | 19 Dorothy Cail      | 29 Abbey DeLaHunt |
| 8 Dodie Heffner  | Amy Mingay           | 30 Gretchen Krumm |
| 9 Beth Barry     | 20 Hildegard Fohnagy | 31 Ryan McLane    |
| 10 Deena Verworn | Cort Jensen          | Ruth Oie          |

### 90+ YEARS OLD

Let's celebrate our friends who have turned 90 years or older this month by sending them a birthday card.

Dorothy Morrison (age 91 - August 13)  
890 Flat Rock Loop #C  
Helena, MT 59602

Rose Oelkers (age 91 - August 15)  
524 Burnham Pl  
Helena, MT 59601



### Funerals

7/18/2025 Adeline Mahlum



### Happy Anniversary

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

Toni & Jerry Guay	8/8/1980	45 years
Glenn & Janet Erickson	8/9/1969	56 years
Terry & Linda Young	8/10/1968	57 years
Herb & Diana Kulow	8/20/1966	59 years
Pat & Linda Keim	8/30/1964	61 years



### Baptisms

7/12/2025 Caden John Davies  
7/21/2025 Olivia Grace Lamb

## high school.

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REGISTRATION is open for all High School events. Use the QR code to pull up the registration form.



Who: High Schoolers and friends.  
When: Thursday, October 16 - Friday, October 17  
Where: Ulm, MT  
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## youth ministry.

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### Children's Ministry Registration

Please follow this link to register for the 2025-2026 Children's Ministry Christian educational opportunities OR use the following QR code.



<https://forms.gle/YxSScdCAzZ5jMqLJ9>

### Middle School Ministry Registration

Please follow this link to register for the 2025-2026 Middle School Ministry Christian educational opportunities OR use the following QR code.



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### High School Ministry Registration

Please follow this link to register for the 2025-2026 High School Ministry Christian educational opportunities OR use the following QR code.



<https://forms.gle/TrFz7BcmYLNszfHk9>



All youth ministry classes begin the week of **September 14**.  
A letter with more detailed information will be sent home soon.  
Please contact Liz Swenson, [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) or Steph Richardson, [steph@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:steph@ourredeemerlives.org) with questions.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 17, 2025

The full Church Council did not meet during July. The Executive Committee of the Council met on Sunday, July 13, to handle immediate business. The general receipts for the Ministry Fund totaled \$55,272 for June (\$18,024 more than June 2024!). Your generosity is amazing. Because of some additional expenses incurred during June, the Executive Committee moved to hold the Building Fund amount of \$9,360 and the Dedicated Fund of \$1,336.76 to keep a positive cash balance of \$12,125.24. As monies come in throughout the summer, it is anticipated that these funds can be forwarded to the Mission Investment Fund in the near future.

Summer activities have included two groups of campers going to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in July, as well as vibrant Sunday morning worship with consistently high attendance. The HolyCow! survey results were shared with congregational leaders and staff on Wednesday, July 23. A summary of the results will soon be available for the entire congregation.

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## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool teachers are eagerly preparing their classrooms and curriculum for the upcoming year. Classrooms and toys are being deep-cleaned, and plans are being made to begin the process of possibly beginning to purchase new playground equipment. We will have new student orientations at the end of the month, and we look forward to meeting our new and returning kids. Brenda continues to help Kristen ease into the role of director and the responsibilities that come with it. We are enjoying the last few weeks of summer and soaking up all the sunshine.

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## SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

Several people have recently asked about the status of the congregation's solar project, so here is an update:

Our application for a grant from NorthWest Energy was completed and submitted before the May 1 deadline. We now await the grant selection committee's determination of which applicants will receive grants. Based on our experience with previous applicants, the committee typically makes its decisions four to five months after the application deadline. Therefore, we may not know whether we will receive one of those grants until late summer. Additionally, the federal 30% grant program for nonprofits has been paused by the Trump administration, despite the funds having been previously appropriated by Congress. A federal court has ordered the administration to release those funds, but the administration has failed to comply. So those funds are in limbo. The upshot of all this is that once we hear from NorthWest Energy, we will need to determine the status of the federal program at that point in time and then decide whether and how to move forward with our project. For further questions, please contact Nelson Bock (nbock6552@gmail.com).

## LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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

### Our Members

<b>Gordon Blomquist</b>	<b>Jim Haubein</b>	<b>Chloe MacIntyre</b>	<b>Ron Pecarina</b>
<b>Richard Carey</b>	<b>Greg Johnson</b>	<b>Lorna Meyer</b>	<b>Elmer Strong</b>
<b>Roberta Carey</b>	<b>Noreen Johnson</b>	<b>Dale Mickus</b>	<b>Mary Williams</b>
<b>George Hafer</b>	<b>Carol Kimble</b>	<b>Julie Mehl</b>	

### Our Family and Friends

**Emmitt Budy** (Dwight Hiesterman)  
**Danny McCaughan** (nephew of Lori & Dave Swenson)  
**Scott Linke** (brother of Craig Linke)  
**Ron Paulson** (former member)  
**Jacki Riley** (sister of Lori Walter)

### Our Seminarian

**Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers**

### Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

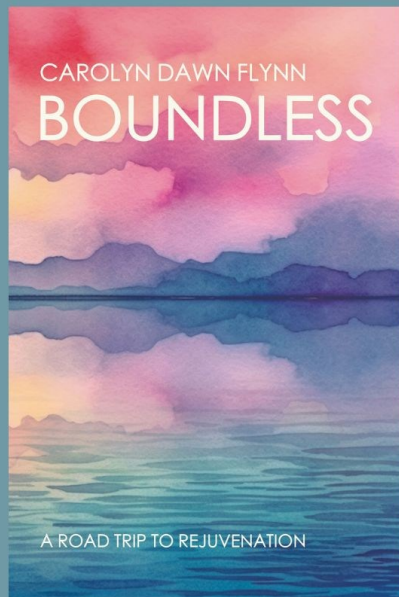
<b>Brandon Bach</b>	<b>Adam Guay</b>	<b>Cody Johnson</b>	<b>Chris Oelkers</b>
<b>Kyle Begger</b>	<b>Ryan Girard</b>	<b>Colton Johnson</b>	<b>Scott Pocha</b>
<b>Connor Brown</b>	<b>Austin Grieve</b>	<b>Chance McDowell</b>	<b>Tanner Reddig</b>
<b>Erin DenHerder</b>	<b>Travis Gronley</b>	<b>Kent McGowan</b>	<b>Cody Stipcich</b>
<b>Kellan Elder</b>	<b>Charlie Heidbreder</b>	<b>Dean McLain</b>	<b>Darrell Stipcich</b>
<b>Travis Elder</b>	<b>Roger Henschel</b>	<b>Sawyer Linke</b>	<b>Victoria Stipcich</b>
<b>Micah Emmons</b>	<b>Paul Horst</b>	<b>Erin Mills</b>	<b>Tait Strom</b>
<b>Jessilyn Emmons</b>	<b>Anela Hemry</b>	<b>Brian Neal</b>	<b>Andrew Zimmer</b>
<b>Grant Gagnon</b>	<b>Wade Hemry</b>	<b>Keith Nordquist</b>	

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## THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the prayers and concerns, calls, visits, cards, and meals during my recent surgery and recovery. I'm so grateful for everything you've done! It all helped me so much.

God bless you all,  
Dorothy Morrison



## A Memoir & Mini-Retreat

Deepening our Experience of God's Story, through reflecting on One Woman's Story

Helena women, You are invited to meet author Carolyn Flynn!

Refreshments  
Opening Meditation  
Presentation  
Conversation



**WHEN** September 28, 2:30-4:30 PM

**WHERE** St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

**RSVP** Rev. Kendra Wilde  
rector@spchelena.org

## A Becoming-of-Age Story

*introduced by author, Carolyn Dawn Flynn*

"This story is set at the intersection where the youthful coming-of-age narrative collides with the vanishing horizon of middle age—that's why I call it a becoming-of-age story. As I seek to revive my dreams, I must protect the hopes and dreams of my twins. The true test comes when every part of my identity as mother and journalist is stripped from me. As I am consumed with panic attacks and thoughts of ending my life, I discover that you can do the True Self no harm and then begin to find the path to reinvention."

*Pr. Valerie and Carolyn became friends in 2018 as students of Fr. Richard Rohr at the Center for Action and Contemplation's Living School. They see each other at Christian Contemplative retreats and join with other members of their cohort for weekly centering prayer sits and monthly circle groups.*

## HUNGER TEAM NEWS

### Community Garden

Won't you come into our garden?

Stop by and smell the flowers and check out the bounty. The garden produces, in spite of the fact that the Helena Food Share plots are suffering without a garden manager this summer.

The south half of the garden is dedicated to Helena Food Share. You can help us rescue the vegetable plants in that section by removing the bindweed vine. Stop by the garden at your convenience to liberate the veggies bound for hungry families at Helena Food Share. Peek inside the walls of water that protect our tomato and pepper plants in order to remove bindweed vines and other weeds. You will also find rows of onions that are getting strangled. If you need more information, please call Karen Nelson (406-461-6234).

And yes, we still need help with harvesting. Berries, grapes, and beans can be harvested at your convenience and taken to Helena Food Share. Be sure to obtain a receipt for the church and submit it to Elaine Ulgenes or Karen Nelson. We'll be harvesting the other crops in late August or early September.

And yes, we're still accepting untreated grass clippings for mulch. Just leave the clippings to the south of the garden, near the picnic table and chickens. If you have any other gardening questions, please contact Elaine Ulgenes at [elaineulge@yahoo.com](mailto:elaineulge@yahoo.com).

### Update on Needs at Helena Food Share

Helena Food Share has seen an increasing number of people seeking food assistance this summer. One day in June, 251 shoppers visited the market, shopping for 580 loved ones. That's the largest number of shoppers in the history of Helena Food Share. The average number of shoppers per day last year was 126.

Changes in SNAP and Medicaid are likely to be felt soon, as well. Due to increasing needs, Helena Food Share is seeking donations to help create a Hunger-Free Community. You may donate at their website: <http://HelenaFoodShare.org>.

### Fall Milk Campaign

Look for upcoming information about the "Strong Bones, Strong Brains" milk campaign for the Kid Pack Program at Helena Food Share. The campaign will launch on Sunday, September 7.

### Family Promise

Family Promise guests were housed at Carroll College in June and July. Our Redeemer's will be hosting again the week of August 17-23. We will have the privilege of sharing the Sunday evening meal with our guests in our own dining area at 6:30pm. That will give the guests time to get acquainted with the church and allow the church to informally welcome our guests.

As always, it takes a lot of us to make our guests feel welcome. There are currently three families in the program. We need folks to prepare the rooms on the afternoon of Sunday, August 17, and to tear down the rooms early on Sunday, August 24. In addition, overnight hosts are needed (two each evening), Sunday through Saturday, and five meal preparers for Sunday through Thursday. The only persons who must be trained by Family Promise are those who come into direct contact with families (overnight hosts and the Sunday meal host).

Would you consider providing a meal? Helping with set-up and/or tear down? Serving as an overnight host? Please contact Linda Coty at 406-443-5857 (overnight host coordinator), Judy McMaster at 406-465-7118 (set-up/tear-down coordinator), or Linda Nelson at 406-422-3751 (meal coordinator).

For more information about Family Promise, please contact Kathy Olson at 406-431-8686 or Phyllis Michaelson at 406-437-1217. They can provide more details if you wish to be trained for any of these tasks. Thank you in advance for all you do to make this a worthwhile experience for all concerned.

It truly is "God's Work, Our Hands."



# True North Vacation Bible School 2025



What a phenomenal week at Vacation Bible School! A total of 102 preschool and elementary-aged children joined us, along with nearly 50 willing and devoted middle school, high school, and adult volunteers. Throughout the week, the children learned to trust Jesus as their guiding compass. We spent the week exploring this theme through crafts, outdoor adventures, games, Bible storytelling, music, snacks, and puppet shows. We had a blast! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents this week.

In Christ,  
Liz Swenson



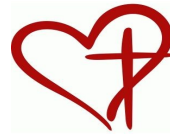
## Montana Synodical Women's Organization



## Our Redeemer's Support Groups

### CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Providing physical and emotional support for a loved one through changes in health can be challenging. A small group of caring individuals who fill this role gathers monthly at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in the Conference Room. We will meet on Sunday, August 31, at 10:45am, following the worship service. Join us to share stories, challenges, joys, and sorrows. Companionship for your loved one is provided. Jane Peachey and Lori Bigwood-Pecarina lead the group.



### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



The Grief Support Group will meet on August 10 after worship at 10:45am. Grief is an individual journey and each person must find their own path. Our group walks beside each other as we share our experience. In a world that changed in a day our members work to encourage, support and understand the many emotions and changes they are experiencing. If you want individual support or have questions about the group please feel free to call Jane Peachey or Lori Bigwood Pecarina.

**If you wish to speak to one of the leaders during the week or have any questions, please get in touch with us at the following numbers:**

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

## WELCA

### (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

#### NEW - WINE WEDNESDAY!

New this fall! Join Charlene for Wine Wednesday at 7:00pm for some social time with the women of our church. We will gather at the Hawthorne downtown to visit and get to know each other better in a little different setting. Our first gathering will be Wednesday, September 3.

#### Women's Fall Retreat September 26 & 27

Friday, September 26, 7:00 - 9:00pm there will be socializing and a movie

Saturday, September 27, 10:00am - 3:00pm there will be sessions with Pastor Julia

The September newsletter will have further information and more details. Mark your calendar's now for a fun weekend with the women of Our Redeemer's.

## Come to The Water Baptism Class at Our Redeemer's

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](mailto:trina@ourredeemerlives.org) or 406-442-7842.

## TOUCHMARK WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church will celebrate worship and communion at Touchmark Retirement Community on August 19 at 10:00am, in the Forum. Sharlene Kolb and Lori Bigwood-Pecarina LMA will lead the service. All are welcome to attend. Touchmark is located at 915 Saddle Drive.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Are you interested in formalizing your relationship with Our Redeemer's? New Member Orientations will be offered Sunday, August 24 and Sunday, August 31 right after worship at 10:45am. Come learn more about the ministries of Our Redeemer's. Child care offered. New members will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, September 7.

## INTRODUCTION TO HANDS ON GLOBAL

You are invited to meet Valerie Hellerman from Hands on Global on Wednesday, August 13, 7:00pm, in the sanctuary. She will introduce us to the work this organization does in resettling refugees in our community.

This event is sponsored by the Faith and Justice in Action team.

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>3</b> 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 11:00am - Creation Hike - Trout Creek Canyon	<b>4</b> 10:00am - Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 10:30am - Knitters for Peace
<b>10</b> 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Room	<b>11</b> 10:00am - Staff Meeting 6:00pm - Preschool Advisory Board Meeting - Conference Rm	<b>12</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 10:30am - Knitters for Peace
<b>17</b> 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 11:00am - Executive Committee - Conference Room	<b>18</b> 10:00am - Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 <b>10:00am - Touchmark Worship and Communion</b> 10:30am - Knitters for Peace 5:30pm - Council Meeting
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<b>24</b> Blessing of the Backpacks 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:45am - New Member Orientation	<b>25</b> 10:00am - Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 10:30am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
<b>31</b> 9:30am - Worship + KidTime 10:45am - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Room 10:45am - New Member Orientation		

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<b>6</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 7:00pm - Faith & Justice Action Team - Community Room	<b>7</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 6:00pm - High School Hang Out Night 7:00pm - Intro to Hands on Global	<b>14</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>15</b> Voice Articles Due	<b>16</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 1:00pm - Women's Bible Study 6:00pm - Middle School Hang Out Night	<b>21</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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