

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

December 2025



Advent

December 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00pm
John Hermanson concert, *Isaiah* music

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Traditional service with organ - 10:00am
Brass quartet - 3:00pm and 5:00pm
Violin & guitar - 8:00pm



Overheard in the past few weeks ...

This congregation seems to be getting younger and younger. What a joy!

And indeed, if you look around, you'll see a lot of new faces, with many hanging out in the PrayGround, adding their happy voices to the life of our community (Noise = Life!). But our growth isn't just in little people. Young couples, retired folks, professionals new to Helena ... many are finding their way to Our Redeemer's and finding a place at Our Redeemer's.

An end of the year challenge for you: See someone you haven't met? Introduce yourself and find out a bit about them.

*There was so much good music this morning!
I didn't know some of those songs we sang today.*

This sounds a bit "both/and", doesn't it!

(Listen to the November 30 sermon, beginning at 21:30, to hear more about how we are a "both/and" people, living in the grey zone.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycx5kyzw>

We continue to be in a time of transition in our music leadership, with the job posted, few having expressed interest, and none of them yet have what we need to propel our worship and music forward. I am so grateful to all those who have stepped up to help in more significant ways, and to the several new musicians who have come forward to offer their gifts in this time.

An end of the year challenge for you: Thank our musicians. Most are volunteers and spending a lot of time each week preparing to lead us in worship.

The generosity of this place astounds me!

That one was overheard in a meeting where we were trying to add up the financial gifts and the gift of service

hours Our Redeemer's puts out into the local community and beyond each year. Our neighbors need us in these days of uncertainty, and you always show up to give, to serve, and to bear witness to the God who loves us all. Greater need in the broader community coupled with greater participation in all of our programming has our ministry budget needs growing. We will have our annual meetings to review and pass the 2026 Ministry Plan (budget) over the next couple weeks.

An end of the year challenge for you: Please plan to attend these meetings so you are informed about *how* we do *what* we do. And if you're able, an extra gift to the ministry of Our Redeemer's would be appreciated.

Pastor Trina, you seem to have a hitch in your giddy-up.

That one has been phrased in a variety of ways, as folks have noticed my difficulty with stairs and stiffness as I make my way around the building. Happily, this has nothing to do with my significant illness of early 2023. It is a mixture of 25+ years of dealing with an autoimmune disease that has targeted my joints and being 58. Recent x-rays show both of my knees are bone-on-bone, so on December 30 I'll be having the right knee replaced, to be followed likely in April by the left knee. (Santa is bringing one, the Easter Bunny the other!) I'll be out for a few weeks after each of these surgeries, but we have many who are able to lead in my absence.

An end of the year challenge for you: Well it sounds self-serving if I ask for prayers just for myself! So in these waning days of 2025, let's be diligent in our prayer on behalf of one another, our neighbors, and this world God loves so much. That should about cover it all.

As always, I am so grateful to be in ministry with you all.
Pastor Trina

Annual Meeting to vote on the 2026 Ministry Plan (budget)

December 14, 9:45am

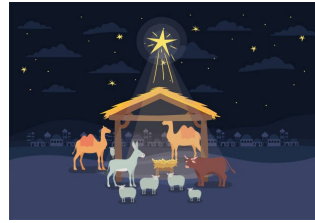
Please join us in the sanctuary between services on December 14 to vote on the proposed spending plan for 2026. It is important that all congregational members attend this meeting.

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*Sleepover at the Stable
Christmas Program 2025*

Please join us...

Date: December 21

Time: 8:30 (During Sunday Service)

Place: The Sanctuary

Email Liz with questions or if your child would like to be a part of this, we have room for everyone, liz@ourredeemerlives.org

December 2025



- 7 Sunday School
- 14 Sunday School
- 17 Youth & Family Christmas Event, 6pm
- 20 Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am
- 21 Christmas Program, 8:30am
- 22-January 4 Christmas Break—No Sunday School!

Walk Through the Bible Class



We had two children receive their Bibles and join us for our annual Walk Through the Bible class this year—it was a small but mighty group! Thank you again to WELCA for buying these Bibles for our youth each year.



NEW at Our Redeemer's: TWEEN SCENE!

A space designed JUST for 4th & 5th graders!

Growing up isn't always simple — friendships change, feelings get bigger, choices get harder... That's why we're launching **Tween Scene**, a fun and safe space where 10, 11 and 12 year olds can build relationships, ask questions, explore life topics that matter, and discover how God walks with them through it all. Led by **Kathy Olson** and with Christ at the center, we'll build community, confidence, and a strong foundation for the years ahead.



What to Expect:

- * Games & Activities
- * Real conversations about real life
- * Bible connections
- * Faith, friendship & SNACKS!!

When? Sundays, 9:45–10:45 AM (Starting **January 11th!**)
Where? Room #4 (off the Great Room)

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Monday, December 15 at 5:00pm
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Our Redeemer's Church Council

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Bob Winfield	9	Dan Richardson	21	Chris Denning
2	Karen Armstrong	10	Alexander Wickens		Madeline Richards
	Chase Sampson		Laurel Orthmeyer		Sheila Richmond
	Kris Vlado	11	Lacie Willard		Chad Ripley
3	Marla Maharg	12	Steve Keller	22	Lyle Pratt
	Jim Schulz		Ingrid Childress		Ryan Swenson
	Krystal Smith	12	Mike Maynard	23	Jenny Santy
4	Jan Anderson	13	Blair Krumm	24	Chris May
	Bailey Marble	15	Carol Maynard	25	Hildegard Krumm
	Riley Rummel		Charlie Mummey	26	Janet Erickson
	Sharlene Kolb		Mike Randall		Julia Goughnour
5	Dayna Willcut	17	Maureen Ward	27	Sonya Amman
	Brooklynn Haab		Kaden Juers	28	Charlie Brown
	Jessica Salo	18	Jill Myhre		Adam Liston
8	Tami Darlow	19	Tim Cail		Liliana Swenson
	Joshua Griffeth		Len Lantz	30	Cathy Reagor
	Norm Midtlyng	20	Mark Robertson		
			Byron Beley		
			Rosie Santy		

youth ministry.
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Christmas Event

Wednesday, December 17
6-8pm

Dinner, cocoa bar, gingerbread decorating and a candle light service with readings from the Christmas story and carols.

Come dressed in pajamas or comfy clothes. Feel free to bring a blanket and pillow to get cozy and comfortable because we will be laying on the ground in the sanctuary.

This is a time to slow down and relax during many activities during the Christmas season for the




Baptisms

11/15/2025	Sara Jeanne Dorrington
11/23/2025	Caroline Kate DeLaHunt
11/23/2025	Colson Todd Connerton

90+ years old

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

Hildegard Krumm (age 91 on December 25)
825 Holter St.
Helena, MT 59601



December Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

12/22/1984	Drew and Susan Sielbach	41 years
12/18/1982	Gary and Dee Dee Fischer	43 years
12/30/1978	Patrick and Noreen Johnson	47 years
12/30/1977	Alan and Char Baglien	48 years
12/27/1976	Bill and Darbie Hess	49 years
12/27/1970	Larry and Lynda Hanson	55 years
12/30/1969	Bruce and Judy McMaster	56 years
12/29/1962	John and Karen Darlow	63 years

family.
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Family Ski Day – Family Ski Day

Come out and enjoy a day at Great Divide with other families from church. If you are a seasoned skier/boarder that's great, if you are not... it's a good day to try something new.


When: Monday, January 19 (MLK day, No School)

Where: Meet at Great Divide in the lodge between 9:30 and 10:00am. Steph will have lift tickets and point you in the right directions for your needs. If a lesson is needed, Steph will let you know how to get to where you need to be. If you are coming without parents, pick up in the lodge is at 4:00pm.

Who: Families of the congregation.

Cost: If you have gear and a season pass, bring that and the day is free. If you need a lift ticket, rentals, and/or a lesson- bring \$25 to help cover costs. The church will cover the rest. Do not let \$\$ stand in your way. Talk to Pr. Trina or Steph if this is preventing you from coming.


What to bring: Bring a lunch. Wear snow gear. Dress accordingly.



FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP DATES

Steph, Director of Youth Ministry, will be going to FLBC this week to support campers and volunteer for the camp. She will also be helping with transportation to and from camp. If you are interested in her transporting your kid(s), please get on her list quickly. Register with FLBC on their website, pay the \$100 fee to secure your spot and the church can cover the rest due to many generous donors.

July 26-31, 2026



Adult Education

A Learn and Grow Opportunity for the New Year!

How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? In this age of quick reactions, harsh divisions, and emotional burnout, how should we talk to our neighbors, confront injustice, tend to our own grief, and tell the truth when it is easier to stay silent? *In The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of Jewish Prophets in the Old Testament. The Prophets' journeys from anger to sadness to compassion and hope offer us a path forward today.

Father Dan Shea and Charlotte Neill invite you to join a discussion of *The Tears of Things* and explore our shared human condition and the world's suffering. The goal is not to escape our age of outrage, but to fully enter it with grace and love.

January 13—February 19, 2026 (Six Weeks)
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm **OR** Thursdays, 1:30-3:00pm
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Great Room

Contact Father Dan Shea at 406-422-6674 or Charlotte Neill at 651-587-8083 for questions.
Pre-registration is not required. Check online sources for the book.



Please save us!

We need someone who loves and understands us. Doesn't everyone? Please consider caring for us by watering us each week and giving us some TLC! We don't take much time. Only about an hour a week. We, the church plants, would love to continue sharing our beauty with you all!

Please contact Kathy Olson at 406-431-8686 if you have any questions.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Our Members

Joan Anderson	George Hafer	Carol Kimble	Julie Mehl
Gordon Blomquist	Dwight Hiesterman	Chloe MacIntyre	Elmer Strong
Richard Carey	Greg Johnson	Lorna Meyer	Mary Williams
Roberta Carey	Noreen Johnson	Dale Mickus	

Our Family and Friends

Emmitt Budy (Dwight Hiesterman)
Marge Johnsten (Pastor Trina's mother)
Danny McCaughan (nephew of Lori & Dave Swenson)
Ron Paulson (former member)
Jacki Riley (sister of Lori Walter)
Bryan Solomon (nephew of Darbie Hess)

Our Seminarian

Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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



Our Redeemer's Support Groups

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

December comes with gatherings and expectations and sometimes longing for the days when life seemed simpler and health was robust. As we move through our days and the experiences of changes in the abilities of loved ones, it is important to know that we are never alone. Please join the Caregiver's Support Group if you long for a safe place to share and be heard and uplifted. We will meet on December 28 at 9:45am in the Conference Room. Company for your loved one's is provided during the meeting in the Great Room.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The grief group will meet on Sunday, December 7, between services, at 9:45am, in the Conference Room.



All who have experienced loss are welcome. The holidays can be especially rough while everyone is partying and full of the joy of Christmas and family; we may be having difficulty with even simple activities.

The group allows us to share the ups and downs of our journey. We cry when we need to and laugh when we can.

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

THOUGHT{FULL}



ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA: Creating Meaningful Moments

Tuesday, December 9 • 9:30 am & 4:30 pm
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church • Great Room
3580 N Benton Ave, Helena, MT 59602

Struggling to create meaningful moments with a loved one living with Alzheimer's or dementia—especially during the holidays? You're not alone, and support is closer than you think.

Join us for an insightful and encouraging presentation led by Wendy Schrag, RN-BC, Touchmark's Senior Clinical Operations Manager and a respected leader in dementia care. Whether you're a family caregiver, community professional, or simply seeking a deeper understanding, Wendy will share practical tips to help you bring ease, connection, and joy into everyday interactions.

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TOUCHMARK ON SADDLE DRIVE

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Happy Holidays from the Preschool!

We can feel the excitement building in our preschoolers as we get closer to the holiday season.

The fall food drive was an absolute success; the hallway shelves were packed with food donations these past few weeks. Our preschoolers have enjoyed helping carry the donated cans of food down to chapel time. It's a meaningful activity for their age, helping them visualize the real impact of giving to others.

Poinsettias have been ordered and will be ready for pick-up over the weekend, right in time for Christmas decorations.

As we wrap up November, we appreciate your partnership and hope you have a wonderful holiday season with friends and loved ones.

Kristen Sapp, Preschool Director

CREATION CARE CORNER

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the average American's consumption accounts for 5.5% of their yearly carbon footprint. During the holiday season, Americans spend about \$6 million on wrapping paper, using 4 million lbs., with most of it going to landfills. Each person spends an average of \$942 on holiday gifts, and in the UK alone, more than 4.2 million Christmas dinners are wasted.

Here are a few suggestions to help simplify and decrease that carbon footprint;

- Buy LED lights. These consume only a fraction of the energy that incandescent lights do.
- Turn on Christmas lights only when it's dark and remember to turn them off when you sleep.
- Craft homemade decorations.
- Avoid buying cards that have foil or glitter, as these aren't good for Creation.
- Organize a Secret Santa gift exchange rather than a present for everyone.
- Opt for presents that are natural, eg. paraffin-free candles, organic cotton or wool clothing, homemade gifts, or gifts that are experiences, rather than things.
- Avoid gift sets that are heavily individually packaged.
- Use brown paper, newspaper, or reusable bags to wrap gifts.
- Eat or share your leftovers, or freeze for later use.

Excerpted from **Every Day is Earth Day**, pages 80-84, by Harriet Dyer

Merry Christmas!!!

Creation Care contacts:

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TALLY FOR THE 2025 MILK CAMPAIGN

The final deposit for the 2025 Milk Campaign brought our total to \$30,361.93. With help from New Life Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran, the Montana Synod Hunger Team grant, the Town Pump grant, and most especially, from you, we exceeded our goal of \$25,300 by over \$5,000. In this time of great uncertainty regarding food insecurity, these gifts are most welcome. This photo was taken on the day all three churches presented their checks to Helena Food Share.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all the generous hearts who contributed to the holiday food drive for Helena Food Share. The sanctuary was overflowing with your generosity. Those colorful canned goods, boxes of stuffing, and bags of sugar and flour, as well as all the other offerings, graced the lives of so many people in our community.

PROJECT WARMTH

Our Redeemer's joined with St. John's Lutheran, St. Peter's Episcopal, and Plymouth Congregational to provide money for sleeping bags, tents, and tarps for unsheltered individuals. The campaign raised about \$10,000. Thank you to everyone who helped support this worthwhile community endeavor.

No Hunger Team Meeting in December

The Hunger Team always welcomes new members, but the team will not meet in December. Enjoy spending that time with your loved ones. We resume meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month in January 2026.

Thank You for Helping with Kid Packs

Thank you to those who gather at Helena Food Share on the first three Tuesdays at 4:00 to assemble kid packs. If you haven't been there, you have no idea how much fun you can have walking in circles. Each of you makes a difference as we assemble 1000-1200 kid packs each week. It's a humble duty, but an essential one.

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING FAMILY PROMISE

Although we did not host families in our building in November, you did provide meals, groceries, and other assistance to the three families housed at First Christian Church. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

October Financial Reports and Recommendation

General Receipts for the Ministry Fund totaled \$48,517 for October, which was \$5,714 more than October 2024. Building Fund donations totaled \$9,584, which was \$3,405 more than October 2024 and \$1,319 less than the monthly mortgage payment. The Council approved a motion to hold the building fund payments of \$15,840.25 and the Synod donation of \$21,097.95 until the property tax is paid on December 1. At the time of the meeting, the property tax assessment on the undeveloped section of church property was still under review. The Council also moved \$10,759.53 in dedicated funds to the church checking account.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports

Pastors and staff report that all programs are moving along smoothly, with lots of positive comments about the annual Trunk or Treat event. Pastor Trina has recently been appointed to the Montana Synod Council. Pastor Adam has been working with youth on Wednesday evenings. He and Steph Richardson report the significance of the weekly prayer services that have been incorporated into this program. Pastor Adam has also prepared guidelines for those who are operating the sound system for worship.

- The preschool will be engaging in extra fundraising activities to supplement their budget, due to decreased enrollment and some errors in 2025-26 budget.
- The Property Development Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee are working on drafts and recommendations to present to the congregation at the annual meeting in February 2026.
- The Personnel Committee has completed the update on the Personnel Policy Manual. It will be submitted to the Council for approval in December.

Unfinished Business

- The Audit Committee will report to the Council in December.
- The church is still seeking to employ a Worship Coordinator. Pastor Trina is following up with potential candidates.
- Informal Classification and Appraisal Review for Tax Assessment
 - Shauna Helfert and Sarah Magee met with city officials about the error in tax assessment on the undeveloped section of the church property. And updated tax assessment will be available soon.

New Business

- Tracey Tintinger presented a draft of the 2026 Ministry Plan. The Council made some suggestions and will vote on the final draft when it is ready.
- Jennifer Colegrove presented information from the Nominating Committee. Six Council members complete their 3-year terms this year. In addition, both the Personnel Committee and the Memorial Funds Committee need members. Names may be submitted to either Jennifer or to Pastor Trina.
- The next Council meeting is Tuesday, December 16 at 5:30 P.M.
- The January Council meeting is **moved** to Tuesday, January 13, at 5:30pm with the Executive Council meeting on Sunday, January 11, at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Linda Nelson, Secretary

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 or 406-442-7842.

Scouting America

Since fall 2017, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church (ORLC) has been the Charter Organization for Cub Scout Pack 207. As the Charter Organization, ORLC provides space for Scouting meetings and activities and assists Pack 207 in conducting a Scouting program consistent with Scouting rules, regulations, and policies.

Pack 207 currently has 39 boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade participating in Pack and Den meetings, which are typically held on Thursday evenings in the Great Room, along with other fun events scheduled throughout the year. Recent activities include the Prickly Pear District Fall Camporee at Hellgate Campground, canoeing and hiking at the Helena Regulating Reservoir, and supporting the ORLC Trunk or Treat. Upcoming events include a service project on November 15, Toys for Tots Collection on December 4, caroling on December 4, and Scouting Sunday on February 1.

The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Our Redeemer's support for that mission is invaluable and a true blessing, and pack 207 is identifying service projects to complete at ORLC to show our appreciation. You are welcome to attend any meeting or event to see how Scouts are benefitting from ORLC's generosity as a Charter Organization. Please contact Todd Wayne, the Pack 207 Cubmaster, mtpack207@gmail.com, or Drew Sielbach, the ORLC Charter Organization Representative, dfshelena@gmail.com, if you have any questions or want additional information about Scouting at ORLC.



Spring 2024 Adopt-a-Highway clean-up



Chariot Race practice at ORLC

FAITH & FRIES

Please note the new location

Join us for **Faith & Fries**: a casual gathering for adults ages 20 to 40 on **December 4 at 6:00pm** at the Lewis & Clark Brewery. We'll share fries, drinks, and real conversation about faith and life. No homework, no pressure, just good people and honest dialogue. Bring a friend! For more information, contact Pastor Adam at Adam@OurRedeemerLives.org.

TOUCHMARK WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebrate Advent with our church family at Touchmark Retirement Center. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina LMA and Sharlene Kolb will lead worship services on Tuesday, December 16 at 10:00am in the second floor forum. Touchmark is located at 915 Saddle Drive.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

The WELCA Board would like to thank everyone who contributed and participated in our Fall Festival and Bazaar. We had so many wonderful volunteers and helpers preparing for the holiday season. We had over 450 rounds of lefse and 80 chicken pot pies, and all were sold by the end of the Sunday service the day after the event. Claudia Morley was the winner of the beautiful quilt that was hanging in the Great Room, and she is very excited to design a whole room around it.

We made over \$9,000 before expenses, which were very few, and will be gifting many of our community nonprofits for Christmas in 2025. WELCA also recently contributed funds for the new cupboards in the Great Room to help with storage in our building. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped, donated, and contributed to these efforts.



GIVE SOMETHING
That Means Something®



Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

December 22, 2025
1:00 – 5:30

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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 10:00am - Staff Meeting	2 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:30am - Knitters for Peace
7 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Budget Forum - Community Room 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Sunday Gathering 11:00am - Worship + KidTime	8 10:00am - Staff Meeting 6:00pm - Preschool Advisory Board Meeting - Conference Rm	9 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 9:30am - Touchmark Education - Alzheimer's & Dementia 10:00am - WELCA Board 10:30am - Knitters for Peace 4:30pm - Touchmark Education - Alzheimer's & Dementia 6:30pm - Executive Council Meeting - Conference Room
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Events To Remember...

- December 4 - John Hermanson concert
- December 7 - Budget Forum - 9:45am
- December 11 - John Hermanson concert
- December 14 - Congregational Meeting to approve 2026 budget - 9:45am
- December 18 - John Hermanson concert
- December 21 - Children's Christmas program - 8:30am
- December 22 - American Red Cross Blood Drive
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship times: 10:00am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 5:30pm - Choir 6:00pm - Youth Group & Confirmation	4 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 11:00am - Looking Ahead to Sunday 6:00pm - Faith & Fries - Lewis & Clark Brewery 7:00pm - Advent Worship with John Hermanson	5	6
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17 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 1:00pm - Women's Bible Study 6:00pm - Family Christmas Party	18 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 7:00pm - Advent Worship with John Hermanson 7:00pm - Faith & Justice - Sewing Room	19	20 10:00am - Christmas Program Rehearsal
24 Christmas Eve 10:00am - Worship 3:00pm - Worship 5:00pm - Worship 8:00pm - Worship	25 Christmas Day Office closed	26	27
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day - Office Closed		