



Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, January 29

Our Redeemer's Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, January 29, 2023, after the second service. We will also have a potluck that day, we ask people with the last name beginning with A-G bring a main courses, H-P bring salads, and Q-Z bring desserts. The meal will begin at 12:15, with the meeting beginning after people are served. Please plan to attend. It's been an exciting year at Our Redeemer's and a celebration is in order!



OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

January 2023



Generosity Committee News

The Generosity Committee met on December 19th to prepare the 2023 Generosity calendar. We're excited to offer you several opportunities to learn more about giving to the church, how your gifts support God's ministries, the relationship between giving and discipleship, and planning for your financial future. Here is a summary of what's on tap for 2023.

January 15, 22, and 29 – *Fed by Raven's* Bible Study presented by Dennis Trotter.

Financial Education Workshops

February – Financial Literacy March – Financial Planning

October – Estate Planning November – Endowments

Monthly Temple Talk – Once a month, beginning in March, we'll hear personal stories of what giving means to individuals, why we give, and giving as a form of discipleship.

We're excited that Dennis will lead us through the *Fed by Ravens* Bible Study. *Fed by Ravens* engages biblical teachings, financial management tools, and fundraising principles to explore our relationship with money and personal finances and seeks to develop new narratives to address the stigma and misunderstanding associated with supporting the church financially and discipleship.

Look for more information about the Financial Workshops and Temple Talks in future editions of The Voice. Our next Generosity Committee meeting is on January 15th after the second service. We'd love your help, so please join us.

Also, please share your comments or questions by sending them to Craig Erickson at ericksoncr@yahoo.com or calling (406) 399-0104. God bless you.

Jan Martin

Ingrid Childress

Beth Johnson

Karen Armstrong

Craig Erickson

Pastor Trina Johnsten

Dennis Trotter

Jim Penner

Kris Thatcher

Thank you and a blessed 2023

Thank you for the many expressions of love you've showered on Dennis and me in this holiday season. We are so grateful to be in ministry with you here at Our Redeemer's and look forward to what 2023 will bring. With our continued growth in membership, increased children's ministry participation, strong ongoing feeding ministries, and the possibility of doing some new ministry on behalf of our neighbors who need housing, 2023 promises to be busy and full of ways to serve the Lord who loves us.

I will be taking a couple weeks off after Christmas, and will return on January 9. There are special things planned for January 1 and 8, so don't miss out! If there are pastoral care needs or emergencies while I'm away, please let Lori Walter know; we have several people ready to attend to anything that may come up.

A most blessed 2023, people of Our Redeemer's. Pastor Trina Johnsten

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HUNGER TEAM NEWS

Calling for Fruit Cups!

Thank you for continuing to donate items for the Kid Pack Program at Helena Food Share. We continually give thanks for your generosity in providing these supplemental items, as well as your generosity of time and spirit in assembling the Kid Packs and contributions to our summer milk campaign. As we move into the new year, let us resolve to continue or expand that commitment. In January, we shall be collecting individual fruit cups: applesauce, fruit cocktail, peaches, etc. You may leave cases of fruit cups in the Helena Food Share crates in the hallway. Our Redeemer lives through your loving hands.

Family Promise Requests

Our Redeemer's will be hosting Family Promise guests the week of February 5-12. As we look forward to welcoming these guests, we are also looking for volunteers to assist us. We need folks to set up and tear down the rooms set aside for our families on the first and last Sunday. Set up occurs after the 11:00 service on February 5 and before the 8:30 service on February 12. We also need overnight hosts (2 each evening) to spend the night at the church, get some shut-eye, and oversee any emergencies. Meals are also provided for Sunday through Thursday and are delivered to the Day Center midday for heating and/or preparation later in the day. If you wish more information, please contact Kathy Olson, our volunteer coordinator (kathyolson8686@gmail.com, 406-431-8686). It truly takes a village to carry out our responsibilities for this week.

If you cannot donate your time, perhaps you can

donate some of the following items to make our guests feel more welcome:

bath towels
lamps

twin sized blankets
wooden tv trays

These items need not be new, but should be in good condition. Contact Kathy Olson about your donations. (Contact information listed above.)

GOD'S LOVE

Thank you for the continual support of this ministry. When visiting God's Love in December, they said more than anything they could use the power of prayer. Please keep God's Love and their efforts to seek, understand, and help our homeless in your daily prayers. These folks are in dire need of direction in their life and Dave Miller, Executive Director of God's Love, said they all [including staff] could benefit from prayer.

And with the weather we have experienced so far this winter and more to come, they can still use:

Warm hats, gloves/mittens/socks

Warm footwear

Prayers

Hunger Team extends a special thanks to Jason Callon, Pastor Trina, and all involved with the drive for God's Love during Lessons & Carols for Advent. Thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful cause. God's Love is deeply appreciative and overwhelmed by the generosity of this congregation.

Hunger Team Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, 6:30pm in the conference room. New members are always welcome.

Take a Meal Ministry

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

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

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



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Our Redeemer's Church Council

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Voice articles due on the 15th of each month

Sunday, January 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	Dale Mickus	Ruth Straley
Richard Carey	Carol Kimble	Jim Poore	Verna Strand
Roberta Carey	Dora Lindner	Vicki Poore	Thea Swenson

Our Family and Friends

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

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 Seminarians

Baird Linke
Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Holidays and special occasions often create upsurges of grief. If you are struggling with grief this holiday season, please join us on January 8 between services. We meet in the Conference Room next to the main offices. We will offer support and a chance to share with others. For information or support feel free to call Jane Peachey 234-567-1461 or Lori Bigwood-Pecarina 406-672-2470.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Caregivers bring light and hope to the recipients of their gifts. The support group strives to uplift those who minister to loved ones. Caregiver's support group will return to the regular schedule on the last Sunday of the month. Please join us on January 29th at 12:10pm in the Conference Room next to the church offices. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina 406-672-2470 and Jane Peachey 234-567-1461 lead the group. We welcome your questions and calls.



The Associate Pastor Call Committee has been formed and **Abby McLane** was chosen by the group to be the Chair of this committee. **Shauna Helfert** has graciously agreed to be the Co-Chair. **Kristi Antosh** is the Secretary and will write up the minutes from the meetings as well as supplying articles monthly in this publication. Besides setting up the 'officers' of this committee, the team has also defined the rules they will be following – i.e. what constitutes a quorum, what percentage of the membership is needed to move any decision forward, etc.

The other members of the committee are Dee Dee Fischer, Larry Hanson, and Craig Linke. Alternates are: Dwight Hiesterman and Jane Peachey.

We are just beginning our discussions as to what will be needed in an Associate Pastor and welcome any input from members of the congregation. Thank you for your prayers and support as we pursue this important task.



January Bible Study
A new year and a new Bible study. We will begin a four-session study on the 10 Commandments written by ELCA pastor Christa von Zychlin. In the first Session, "Dancing the Decalogue," we will study Commandments 1 and 2.

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, January 17 at 10:00am

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, January 18 at 1:00pm

Both groups meet in the Conference Room. We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: Tuesday, January 10 at 10:30am

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

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

Thank You
WELCA is very thankful for all those who baked, helped and shopped at our Holiday Bake Sale. The final financial report will be in the February Voice.

Thinking of you Packages
It's time to start getting families or groups lined up to provide "Thinking of you Packages" for our two seminarians. We hope to send packages around Valentine's Day and Easter. That will finish out the year until the fall semester. Contact Jan Martin if you'd like to help with this project: jomvallymt@gmail.com or 406-459-3339.

Welcome to our New Members

Jenny Santy is transferring her membership to Our Redeemer's. She is married to Jonny Santy, and is joining with her two children, **Rosalyn and Dewey**, who regularly avail themselves of the Prayground. Jenny's parents are also joining Our Redeemer's. Jenny works at the Fire Tower Café.



Charlene and Alan Baglien are Jenny Santy's parents. They have other grown children who live elsewhere. Alan retired from pastoral ministry in 2012 following a stroke. They subsequently moved to Helena. Char works part-time, both at Helena High School and at home for the USDA.



Jenny Harris is transferring her membership and her husband **Nolan** is being received by affirmation of faith. They are both state employees. They have two children, **Ellie and Dillon**. Jenny's parents are Bob and Linda Winfield, who are members at Our Redeemer's.



Mandy Connolly is a native Helenan, has been attending Our Redeemer's for some years, and is being received by affirmation of faith. Her husband, Mike, was received through baptism last Spring. Mandy works at the Hallmark store, and Mike works at the Parking Commission.



Sheila Richmond is a graduate of St. Olaf College, and moved to Helena in 2014 after 15 years teaching English in the Arabian Gulf area. She currently teaches Latin both at Capitol High and Helena High. Her parents, Bonnie and Ken Richmond, are also joining Our Redeemer's.



Bonnie and Ken Richmond move to Helena from Florida 6 years ago to live with Sheila. Ken is a retired Baptist Army Chaplain. They have three other grown children who live in the northwest. Ken and Bonnie are being received by affirmation of faith.



Brad and Elaine Ulgenes are transferring their membership from St. John's Lutheran, from which Brad retired as pastor last Spring. They are both native Montanans. Elaine worked at the state medical lab. They have two grown children and one granddaughter.



Attila and Heidi Fohnagy have been attending Our Redeemer's for some time, along with their two children, Hildegard and Abner. They were married and moved to Helena in 2013. Attila works at the Department of Natural Resources, and Heidi works with Jason Callon's wife, Katie, at the state legislature.



Church news

Council Meeting Summary December 20, 2022

Present: Lynn Voss, President; Beth Johnson, Treasurer; Kevin Mathews, First Vice President; Cody Salo, Second Vice President; Tom Johnson, Clint Mingay, Julie Penner, Sarah Magee, Director of Finance; and Ingrid Childress, Secretary.

Before paying benevolence and forwarding donations received for Council Funds and the Building Fund to Mission Investments, we are at a positive cash flow of \$11,977.20. We still owe Council Fund donations from July - November, and Building Fund donations from October-November. Sarah explained that we expect donations in December will pay off the remaining balances. Should there be any carryover, the Council will decide how to handle that. Council decided to pay Council Funds for July and Building Funds for October to Mission Investments.

Staff submitted detailed written reports for Council's information. Pastor Trina's report gave details on pastoral acts, which included the New Members added in December. 4,000 postcards were mailed to the neighboring six mail routes inviting them to attend one of the four Christmas Eve services. This has been a heavy workload month for the office staff.

Property Development Committee was notified that the City has narrowed down the number of potential ARPA fund applicants to seven, one of which is ORLC's. The seven applicants will be asked to submit a full grant application. A total of five million dollars are being requested and only \$2.4 M is available. Letters of support continue to be sent. The Request for Proposals will probably be out in January, 2023.

Nelson Bock connected our newest members with congregational sponsors to help them become involved in the life of the church. A brochure outlining ministry opportunities with contact numbers was prepared by the Welcome and Outreach Committee. The brochure is available in the Narthex and was provided to the new members.

Generosity Committee met on December 19 and began an outline of financial learning opportunities for the next year. Dennis Trotter will provide three sessions in January entitled *Fed By Ravens*, a program exploring our relationship with money that he has created for the Synod. Jim Penner is crafting an outline of education classes on financial literacy, financial planning, estate planning, and endowments. Classes will be offered in the spring and fall; high school youth be invited.

Hunger Team has been notified that the matching grant from a local Foundation will no longer be available for the summer milk campaign. The Team is looking at ways to handle this change in our fund drive.

Call Committee have met three times and are looking at simplifying the previous Ministry Site Profile.

We have three confirmed nominations for the 2023 Church Council: Tracy Moseman has agreed to serve as 2nd Vice President, and Sarah Sampson and Jennifer Colegrove have agreed to serve. Jan, Lynn, Cody, and Pastor Trina are continuing to follow up on other potentials.

Dave Mehl has some more information from SignsNow and is making progress on signage for the building.

The Audit Committee has nearly completed their report but they are waiting for some additional information that is delayed.

Nelson Bock has sent some information off to Solar Montana regarding the energy savings initiative. He will continue work on the project.

The Minutes reflected the IRS required language for the Pastor's Housing Allowance.

Several areas of the Church Constitution may need some review and updating. Council will address this later in the year, perhaps in September.

The newly established Church Council will hold a Retreat on February 11, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Childress
Secretary



January BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Cody Avery | 10 Anna Marie Bartole | Dugan Ward | Isaiah Penner |
| Wendy Studt | Cody Stipcich | 21 Sheri Howell | 28 Mandy Connolly |
| Irene Thamke | Carl Tanberg | Kalley May | Mary Robertson |
| 2 Sharon Amor | 12 Brian Heuser | Jerry Mayala | 29 Kileigh Bartole |
| Carter Avery | Tim Meldrum | 23 Treven Maharg | 30 Melissa Haab |
| Lexie Reddig | Bonnie Richmond | Brad Ulgenes | Marcy McLean |
| Haylee Tripp | Susan Sielbach | 24 Logan MacIntyre | 31 Alice Begger |
| Tyler Trip | 13 Cody Salo | Celia Senrud | Vera Lynn |
| 3 Leah Baranek | Laura Trapp | 25 FayeAnn Cummings | |
| Joanna Thamke | 14 Mike Lindner | Nolan Harris | |
| 5 Joe Fischer | 16 Shauna Helfert | Tracie Reddig | |
| 6 Denise Richards | 18 Tyler Sharkey | Sam Tintinger | |
| 7 Delmar Schubring | 19 Cheri Goosen | 26 Susan Day | |
| 8 Anna Ebert | 20 Mary Adams | Charlene Mayala | |
| Norm Rognlie | TJ Cook | Bridger Voss | |
| 9 Claudia Morley | Ashlyn Lamping | 27 Lori Bigwood-Pecarina | |



Cathy Grace grew up Presbyterian, and is being received by affirmation of faith. She is a retired RN and moved to Helena about 6 months ago to be with her daughter. She attends the Dorcas Bible study, and has experience playing in a bell choir.



Kayleigh O'Bryant grew up in a military family, has lived a lot of places but says she mainly grew up in Niceville, FL. She, her husband Mike and their daughter Laura moved to Helena in 2020 from Wyoming, where Kayleigh worked as a police officer. Kayleigh currently works as a Crisis Responder with the Veterans and Military Crisis Line.

Christie Helley grew up on the High-Line and was baptized in the Missouri Synod. She retired and moved to Helena in 2013. Christie lives not far from Our Redeemer's, and was moved to begin attending after observing our Community Garden.



Pastor Trina Johnsten and Dennis Trotter should need no introduction. They moved here from Great Falls when Trina accepted the call to be our Interim Lead Pastor. Dennis has many years of experience in higher education administration and as a consultant for businesses and organizations, including the Montana Synod. Trina has served numerous congregations as Pastor, as well as working in administration for United Lutheran Seminary.



Bob Amundson is transferring his membership from St. Paul's Methodist Church in Helena, where he previously attended with his wife, Barbara, until she passed away four years ago. Bob worked at the cement plant for 40 years. His son is a retired Methodist minister in Billings. He has two granddaughters.

Dave and Anne Marie Carlson moved to Helena from Havre, about a year ago. Both are retired teachers, Dave a music teacher and Anne Marie a math teacher. They were married in 2012 and have a blended family, each of them with children from previous marriages.



Chris, Sabrina & Ivy Brott both work in Helena, Chris in the private sector and Sabrina in the public sector. One day they drove by Our Redeemer's and Ivy said she wanted to go here. They started attending in March and have been coming ever since. Ivy is in the first grade at Hawthorne Elementary. She loves to assist with communion.



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.



January Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

1/17/1981	Ron Pecarina & Lori Bigwood-Pecarina	42 years
1/19/1973	Jerry & Judy Hoover	50 years
1/29/1956	Jim & Joan Haubein	67 years

Baptisms



12/11/22 Mila Joan Molenda

Deaths



12/1/22 Walter Ralph Peck



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?



Safehouse in January



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

Dec. 28 & Jan. 4 - Happy Christmas Break—No Safehouse

Jan. 11 - Helena Food Share Kid Pack Build @ Helena Food Share Warehouse

Jan. 18 - Ice Skating @ Memorial Park

Jan. 25 - Linus Project Tie Blanket Making

Helena Food Share Kid Pack Youth Build

Wed., Jan. 11, 2022 @7pm-8:30pm



Confirmation and Safehouse youth will meet at the Helena Food Share Warehouse (corner of Oakes St. & Railroad Ave.) to assemble food packs that are distributed to youth in need of supplemental food for weekends.

Parents and friends welcome to join!

ORLC & SAFEHOUSE ON ICE!

Wednesday, January 18 @7-9pm

All ages are invited for **FREE** night of ice skating at Memorial park this special

Wednesday in January. Bring your own ice skates or skates will be available to borrow.

Questions?! Please call Jackie Bartz at 442-7842 or jackie@ourredeemerlives.org



Tie Blankets

Wed., Jan. 25 @7pm-8:30pm

Help make tie blankets for Project Linus, a non-profit organization which provides new handmade blankets to children in need. Morgan May will lead this activity as a part of her Girl Scout project.

Parents, friends and all are welcome to join!



Project Linus
Providing
Security
Through
Blankets



Thank you to all who assisted our Safehouse youth in making Christmas extra special for 24 children at the Intermountain residential program. Alongside your gifts, our youth pooled their money along with a Thrivent Grant and thoughtfully shopped for gifts to fill a stocking for each child. Thank you for your generosity and sharing your love and kindness for all children!



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

Follow [ORLC Safehouse](#) on Facebook to be in the know! And if you are in need of quick text reminders about Safehouse events and happenings, you can sign up for quick text updates and reminders by texting **@safehouse2** to **81010**.

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



remind



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



KidTime and Sunday School will resume on January 8th.

Have a wonderful break!

SAVE the DATE!



Vacation Bible School will take place

June 12th-16th, 2023

Contact Liz for more information or if you would like to volunteer during this event!

Save the Dates!

January 1st: No Sunday School or KidTime

January 18th: Youth (PreK-12th) Ice Skating

February 19th: No Sunday School
(President's Day Weekend)

March 26th: No Sunday School—Spring Break!

April 2nd: Communion Prep Class

April 6th: First Communion service

May 7th: Last day of Sunday School

June 12th– 16th: Vacation Bible School

KidTime continues all year long.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Liz at liz@ourredeemerlives.org

Ice-Skating Night

All kids PK-5th grade are invited to come ice-skating

on Wednesday, January

18th following the 6:30

worship service at ORLC. (7:15 ish.)

Skate rentals are **FREE** and ORLC will pay your admission fee!! All are welcome to join.

See you there!



Thinking about signing up for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp but not sure if you'll know anyone there??

Jackie and Liz plan to attend camp as volunteers the week of **July 16th - July 21st!** Jackie is even willing to drive campers up to camp. Please register normally at FLBC.net. Please contact Liz or Jackie with questions.

Did You Know?

According to we old guys who look for the silver linings in our journey together, it seems fitting that this month's Did You Know spotlight falls on Autumn Keller. Beginning with Lessons and Carols and following through with the Advent Sundays, we all are reminded of our appreciation and admiration of the musical talents of Autumn as she plays the piano, sings, and directs the bell choir throughout the year.

Initially Autumn's faith development began with the Presbyterian church; however, she accepted a call to be the church musician at First Baptist in Billings. Although the worship service was much different, it instilled an even greater love of music in her. Concurrently, she performed in the Billings Community Bell Choir and was the Music Director for St. John's Lutheran Ministries long term care, assisted living, and independent living facilities. Autumn comments, "These folks greatly expanded my understanding of faith and believing during my 10 years of serving them."

Subsequently she was recruited by the King of Glory Lutheran Church in Billings to develop and direct their children's choir. Autumn says she was inspired by the Lutheran theology as well as the vibrant congregation. She said that her worship services have always been from the piano and organ benches and its through her love of music and connection to faith communities that she has developed meaningful and lasting friendships.

Although having a Masters of Education degree, her career calling has always been to faith communities. She comments, "I know I'm not always perfect, but I try to always be faithful in providing some light in the world through Lutheran theology. I don't think we are meant to be alone, so as a community we journey together."

What's her favorite activity at ORLC? "The bell choir and sharing the beautiful sounds of that piano..."



Sew In Love News:

16 pillowcases were stuffed with goodies and 16 cups were filled with delicious candy. All was delivered, along with a bag for a new lady at the shelter.

Also, we made \$1,000.00 on raffle sales for the quilt, and WELCA donated \$500, so each seminarian will receive \$750.00!! Thanks to everyone who participated in the sale, and a special thanks to Janet for donating the beautiful quilt. Below is a photo of Sandy Merdinger when she received it.



January marks a time when our youth get to focus on fellowship, learning new skills, service and having new fun experiences together with members of our community! **Each youth is encouraged to sign up and participate in a minimum of 3 electives.** These electives are a variety of service opportunities, fun, fellowship, sports, baking, and arts and are all **FREE!** Learn more details about these electives below!

Sign-Up at: <https://forms.gle/qL8gMoFyU5GBPPig9>

Macarons



Description: Emily and Lori Walter will spend the morning teaching you how to make a French delicacy, macarons! All materials provided!

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2022 @10am -12pm

Location: Our Redeemer's Lutheran Kitchen

LIMIT 6!

Pottery



Description: Sheri Oster, a retired art teacher, will spend the afternoon teaching the skill of pottery. Come get muddy!

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2022 @1:30pm-3:30pm

Location: **16 Ruby Mountain Rd, Clancy MT 59634**

Helena Food Share Kid Pack Build



Description: Meet Judy and Bruce McMaster at the Helena Food Share Warehouse to assemble food packs that are distributed to youth in need of supplemental food for weekends.

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2022 @7pm-8:30pm

Location: **Helena Food Share Warehouse (light green building) on the corner of Oakes St. & Railroad Ave.**

Parents welcome to join!

Carroll College Concessions



Description: Join Jackie and some of the Safehouse Crew at Carroll Men's and Women's basketball games to serve all the concession goodies! This is one of the ways we raise funds to continue all the fun activities with our youth!

Dates: Saturday, January 14, 2022 @1:30pm-5:30pm

Saturday, January 21, 2022 @1:30pm-5:30pm

Thursday, January 26, 2022 @4:30pm-8:30pm

Location: **Carroll College PE Center**

Ice Skating



Description: All ages are invited for a night of ice skating at Memorial Park. Bring your own skates or skates will be available to borrow.

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2022 @7pm-9pm

Location: **Memorial Park Ice Skating Rink**

Tie Blankets



Description: Help make tie blankets for Project Linus, a non-profit organization which provides new handmade blankets to children in need. Morgan May will lead this activity as a part of her Girl Scout project.

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2022 @7pm-8:30pm

Location: Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church Great Room

Bowling



Description: Meet the crew for winter fun and bowling! Bowling shoes provided, but make sure to bring socks!

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2022 @12pm-2pm

Location: **Sleeping Giant Lanes, 3355 Tricia St., Helena, MT**



CONFIRMATION UNIVERSITY

January 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 8:30am - Worship with the organ 11:00am - Worship with the band	2	3 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse
8 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime	9 6:00pm - Preschool Board - CR5-6	10 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 10:30am - WELCA Board Meeting - AD#1 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm
15 <div>Voice Articles Due</div> 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - <i>Fed By Ravens</i> 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime	16	17 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Rm. 10:00am - Worship Service at Touchmark 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:00pm - Council Meeting - Community Rm
22 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - <i>Fed By Ravens</i> 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime	23	24 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room
29 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR1 9:45am - <i>Fed By Ravens</i> 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 12:10pm - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Room 12:15pm - Potluck and Annual Meeting	30	31 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm.	5 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	6	7 10:00am - Confirmation Electives - Macarons 1:30pm - Confirmation Electives - Pottery
11 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - Evening Prayer Around the Cross 7:00pm - Youth Kid Pack Build 7:00pm - Safehouse	12 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	13	14 1:30pm - Carroll College Concessions
18 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - Evening Prayer Around the Cross 7:00pm - Ice Skating Night @ Memorial Park 7:00pm - Outreach and Welcome Team Mtg	19 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	20	21 1:30pm - Carroll College Concessions
25 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - Evening Prayer Around the Cross 7:00pm - Confirmation Elective - Tie Blankets 7:00pm - Safehouse	26 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 4:30pm - Carroll College Concessions	27	28 12:00pm - Confirmation Electives - Bowling

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM
Sunday, January 1			Sunday, January 8		Sunday, January 15
Usher	Larry Hanson, Jerry & Judy Hoover, Ron Paulson	Kevin Mathews	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Lynn Voss, Lon Bechtel	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson, Ed Johnson
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	Lisa Mathews	Helen Bunkowske, Sharlene Kolb	Lynn Voss, Lon Bechtel	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma
Commun- ion	DeeDee & Gary Fischer	Kevin and Lisa	Lori Bigwood-Pecarina, Gretchen Krumm, Sharlene Kolb	Lynn Voss, Lon Bechtel	DeeDee & Gary Fischer
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Lisa Mathews		Shannon Bartole	

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Sunday, January 15	Sunday, January 22		Sunday, January 29	
Mark Langdorf, Lori Chase	Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	Jan & Jeff Martin	Bonner Armstrong, Ingrid Childress	
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Mark Langdorf, Lori Chase	Linda Coty, Linda Nelson	Jan & Jeff Martin	Ingrid Childress, Ron Paulson	Kathy Olson
Lori Chase	Kristi Antosh	Lisa Mathews		Shannon Bartole