



### Welcome BBQ/Potluck for Pastor Adam and family

Join us on Sunday, June 29 as we welcome Pastor Adam, Annie, Noah, Ben and Abi to Our Redeemer's with a summer BBQ. Council will provide the burgers and hotdogs; we need you to bring a side dish, salad or desert. We also need folks to set up and clean up that day. Please reach out to Charlene Mayala at 406-465-0956 or csmayala66@gmail.com to help.

Let's shower the Barnhart family with cards and notes of welcome at this event, and if you'd like to toss in a small gift card to a place you think they'd like in Helena (restaurant, grocery store, museum, bookstore, home improvement store), they would be gratefully used.



# OUR REDEEMER'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THE VOICE

June 2025



We have a full month around here, starting with the annual **Montana Synod Assembly** being held in Great Falls May 30-31. Our delegates this year are Nelson Bock, Attila Felnagy (council president), and Abby McLane. Deacon Carol Will and I round out the Our Redeemer's delegation. Every six years the synod elects a bishop, and that is the primary business of this year's gathering. I have been nominated to be on the ballot for synod council, which I agreed to knowing that I'd have time to serve in that way with Pastor Adam Barnhart joining the staff. You can find a link to watch the synod assembly live here: <https://www.montanasynod.org>

And speaking of Pastor Adam, please be holding him and his family in prayer as they finish packing, say their goodbyes, and make their way north to us. In the past two weeks, wife Annie has finished up a nursing degree, son Noah has finished his first year at Montana Tech, and Abi and Ben finished grades 9 and 11 respectively. So lots of balls in the air in that household! Pastor Adam begins his call to Our Redeemer's on June 23, the week of VBS and a great way to jump into community. We will hold a **welcome BBQ/potluck on Sunday, June 29 to welcome the Barnhart family** into our fellowship. Let's shower them with cards and notes of welcome at that event, and if you'd like to toss in a small gift card to a place you think they'd like in Helena (restaurant, grocery store, museum, book store, home improvement store), I know they would be gratefully used.

I've been attending the graduation ceremonies for our preschool this week, and several parents have said: **See you at VBS!** Vacation Bible School is near capacity early this year, with half of those registered ages 4-6. Get ready for some fun! The theme this year is True North, with Jesus being the one we can trust to guide us the right way in wild times. If you've time to help that week, let Liz Swenson know ([liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org)) and **join us each morning at 9:10 am for worship** with all the kids and volunteers. The music is always great, and this would jumpstart your day in a high energy way.

We started our summer worship schedule May 25 and have officially hit one of the best times of the year here in Montana, which means many of us will be in the mountains or on the water more and around town less. **Please continue to be faithful in your support of the ministries of Our Redeemer's** ... they continue on throughout the summer. From VBS, to youth headed to FLBC, to hikes exploring our area, to adult confirmation, we need your ongoing support as we live out our life of faith together. And with the serious upgrade in staffing we're getting with Pastor Adam, consider upgrading your weekly offering so we don't fall behind in the summer, as is common with church giving. Lori Walter can help you with this if you give online ([loriw@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:loriw@ourredeemerlives.org)).

Thanks to all who took the time to complete the **HolyCow! survey**. Look for the results mid-summer, and for the results to impact our life together in the months and years to come. We're entering into an exciting time in the life of this congregation, as we return to being fully staffed. Watch out world, the Christian community known as Our Redeemer's Lutheran is on the move at the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the sake of all creation!

*Pastor Trina Johnsten*



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## VBS Opening Worship All Are Welcome!!

We hope you will join us for opening worship each day during Vacation Bible School on **June 23-26, 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!



Join us this SUMMER...

June - August - KidTime all Summer

June 10-11 - 5th-8th Grade Lock-In

June 23-26 - Vacation Bible School

July 6-11 - Our Redeemer's @ FLBC

July 13-18 - Our Redeemer's @ FLBC

August 24 - Blessing of the Backpacks Service

\* 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)



## Vacation Bible School 2025

**Theme:** True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

**Dates:** June 23-26, 2025

**Hours:** 9:00am - Noon, Monday through Thursday

**REGISTER TODAY:** 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!

\* Our Preschool - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade groups are nearly full, so sign up soon!

<https://forms.gle/g2C85RovDnnE2CDd8>



Also...we need **YOUR HELP!** We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to make VBS possible. Please contact Liz or register below if you are interested in volunteering your gifts for an adventure this June!

<https://forms.gle/ZHrj14ch5p3k8Kj86>



Contact Liz for more information,  
[liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org)



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**Voice articles due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month**  
Sunday, June 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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June Birthdays!

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



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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Guy Goughnour    | 12 Kylee Wetzel       | Randy Huffsmith     |
| 2 Trent Selvig     | Roger Kitts           | Mark Studt          |
| 4 Carol Will       | Kapri Byrne           | Katie Kuhns         |
| TJ Hunt            | 14 David Hanson       | Charlotte MacIntyre |
| Asher Bomar        | 15 Vicki Chapman      | 26 Wendy Vukonich   |
| 5 Dale Mickus      | Eric Meyer            | Dylan Hill          |
| Nelson Bock        | 16 Ryan Griffeth      | 27 Judy Mickus      |
| Dave Carlson       | 17 Edward Johnson     | Gary Bay            |
| 6 Kellie Guariglia | 18 David Fulkerson    | Laura Leck          |
| Kaela Burke        | 19 Jennifer Colegrove | Lauren Robertson    |
| 7 Katie Steinhoff  | 20 Chris Boe          | Abbey Begger        |
| 8 Ron Olson        | Tenley Forgey         | 28 Dave Mehl        |
| Ann Marie Carlson  | 21 Lisa Richards      | Beth Johnson        |
| 9 Amelia Dodds     | Jack Palmer           | Kayme May           |
| Wyatt Russeff      | 22 Emmett Dike        | Diane Tackett       |
| 10 Pat Fischer     | 23 Kit Quinn          | 29 Nate Jensen      |
| 11 Harry Howell    | 24 Bonnie McFarland   | 30 Glenn Erickson   |
|                    | Judy McLean           | Janet Lauf          |
|                    | Lynn Voss             | Jason Callon        |
|                    | 25 Bill Hess          | Jake Willcut        |

June Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

- 41 Years! Kevin & Marie Rauch 6/2/1984  
42 Years! Bill & Cheri Goosen 6/25/1983  
44 Years! Harry & Sheri Howell 6/27/1981  
46 Years! Dennis & Dodie Heffner 6/23/1979  
47 Years! Bob & Lyanne DenHerder 6/10/1978  
47 Years! David & Sherril Senn 6/11/1978  
47 Years! Pat & Linda Lynch 6/17/1978  
48 Years! Dan & Ellen Dodds 6/19/77  
50 Years! Bob & JoAnn Maffit 6/14/1975  
50 Years! Rick & Vicki Chapman 6/21/75  
53 Years! Carl & Kim Anfinson 6/2/1972  
53 Years! Tim & Dorothy Cail 6/9/1972  
57 Years! Dwight and Roxanne Hiesterman 6/8/1968  
57 Years! James and Barbara Penner 6/24/1968  
62 Years! Lowell and Joan Anderson 6/23/1963  
65 Years! Kenneth & Bonnie Richmond 6/12/1960

90+ years old

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

Kit Quinn, age 90, June 23  
1507 Hollins  
Helena, MT 59601



Funerals

5/27/2025 Ann Harris



Confirmation 5/4/25

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|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Alayna Josie Boe       | Faith Lynn McAlpin    | Makenzie Ann Whittington |
| Kruz John Robert Green | Lydia Bliss Rumsey    | Alexander James Wickens  |
| Tess Alicia Jensen     | Kendall Lynn Salo     | Dayna Marie Willcut      |
| Brenna Gray Lawton     | Shane Michael Sampson |                          |

family.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

Summer at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Please keep the youth and adults from Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in your prayers this summer as they go to camp. At camp, all will experience Christ's grace through meaningful relationships, shared adventures and purposeful service.

There is still time to sign your child up for a week away. Our church is helping to transport kids to camp the week of July 6-11 and July 13-18. Let Steph know if you would like to get on her list for kids being transported. **Remember that the church is happy to help cover the cost of camp!** Many thanks to those who helped make this financial support possible!

**Campers and Adult Volunteers** can register for this summer at <http://flbc.net> or scan this QR code and it will bring you to the FLBC website.



JUNE 8: SKIDWAY WILDFLOWER HIKE

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. Dogs are welcome to join. We'll meet in the south church parking lot at 11:00am for carpooling and departure. Remember to bring lunch and water. We will enjoy lunch together at the cars before hiking. Bear spray is recommended for your safety.

Future hike dates:

**JULY 13: EDDY MCCLURE EAST**  
**AUGUST 3: TROUT CREEK CANYON**





## A Huge “THANK YOU!”

In addition, many of you pitched in to assist in hosting our **Family Promise** guests early in May. You set up and tore down the rooms to provide suitable bedroom space, did the laundry, spent the night as hosts, provided meals, and stopped by to encourage, visit, or make a special effort to celebrate Mother's Day with our guests. Thank you for continuing to serve our neighbors as they seek long-term housing.

**Family Promise** is making progress on the construction of their new building, which is designed to house about 30 families on their property on Cooke Ave. The permits have been finished and groundbreaking happened in May. Churches will remain active by providing meals and housing for new families entering the program through the building process and after completion.

Carroll College students have planted root crops and have started pepper, tomato, and onion plants to be planted in the **Community Garden** in June. Look for more information later. The Hunger Team will continue to provide fresh produce for Helena Food Share as much as possible without a garden manager for that section. Elaine Ulgenes is handling all the rental spots. We are especially grateful for her willing hands. The Hunger Team can still use help with planting, weeding, and harvesting the Helena Food Share plot, raspberries, grapes, etc. And yes, **the Hunger Team could use your help**. Don't hesitate to stop by, smell the flowers, pull a few weeds, or just listen to the meadowlarks sing. The Community Garden is just that: it is for all of you. This project is too big to be handled only by the Hunger Team.

**The Milk Campaign for Helena Food Share** will commence early in September to coordinate with the beginning of school and grant deadlines. Our goal for this year's campaign is \$25,300. And we have already received a \$1000 grant from the Montana Synod Hunger Team to launch our campaign. Extra milk bottles for storing change for the campaign are available by the Helena Food Share display in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up at your convenience. Children and youth in the church received these milk bottles in May for use during the summer.

## Long Term Prayer Concerns

## Our Members

## Our Seminarian

## Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

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Adult Confirmation coming in June

Adult Confirmation classes will be offered on **Wednesdays in June at 6:00pm** in the Community Room. We will explore the story of Jesus' disciples and the early church as they grieve and wrestle with what it means to be without him. Using lessons from the books of Acts and 1 Timothy, we will discover how these early Christians persevered and how God transformed their hearts and minds so they could move forward.

During our four sessions, we will explore captivating stories and fascinating characters that shaped the foundation of our Christian faith, and how often they had to be freed from their mistaken ideas about God and what God wanted. These stories include:

- disciples transformed into living candles by the Holy Spirit;
- Peter defending the disciples of being drunk because they can speak in other languages;
- Stephen being lapidated (killed by stoning) because he challenged religious leaders with the truth;
- Peter's vision (of pigs in a blanket) that transforms his understanding of cleanliness and membership;
- Paul's 10,000-mile journey through the Roman Empire (including the Wonders of the Ancient World) that establishes the early Christian churches;
- the relentless efforts made by God to help us understand that everyone is included and loved, especially those we believe shouldn't be included or loved (the Ethiopian Eunuch, the Purple Woman, the Roman Centurian, and the Demon Possessed); and how false teachers and teachings have always existed in the church, from its very beginnings, and we'll expose false teachings in the church today.

Everyone is welcome, all questions are invited and encouraged, and the snack cart will be fully stocked. Questions may be directed to Dennis Trotter ([dennis\\_trotter@mac.com](mailto:dennis_trotter@mac.com)).

Discover the Ten Commandments through Luther's Catechism

Elizabeth Cook is offering a 12-week study entitled *Discover the Ten Commandments through Luther's Catechism*. This ONLINE study will be held Thursdays, from 12-12:30, beginning June 12. Each week we will delve into a specific commandment or related topic through carefully selected readings, reflections, and engaging discussions. Luther's Catechism App, available on Google Play Store (see picture below) will serve as our common guide and source for readings, along with the Bible.

For more information, including an outline of the study, please contact Elizabeth Cook at [ecookinmt@gmail.com](mailto:ecookinmt@gmail.com). These meetings will be held via Zoom. Here is the link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86129456485?pwd=qSzG9rLMcbEtDteSrwEXQeUTxeLOYH.1> The access code is EY57cp.



Lutheran Catechism  
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In-app purchases



“...From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to who much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.” **Luke 12:48**

Jesus tells a parable about a prudent manager who is put in charge while his master is away. The master later returns to find the manager faithfully doing his job. He is then given control over all the master owns. Jesus compares him to another manager who, seeing that his master is delayed, beats the slaves, eats, and gets drunk. He is rightfully punished.

We, to whom much has been given, also make our choices concerning the blessings God has given us, whether it is our home, family, friends, work, leisure, resources, and this precious Earth. Will we continue to take care of it all (have dominion) over what we have been charged to steward, or will we be like the foolish manager who partied away his time and let important duties slide?

Our current climate situation calls us to respond to the many stress signals God's Earth is giving us - drastic heat, floods, storms, fires, etc. We Lutherans don't like to talk much about judgment, but is the judgment (i.e. natural consequences) already happening?

Now that we are more aware of the outcomes of our human activities, can we find ourselves faithfully working toward a better world, Earth-wise and otherwise?

Solar Project Update

Several people have asked about the status of our solar project, so here's an update:  
Our application for a renewable energy grant from NorthWest Energy's Universal Systems Benefit Fund was submitted prior to the May 1 deadline. Now we just wait for a decision from the Grants Selection Board. As of late, those decisions have been made four to five months after the grant deadline, so we may not hear their response to our application until mid-to-late summer. Whether we receive a grant and how much we receive depends on several factors, including the amount of money in the fund available for this grant cycle, how many applications are received, and the geographical distribution of those applications, in addition to the relative merits of the applications. We believe we have a very strong application, so we are hopeful.  
As soon as the grant awards are announced, we will let members of the congregation know.  
Nelson Bock, Creation Care Team convener.

Perpetual Funds and Seminary Scholarship Fund for 2025

The Perpetual Fund committee is pleased to announce that grants and scholarships are available for qualified applicants and projects from the Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church Perpetual Fund and Seminary Scholarship Fund for 2025.

Awards from the Perpetual Funds are intended to enhance Our Redeemer's missions and ministries, which have not received funding from the general or designated church giving. Such as:

- Missions of the ELCA at home and abroad, including professional leadership, educational ministries, global missions, and social ministries.
- Outreach into the community, including grants to campus ministries, social service agencies, and special programs in our parish that are in spiritual and or economic need.
- Scholarships or grants to members of Our Redeemer's for church-related education or 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.

Lori Chase



The WELCA board of directors is looking for more interested volunteers to serve on the WELCA board, supporting all the women's work at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We are currently looking for a new treasurer and secretary for the board. Both positions are uncomplicated and reasonably straightforward. We aim to get more women active and support this vital ministry within our church. If you are interested, please contact any member of our current board of directors, including Karen Caplis, Jan Martin, Charlene Mayala, Pat Lumma, and Kay Patterson. It just might be your "spiritual gift."

We are happy to announce this year's college scholarship winner, a \$1000 scholarship. Tevin Wetzel will be starting this fall as a freshman at Carroll College. Congratulations, Tevin!

Our next WELCA Bible Study will be held **on Wednesday, June 18 at 1:00pm**. All are invited to attend. Call Pat Lumma if you have any questions or concerns at 406-431-5703.

Our first Fall Festival gathering for planning purposes will be held on Monday, July 21 at 10:00am in the Great Room. Bring ideas to share and all your enthusiasm for planning and volunteering. Our festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 8. Hope to see lots of new faces!

Thanks, your WELCA board

### SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to everyone who attended the WELCA Spring Luncheon at Our Redeemer's on May 10. A special thanks to those who were on the committee to help that weekend: Brandon Murdo, Karen Caplis, Dorothy Cail, Claudia Morley, Charlene Mayala, Ingrid Childress, Barb Penner, and Wayne Gabbert. We received a considerable amount of donations and cash to help support Family Promise and they are very grateful for those donations.

Special thanks to all the women, men, youth, and all who came on May 9, to help load the Lutheran World Relief trucks. Many thanks to our men's coffee group who came to haul boxes and assist the women of the church. We packed 81 boxes of mission quilts and school/baby and personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Congratulations everyone for such a job. Well done.



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



**Del and Audrey Schubring** moved to Montana after spending their youthful days in Michigan. A few vacations in Montana left them with a desire to move here. In 1980, they arrived in Townsend to continue their life as an "outwest family." Their daughters attended college at Carroll, Montana State, and the University of Montana. Go Saints, Go Cats, Go Griz!!

Del's career in commercial printing spanned many years and concluded with his selling the business to Lee Newspapers. Audrey was a dental assistant, including a mission trip to Hanoi, Vietnam, where she assisted in dental care for children. All of this happened while Audrey enjoyed running, especially in the Governor's Cup marathon, and eventually developed a passion for walking and hiking. Del was still playing golf and tennis.

Moving to Helena in 2015, they quickly became engaged in the church and the community. Del participates on the Property Development Team and the Men's Group. Audrey is truly a volunteer with many talents, helping where needed, be it in the kitchen, landscaping, or worship services. Both of them adopted a plot in the boulevard and the chalkboard garden which require constant landscaping maintenance. They are core volunteers with Food Share – Kid Packs and ardently advocate for the development of an Our Place permanent building for unsheltered persons. Audrey spends her Thursdays assisting the Fort Harrison Thrift Shop.

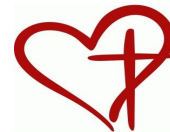
Both express how blessed they are to be part of the Our Redeemer's family and often voice that the generosity, friendliness, and ministries at Our Redeemer's exceed any other church with whom they have been affiliated.

Well, Del and Audrey, you are very generous and friendly, too, and we truly appreciate your involvement in the church and community ministries.



### CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

A small group of individuals who provide support for loved ones meets monthly at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in the Conference Room. We will meet on Sunday, June 22, at 10:45am, following the single worship service. Please join us to share stories, challenges, and joys. Companionship for your loved one is provided.



### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Journeying through grief can be a lonely experience. The grief group provides an opportunity for us to share our feelings in a supportive and caring environment. Each person will find their own path through the wilderness of grief, and we will honor each other's feelings as we navigate it together. All who are grieving are welcome to join us at 10:45am on Sunday, June 1.



If you have questions or need to talk, you may contact Lori Bigwood-Pecarina or Jane Peachey.

**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**



### Welcome Back, old friends!

What a joy it was to have Rob and Carolee Stuberg with us on May 25. Rob shared about their ministry at Mwika Lutheran Bible and Theological College in Tanzania. He presented Our Redeemer's with a certificate acknowledging our role in providing seed money for the college's now-realized recording studio. We sent them off with more seed money and hope they will return soon.



#### April Financial Report and Recommendations

General Receipts for April totaled \$65,798. Building Fund donations for April totaled \$11,224. Dedicated Fund donations for April totaled \$4,959.20. The Council moved to forward the Building Fund and Dedicated Funds to the Mission Investment Fund and to pay \$500 to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. They further decided to hold Synod donations until a later date, as property taxes of \$9,783.22 are also due this month.

#### Ministry Team and Committee Reports

Staff members reported numerous activities and active involvement in all aspects of the church during April. The preschool concludes its school year on Thursday, May 22. Registrations for next year's preschool are lower than expected. A postcard drop will help spread the word about openings for the 2025-26 school year.

The Outreach Ministry reported on the generous donations of the congregation through the 2024-25 school year. As noted earlier, congregation members generously assisted Lutheran World Relief by donating items for baby kits, school kits, quilts, and personal care kits. They also helped Helena Food Share and Family Promise. Furthermore, the Sew in Love group continued to provide quilts for every new resident at the YWCA and the Friendship Center, as well as items for the children housed there.

#### Unfinished Business

A welcoming barbecue will be held for Pastor Adam and his family following worship on Sunday, June 29. The church will provide meat and buns. Attendees are asked to provide a side dish to accompany the burgers. More details will follow soon.

#### New Business

The Council moved to cover Pastor Adam's rental deposit, in addition to other moving expenses, in alignment with the 2025 budget.

The June Executive Council meeting will be held on Sunday, June 8, at 5:30pm.

Linda Nelson, Secretary

#### Touchmark Worship Services

Our Redeemer's Church members provide a worship and communion service monthly at Touchmark Retirement Community. We will meet on Tuesday, June 17, at 10:00am in the Forum. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina 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.

# MEET THE GRADUATES



#### **Kenzie Grace Marie White**

*Kenzie is the daughter of Dana White and is graduating from Capital High School.*

*Kenzie has been involved in the Great Divide Ski Program, where she was a ski instructor. She is also a hard worker, working many hours at Shellie's Country Café.*

*Kenzie plans to attend MSU to work towards a career in Child Psychology.*



#### **Tevin Kennedy Wetzel**

*Tevin is the son of Lance and Cassie Wetzel and is graduating with honors from Capital High School.*

*Tevin is a multi-sport athlete. In basketball, he was a three-year captain, All-State Selection, and three-point record holder. He also received Academic All-State Honors all four years and is a member of the National Honors Society.*

*Tevin has signed to play basketball for the Carroll College Fighting Saints and plans to study Business Administration.*



#### **Brooklynn Grace Haab**

*Brooklynn is the daughter of Kent and Melissa Haab. She is graduating from Capital High School.*

*Brooklynn has been involved with Business Professionals of America, National Honors Society, Bruin Peer Performance, student council, varsity track and volleyball, choir, Helena Exchange Club Youth of the Month, Senate Page during Legislative session, Helena Education Foundation Distinguished Achiever and Montana University System Honor and STEM Scholar.*

*Brooklynn will be attending the Honors College at MSU, pursuing a degree in Microbiology.*



#### **Lauren Anne Robertson**

*Lauren is the daughter of Mark and Mary Robertson and will be graduating from Capital High School.*

*Lauren has been involved in theatre for all four years of high school. She has been part of productions, both backstage and on stage. She also works in the nursery here at Our Redeemer's.*

*Lauren plans to attend the University of Montana to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.*



June 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>1</b><br><br>9:30am - Worship + KidTime<br>10:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Room                                                                                                        | <b>2</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp<br>10:00am - Staff Meeting                            | <b>3</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp<br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6<br>10:30am - Knitters for Peace                                                   |
| <b>8</b><br><br>9:30am - Worship + KidTime<br>10:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Room<br>11:00am - Creation Hike - Skidway Wildflower Hike<br>5:30pm - Executive Committee - Conference Room | <b>9</b><br><br>10:00am - Staff Meeting<br>6:00pm - Preschool Advisory Board Meeting - Conference Rm | <b>10</b><br><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6<br>10:00am - WELCA Board - Small Conference Room<br>10:30am - Knitters for Peace<br>6:00pm - 5th-8th grade Lock-in |
| <b>15</b><br><div>Voice Articles Due</div><br>9:30am - Worship + KidTime<br>10:45pm - Stewardship Meeting - Conference Room                                                                          | <b>16</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp<br>10:00am - Staff Meeting                           | <b>17</b><br><br>9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6<br>10:00am - Touchmark Worship and Communion<br>10:30am - Knitters for Peace<br>5:30pm - Council meeting           |
| <b>22</b><br><br>9:30am - Worship + KidTime<br>10:45am - Caregivers Support Group - Conference Room                                                                                                  | <b>23</b><br><br><div>Vacation Bible School ~~~ June 23-26 ~~~ 9:00am - 12:00pm</div>                | <b>24</b><br><br>6:30pm - Hunger Team - Community Garden                                                                                                                                |
| <b>29</b><br><br>9:30am - Summer Worship + KidTime<br><br>Welcome BBQ/Potluck for Pastor Adam,<br>Annie, Noah, Ben and Abi                                                                           | <b>30</b><br><br>10:00am - Staff Meeting                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                         |

Faith and Justice in Action

Members of the Our Redeemer's **Faith and Justice in Action** group will be attending the *No Kings* rally at the State Capitol June 14 at 12:00pm. We will show up as followers of Jesus advocating for the preservation of our democracy and on behalf of the poor and vulnerable in our country who are being put at risk of further suffering and marginalization by the policies and actions of the current administration. We will meet between 11:30 and 11:45am on the north lawn of the Capitol near the flower garden plot fronting on 6<sup>th</sup> St. All are welcome. We will be wearing white shirts to identify ourselves, as well as carrying signs with messages of faith and justice.

| Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday                                                                        | Friday                                                                                                     | Saturday          |
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| <b>4</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp<br>9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room<br>9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft<br>6:00pm - Adult Confirmation Class                                                                           | <b>5</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp<br>9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6  | <b>6</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp<br><br>Family Promise Jumble Sale at First Christian Church | <b>7</b><br><br>  |
| <b>11</b><br><br>9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room<br>9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft<br>6:00pm - Adult Confirmation Class                                                                                                            | <b>12</b><br><br>9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6                                   | <b>13</b><br><br>                                                                                          | <b>14</b><br><br> |
| <b>18</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp<br>9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room<br>9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft<br>1:00pm - Women's Bible Study<br>5:00pm - VBS Orientation - Great Room<br>6:00pm - Adult Confirmation Class | <b>19</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp<br>9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 | <b>20</b><br><br>8:00am - Preschool Summer Camp                                                            | <b>21</b><br><br> |
| <b>25</b><br><br>6:00pm - Adult Confirmation Class<br><br><div>Vacation Bible School ~~~ June 23-26 ~~~ 9:00am - 12:00pm</div>                                                                                                                   | <b>26</b><br><br>                                                               | <b>27</b><br><br>                                                                                          | <b>28</b><br><br> |
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Members of Faith and Justice in Action