



Holden Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday in Lent at 6:30pm

This prayer service includes communion and is designed to center our hearts during Lent.



Holy Week & Easter

April 2 - April 9

Join us for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday,
and Easter Sunday, featuring very special music!



OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

March 2023



Thank you!

You can't hear that enough - though you'll probably hear it a fair amount if you hang around here very long. Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church members and staff tend to be a pretty appreciative and gracious group of people.

Thank you for choosing to live out your faith in this corner of God's kingdom. We need each other to "work out [our] own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12, NRSV). We each bring unique questions, experiences, and perspectives that God uses to build up the body of Christ. We are all strengthened in our faith as we share and receive from others the gifts God has granted each of us.

Thank you for offering your sanctified, sinful selves to the ministries to which God is calling all of us. As St. Teresa of Ávila said, "Christ has no body, but yours / No hands, no feet on earth but yours / Yours are the eyes with which He looks / Compassion on this world / Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good / Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world." When you collect food and supplies for Food Share and God's Love, when you teach children about God's love for them, when you share in exploring God's Word, when you help dream visions and create new housing opportunities for struggling neighbors, God's Spirit is working through you. You are part of Christ's body on earth.

Thank you for financially supporting the work of this church. Your gifts translate to a caring visit to a member in the hospital, spiritual guidance for someone going through an especially difficult challenge, transforming encounters with God via worship and teaching and sacraments, connection and community, and so much more.

Finally, thank you for living out a faith in the ultimate power of love. Our presence, our voices, our actions witness to God's victory over chaos, hate, isolation, lies, and pain. You and we are yeast, light, and salt for the world. Through you and through us, God builds a heavenly kingdom on earth, whereby all people are reconnected to the source of true, abundant life.

For all that and more, THANK YOU!

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

GOD’S LOVE

Thank you for continuing to fill the God’s Love hamper month after month. For March, God’s Love could use cleaning supplies and Clorox Wipes. There is also an **especially high demand** for hygiene products at this time of the year. These items include razors, shaving cream, small shampoo/conditioner, soap, hairbrushes, nail clippers, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

KENDRA WILDE HUNGER ENDOWMENT FUND

The Hunger Team has allocated the most recent quarter allocations from this fund to Lutheran World Relief to assist earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. This quarter’s allocation amounted to \$295.60. If you wish to contribute to the Hunger Endowment Fund, checks to Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church should indicate this allocation on the memo line.

FAMILY PROMISE WELCOME

Thank you to everyone who welcomed our Family Promise guests the first week in February. Although only one family spent the evenings at the church, meals were delivered for several persons at the Day Center. We were pleased that one of the families received more permanent housing that week. Your hospitality and flexibility in dealing with our needs is greatly appreciated. Our next hosting week will occur in April. We continue to need persons to set up and tear down rooms, as well as persons to spend the night at the church to host our guests. If you wish more information, please contact Kathy Olson (kathyolson8686@gmail.com, (406) 431-8686) or Phyllis Michelson (phychelson@gmail.com, (406) 437-1217), our volunteer coordinators.

KID PACK DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated all those healthy packets of oatmeal for the Kid Pack Program during the month of February. In March, we shall be collecting low-sugar granola bars. Your favorite flavor is guaranteed to be someone else’s favorite flavor, as well. And you know the routine; just leave the granola bars in the Helena Food Share crates at the display in the hallway. Your generosity is amazing!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Are you itching to get your hands in the dirt once again? No matter what the weather may look like, we do know that spring is on its way. It takes many hands to keep our garden healthy and happy and to guarantee that our Helena Food Share partners receive lots of healthy fruits and vegetables throughout the summer. If you like to plant, weed, harvest, or feed chickens (who keep the insects at bay), we could use your help. Please contact Vicki Downhour (greenxena@msn.com, (406-465-2197) for more details.



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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
Richard Carey
Roberta Carey

Linda Huso
Carol Kimble
Dale Mickus

Jim Poore
Vicki Poore
Ruth Straley

Thea Swenson



Our Family and Friends

Allie (Luci Pearson)
Zachary Ark
Brandon Bach
Victor Bachmier
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)
Steve Boyter
Cody Carey (Richard & Roberta's great grandson)
Tom Carter
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)
Luke Den Herder
Karen Elliot (Chas Elliot's mom)
Stormy Flinders
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)
Christine Hoffman

Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)
Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)
Larry Kuntz (Dave & Lori Swenson)
Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade
(Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Sharon McLane Ryan & Abigail McLane)
Julie Mehl (daughter of Dave Mehl)
Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Families of suicide victims



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief is a journey of ups and downs, of times when you feel like no one gets your journey or they are tired of listening to you. Our grief support is offered the second Sunday of each month between services. The purpose is to have a safe place to share with others who understand. You aren't broken, not grieving too long but are simply traveling a road of unmarked territory where others can walk beside you but never show you the way. All are welcome to share space and support in a confidential setting. You may just show up or you can call Jane Peachey (234-567-1461) or Lori Bigwood-Pecarina (406-672-2470) for more information.

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Kyle Begger
Chad Beley
Lonnie Cook
Erin DenHerder
Kellan Elder
Travis Elder
Sage Ellis
Micah Emmons
Jessilyn Emmons
Joe Fischer

Grant Gagnon
Adam Guay
Ryan Girard
Austin Grieve
Travis Gronley
Charlie Heidbreder
Roger Henschel
Paul Horst
Anela Hemry
Wade Hemry

Cody Johnson
Colton Johnson
Corey Longbottom
Chance McDowell
Kent McGowan
Dean McLain
Sawyer Linke
Erin Mills
Brian Neal
Keith Nordquist

Chris Oelkers
Scott Pocha
Courtney Rath
Tanner Reddig
Cody Stipcich
Darrell Stipcich
Victoria Stipcich
Tait Strom

Our Seminarians

Baird Linke
Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Caregivers share the gift of love on a daily basis. Our support group seeks to be a safe place to encourage and uplift those who provide for loved ones.



Please join us on Sunday, March 26th 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.

Call
Committee

The **Associate Pastor Call Committee** is pleased to announce that they have completed the largest section of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and has moved on to defining the qualities we are looking for an Associate Pastor to bring with them to our congregation. The completed section, **Our Vision for Mission**, is the section that focuses on us as a church – what we are like, where we are going, what matters to us, etc. The **Leadership Needs** will provide information to an applying Associate Pastor as to what skills/gifts we are looking for them to share with us. Information from this is being gleaned from many sources including the Holy Cow Survey and the Cottage Meetings held by the Transition Team, plus thoughts that have been shared with the individual Call Committee members. Pastor Trina will be an integral part of this discussion as she knows what she hasn't been able to get to with a congregation this size and also where her own skills lie. This is probably the most important section of the MSP and we will take the time we need to get it right.

In March, we will be working to complete the MSP if possible, as this is the first step in getting the search for candidates really rolling. At this critical time, please continue to keep us in your prayers as individuals and as conduits for the Holy Spirit so that we are truly guided by Him in our decision making. We thank you for your continued support.



Lutheran World Relief



Our youth are beginning to collect donations for our Personal Care Kits to send off to people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life threatening violence as part of our Lutheran World Relief ministry project. Once all donations are collected kits will be assembled on April 20th.

They are requesting donations of the following:

- **Light-weight bath size towels (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark colors recommended**
- **Bath size bars of soap equaling (8 to 9 oz. bar), any brand**

Donation boxes will be set out at the church to deposit your supplies donations. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry. Stay tuned for collection updates!

Help Make Worship Happen!

Worship is an act of an entire congregation of people and we need your help! Sign up in the hallway now to usher, greet, serve as a lector, distribute communion, help with tech, and more. Please put your name down even if you're already helping, to reaffirm your commitment. Thank you from the Outreach & Welcome Team and Jason Callon, the Director of Worship and Arts.



Financial Review

Sarah Magee reported to the council that ministry receipts for January totaled \$54,023, which was \$6969 more than January 2022, and \$9084 less than the ministry plan. Building fund donations for January totaled \$7533, which is \$6572 less than January 2022 and \$3400 less than the monthly mortgage payment. There is a positive cash balance of \$12,740.26. The council approved the payment of our \$500 benevolence offering to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

It was noted that building fund donations are falling behind the mortgage payments. Although there are funds that are still allocated, which allow for monthly payments, in light of increased interest rates, there is a need for increased donations to this fund.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports

- The Council expresses its great appreciation for all the efforts put forth by Jason Callon for the extra work he has put into making our worship experiences meaningful during Pastor Trina's illness.
- The property development committee is waiting for word from the city about allocation of ARPA funds. There is ongoing discussion regarding the relocation of the gas line near Horseshoe Bend.
- Preschool is working on recruitment and summer programing.
- Outreach and Welcoming committee is working on providing worship assistants.
- Hunger Team is working to secure grant funding for matching its annual summer milk campaign. Kendra Wilde Hunger Endowment funds of \$295.60 have been donated to Lutheran World Relief for earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria.

Congregation Constitution

A task force is being established to update the current congregation constitution to bring it into alignment with the ELCA 2022 model constitution for congregations.

Linda Nelson
Secretary



March BIRTHDAYS

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

3/1 Emma Hoover	Pat Lumma	3/18 Dave Carlson	Sean Maharg
3/2 Ivy Brott	Annette Sharkey	3/19 Loren Davis	Ed Peachey
Mike Caplis	3/10 Thomas Guariglia	Tami Ellis	Vicki Poore
Richard Carey	Brianna Plant	Larry Hanson	Lane Salsbery
Elaine Heen	Audrey Willard	Kendall Smith	3/27 Katy Callon
Clint Ohman	3/11 Brinley Mingay	Jenny Wade	Lyanne DenHerder
Kathy Olson	Christy Weikart	3/21 Linda Young	Morgan McDaid
3/3 Kash Helfert	3/12 Allison Aschim	3/22 Travis Elder	Matthew Vukonich
3/4 Jason Cummings	Trish Harrington	Duncan Ellis	Ava Watne
Mariah Swenson	3/13 Sawyer Holm	3/22 Levi Rispens	3/28 Mark Lauf
3/5 Sawyer Linke	Andi Michalson	Dylan Willcut	Rosie Michelotti
Lorna Meyer	Jessica Willcut	3/23 Donna Greenwood	Jim Penner
David Swenson	3/14 Herbert Kulow	Pr. Trina Johnsten	Ryan Quinn
3/6 Isaac Callon	Isabelle Mavis	Marian Paulson	Vadine Rispens
Brad Johnson	3/15 Ollie Forseth	Julie Penner	Pat Sampson
3/7 Shawn Moore	Jourdain Klinepeter	3/24 Rylee Solan	3/29 Sully Lynn
Kacey Salo	McKenna Emerson	Marge Kasper	Sarah Magee
Drew Sielbach	3/16 Matthew Richards	3/25 Craig Martin	3/31 Ken Richmond
3/9 Scott Brown	3/17 Tracey Tintinger	3/26 Bennett Hanson	

Did You Know?

Did You Know... is an idea dreamed up by a bunch of crotchety old guys to take note of some wonderful people in Our Redeemer's who have done some nifty things, (meaning the kinds of things that God likes so much). The idea is to have a few lines in The Voice each month dedicated to some one who has done or is doing something particularly good for Jesus' sake, especially somebody that many folks might not know about.

Did You Know... Kristi Antosh is a busy servant in God's kingdom and our congregation! She has been part of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church for the past 10 years, and her list of quiet accomplishments is impressive! And yet she goes about those activities so quietly and efficiently that you might not have noticed!



In the past, she's used skills garnered in her years of employment and management in various IT arenas and management positions (General Mills, Pillsbury and Target) to bring expertise to the Long-Term Planning Committee, the Constitution Committee and to teach various management classes for the congregation. She retired recently as Montana's Department of Transportation: Technical Operations Manager, which has allowed her time to join the Grace Notes Bell Choir. (She aids with set-ups and tear-downs for rehearsals as well as performing.)

AND...

Currently, she's serving as member and secretary of the Call Committee for the Associate Pastor. She's active with Altar Guild – helping to keep altar paraments synced with the seasons of the church, baking communion bread and preparing communion elements for services. (She says she's pretty good at filling the shot glasses without spilling!) She is the usher captain for 8:30am service the second Sunday of every month and frequently serves as an usher, greeter, lector and/or communion server at various times and as needs arise.

And, lest she should have too much free time on her hands, she cooks and bakes for Family Promise, for members who request assistance with meals, for funeral services, for bake sales, etc. She provides Thrivent Action Grants for Intermountain events and for our service members. WELCA events, Kid Packs, God's Love, VBS, Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits, School Kits and Health Kits are other beneficiaries of her time, talents and treasures!

What a gift Kristi is!

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.

March Anniversaries

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!



3/19/1983	Carl & Denise Richards	40 years
3/18/1967	Bonner & Karen Armstrong	56 years
3/25/1961	Dale & Judy Mickus	62 years

HOSPITALIZED? LET US KNOW...

We have a caring group of individuals who are happy to visit hospitalized members. The hospital staff is not currently asking religious preference or church membership on admission. Please notify the church office if you, your family, or friends are hospitalized. We want to be a part of your healing process.

Deaths



1/13/23	Verna Gertrude Strand
1/26/23	Florine Dorothy Hart
2/15/23	Dora May Lindner

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.

ORLC Property Development Planning Update

On January 20th, 2023 Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC), acting as proposed lead developer for our property development project, made official application to the city for a portion of the available ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. RMDC was one of seven agencies who filled out Letters of Intent for ARPA funds and were invited to submit a full application. The full list of invited projects included:



- Carroll College/Nelson Stadium Lighting
- Family Promise/Emergency Shelter
- Helena Food Share/Food Resource Center
- Helena Regional Sports Assoc./ Sustainability Study for Recreation Center
- Rocky Mtn. Development Council/Our Redeemer’s Housing Project
- Tri-County Fire Safe Working Group/Fire Safety Audits
- United Way/Meal & Hygiene Mobile Units

All of the applications are available on the City Commission’s website, under Agenda & Meeting Packets, for the February 1st Administrative Meeting.

On February 1st the City Commission listened to a presentation by city staff which included a presentation on the status of ARPA funding decisions and priorities. The four priorities established by the commission for this funding include:

- Priority 1: Programs/Projects Benefitting Vulnerable Populations
- Priority 2: Public Health & Safety
- Priority 3: Programs/Projects that Improve Quality of Life
- Priority 4: Economic Development

Using a rubric designed by city staff which included evaluation criteria like alignment with commission priorities, the RMDC/Our Redeemer’s Housing Project received 69 points. Helena Food Share’s new Food Resource Center project received 70 points and the next closest ranking project received 41 points. This all looks like positive news, but the commission has yet to make any final decisions about the use of its ARPA funds. There was a Joint City/County Commission meeting held February 1st at which the City Commission asked the County Commission to participate in helping to fund a shortlist of projects that would be of benefit to both entities. There was a general sense of wanting to cooperate, but no formal commitments were made.

Again, during this period of decision-making by the commissions, we encourage you to write a letter or email to our Mayor and City Commissioners encouraging them to support the ORLC Affordable Housing Project with ARPA funding. For more information and tips about how to write a letter in support of our project, please contact Gretchen Krumm at gretchen@mosaicarch.com. She will provide you with a bullet-list of talking points you could include in your letter along with email addresses for City Commission members.

The Property Development Team includes the members listed below. If you have any questions about the development planning, please reach out to one of these team members.

- Jerry Hoover
- Cody Salo
- Gretchen Krumm
- Sharon Haugen
- Del Schubring
- Jan Martin
- Nelson Bock
- Bonner Armstrong
- Craig Erickson
- Herb Kulow
- Jeff Downhour
- Ryan McLane
- Kim Mangold



March Bible Study

We continue our current study with Session Three, “Sanctity of life and love,” where we will look at Commandments 5 and 6.

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, March 21 at 10:00am

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, March15 at 1:00pm

Both groups meet in the Conference Room.

We welcome new members and visitors to join us.

The WELCA Board: no meeting in March

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

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

Scholarships to Flathead Bible Camp

WELCA is again offering a scholarship to any student in the congregation who needs financial assistance to attend Flathead Bible Camp this summer. Applications are available in the narthex and should be turned in to the church office. The deadline for receiving applications is **May 1**.

College Scholarships

WELCA has a \$1000 scholarship available to any student in the congregation who will be attending a religiously affiliated college or university. Application forms may be obtained from Jackie Bartz and should be turned in to the church office by **May 1**.

Baby Care Kits

WELCA is again putting together Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief and will be collecting the needed items from March 12 through March 31. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. The following items are needed:

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| Cotton T-shirts (no Onesies) | Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) |
| Receiving blankets, 36” to 52” square | Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt |
| Socks | Hand towel, dark color preferred |
| Gentle soap | Diaper pins or large safety pins |
| Clothing can be infant to size 2 and may be gently used. | |

Save the Date

Great Divide and Five Valleys Clusters are sponsoring a Women’s Spring Retreat at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp on April 21 through April 23. More information as well as registration materials will be available soon.

Worship Assistant Schedule		
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
First Sunday, March 5		
Usher	Larry Hanson, Ron Paulson	Kevin Mathews
Greeter	Lynda Hanson	Lisa Williams-Mathews
Communion		Kevin and Lisa
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Shannon Bartole
Second Sunday, March 12		
Captain	Kristi Antosh	
Usher	Kristi Antosh, Roy Hemry, Ken Kolb	Lynn Voss, Joy and Gary Novota
Greeter	Helen Bunkowske, Sharlene Kolb	Lynn Voss, Joy and Gary Novota
Communion	Gretchen Krumm, Sharlene Kolb	Lynn Voss, Joy and Gary Novota
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Lori Chase
Third Sunday, March 19		
Usher	Dwight Hiesterman, Tom Johnson, Ed Johnson	Mark Langdorf, Lori Chase
Greeter	Roxanne Hiesterman, Pat Lumma	Mark Langdorf, Lori Chase
Communion	Dee Dee & Gary Fischer	Mark Langdorf, Lori Chase
Altar Guild	Charlene Mayala	Lisa Mathews
Fourth Sunday, March 26		
Captain	Ray Read	
Usher	Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	Jan & Jeff Martin
Greeter	Norm Midtlyng, Ray Read	Jan & Jeff Martin
Communion	Linda Coty, Linda Nelson	Jan & Jeff Martin
Altar Guild	Kristi Antosh	Sharon Langdorf

Greetings From Preschool!



Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is OPEN! Since 1999 we offer classes for three and four-year-olds and prekindergarten. Our programs are structured to allow children to experience the joy of learning through both play based and instructional methods. Our ultimate goal is to prepare them for continued success in their education, and in their lives.

Classes are filling up fast! Call us at 406-442-7842, ext. 20., and check out our web site at <https://www.ourredeemerlives.org/preschool/>.

Crumb! Cookie Fund Raiser (A.K.A. Yummy Extravaganza!!) We are excited to share that Crumb! Cookie has agreed to partner with us in fundraising for our preschool! We are their first community fund drive since their opening, and they are just as excited for the opportunity as we are. **Please save the date of Thursday, March 16th for this event; details will be coming soon!**

Preschool Basket Silent Auction It’s back! Our silent auction featuring a variety of themed baskets begins on Sunday, April 2nd, and runs through Sunday, April 16th. If you are interested in donating a completed themed basket or an item for the auction, please contact the preschool office at 406-442-7842, ext. 20; stop by the preschool office; or email us at preschool@ourredeemerlives.org.

Each year preschool families, church and community members, and local businesses provide items to create amazing, themed baskets. These baskets will be on display in the Great Room for viewing and bidding opportunities. There is always a great variety; something for everyone!

The funds raised from this event will enable us to purchase items for our preschool and provide enrichment opportunities for our students. We also utilize funds to supplement our Tuition Assistance Fund. Additionally, we donate a portion of the proceeds to Angel Fund of Helena, a 501C3 corporation that helps area children with basic scholastic needs.

As always, we are extremely grateful for your support and thank you in advance for any and all contributions you are able to make toward this effort. We could not do it without you.

Kris



HOLY COMMOTION!

Wassup with our youth?

Safehouse in March

High school youth please join us during the month of March as enjoy some fun fellowship and seek to answer some deep questions about God and faith. This month we will be focusing on the season of Lent and the Journey to the Cross. Join us in the Youth Loft from 7:00 to 9:00pm on Wednesdays, but please take note of the special dates below.



- **March 6 & 7:** Carroll College Playoff Concessions
- **March 27:** Spring Break—No Safehouse or Small Groups



Carroll College Playoffs!

Join us in this fun way to raise money, get to know one another, engage the community, and serve others!

We will need approximately 10 youth and adults to work concessions at each game.

Basketball Games are: **March 6 & 7 Times TBD**

If you are interested and able, please contact Jackie at 442-7842 or jackie@ourredeemerlives.org.

Mark your Calendars for Summer Camp at FLBC!

Summer camp registration opened December 15th and Jackie will be heading up to camp **July 16-21**. She is willing to give youth a ride to and from camp. Please register your child at <https://flbc.net/registration/> and sign-up with Jackie for a ride! Spaces fill up fast! Hope you can join for an amazing Christ-centered week in God's beautiful creation!



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.



Christian College Scholarships

High School Seniors, are you planning on attending a Christian college next fall? A one-time scholarship is available to students in our congregation, like you, attending a Christian college in the fall! Please contact Jackie Bartz for an application and return it to the church office by **May 1st**.

Please take the time to fill out this one page application as there are so many wonderful ladies that wish to help support you in your education and future!

YOUTH SUMMER SERVANT TRIP:



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA DISASTER RESPONSE, SARASOTA, FL JULY 2-10, 2023

High school youth, are you interested in going on a fun trip, meeting new people, fellowshiping and worshipping together and using your gifts and talents to do God's work? Youth (finishing 8th grade through 2023 graduates) are invited to join our Servant Team next summer.

Our youth would partner with Hope Lutheran Church youth from Bozeman, MT to use their talents and skills to serve others. Luther Springs Bible Camp Staff will meet our team late Sunday afternoon at Faith Lutheran, Sarasota, FL. We will gather that evening for a time of team building, fun, games, and music. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be spent working on debris removal and other rebuild projects with Lutheran Disaster Response. On Thursday, we will work alongside Faith Lutheran in their food distribution program. After our work is complete each day, we will spend time at the beach enjoying some beach fun, sunset worship and devotions. There will also be a fun excursion during the week that might include either a snorkeling trip, sunset dolphin excursion or a boat outing.

Join us for our Next Servant Trip Meeting:

Where: Youth Loft @ ORLC

When: March 19 @12:15pm

What: We'll meet as a team to prepare, plan, talk about fundraisers, and more!



RETREAT 2023

IN BIBLE CAMP
-20, 2023



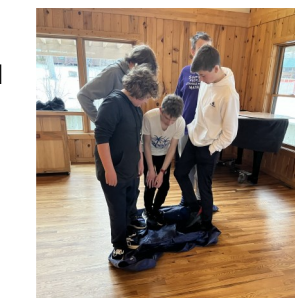
me of our confirmation retreat this year and *what a* hool youth, explored the Old Testament stories that ely including Moses and the Israelites as they escaped r as she took great risks to save her fellow believers in id guided our middle school youth through the ip, acting out skits, leading small group discussions ough a blessing service, engaging and encouraging crickets and snow diving in the courtyard when the weekend was for all! Thank you to the many hands otes of encouragement and prayers!



YOUTH LEADERS: KENNEDY BARTOLE, KATIE STEINHOFF, LAUREN ROBERTSON, KALLEY MAY, DANE QUINN, KASH HELFERT, DAVID HANSON



SERVICE PROJECTS



SMALL GROUP CHALLENGES



SNOW PLUNGE!



WORSHIP



BLESSING SERVICE



"The Great Escape: Living Your Faith Freely" was the the great escape it was! This retreat, led by our wonderful high schoolers, told about God's people and their struggle to live their faith free from Pharaoh's rule and journeyed to the Promise Land and met Jesus Christ. Kennedy, Kalley, Katie, Lauren, Dane, Kash, and David were the amazing gifts: planning and leading worship and activities, assisting with service projects, guiding them through conversation and yes, even eating chocolate covered waves were too high for a polar plunge! What a blessing this weekend behind the scenes that made this weekend happen and the new friendships made!



SO FUN!



CONFIRMATION

@ FLATHEAD LUTHERAN
FEBRUARY 18-



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



First

Come to the Table

Communion

Come to the Table classes will be held for children in second, third or fourth grades and any other families interested in learning about Holy Communion.

Please save these dates:

April 2nd @1:00—Fed and Forgiven: An instructional time for both communicant and parents about Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday, April 6th @ 6:30

We invite the children and their families to this very special service to celebrate their deepened understanding of communion and for those who are not yet communing, to receive their First Communion.

An invitation will be sent to all second, third and fourth grade students and their families.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz at liz@ourredeemerlives.org.

Children's Ministries schedule for March/April

Spring Break March 27th—March 31st

- March 26th - No Sunday School Due to Spring Break!
- April 2nd - Fed and Forgiven—First Communion Class @1:00
- April 6th - (Maundy Thursday) First Communion @6:30pm
- April 9th - Easter Kids Parade @8:30am and 11:00am - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**



VBS 2023!!

Theme: Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light!

VBS dates: June 12th-16th, 2023

VBS hours: 9AM—Noon, Monday thru Friday

We need **YOUR HELP!** We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to make VBS possible. Here are the following areas we need help:

- ♦ Crafts
- ♦ Classroom Leaders
- ♦ Classroom Assistants
- ♦ Games
- ♦ Kitchen
- ♦ Decorations/Stage Building
- ♦ Set-up and Clean-up Assistance



Registration will take place online. Please keep an eye out for more information on this in the middle of March!

Contact Liz for more information
liz@ourredeemerlives.org.

NURSERY NEWS!

In search of...

Dedicated and reliable **middle** and **high school** age youth who are interested in helping in the nursery on Sunday mornings from **8:15-Noon**.

Please email Liz at Liz@ourredeemerlives.org if interested!



March 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime	6 6:00pm - Preschool Board - CR5-6 Carroll College Playoff Concessions Fundraiser	7 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse Carroll College Playoff Concessions Fundraiser
12 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Rm 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime	13	14 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR#5-6 10:00am - Worship Service at Touchmark 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 4:00pm - Kid Pack Build - Helena Food Share Warehouse 6:30pm - Executive Committee meeting - Conference Rm
19 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School - CR#1 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 12:15pm - Servant Team Meeting	20	21 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:00am - Dorcas Bible Study - Conference Rm. 11:00am - Knitters for Peace
26 8:30am - Worship with the organ + KidTime 9:45am - Confirmation University - CR#4 11:00am - Worship with the band + KidTime 12:10pm - Caregivers Support Group	27	28 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 11:00am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 6:30pm - Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm - Confirmation University 7:00pm - Safehouse	2 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	3	4
8 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm - Confirmation University 7:00pm - Safehouse	9 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	10	11
15 Voice Articles Due 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 1:00pm - Rebecca Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm - Confirmation University 7:00pm - Safehouse	16 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 Crumb! Cookie Fundraiser for Preschool	17	18
22 9:00am - Men's Group - Conference Rm. 11:30am - Women's Bible Study - Conf. Rm 6:30pm - Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm - Confirmation University 7:00pm - Safehouse	23 9:00am - Sew In Love - CR5-6	24	25

