



Join Us

October 25 @ 1:00-3:00pm

All Children and Families are welcome!



# OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH THE VOICE

October 2025



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As the activity at Our Redeemer's ramps up for the fall, I am filled with gratitude for the many ways God is already at work among us! There is a sense of energy and possibility in the air, and I am excited to see where the Spirit will lead. I thought it might be helpful to give you a little preview of what I'll be up to in the weeks ahead, so you don't have to wonder if your pastor spends all day just drinking green tea and rearranging hymnals.

Our upcoming book study on *Jesus for President* will stretch our imaginations beyond partisan politics and help us ask what it means to follow Jesus today. These conversations will not be about winning arguments but about discovering how faith shapes the way we live and love in the world. I am really excited about the leaders who have come together to bring this study to the whole congregation.

Sunday worship will continue to give us language and rhythm to practice humility, joy, and community together. I look forward to the songs we will sing, the prayers we will share, and the chance to bring scripture to life in preaching. I deeply enjoy sharing my own stories in sermons, and I trust and hope that God uses them to enrich your hearing of the Word!

Wednesday nights with our youth will also be a highlight. I will be working with Steph Richardson, Director of Youth Ministry, to shape high school programming that is both joyful and adventurous. I know the teenagers will show us that God is never boring, and I am eager for the honesty and energy they will bring.

I am especially looking forward to chapel services with our preschoolers. Few things are better than hearing three-year-olds sing with all their hearts. Chapel with little ones will bring holy chaos, joy, and simplicity. I fully expect to walk away with both a smile and a sticker stuck to my shoe.

Pastoral care visits will continue to be an important part of our life together. Whether at home, in a care facility, or in the hospital, these visits are holy ground. I find these conversations to be the best part of what I do as a pastor. The gospel shows up in shared stories, joy or grief-filled prayers, and even in the challenge of balancing communion cups on a hospital table.

All of these moments will connect. Book study, worship, youth nights, preschool chapel, and pastoral visits will tell the same truth. God is with us and God is for us. When we meet this truth with laughter, honesty, and grace, we will be doing church well.

Thank you for your prayers, your time, and your openness!

God's Peace!

Mark your calendar for Pastor Adam's installation  
Sunday, November 16 at 2:00pm

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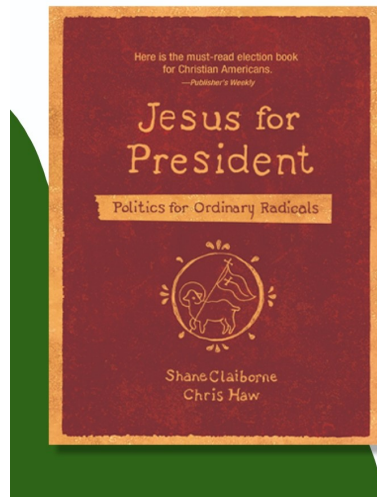
**Adult Education**  
**Fall 2025**

**OUR REDEEMER'S  
BOOK STUDY:**

**JESUS FOR PRESIDENT: POLITICS  
FOR ORDINARY RADICALS**

Curious about what it really means to follow Jesus in today's world? Join us for *Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals* by Shane Claiborne, a relaxed discussion exploring faith, justice, and how we engage with others beyond politics. Together we will wrestle with tough questions, share perspectives, and reflect on what it means to live out Jesus' vision in our daily lives.

**COMING  
October  
2025**



The study runs from October through early November and will be led by a variety of congregation members at multiple times to fit different schedules. Everyone is welcome to join, come as you are, and bring your questions for conversation and reflection.

**Our Redeemer's Book Study:**  
**Jesus for President**

Come and join a thought-provoking conversation around faith, politics, and how to live in this divided age. Author Shane Clairborne helps his audience explore a route through partisan politics towards a gospel-centered approach to life, faith, and public engagement! Sign up for one of our four sessions on the wall outside the nursery. Session times will be:

Sunday Morning -10:00am-10:50am - October 12, 19, 26, November 2 - Community Room

Tuesday Morning Zoom - 10:00am-11:00am - October 14, 21, 28, November 4

Wednesday Morning - 10:30am-11:30am - October 15, 22, 29, November 5 - Conference Room

Wednesday Night - Wednesday Night - 7:00pm-8:00pm - October 22, 29, November 5, 12 - Conference Room

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Wednesday, October 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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# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- |                    |                    |                  |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 2 Richard Chase    | 9 Gordon Blomquist | Richard Livesay  |
| Gary Fischer       | Brenda Gustafson   | 26 Shawn Juers   |
| 3 Roy Hemry        | Amanda Haab        | Julie Lake       |
| 4 Kyler Deboer     | 10 Kellen Deboer   | Titus Wetzel     |
| Joy Novota         | 12 Tim Williamson  | 27 Natalie Byrne |
| 5 Bonnie Heimbach  | 14 Danica Boe      | 28 Olivia Lamb   |
| Roxanne Hiesterman | Bennett MacIntyre  | 29 Helen Hammond |
| Elias Knutson      | 15 Todd Will       | 30 Avery Sitch   |
| Kale Wetherell     | 17 Terrance Young  | Paula Strand     |
| 6 Baird Linke      | 19 Dewey Santy     | 31 Jeff Downhour |
| Kelsi Rummel       | 20 Whitley Begger  | Jackson Lake     |
| 7 Steve Liston     | 22 Kim Anfinson    | Jane Peachey     |
| JoAnn Maffit       | Brett Penner       |                  |
| McKenna Michalson  | 23 Haley Jurecki   |                  |
| Brooklyn Swenson   | 24 Tom Naegele     |                  |
| 8 Patrick Johnson  | 25 Megan Cail      |                  |

## Preschool News

Classes are now in full swing, and students are actively engaged in the full experience of making new friends, learning new routines, and following instructions from a teacher. We are blessed with a fantastic group of children enrolled this year, and we currently have 36 students.

We have an excellent new addition to our team, Sara Dorrington, and she works part-time as our Instructional Aide for both morning classes. Sara also facilitates our Lunch Bunch program. Having an Instructional Aide has been decisively advantageous, allowing teachers to work in a smaller student-to-teacher ratio.

The new playground equipment has been delivered, and our fabulous team of volunteers has begun to construct some of the structures. The plan is for the new playset to be switched out the first weekend in October.

Our annual fall fundraiser will be held at Panda Express on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00am to 11:00pm. Our preschool fundraiser supports the little extras that make learning special, as well as our scholarship fund, which helps families in need. A portion of the sales collected from this local restaurant will be given to Our Redeemer's Preschool, helping to ensure all children can experience the joy of preschool regardless of financial constraints.

We are always looking for individuals who are interested in substitute teaching at our preschool, as we want to ensure that our staff can take sick days if needed. If you or anyone you know is interested in this exciting opportunity, please contact [kristen@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:kristen@ourredeemerlives.org), and we can initiate the background check process and add you to our list.

With gratitude,  
Kristen Sapp, Preschool Director

## CREATION CARE CORNER

What individual actions contribute most to climate change? You may be surprised at the answers.

According to Caleigh Wells' recent article, "Climate Choices," published in the local Independent Record newspaper on August 8, 2025, we often miscalculate the environmental impact of our actions.

Some things that have been largely overestimated are:

- Changing to more efficient appliances
- swapping out light bulbs
- recycling
- using less energy when washing clothes.

In contrast, there are three high-impact activities that are frequently underestimated or overlooked:

1. plane travel
2. owning a dog (please don't shoot the messenger!)
3. not utilizing renewable energy.

Visibility is key. We see a bottle recycled, but airplane emissions are invisible.

A round-trip economy flight on a 737 from LA to New York emits over 1300 lbs. per passenger. The UN says skipping one flight is about equal to giving up meat for a year or going without a car for three months.

A partial solution is to consider purchasing carbon credits or offsets to compensate for your next air flight. This is an option worth exploring. More information on this will be provided next month.

Now, about that carnivorous dog... Many farm animals that become food for our pets (and us) are big methane producers. We can consult with a veterinarian to see if increasing some less carbon-intensive protein sources, such as seafood and turkey, is a viable option for our favorite beast.

Our biggest impact decisions involve heating and cooling our homes, as well as transportation. Switching to renewable energy like solar or wind makes a lasting difference because they don't emit greenhouse gases.

Climate Care contacts:

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Elaine Ulgenes at [Elaineulge@yahoo.com](mailto:Elaineulge@yahoo.com)

## 90+ YEARS OLD

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

Bonnie Heimbach (age 93 on Oct. 5)  
1415 Knight Street  
Helena, MT 59601-2351

Gordon Blomquist (age 99 on Oct. 9)  
2201 Henderson  
Helena, MT 59601



### Happy Anniversary

Celebrate with those married 40 years or more this month!

Mike & Carol Maynard	10/1/1982	43 years
Ron & Claudia Morley	10/1/1982	43 years
Roy & Evalena Hemry	10/24/1975	50 years
Ken & Sharlene Kolb	10/06/1962	63 years

**Children's Ministry Registration Open!**

Sunday School has **BEGUN!** Please follow the link **OR** use the following QR code to register for the 2025-2026 Children's Ministry Christian educational opportunities.



<https://forms.gle/YxSScdCAzZ5jMqLJ9>

All families of children age 3-grade 5 should have received a letter in the mail with more detailed information!

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



**Volunteers Needed....**

**4th/5th Grade Sunday School Teacher**

⇒ We are looking for a 4th/5th Grade Sunday School teacher! Please contact Liz if you are interested in serving in this way. All lessons and materials will be prepared for you!

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

**October**

- 4 Stewardship Work Day, 10:00am-Noon
- 5 Sunday School
- 12 Sunday School
- 19 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!**
- 25 Trunk - or - Treat, 1:00-3:00pm
- 26 Sunday School



Join Us

**October 25 @ 1:00-3:00pm**

All Children and Families are welcome!

If you would like to host a trunk at this event, please follow the link, use the QR code below **OR** contact Liz or Steph!

<https://forms.gle/DidYj1X22R57imiM9>



Contact Liz, [liz@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:liz@ourredeemerlives.org) **OR** Steph [steph@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:steph@ourredeemerlives.org) with questions!

We are in need of candy and other items for Trunk-or-Treat! Please keep an eye out for the donation board in the hallway - grab a tag and bring back your item(s) and put them in the bin located outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you!



**LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**Our Members**

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

**Our Family and Friends**

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

**Our Seminarian**

Shawn, Sara, Addie & Kaden Juers

**Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military**

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

**Our Redeemer's Support Groups**

**CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

Caring for a loved one looks different to everyone. It may be managing medication, transportation to appointments, or ensuring their health and safety. The caregiver's support group is available to anyone who serves another's needs whether emotional, physical, or spiritual. Please join others serving in this role to share support through the challenges of changes in wellness. We will meet on Sunday, October 26, at 9:45am, in the Conference Room. Company for your loved one will be provided in the Great Room. Please contact Jane Peachey or Lori Bigwood-Pecarina with any questions or concerns.



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**



The grief group is scheduled to meet Sunday, October 12 between services. Whether newly grieving or having an upsurge in grief you are welcome to join us. Each journey is unique and while we offer no cures, we do offer listening ears and empathetic hearts. We cry when we need to and take opportunities to laugh and share memories. Grief can be a confusing journey and unfortunately each person must find their way. We will walk beside you while you lead. Lori Bigwood-Pecarina and Jane Peachey can be reached for information, questions or just a listening ear.

**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**

**John Hermanson Trio in concert**  
with Maren Haynes Marchesini & Megan Makeever

**Friday, October 17, 7:00pm**

An evening of original sacred folk music  
a free will offering will be taken



**Sing a New Song!**

**A Festival of Hymns for Pastors and Church Musicians**

**Saturday, October 18**  
**9:00am – 3:00pm**

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church  
3580 North Benten Ave, Helena, MT

Pastors and those involved with church music (worship leaders, choir members, band members) are invited to a one-day workshop led by musicians and liturgical artists Dr. Maren Haynes Marchesini and John Hermanson, co-founders of the Center for the Arts at Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman, with Megan Makeever. Come for a fun, worshipful day with amazing music and great conversation! Lunch provided.

- Explore how to expand and revitalize your congregation's music and singing practices, whether your weekly attendance is 10 people or 500 people.
- Sing new hymns for Christian worship, drawing widely from traditional, contemporary, global, and meditative sources.
- Share what's inspiring you in church ministry today—and what's frustrating you, too!
- Build a community of support with other pastors and musicians across Montana.

Please register for this event. \$20 per attendee (scholarships are available).

**Click the link below to find out more and to register!**

<https://www.montanasynod.org/nrit.html>

**Dr. Maren Haynes Marchesini**, co-founder of the Center for the Arts and Director of Worship and Music at Hope Lutheran Church, is a choral director, cellist, vocalist, composer, author, and scholar with broad-ranging musical interests. She holds a PhD in Ethnomusicology, and brings great passion for an ever-expanding range of Christian hymns, community singing, diverse musical traditions, improvisation, collaboration, and play to enliven congregations of all sizes and denominations.

**John Hermanson** is an award-winning songwriter and composer of the acclaimed acoustic duo Storyhill, as well as projects spanning orchestral, world, pop, rock, and indie genres. Raised in the Lutheran church and rooted in prophetic and mystical traditions, his sacred songs raise ancient yet urgent questions about radical love and mutual responsibility, written in his compelling, distinctive folk style. John is a permanent artist-in-residence at Hope Lutheran Church, and co-founder of the Center for the Arts.

**Megan Makeever** is a professional flutist, multi-instrumentalist, award-winning singer/songwriter, recording artist, and music educator/collaborator. Megan writes original music, and plays flute with the Bozeman Symphony, Montana Ballet Orchestra, Bozeman Chamber Music Project, and the Ellen Theatre Orchestra. She has served in music leadership with Christian, Jewish, and Unitarian congregations, and brings a passion for heartfelt, philosophical, and social justice song practices.

**middle school**  
**RETREAT**

Join us for our Fall Middle School Retreat in Ulm, MT on **October 15 & 16**. Please drop your child off at Our Redeemer's by **5:30pm** on October 15. Plan to pick your youth up at **2:00pm**, at Our Redeemer's on October 16.

Please RSVP by placing your phone camera over the QR code! It will bring you to the registration page. We hope to see you there.



**high school**  
**retreat**

Join us for our Fall High School Retreat in Ulm, MT on **October 16 & 17**. Please drop your child off at Our Redeemer's by **5:30pm** on October 16. Plan to pick your youth up at **2:00pm** at Our Redeemer's on October 17.

Please RSVP by placing your phone camera over the QR code! It will bring you to the registration page. We hope to see you there.



**Sunday Gathering**

**Where:** The Youth Loft

**When:** 9:45-10:45am

**Who:** 6-12 graders

**Objective:** We look at the lesson from the Sunday service and together, apply it to our lives.

**Service Opportunity**

The youth of the church are invited to decorate and paint the dumpster on October 4! Please wear clothes you can get paint on and dirty. No children will be harmed in the painting project, but clothing will not fare so well.

October 4, 9:00am - 12:00pm



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Help decorate a trunk with Steph and pass out candy!

Date : Sat. October 25

Time : 12noon - 3pm

Venue : Church's Parking Lot

**REGISTER NOW!**

## HUNGER TEAM NEWS

### The Final Stretch of the Milk Campaign



Thank you to everyone who has donated to the 2025 milk campaign. Your generosity continues to help those in our community who need it the most. Remember that the campaign ends on Sunday, October 12. We shall celebrate the campaign with Helena Food Share, St. John's Lutheran, and New Life Lutheran. More details about that will follow in the e-newsletter.

It's not too late to contribute. You may leave milk bottles with donations at the Food Share display in the hallway, write a check to Our Redeemer's and put "Milk Money" on the memo line, give directly online to [www.ourredeemerlives.org](http://www.ourredeemerlives.org) (under donations, choose "Milk Money"), or use this QR code:



### More Information on Kid Packs

- Helena Food Share is requesting low-sugar granola bars for the remainder of the school year. You may leave these boxes in the Helena Food Share donation crates by the display in the hallway.
- There is a core group of volunteers who assemble bags the first three Tuesdays of each month, October-April. If having a wonderful time walking in circles while making a huge difference in the life of a child all piques your interest, come check it out. We begin **October 7**. All the action takes place at Helena Food Share [1280 Boulder Ave.] at 4:00pm. It takes about one to one and half hours at the most. You are not obligated to show up every Tuesday. Just pick the Tuesdays which work best for you. If interested, please contact Judy McMaster at [judy1950@bresnan.net](mailto:judy1950@bresnan.net).

### Community Garden Update

Thanks to everyone who helped with the community garden sections for Helena Food Share during this past season. Elaine Ulgenes did a great job of organizing folks, and Karen Nelson did a great job of working with the Carroll College students in the spring, as well as assisting in the garden whenever possible. But the Hunger Team is still looking for a garden manager. You'll notice that the garden is looking ragged around the edges, and this year we were unable to produce the larger crops that add up to hefty poundage, as well as additional nutrition, for Helena Food Share. If you are anyone you know would be interested in helping out with garden management, please contact either Elaine Ulgenes (406-399-0717) or Karen Nelson (406-461-6234) for more information.

### Family Promise Update

Construction has begun on the shelter for Family Promise and Ruth's Place. The walls are up, and framing of the second story has begun. Construction should be completed by the beginning of 2026. Look for more information to follow.

Family Promise hosts Trivia Night at the Brewhouse on the third Tuesday of every month, 6:00-8:00pm. The event takes place in the basement, and the Brewhouse has provided gift cards for winners. For \$5 per person, you may take part in this event, help Family Promise, and have a great time, as well.

The next hosting week for Our Redeemer's is November 9-16. We need overnight hosts (2 each evening), meal providers, and persons to set up the rooms on Sunday afternoon, November 9 and tear them down on early Sunday morning, November 16. Meals will be provided Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The Sunday meals will take place in our church at 5:30pm, hosted by one of our volunteers. The Tuesday and Thursday meals will be delivered to First Christian Church and may be delivered anytime between 10:00am and 5:00pm. Simple, kid-friendly meals are encouraged (a filling entrée) and side dish(es) such as salad, vegetables, or rolls. Dessert and drinks are optional. Desserts such as cookies and fruit should be in proportion to the number of people served since Family Promise is working to prevent food waste. Overnight hosts and others (such as Sunday hosts) need to be trained, since they will come into direct contact with our guests. Please contact Kathy Olson (406-431-8686) for more details. We definitely need more volunteers in order to continue this ministry.

# Fall Bazaar

**Saturday,  
November 8  
9:00am- 1:30pm**

**Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee 9-11am \* Homemade Baked Goods & Lefse \* Sew In Love Sales \* Gift Baskets Treasurer's & Collectibles Tables \* Quilt Raffle  
Homemade Items & Silent Auction**

**We could sure use your kind assistance!**

**LEFSE MAKING: October 24 (Men's Coffee Group)  
& October 25 (Women) 9am both days**

**CHICKEN POT PIES: Pastry Day Saturday, October 11 at 9am  
We need pie dough makers and rollers to finish our pot pies.**

**If you are a baker or canner we could use donations of  
cookies, pies, breads, jams and jellies.**

**Date Needed by: Thursday or Friday, November 6 & 7**

**If you are a crafter and would like to donate, let us know.**

**Treasures & Collectibles will be gathered later in October.**

**Gift Basket Donations Due: Thursday, November 6**

**Let Charlene Mayala know if you can help...THANK YOU**

**406-465-0956 or [csmayala66@gmail.com](mailto:csmayala66@gmail.com)**

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## September 16, 2025

### **Solar and More**

The Council gratefully accepted the Northwest Energy grant of \$60,000 for solar installation on our building. Bozeman Green Build plans to start the installation early in 2026.

### **Financial Report and Recommendations**

Thanks to your generosity, general receipts for August totaled \$64,811. Donations to the Building Fund were \$2,788 less than the monthly mortgage payment. The Council forwarded the building fund amount of \$26,300.10 and the Dedicated Fund of \$24.97 to the Mission Investment Fund.

### **Pastors and Staff Reports**

Activities at the church are running smoothly, and the Preschool is under excellent leadership with new director, Kristen Sapp. Pastor Trina has spent a considerable amount of time with worship planning. Many musicians in the church have volunteered their time and efforts to assist in worship, and Nicole Evans has agreed to direct the choir, with rehearsals on Wednesdays at 5:30. However, we are still searching for a person to coordinate the worship music in a part-time position.

Pastor Adam has been working with issues on the sound board and updating the power supply. He has also prepared a youth songbook for Wednesday evenings with the youth. A book study of *Jesus for President* by Shane Claiborne will begin the week of October 12. Copies are available in the church office for those who wish to participate.

### **Personnel Policy Committee**

This group plans to complete the personnel policy manual in the near future so it will be available for Council review at the October meeting.

### **Audit Committee**

The audit committee will complete its report by November 15.

### **Unfinished Business**

- First Aid, CPR, AED Class proposal
  - Charlie Gorman is working on coordinating calendar dates with the church staff and St. Peter's Medical Group. Training will be offered sometime in the new year. Stay tuned for more information.
- Informal Classification and Appraisal Review for Tax Assessment
  - Jerry Hoover and Shauna Helfert are following up with the city on this issue.
- New Audio/Visual equipment for the Community Room, Youth Loft, and primary Sunday School Room
  - Equipment to mount projectors on the ceiling in these spaces is here, and will be installed over the next few weeks. Dedicated funds for technical support paid for this project.

### **New Business**

The Council approved the Select Copay 2000 health insurance program for 2026 for covered staff members.

Linda Nelson  
Secretary

# WELCA

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

### **NEW - WINE WEDNESDAY!**

New this fall! Join Charlene for Wine Wednesday at 7:00pm for some social time with the women of our church. We will gather at the Hawthorne downtown to visit and get to know each other better in a little different setting. We will gather on Wednesday, October 1. For more information, contact Charlene Mayala at [csmayala66@gmail.com](mailto:csmayala66@gmail.com) or 406-465-0956.

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

Interested in baptism? Please let Pastor Trina know! We offer a one-hour session during which we discuss what Lutherans believe about baptism and go through what happens in the baptismal rite. These sessions are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. Pastor Trina can be reached at [trina@ourredeemerlives.org](mailto:trina@ourredeemerlives.org) or 406-442-7842.

## TOUCHMARK WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join Sharlene Kolb and Lori Bigwood-Pecarina LMA on October 21 at 10:00am to celebrate worship and communion with our Touchmark family. The service will be held in the second floor forum which is accessible via an elevator. Residents enjoy worshipping with members of the larger Our Redeemer's family. All are welcome. Touchmark is located at 915 Saddle Drive.

## FAITH AND JUSTICE IN ACTION



The Faith and Justice in Action Team will meet at the church at 7:00pm, on Thursdays October 9 and October 23. We seek to bear public witness to our faith in the love of God in Jesus, which compels us to speak, stand, and act for justice and mercy on behalf of the poor, outcast, and vulnerable in our society. We also speak and act in defense of democracy against efforts to weaken or subvert it. All who share our concerns are welcome to join us.

## SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

The Solar and More task force is excited to announce that Our Redeemer's has received a \$60,000 award for our solar power project from NorthWestern Energy. In view of this, the Church Council has given the "Go Ahead" for the contract with Bozeman Green Build to be signed, as well as the formal agreement with NorthWestern Energy. It is anticipated that installation of the rooftop solar system will begin early in 2026.

# October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>5</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Sunday Gathering 9:45am - Adult Education 11:00am - Worship + KidTime 12:15pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 12:15pm - Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:30am - Knitters for Peace
<b>12</b> 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Sunday Gathering 9:45am - Grief Support Group - Conference Room 9:45am - Adult Education 11:00am - Worship + KidTime	<b>13</b> 12:15pm - Staff Meeting 6:00pm - Preschool Advisory Board Meeting - Conference Rm	<b>14</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:00am - WELCA board meeting 10:30am - Knitters for Peace
<b>19</b> Healing Service 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Adult Education 11:00am - Worship + KidTime 12:30pm - Executive Committee	<b>20</b> 12:15pm - Staff Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:00am - Touchmark Worship and Communion 10:30am - Knitters for Peace 5:30pm - Council Meeting
<b>26</b> Reformation Sunday 8:30am - Worship + KidTime 9:45am - Caregiver's Support Group - Conference Room 9:45am - Sunday School 9:45am - Sunday Gathering 9:45am - Adult Education 11:00am - Worship + KidTime	<b>27</b> 12:15pm - Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief –CR#5-6 10:30am - Knitters for Peace 6:30pm - Hunger Team - Conference Room

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 5:30pm - Choir 6:00pm - Youth Group & Confirmation 7:00pm - Wine Wednesday - Hawthorne	<b>2</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 11:00am - Looking Ahead to Sunday 6:00pm - Faith & Fries - Brewhouse Downstairs	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am - 3:00pm - Stewardship Work Day 
<b>8</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 5:30pm - Choir 6:00pm - Youth Group & Confirmation	<b>9</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 11:00am - Looking Ahead to Sunday 6:00pm - Potpie making 7:00pm - Faith & Justice - Sewing Room	<b>10</b> 9:00am - Potpie making	<b>11</b>
<b>15</b> Voice Articles Due 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 1:00pm - Women's Bible Study 5:30pm - Choir	<b>16</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 11:00am - Looking Ahead to Sunday	<b>17</b> 7:00pm - John Hermanson Trio in concert	<b>18</b> 9:00am - Sing a New Song! - A Festival of Hymns
Middle School Retreat		High School Retreat	
<b>22</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 5:30pm - Choir 6:00pm - Youth Group & Confirmation	<b>23</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 11:00am - Looking Ahead to Sunday 7:00pm - Faith & Justice - Sewing Room	<b>24</b> 9:00am - Lefse making	<b>25</b> 9:00am - Lefse making 1:00pm - Trunk or Treat 
<b>29</b> 9:00am - Men's Group - Great Room 9:00am - Contemplative Prayer - Youth Loft 5:30pm - Choir 6:00pm - Youth Group & Confirmation	<b>30</b> 9:30am - Sew In Love - CR5-6 11:00am - Looking Ahead to Sunday	<b>31</b>	

**Save the dates! - We have some things to look forward to this fall:**

- **Sunday, November 2** - Seminarian Shawn Juers preaching
- **Sunday, November 16** - Bishop Ben Quanbeck preaching in the morning and installation of Pastor Adam in the afternoon
- **Tuesday, November 25** - Hosting Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Social