

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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Great Falls, MT

September 2018

What: Special Sunday worship

When: September 2nd

Where: First Presbyterian

Time: 10:00 am

With: Fellowship to Follow



It's time for our annual "Across the Alley" worship and fellowship. Come Sunday, September 2nd, for a Cowboy themed worship only at First Presbyterian (there will be no 10:00am worship or fellowship at Our Savior's).

Come, worship and enjoy time with our neighbors/family in Christ. PS September 2nd will be the final 8:15 am worship service in the Sunshine Room for the 2018 season. Thank you to all who have helped make this a special time of worship.

"P.S."

Starting September 9 at 11:30 am in the Memorial Room will be P.S. This will be a time for conversation "post-sermon." Questions, thoughts, how to relate scripture even more to life and faith, etc. Pastor Anna invites you to enjoy fellowship until 11:30 am and join her for 30 minutes (done by noon at the latest).

Also, plans are in the works for a "young one's" choir—rehearsals at 11:30 am on Sundays. Watch for more information.

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SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR EACH LRW SCHOOL KIT:

- ◇ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper,
- ◇ One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ◇ One pencil sharpener
- ◇ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ◇ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ◇ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ◇ One box of 16 or 24 Crayola crayons
- ◇ One 2½" eraser

All or any part of these may be deposited in the marked box under the shelf in the hall outside of the office. Items should be new and in good condition. The completed kits will be packaged late September and shipped to Lutheran World Relief this fall.

FISH and Town Pump Food Bank Fundraiser

FISH has been selected by Town Pump for a food bank fundraiser! Town Pump will match up to \$20,000.00 during a three month span: September 1-November 31. This is truly a blessing for the FISH program. Please consider a donation during this time to help raise the goal of \$20,000.00.

New Library Additions

Three new books have been donated to the library. Two are by Richard Paul Evans: Walking on Water, a story of one man's search for a new beginning as he back-packs across the country, and A Perfect Day, which is about a man who has to rediscover his priorities after finding money and fame. The third book is The Orphan Keeper, by Camron Wright. Learn how a young boy who was kidnapped from his family in India struggles with finding his roots.

Book Club



Like to read and discuss? Come to the September Book Club meeting on Monday, September 24, at 6:30 pm at Mary Ellen Mewes' home. The book for September is Little Women by Louisa May Alcott.

Choir Rehearsal

Choir Rehearsal begins Sunday, September 9 at 8:45 am. All are welcome to come and help make a joyful "noise." Choir will meet in the sanctuary.

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COUNCIL

Jerry Ramstead	761-6639	President
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SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Dennis & Karen Andersen	Helen Beckley
Jason Andersen	Tina Price
Kristyn Anderson	Mark & Debbie Binkley
Randy Anderson	Clarice Flanagan
*Ted & Carol Anderson	* <i>name is the month's coordinator</i>
Zelna Anderson	
Leon & Odetta Arcand	



Blessings to all who celebrate birthdays in:
September!

If we have missed anyone's birthday, please call the Church Office.

Siri Fitterer	9/01	Kristin Maynard	
Shirley Shoquist	9/02	Bill Sandaker	
David Evanko	9/03	Russell Stevens	9/15
Amy Ford	9/04	Casey Furr	9/16
Lloyd Hagen		Lynne Lemke	
Zelna Anderson	9/05	Keaton Martin	9/17
Pam Wilkinson		Terri Miller	
Ashley Childers	9/07	Matthew Keeton	9/19
Pastor Anna Merritt		Patricia Arcand	9/22
Jack Swanson		Jon Shumaker	9/23
Richard Grundy	9/08	Chloe Burks	9/24
Robyn Kelly		Brody Juelfs	9/27
Jere Maffit	9/09	Vicki Dunham	9/29
Jillian Pritchard		Shirley Boettcher	9/30
Derek Tabacco	9/10	Kayla Turville	
Emily Maynard	9/13		

Can Do

The annual canned for drive for area school pantries begins at the end of September. Be on the lookout now for specials/case lot sales.

Kogadus Opportunity

Kogadus is looking for a part-time person to prepare newsletters, light bookkeeping, etc. For interest or more information, see Pastor Anna.

Young at Heart

Be sure that your seatbelts are fastened and that your seat is in the upright position! Young at Heart is taking off again for a year of travel and learning!

We will join on Monday, September 17 at 1:00 pm in Lunde Hall. Plan to travel with Lois Woodmansey to Iran, as she presents, "Iran—You will be Surprised." Lois and her husband traveled with a small group to this country. She will share her own experiences which do not follow the traditional line of thinking for this nation. Their visit included interaction with families and opened up the nation in a way that most tourists do not know. Questions follow her talk as well as refreshments and good fellowship. (Anyone interested in bringing an Iranian dessert fresh off the internet is asked to call Sue Dickenson and let her know.) Bring a friend! This fall we will also be traveling to Africa with Marlie Rowell (daughter of Marilyn Thomas) and to the Baltic nations with Jean Price. Bring your Dramamine if you need it!!

Montana Synod Address Update

Please update the address for all of the following: Montana Synod; Bishop Jessica Crist; Rev. Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop; Rev. Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, DEM; Susan Hendahl, Executive Assistant; Colter McCarty, Information Technology; Jenny Kunka, NRIT; to: 1221 24th St S, Great Falls, MT 59405.



Worship Transportation Help Needed

Are you available to help transport folks to worship on Sunday mornings? There is certainly a need and a group that really appreciates this ministry. Contact Bob Dickenson for more information!



Ladies: Let's Do Lunch

Come enjoy no-host lunch, fellowship, and one another's company at the next Ladies: Let's Do Lunch on Thursday, September 6th, 11:45 am, at Clark and Lewie's 17th St S (at the O'Haire Motor Inn), we have a room to ourselves. Please let Pastor Anna know you plan to attend by Tuesday, September 4.



High School Youth Coffee and Breakfast

High School Youth are invited to join Pastor Anna beginning Wednesday, September 5, for coffee/breakfast at Crossroads Coffee, 202 2nd Ave S (Downstairs in the Machine Row building, parking off 2nd Ave). We will meet at 6:15 am. Hope to see you there.

Annual CROP Walk in Great Falls

It isn't too early to make plans to help end hunger by walking in the annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 7. If you would like to help in other ways with this important ministry, please contact Pastor Anna as soon as possible.

Help for Victims of CA Wildfires

Thrivent is matching up to \$100,000 in personal donations made online through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations helping with recovery efforts. Thrivent will also pay processing fees so that 100% of the donations go to help those in need. Visit LiveGenerously.com for more information.

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Annual Meeting

It's time for the annual meeting of our Bible Camp Friday and Saturday, October 5-6. It's also a time to celebrate the camp's 75 years of ministry. If you would like to attend as Our Savior's representative(s) or would like more information, please see Pastor Anna as soon as possible.

WELCA News

- The WELCA Board meets Wednesday, September 12 at 1:15 p.m.
- Love Day: meets Thursdays, September 6 and 20 starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship and helping make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- Circles: meets Thursday, September 27 – Martha Circle will meet at 10:30 in the Memorial Room and Miriam Circle will meet at 1:30 at the home of Mary Ellen Mewes.
- Thank you to Pastor Anna for leading the Summer Bible Study.
- The *September Salad Potluck Luncheon* will be on Saturday, September 8 at noon with our own Judy Ericksen's presentation of *You are The Potter-we are the clay*. Bring your favorite salad and a friend. Rolls, dessert and drinks will be provided.
- The *Montana Synodical Women's 2018 Gathering* "Empowered by the Holy Spirit" will be September 29 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Townsend. Contact the church office, circle coordinators Darla Dillabough and Gloria Johnson or Elaine Osborne for more information and registration forms.
- Letters will soon be going out to the congregation regarding the Harvest Offering. Funds are used by the local WELCA unit to fund events during the year. These funds are used over a two-year period for distribution to various local and Lutheran agencies and for local WELCA events.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2018		YEAR TO DATE	
Beginning Balance	-8,674.07	Beginning Balance	0
General Offerings	17,063.97	Offerings YTD	111,868.68
Disbursements	16,678.37	Disbursements YTD	120,157.15
Ending Balance	-8,288.47	Ending Balance	-8,288.47

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The July 29 total was \$113.39

Thank you for your generosity!



Thanks to be Shared!

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran- Thank you so much for the generous scholarship for my college education. In one week I will travel to MSU in Bozeman and will move into Hapner Hall. My studies will be in Microbiology/Pre-med. I will take about eight or nine years of college to attain my degree in radiology, but your monetary help and well wishes will make it easier. I will miss you all, but plan to continue attending church in Bozeman and join the on-campus Lutheran Social Group. It will be nice to come back during holidays to see my church family. Thank you for everything. —Haley Milton

"I wish to thank everyone for prayers of healing and well wishes as I underwent a heart procedure at the Mayo Clinic" —Bob Parkinson
"We are grateful for your prayers also."—Audrey Parkinson & Kelly Lundahl

Maria Ritzenthaler sends her thanks for the sweet card and generous gift. She states, "It has been an honor to play for all of you over the years, and this community is so lucky to have amazing people like you." We wish Maria and her husband well in their next steps.

Perhaps you have already enjoyed a nice breeze through an open window in the Fellowship Hall or in the stairway or the sacristy. If so, or if you haven't yet but will soon, thank you to Our Savior's!! What an exciting thing to be able to complete this project so quickly (a HUGE thank you to Don Marberg for his skill and talent in getting the windows installed!!!). And the best news, they are all paid for, with some funds left over to continue the remodel of the Fellowship Hall. YAY!!! Thank you everyone—together we made it possible.