

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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News FROM THE PEWS

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Great Falls, MT
June 2018

Vacation Bible School:

Jesus and Me Camp

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church (pickup and drop off at Our Savior's)

When: July 10, 11, and 12, from 1:00-5:00 pm

Ages: 5 through 12 years old invited

We will spend three summer days traveling from the arctic sea to the island heat while playing games, doing crafts and learning about our Jesus! We are going to share fun and laughs, and we want YOU to join us!! On the final day of our journey, we will conclude with a luau potluck for the entire family to join!

If you are interested in volunteering please let Emily in the church office know. There will be a volunteer meeting on June 26 at 12:30 pm.

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Summer Worship

The additional early morning (8:15 a.m.) Summer Worship Service will begin July 1 in the Sunshine Room and be available through Labor Day. Come and worship!

Library Fun

Looking for something to read this summer? Check out these new arrivals in the library:

- ◆ "Southern Dreams and Trojan Women" by Leo Snow. An historical portrait of southern life and a family the reader will love, admire and remember for years to come.
- ◆ "The Queen" by Elizabeth Longford. An up-close and personal biography of Queen Elizabeth II.
- ◆ "Dust of Life" by Liz Thomas. The author's own story of serving as a nurse in Vietnam in the 1970's.

For Those Who Enjoyed Dessert at the Spring Family Potluck

Toffee Poke Cake

PREP: 25 minutes **BAKE:** 25 minutes + chilling **YIELD:** 15 Servings

Ingredients:

- 1 (18-1/4 ounce) package chocolate cake mix
- 1 (17 ounce) jar of Mrs. Richardson's butterscotch-caramel ice cream topping
- 1 (12 ounce) carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3 (1.4 ounce each) Heath candy bar, chopped

Prepare and bake the chocolate cake according to package directions, using a greased 13x9 inch baking pan. Cool on wire rack.

Using the handle of a wooden spoon, poke holes in the cake. Pour 3/4 cup butterscotch-caramel ice cream topping into the holes. Spoon the remaining ice cream topping over the cake. Top with whipped topping. Sprinkle with candy. Refrigerate for at least two hours before serving.

Family Promise at The Voyagers

Make plans now to attend the Voyagers Family Promise night on June 30th at 7:00 pm. \$5 from each ticket sold goes toward Family Promise of Great Falls. Tickets are available at The Hub or from Pastor Anna. This is also planned as a farewell to Sharon Odden and a welcome to D.J. Lott as Director.

Also, the next host week for Our Savior's is July 1-8. How might you be available to help that week? For more information see the board at the back of the sanctuary.

Our Savior's Lutheran

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

STAFF

Anna Merritt	Pastor (H - 836-7464)
Emily Durazo	Parish Administrator
Harlan Orham	Treasurer
Ellen Forslund	Worship & Music Director
Madeleine Folkerts	Accompanist
Terry Lee	Custodian

COUNCIL

Jerry Ramstead	761-6639	President
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Fred Martens	268-1431	Stewardship
Kathy Maynard	750-5446	Youth Member
Joyce Morgan	761-7894	
Teagan Olson	761-7696	

JUNE SERVICE GROUP

Lance and Marilyn Olson	Chris and Cindy Reiquam
Bob and Audrey Parkinson	Jan Riviere
Rodney and Julie Pribyl	Evelyn Sabo
John and Tina Price	* <i>name is the month's coordinator</i>
Joanne Putzker	
*Jerry and Kerrie Ramstead	
John and Joyce Ranum	



Blessings to all who celebrate birthdays in:
June!

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

Frances Gusaas	6/01	Eric Ramstead	6/17
Travis Keeton		John Ranum	6/18
David Krueger	6/03	Heather Bredeson	6/19
Kayla Muston	6/04	Nancy Doughten	
Judith Onstad		Adeline Grundy	
Colt Lehman	6/05	K.C. Hill	
Nancy Hamill	6/07	Blakelee Bell	6/22
Evelyn Sabo		Stephanie Schaffel	
Howard Corey	6/08	Ilo Sorte	6/23
Howard Gusaas		Mike Brown	6/24
Richard Johnson		Jackson Hamill	
Karisa Brown	6/10	Ariana Velez	
Jan Dahle		LeeAnn Jovick	6/25
Laura Sweeney	6/11	Amy Muston	
Alysa Curry	6/12	Kristen Rowen	6/27
Tina Migneault		Sharon Urquhart	6/28
Rodney Pribyl	6/13	Christi Virts	
Anthony Turville		Carol Anderson	6/30
Christofer Brown	6/14	Kathy Maynard	
Marillyn Thomas			
Nicole Kojetin	6/15		
Misty Sumner			
Paige Muston	6/16		

Rummage Sale: June 9 - 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Don't miss the deals!! Don't miss the opportunity to help fund Pre-Release gifts. And don't miss the chance to help. Set-up help is needed Thursday, June 7, from 6:00-9:00 pm and Friday, June 8, from 9:00 am until done. And, Sunday, June 3, following worship to move items to the Fellowship Hall.

Book Club

Like to read? Enjoy a variety of types of books? Come to June's Book Club meeting on Monday, June 25, at 6:30 pm at Ivan and Pat Konen's, 1104 Northview. The book for June is The Boys In The Boat by Daniel James Brown.

worship Transportation

Would you be available to help transport folks to worship on Sunday mornings? 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, June 28, 11:45 am, at the Montana Club Banquet Room. Please let Pastor Anna know you plan to join in by Monday, June 25. See you then (guests are welcome)!

Recital

Anna Judkins, who has subbed as organist for Our Savior's, is performing an organ recital on Friday, June 15, at 7:00 pm at St. Ann's Cathedral Church in Great Falls. All are welcome. Anna is playing music by Widor, Franck and Buxtehude.

Readers, Eternal Flame, Flowers and Garden

Sign-up sheets for all these are available in the back of the sanctuary (on the table), with the exception of the Garden flowers which is by the door to the church office. Thank you for providing these important ministries!!

Special Fellowship

Join the Dickenson's and the Odden's on June 17 during the fellowship hour following worship to celebrate their momentous 50th and 25th (respectively) wedding anniversaries. They would love to celebrate their anniversary over cake and fellowship with you!

WELCA NEWS

- ◆ Those attending the Spring Family Potluck on May 22 enjoyed an evening of honoring graduating seniors Haley Milton and Teagan Olson with Pastor Anna presenting prayer shawls and gifts to them; wonderful food; outstandingly beautiful music provided by Alysa and Taylor Curry; laughter and visiting; devotions by Jenny Kunka; yummy dessert; Kathy Maynard as MC; and Miriam Circle as hosts. It was a blessed event.
- ◆ The next WELCA Board meeting is Wednesday, August 8 at 1:15 p.m.
- ◆ LOVE DAY meets Thursdays, June 7 and 21, starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship and helping make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- ◆ CIRCLES-will not meet in June, July and August.
- ◆ SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – using the Gather Magazine will be June 27, July 25 and August 22 at noon in the Memorial Room. Session one is *Let us pray-The paradoxes of prayer*. Copies in the church office.
- ◆ LOOKING AHEAD-The *September Salad Luncheon* will be on the 8th. 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 or Elaine Osborne for more information and registration forms.
- ◆ If you would like to help with sewing school bags, fabric is available. Please see/contact Pat Bueling. Also, coming soon is the list of items needed to fill those school bags for Lutheran World Relief.

FROM THE MONTANA SYNOD

The new Synod House is near completion and occupancy. Hooray! A letter from the Executive Committee of the Synod regarding their next steps has been received and the council suggested sharing it with the congregation for your response. A portion is quoted below. The full letter is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the Memorial Room. If you would like to participate or have ideas, please let Pastor Anna know.

"More than half of the cost of the building has been donated so far, and the balance of the cost was covered by a loan from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. To cover our mortgage payments and the tithe [the letter explains that 10% of all funds received help support three non-self-supporting congregations in MT], we will need donations of \$40,000 per year for the life of the loan, approximately 25 years. We have decided to ask 40 congregations and individuals to commit to a donation of \$1,000 per year (\$85 per month) until the mortgage is paid in full."

Again, please contact Pastor Anna or see the letter for more information.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2018		YEAR TO DATE	
Beginning Balance	-9,689.19	Beginning Balance	0
General Offerings	23,023.18.90	Offerings YTD	66,992.72
Disbursements	16,685.91	Disbursements YTD	70,344.64
Ending Balance	-3,351.92	Ending Balance	-3,351.92

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The April 29 total was \$120.36

Thank you for your generosity!



Thanks to be Shared:

Dear Friends in Christ.

Words cannot express my gratitude for the loving concern extended to me these last few months.

Your prayers, notes, cards, and calls, were greatly appreciated. There are excellent cooks and bakers in our midst! I loved every morsel you brought to me. To the person who knit the beige throw the congregation gave to me, thank you for sharing your time and talent with me. It was a source of comfort in the hospital, and at home too. To Pastor Anna my heartfelt thanks for your visits, beautiful prayers, and sharing God's love and comfort with me! Truly, Our Saviors has a very special faith filled family! With the love of Christ, and my thanks,
Marillyn Thomas

THANK YOU TO MARIA

Maria Ritzenthaler, violist in the Cascade Quartet and Great Falls Symphony, has played Bach Cello Preludes as a Call to Worship for many Sundays this past year. Maria's husband, Sam, has accepted a music theory teaching position at a Seattle area college, so they will be leaving us. Maria has given this wonderful opportunity to us as a gift, but now that she is leaving it would be appropriate for us to give her (and Sam) a fond farewell and show our appreciation to her with a monetary gift. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please give your donation (cash appreciated) to either Bill Larson or Judy Ericksen (checks payable to either of them). It will be presented to Maria from the congregation on her last Sunday with us. Please make your contributions on or before June 17.