

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1326 1st Ave N., Great Falls MT
A congregation of the
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God's Work—Our Hands!

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Our Savior's Lutheran Worships each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. with Refreshments and Fellowship in the Lunde Hall located in the Church basement following services.

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Wrap Our Community in Love—Buy a Quilt Raffle Ticket!

Don't miss your chance to win the quilt of your choice from the beautiful quilts displayed on the pews November 14th and 15th!
Tickets: $5 each or $20 for five (5) tickets
Drawing: Sunday, November 22nd, during Fellowship Hour
How to buy: Raffle tickets will be available from a quilter before and after worship. Watch for them, they will be wearing name tags. Every ticket purchased helps provide quilting supplies so our volunteers can create warm, comforting quilts for charities. Your support turns batting, thread, and loving hands into gifts of hope for people in need. Choose your favorite quilt, purchase your tickets, and join the fun! The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win—and the more quilts we can make for worthy causes. Thank you for supporting this joyful ministry of warmth, generosity, and love! Also, consider joining the quilters and knitters at 9:30 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, each month. If you can tie yarn into a knot, you are qualified. Two and a half hours of warm fellowship.

Fall Bazaar

Upcoming Fundraiser to benefit George Clinger Family. There will be a Soup luncheon, raffles, bazaar, bake sale and silent auction. This will be on Nov.7, 2026 Saturday 10a.m. to 2p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church 322 Riverview West, Great Falls, Mt. *(A great way to get your holiday shopping done early!)

FISH Needing Help

We will be looking for Volunteers for FISH for the week of November 23rd-25th. Thanks for you time!

Thank You!

$122.76 from the FISH bowl at the back of the church was recently deposited. This gift will be matched by Town Pump. Thank you for your generosity!

A Special Thanks

A special thanks to everyone who contributed to Harlan Orham's reception. Whether you brought food, helped with set up or cleaning, it was very much appreciated. Thanks to Elaine Osborne for making calls to help organize as well. Harlan was such a special member of Our Savior's family. We will miss his smile, his dry sense of humor, and his steady presence. It was an honor and a gift to know him. Jan Dahle

Town Pump has selected **FISH** to be part of the 25TH Anniversary of " HELP THOSE IN NEED" Challenge. They are matching donations up to $30,000.00 that FISH receives between Sept. 1st & Nov. 30th. If you're mailing a donation, please mail it by November 14th or drop it off at FISH between 9 and 11 o'clock by Nov. 30th.
Send your donation to FISH P.O. Box 662 Great Falls MT 59403.
Thank you for your support with reaching our goal for the community!

Our Savior's Events During November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Day**  Choir Practice 9:00	2	3	4 Men's Square at 4-B's 7:30	5 WELCA MEETING 11:00	6	7
8 Human Concerns 11:15	9 Property and Finance 7:00	10 Worship and Music Meeting 5:30	11 Men's Square at 4-B's 7:30	12 Quilters and Knitters 9:30	13	14 End of Can Do collection of food for schools. (Organize cans)
15 Executive Meeting 11:15 Choir Practice 9:00	16 *Delivery of Food from Can Do to schools. Book Club 6:00	17	18 Men's Square at 4-B's 7:30 Council Meeting 7:00 pm *Newsletter Deadline Thanks!!	19	20	21
22 (*Christmas Decorating after Worship service.) Chili Feed will be after the Decorating	23	24	25 Men's Square at 4-B's 7:30 Special Thanksgiving Eve Service Worship 6:00 Choir 5:15	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27 Game Night 6:00	28
29 Change for Change 4th Qtr St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	30					

FINANCIAL REPORT:				
OFFERINGS, DISBURSEMENTS & BALANCES				
as of September 30, 2026				
General Fund	September	Year to Date		2025 YTD
Giving	$9,843.20	$129,397.46		$155,018.67
Interest Inc	$326.42	$1,764.45		$3,053.82
Expenses	$9,632.73	$99,292.27		$152,798.47
Totals	$536.89	$31,869.64		$5,274.02
Fund Balances				
	US Bank Checking	$48,235.56		$54,130.76
	US Bank CD	$103,000.00		$0.00
	US Bank MM	$50,733.87		$102,337.71
	Endowment Fund	$361,264.88		$335,409.24
	Memorial Fund	$2,134.76		$2,134.52
	Mission Investment	$23,385.32		$22,271.70
	Mewes Scholarship	$125,057.55		$110,121.38

Celebrating November Birthdays

11/01 Michelle Converse	11/12 Emilia Johnson
Sophie Luoma	Petra Lingjerde
11/04 Haley Milton	11/16 Lance Olson Sr.
Wesley Urquhart	11/18 Tara Dello Iacono
11/06 Jamie Vestre	11/23 Peter Bruner
11/09 Greg Milton	11/24 Marjorie Hill
11/10 Teagan Anderson	11/26 Dick Doughten
11/12 Odetta Arcand	11/27 Duane Dockter
Jordi Hansen	(Known to the Office)

Fourth Quarter Special Offering

This will go to Toby's House. Please use orange envelope, we will have a speaker coming to speak to the congregation. Toby's House Crisis Nursery offers emergency respite care for children 0-6 in our community FREE of charge. Children can come to Toby's House when their parents or caregivers are going through a crisis. Children are offered a safe, warm and loving environment where children can be children. We provide everything that a child may need, this includes clothing, food, diapers and wipes. Some reasons why people may use our services could be: *medical or mental health emergency
*in an unsafe situation due to violence at home
*needing childcare while they go to a doctor's appointment
*feeling they may need a break to regain themselves
*safe reliable care for their child while they work
The mission of Toby's House Crisis Nursery is to keep a child safe from abuse and neglect. Thank you for your generosity, offerings given to this organization will help many in our city who are in great need.

Join Trinity Lutheran Church 38 1st ave S.W. Choteau, MT.
Lutefisk Dinner– Family Style Lutefisk, Lefse, Swedish Meatballs, Rutabagas and all the trimmings. (Take-out meals available)
Sunday, Nov. 1 @ 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Preschool-Free Grades 1-6: $8
Adults: $20 *Questions call church office at (406) 466-2291

SERVING THIS NOVEMBER

SERVING NOVEMBER 1
Usher: Sanna Beerman
Greeter: Shirley Boettcher
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor
Altar Guild: Robin Sainsbury & Lilli Milton
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Rich Hamill
Counters: Bob Dickenson & Clarice Flanagan
Pianist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Officiating: Jodie Tooley, LMA

SERVING NOVEMBER 8
Usher: Joyce Morgan
Greeter: Judy Spilde
Reader: Kathy Maynard
Altar Guild: Robin Sainsbury & Lilli Milton
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offer. Coll.: Rich Hamill
Counters: Bob Dickenson & Clarice Flanagan
Pianist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Officiating : Jim Carlson, LMA

SERVING NOVEMBER 15
Usher: Nancy Traner
Greeter: Bonnie Knight
Reader: Kerrie Ramstead
Altar Guild: Robin Sainsbury & Lilli Milton
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Rich Hamill
Counters: Bob Dickenson & Clarice Flanagan
Pianist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Officiating: Jodie Tooley, LMA

SERVING NOVEMBER 22
Usher: Robin Sainsbury
Greeter: Amy Ford
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor
Altar Guild: Robin Sainsbury & Lilli Milton
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Rich Hamill
Counters: Bob Dickenson & Clarice Flanagan
Pianist: Michelle Payton
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Officiating: Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith

(*OFFICIATING NOVEMBER 25
THANKSGIVING EVE: Rev. Sara Branom

SERVING NOVEMBER 29
Usher: Emil Vanni
Greeter: Judy Ludtke
Reader: Volunteer or Pastor
Altar Guild: Robin Sainsbury & Lilli Milton
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Rich Hamill
Counters: Bob Dickenson & Clarice Flanagan
Pianist: Michelle Payton
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Special Thanksgiving Eve Service Nov. 25, 2026

No Alter Guild or Fellowship
Usher & Greeter Kerrie Ramstead
Reader: Kathy Maynard
Offering Collector: Rich Hamill
Counters: Bob Dickenson and Clarice Flanagan
Officiating Rev. Sara Branom
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Pianist: Michelle Payton
The Service will be at 6:00 and the choir will be there at 5:15. This service will be combined with 1st Presbyterian.

CAN DO

Our Savior's will be collecting cans of food to distribute to 6 schools. We will be collecting food through Nov. 14, and will deliver to the school food pantries on Monday, Nov. 16, just before Thanksgiving. If you are willing to donate, you can bring items to the church, or call if you want us to pick them up at your home. Albertsons, Super 1 and Smiths will be having case lot sales. We will let you know when those sales will be. We will also donate money to the schools for food. Please call Joyce Morgan at 406-590-7894 if you have any questions. Thank you.

A Thank Offering

A Thank Offering is one way to express our gratitude for God's gifts. These gifts are given each year by thousands of ELCA congregations to help around the world. Please use the enclosed envelope and make the check payable to Our Savior's. Please mark WELCA on the memo line. Thank you!

COMING NOVEMBER 8TH

Please join us for the Blue Plate Special.

Following service on November 8th, the Human Concerns Committee will be serving a dinner of meatloaf, green beans, potatoes, rolls and dessert. A free-will offering will be taken with the proceeds going to the purchase of Pre-Release Christmas gifts. For many years, we have supplied hats, gloves, toothbrushes and covers, bars of soap, soap holders and shampoo. They currently have 270 residents.
Thank you for your generous donations to this event.
Human Concerns Committee