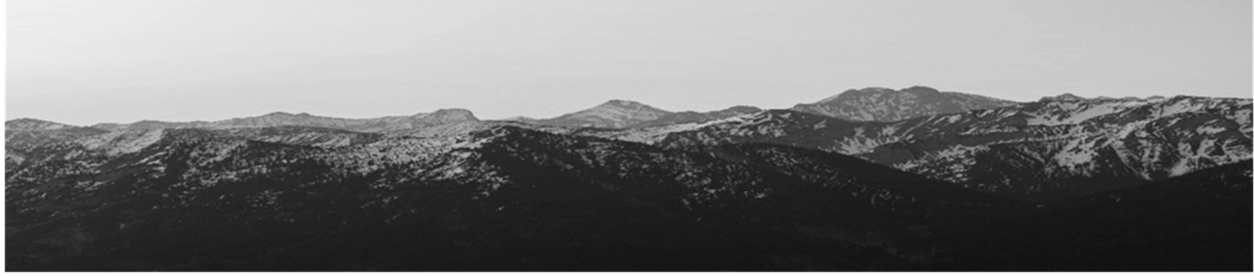


Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

August 2020

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27, NIV)

Joy. Thanksgiving. Gratitude. Expectation. Unknown.

These five words describe our journey together these last four months. Joy for our faith and grace, thanksgiving for all of the hands that make this journey possible, gratitude for the grace extended from each of you, expectation for what is coming next and the admission that what comes next might be well planned and we realize that it continues to be unknown.

Our church has held herself together in a way that none of us could have dared prayed for. We've now entered into a time that, while physically apart, has brought us closer together through the technology that we have become accustomed to. The love and care of our Deacons is evident with the response to their zoom meetings and our outdoor worship services. The determination of our Facilities Committee to provide safety helps us maintain access to a building that is both used and waiting to be used. The open mindedness of our Executive Committee brings a steady hand to our decision-making process. The visioning done by our Stewardship and Missions Committee leads us into a place of hope for our mission. The Church Council's discernment for the promise of our future holds us all in a place of trust.

My own work cannot be done without all of you. Knowing that the Spirit's Nudge guides our worship is not enough. It is the continued dedication of the whole that brings all of the parts together. Providing pastoral care, administration and leadership is never the work of just the pastor and our church is proving that. We are truly all ministers of the Gospel.

While we continue to wait this virus out, we are not waiting alone. Our church and our community wait together. As the unknowns become knowns and the knowns become unknowns, we face them with grace, imagination, and patience. With fascination we see our church's finances remaining stable and the number of views for our on-line worship services grow. Our outdoor worship provides hope and encouragement in community. Our ability to respond to questions, needs and suggestions within hours is possible only because all of you are called into this ministry together.

No matter which part of the body you are, you are needed and appreciated!

Peace,
Pastor Pam

Worship Services



Join Pastor Pam Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for **Live-Stream Worship Services** on Facebook. Just go to the "[Red Lodge Community Church](#)" Facebook page. You **DO NOT** need to join Facebook to watch the video on this page. You can also find the live-stream video on the "minister-rlcc" timeline and on Pastor Pam's personal timeline. Additionally, we have the [live-stream video on the website](#), too.

The "[Weekly Bulletin](#)" can be found via the link on the home page of the website. You can follow along with the bulletin online or download a PDF version to print off at home. Please join us there for pre-recorded **LIVE** music and/or choir direction via video and/or audio on the website!

Remember, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Pam at: 1-406-426-8715.

From the Deacons...



We will have outdoor services Sunday, August 2 at 1:00 PM at the Kaleva Lodge north of Red Lodge (7790 Route 212). Sunday, August 16 at 1:00 PM, we will be at Lions Club Park. Once again, please bring your chair, mask, umbrella, and your own picnic lunch if you would like. We will not be having our annual potluck lunch. Thank you to Audrey Clark for graciously supplying us with masks for those that do not have one for services. Thank you to Pamela and Lucian Carter for helping the Deacons at our outdoor services. A free will donation basket will be at the Kaleva service for those who would like to donate for our use of the grounds this summer.

Unofficial Congregational Meeting 7-12-20, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

32 people were present

Question: How do you feel about re-opening our sanctuary for worship, then when and how.

Moderated by Jim Brown, Moderator



The following thoughts were shared, the number next to the thoughts notes how many out of the 32 present shared the same ideas. Variables: 2 people may have had technical problems and did not respond. While the number notes how many "voiced" their thoughts, there was generally a positive response to these statements through nodding and "thumbs up" responses.

Yes, reopen now for those who wish to attend, using mandatory protocols (11/32)

No, wait until at least after Labor Day (15/32)

Need a more detailed look at possibilities for re-opening (3/32)

Protocols need to be followed when re-opening happens (11/32)

Help is needed to assist with in-person worship (9/32) and is that help even realistic (4/32)?

Concern over the rising numbers of COVID19 cases in our county and Red Lodge (4/32)

Missing live services (2/32)

Unofficial Congregational Meeting 7-12-20, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom (cont'd)

Missing the fellowship and socialization (4/32)

Deep appreciation for current on-line services (5/32)

Appreciation for the high level of communication coming from Pam and the church (2/32)

Concern for Pastor Pam's safety and comfort level in regards to exposure (6/32)

Concern for Mia's safety and comfort level in regards to exposure (3/32)

Outside worship is good, comfortable and viable with weather (6/32)

Wait for better numbers, the rise to stop and fall (2/32)

Concern for trusting people to adhere to protocols, not only in worship but in public as well (5/32)

Not enough control over masking in Red Lodge (4/32)

Possibilities suggested included using an RSVP system with an agreement to the protocols developed. Possibility of adding taking temperatures to the protocols was suggested. Concern over re-opening and then having to close again was shared. There was one person concerned over the church being locked during business hours.

"This is a ministry that knows no bounds."

"Allow those who want to be there now with *their* time and effort. Allow people to attend based on their comfort level."

Concern for Pam preaching to an "empty" congregation.

Concern for children and tourist visitors

Concern for opening church beyond our known attenders

It was noted that it is unknown what the school's plan is at this time

It was noted that there are many on-line services available besides our own, you can virtually go to church all day.

We should be cognizant of unknown changes that are happening daily and in a hurry (rise in numbers, new science)

Jim Brown shared thoughts from a UCC webinar that he attended offering a possible Covenant of Caring for live services. There is a UCC church out east who will not be gathering until September 1, 2021 when they are fully ready for technology and protocols. Their on-live services are going very well.

Pastor Pam thanked everyone for the dignity and respect in the meeting and for their deep caring for herself and Mia. She was disappointed that no one attended who would speak for opening immediately even though she knows that there are people who want that. Pastor Pam does not feel that this is a majority wins or rules the decision.

The responses to on-line worship are wonderful, including financial support from around the country.

We are scheduled for outdoor worship in July and August. Two other outdoor spaces, the Roosevelt and our own outdoor area don't seem to be viable; too much noise and no shade plus the need for permission from city council to close the alley during outdoor worship. Pastor Pam has requested a monitor system for the doors to allow more ease of coming and going. Masking is required. All of Pastor Pam's and Mia's suggestions and requests for safety measures are being heard and acted on.

Pastor Pam closed with a benediction.



Moment from the Moderator

MOMENT FROM THE MODERATOR

As I was sitting in Lion's Park yesterday waiting for the outdoor service to begin, I had a view of the Mountains to the south. The silhouette was very familiar. Yet, the integral parts and colors change with the season. Summer is green. Fall is orange and brown. Winter is white. Spring is bursting with bright colors and pungent smells. Our church is like the mountains. The outward silhouette is represented by the

building we all know and appreciate, but the integral parts—services, congregants, personnel, and opportunities—change with the days and years of our existence. The last six months have forced all of us to embrace, adapt, or ignore the elements of change in our church and in our community. No one knows what lies ahead for the mission of our church, but we know change is required!

I want to leave you with three thoughts.

Be the change that you want to see in the world...Mahatma Ghandi

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek...Barack Obama

There are far better things ahead than we leave behind...C.S. Lewis

~ Jim Brown
Moderator for Church Council

Minutes from Council meetings are available on the website's ["Shalom & Council Meeting Minutes"](#) page.



Deacon's Zoom Meeting Schedule



If you would like to be included in a weekly Zoom gathering with other church and community folks, here are the options. Please feel free to e-mail the appropriate Deacon to receive you Zoom invitation. The groups vary in their meeting agenda, some include prayer, readings and poetry. Others enjoy social time and catching up with one another. This is a great way to stay in touch, socialize and share your stories.

Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian

Wednesday 9 am

debawes51@hotmail.com
hmackay49@gmail.com
rrgabrian@hotmail.com
dlkinney65@gmail.com

Don Kinney (*beginning 8-13-20*) Thursday 3pm

Confirmation Class Mission Work Has Begun!!

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" (From Matthew 25: 35-40)



The Confirmation Class, all of whom are entering the 7th grade in the fall, has begun their mission work! They are raising funds for blankets through Church World Service. These blankets are distributed throughout the world by Church World Service for disaster-stricken areas and the homeless. Each student will be trying to raise the MOST funds...and the one who succeeds gets to have their own success shared with Pastor Pam. If Eliza comes out on top, Pastor Pam has to bake her bread. If Samarra is the top fund raiser, Pastor Pam has to make her Rice Krispie Treats. And Mason...well...Mason has challenged Pastor Pam to cracking raw eggs on her head...in public!! So support these great mission-focused students by going to the "giving" link on our webpage, www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com, and selecting which student you would like to support. The blankets are \$30.00 each and the mission campaign will run until August 15. Good luck, Confirmation Students!! To find out more about Church World Service, please visit www.cwsglobal.org.



Update: As of publication time, the Confirmation Class has raised a total of \$1,055. Congratulations to you all! Eliza is in the lead!



The Grass is Growing and We Need YOUR Help!!

The Facilities Committee is asking for volunteers for summer lawn care for the church grounds. Once a week, we need someone to come in and mow the lawn, trim it up, and make sure our outside is as beautiful as our inside! The lawn mower, weed whacker, and other tools are in the storage shed. **Who's up for lending a hand this summer?**

Please email Marge Nearpass to sign up at marge_nearpass@redlodge.k12.mt.us or give her a call at 406-446-3854.



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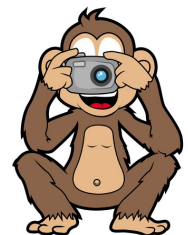
Have you been missing your Monday Memo and Weekly Wrangler that are sent out through Mail Chimp? If so, you may have been accidentally unsubscribed from the email list. If you'd like you re-subscribe, you can do so by [clicking this link](#). You can also email Mia and ask her to sent the link to you.

Notes from the Office...



We Need Your Photos!!!

Please send in your photos for the directory. It can be your favorite selfie, something formal, or just a good shot of you and/or your spouse or family. If you're having trouble getting a good shot of yourself and/or spouse, or you are having difficulties sending your photo in, please contact the office and/or Pastor Pam. She may be able to take a photo for you!



To those of you who have filled out your information form for our church directory, **THANK YOU!** If you haven't done yours yet, please do! :) Here's the link to the website page: <https://www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com/church-directory-information-form.html>. For those of you using iPhones or iPads, please use this link: <https://rlcc.breezechms.com/form/442138>.



Please remember to get your articles and/or announcements for the Shalom in by the 20th of the month.

CELEBRATE!!!



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| Jim Brown | 8/3 |
| Dennis Brophy | 8/6 |
| John McCampbell | 8/6 |
| Kathy Munson | 8/7 |
| Jennifer Collins | 8/8 |
| Yvonne Jensen | 8/8 |
| Libby Gardner | 8/11 |
| Karen Simmons | 8/14 |
| Becky Tirrell | 8/18 |
| Ken Awes | 8/20 |
| Audrey Clark | 8/20 |
| Mike Ferguson | 8/20 |
| Sid Herbert | 8/23 |
| Brian Roat | 8/24 |
| Jean Walters | 8/26 |
| Bob Christner | 8/27 |
| Sarah Lord | 8/27 |
| Susan Beard | 8/28 |
| Kim Ferguson | 8/29 |

August 15 - National Honey Bee Awareness Day



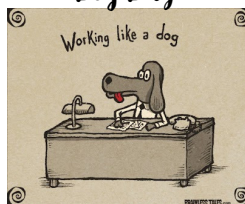
August 19 - National Potato Day



August 2 - International Forgiveness Day



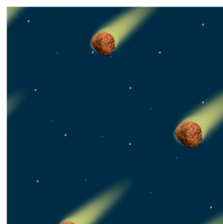
August 5 - Work Like a Dog Day



August 11 - Son and Daughter Day



August 11-13 - Annual Perseid Meteor Shower



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| Harris & Renee Gabrian | 8/4 |
| Mark & Nancy Sechler | 8/15 |
| Don & Nancy Hamilton | 8/16 |
| Merv & Lynette Coleman | 8/18 |
| Jim & Trish Hilderman | 8/25 |
| Skip & Debbie Bratton | 8/26 |



August 21 - National Senior Citizens' Day



August 25 - National Banana Split Day





August 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 3-7pm Roots & Seeds @ Roosevelt Ctr.—RLCC Sponsored
2 10am Virtual Worship & Communion 1pm Outdoor Worship at Kaleva	3	4 2pm Stewardship & Mission	5 9am Deacon Zoom—Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	6 9:30am Zoom Prayer 5:15pm Exec. Com. Meeting	7	8
9 10am Virtual Worship & Communion 11am Congregational Meeting	10	11	12 9am Deacon Zoom—Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	13 9:30am Zoom Prayer	14	15
16 10am Virtual Worship & Communion 1pm Outdoor Worship at Lion's Park	17	18	19 9am Deacon Zoom—Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	20 9:30am Zoom Prayer	21	22
23 10am Virtual Worship & Communion	24	25 4:30pm Deacons	26 9am Deacon Zoom—Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	27 9:30am Zoom Prayer	28	29
30 10am Virtual Worship & Communion	31					



For the young
and young-at-heart!

Puzzle!

After looking up each Bible passage, find and circle the location in the word search. (If a verse lists more than one place, figure out which one is hidden.) Answers can be found horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

- Genesis 2:15
- Genesis 11:9
- Genesis 35:1
- Exodus 13:18
- Ruth 1:1
- 1 Kings 18:19
- 1 Chronicles 11:4
- Isaiah 23:1
- Isaiah 23:2
- Isaiah 23:3
- Jonah 1:2
- Matthew 3:6
- Matthew 4:18
- Matthew 26:36
- Luke 24:13
- John 2:1
- Acts 8:5
- Acts 11:22
- Acts 17:16
- Romans 1:15

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GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue



What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



Compete for the crown

The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.

Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

START

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FINISH

"Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV

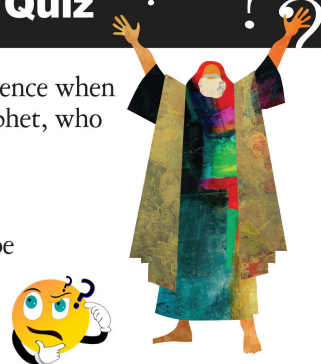
Answer: race, prize, run, competes, training, crown



Bible Quiz

During the dramatic experience when God called Isaiah to be a prophet, who or what filled the temple?

- A. 144,000 worshipers
- B. The bottom of God's robe
- C. Smoke
- D. Priests offering sacrifices

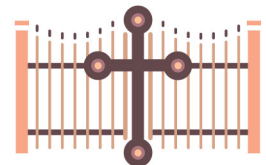


Answer: B and C (See Isaiah 6:1-8.)

Bible Quiz

In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)

Fill Your World with Color!



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Our Mission Statement:

The Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people to worship, fellowship and to study God's word. We seek to be servants of our Lord in the care of all people."

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