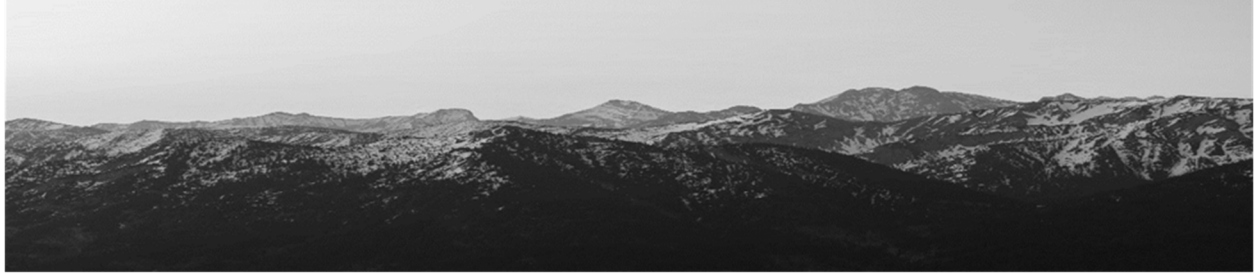


# Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



## Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

September 2020

*"Romans 12: 9-13 reminds us to, "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."*

There's a whole lot of "Loving in action" going on there! Let...hold fast...outdo!...show honor...be ardent...serve...rejoice!...be patient...persevere...contribute...extend...these are all actions in love, which just happens to be our theme for our pledge drive this year. Love in action is what our church is all about. We are not just pew (or couch) sitters, we are actors in love. Having been on the receiving end of all these actions through my time of grief in these last few months has humbled me greatly. Knowing that I could ask and receive your unconditional love has given me the strength to heal and grow in my faith. Our community knows that too.

We are able to live into love in action because the God whom we worship loves in action. God holds fast to us when we are falling. God outdoes our human frailties. God shows honor with ardent love. God serves the poorest, rejoices in our celebrations and is most certainly patient. God perseveres in love for us when we walk away from it, contributes to our needs and extends the hand of hospitality when we are most alone. Through God's model we learn that love in action is God's way of love and therefor must be our way of love as well.

Throughout this pledging season we will be hearing stories of "Love in Action." We will be seeing God's work through our outreach. As we delve into how sharing the continued work of supporting our church and congregation even in times when we cannot physically be together is made possible by our love in action, we will continue to grow in faith and service to our always acting, always loving, still speaking God.

I look forward to our continued work together, holding fast to our determination to persevere in the face of the tremendous challenges of our time.

Loving you in action,

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...



The Deacons have assisted with the outdoor services at the Kaleva Lodge on August 2 and on August 30th. We also assisted with the combined service with Messiah Lutheran and Calvary Episcopal Church at the future site of the Lutheran Church on August 16th.

Our combined Zoom groups have been meeting every Wednesday at 9:00 AM. We will be walking the Fun Run on August 26 during our regular Zoom time. We will be re-evaluating our groups and times once the summer months are over. Please contact one of the Deacons if you would like to join these sessions and are not receiving the Zoom invitation.



*"Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." ~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

And, what are some of those "little bits" we do here at the Red Lodge Community Church? We're going to take a look at some of them starting September 13th. We have a new name, Stewardship and Outreach Committee, and a new message about Love in Action for the new year.

We are looking for another person to join this enthusiastic and hard-working committee. Might that be you? Call Russ at 406-794-1763 to say YES or ask questions.

## In August, we grieved with the family and friends of:

George Snyder  
Scott Denning  
Hope Freeman



Deborah Peterson  
David and Olivia Carter  
Evelyn Hanson

## Moment from the Moderator



Now that the Covid-19 pandemic has “changed our church’s world,” what advice can we offer to those we meet and serve? The following is not original with me, but is sound advice adapted from a newsletter I receive. It struck a chord with me. If it strikes a chord with enough of our congregants, music to smooth the soul may be the result!

“So, where do we go from here? Easy - stay the course; embrace technology; support and help each other; be kind; be patient; be understanding; be circumspect; be resourceful; do not be angry, especially at things you have no control over; adjust; be nimble.

Never forget there are people relying on us as Christians to show them the way; we must be the hope they need. We ARE the hope we need.

The fire to act as a Christian should be burning with a fervency, like never before, in all of us – burning so bright that all can see the light, the hope, and the good. Teach and practice the Art of Christianity for a greater tomorrow.

Finally, understand that a new normal is and always has been . . . normal”

~ Jim Brown  
Moderator for Church Council

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

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### 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

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[hmackay49@gmail.com](mailto:hmackay49@gmail.com)  
[rrgabrian@hotmail.com](mailto:rrgabrian@hotmail.com)  
[dlkinney65@gmail.com](mailto:dlkinney65@gmail.com)

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

# The Results Are In!!



And the results are in!! The Confirmation Class's Church World Service Mission Blanket Drive is a **HUGE** success! They raised **\$1500**, that's enough for 50 – **yes, FIFTY!** – blankets through Church World Service. These blankets are distributed throughout the world by Church World Service for disaster-stricken areas and the homeless.

Of the three students, Eliza Seifert, Samarra Quick and Mason Swanson, the top fundraiser is Eliza, so Pastor Pam gets to bake her some homemade bread. Stay tuned for more details on this bread baking experience, it will be a first!

Thank you for all of your support for these great mission-focused students as they learn about the outreach work that they are called to do as Christians and members of our church's community. To find out more about Church World Service, please visit [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org).

**Congratulations**  
**Confirmation**  
**Class!!!**







## From the Facilities Committee....

The Facilities Committee would like to give a BIG thank you to everyone who helped out this summer with helping to keep our grounds so beautiful!! You are wonderful! :)

## Mail Chimp Mailings

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.



## Directory Update



We're sure by now a lot of you are wondering what the status is for our new directory. The directory is done and ready to be shared. However, we are missing so very many photos of our church family that we haven't shared or printed the directory yet. There are still some of you who haven't filled out your directory information forms, too. So, please send in your photos and information, if you haven't already done it, and remind your friends and family to do the same. We're eager to share our new directory with 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.

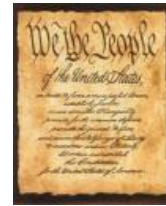


# CELEBRATE!!!

September 13 - Grandparents' Day



September 17 - Constitution Day



September 21 - World Gratitude Day



September 22 - Autumn Equinox



September 26 - Johnny Appleseed Day



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| Shirley Petersen   | 9/2  |
| Mary Lord Copeland | 9/3  |
| Jim Kisthard       | 9/9  |
| Phil Robertson     | 9/9  |
| Sharyn McKenzie    | 9/11 |
| Mark Sechler       | 9/11 |
| Michael Tomicich   | 9/20 |
| Rebecca Hardy      | 9/22 |
| Carol Souders      | 9/24 |
| Dan Brown          | 9/27 |
| Sarah Childs       | 9/27 |
| Coeta Rieger       | 9/29 |

September 6 - Read a Book Day



September 7 - Labor Day

**LABOR DAY**



September 11 - Patriot Day



PATRIOT DAY



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| Dan & Peggy Lynn  | 9/10 |
| JoAnn & Bert Eder | 9/25 |





# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	3 9:30am Zoom Prayer 5:15pm Exec. Com. Meeting	4	5
6 10am Virtual Wor- ship & Communion	7	8	9 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	10 9:30am Zoom Prayer	11	12
13 10am Virtual Wor- ship & Communion	14	15 1:30pm Steward- ship & Outreach Meeting	16 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	17 9:30am Zoom Prayer 3pm Deacon Zoom—Don Kinney	18	19
20 10am Virtual Wor- ship & Communion	21	22	23 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	24 9:30am Zoom Prayer 3pm Deacon Zoom—Don Kinney	25	26
27 10am Virtual Wor- ship & Communion	28 4:30pm Deacons' Meeting	29	30 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	<i>Welcome Autumn!</i>		

For the young  
and young-at-heart!



## WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



- school     ---
- paper     ---
- wisdom     ---
- read     ---
- play     ---
- learn     ---
- grow     ---
- pencils     ---
- pray     ---
- art     ---
- student     ---
- kids     ---
- apple     ---

"... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and successful."

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosper

# Puzzle!

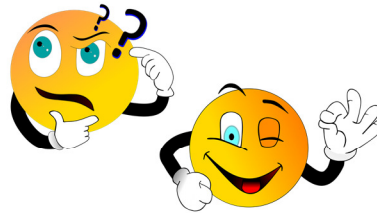
Using the code, fill in the blanks to discover what we should do each day.

### CODE

A	1	B	F	2	G	K	3	L	O	4	R	U	5	V
D	E	H	I	M	N	S	T	W	X	Y	Z			

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 2    1 3    2 4 1 "

Answer: Talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)



## Bible Quiz

Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness



Answer: C (See Exodus 7:14-12:32.)

## A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

### What you need:

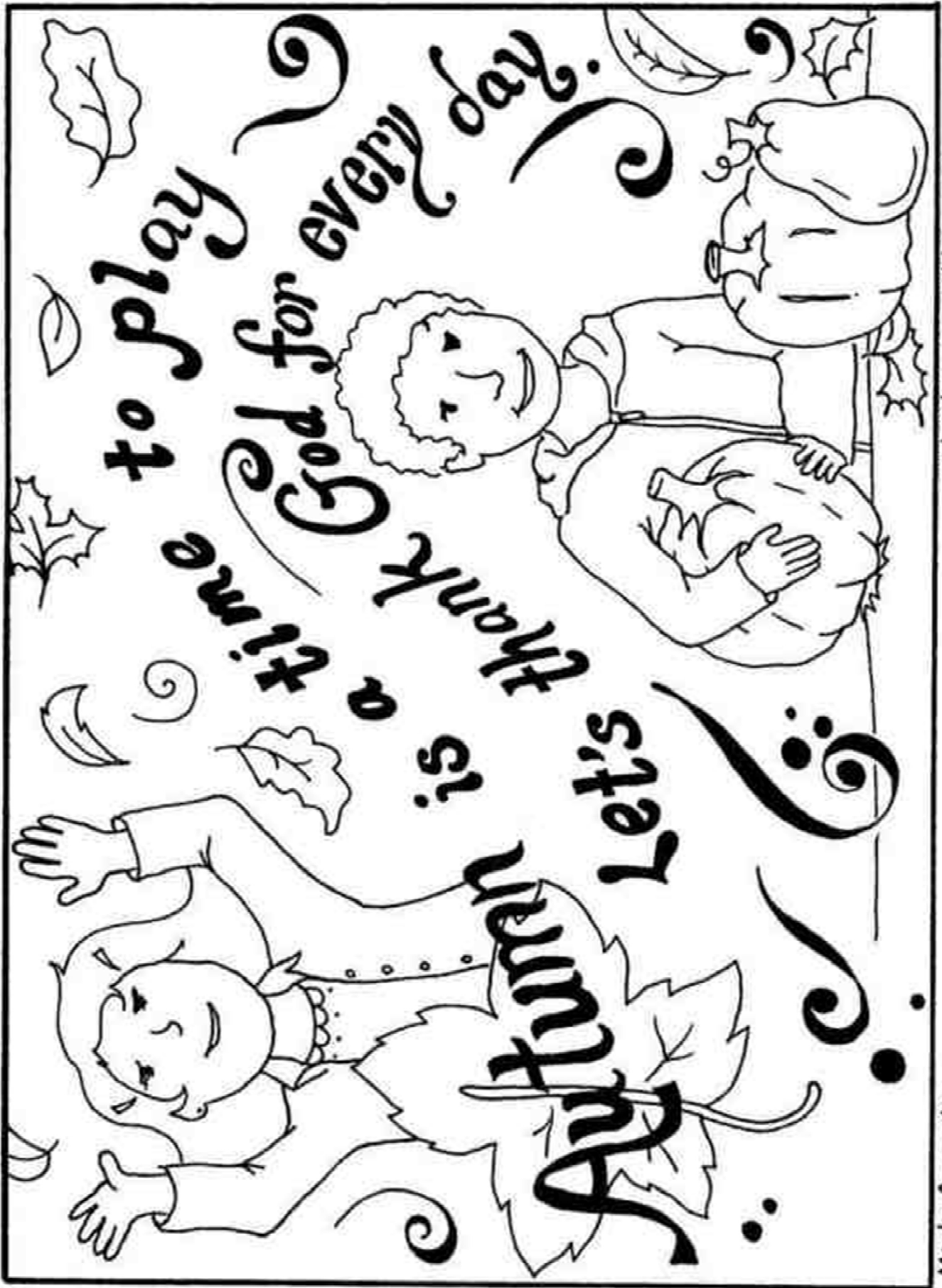
- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

### What you do:

1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



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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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