

Red Lodge Community Church



Shalom

PAMELA PETERSON, PASTOR

Lynette Coleman, Editor

Happy

FATHER'S DAY

June 16

DEACONS FOR JUNE

Renee Gabrian (446-4047)

June

- 2
- 9 **Jim & Linda Young**
- 16
- 23 **Bob & Greta Christner**
- 30

July

- 7 **Bill Wilson & Yvonne Jensen**
- 14 **Karen Simmons & Bev Morgan**
- 21 **Dave & Donna Ritter**
- 28 **Ken & Deb Awes**

(If you cannot greet when scheduled, please trade or find a replacement.)

“A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.”

—Ziad Abdelnour

CONGREGATION MEETING

The temporary search committee consisting of the Church Council is recommending our congregation call the Rev. Pamela J. Peterson as our settled pastor.

The Church Council is calling a special congregational meeting Sunday, June 9, 2019, immediately following worship at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to vote on the acceptance of the Reverend Pamela J. Peterson as our settled pastor.

Dear God,
I saw the Grand Canyon this summer.
Nice piece of work!
Love,
Kyle (age 9)



“How we walk with the broken speaks louder than how we sit with the great.”
—Zig Ziglar

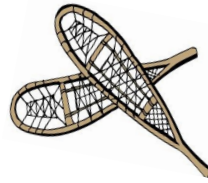


Jessamin Anderson	6/1
Kiyoko Carlson	6/1
Russell Lord	6/2
Sarayah Awes	6/4
Linda Young	6/6
Amberlee Olson	6/6
Alex Ferguson	6/8
Austin Nearpass	6/8
Mary Beth Noe	6/11
Laura Nearpass	6/16
Dan Lynn	6/18
Gail Stradtman	6/20
Ray Turner	6/20
Jaye Hellerud	6/24
Barb Herbert	6/24
Debbie Awes	6/25
Cheryl Terry	6/25
Charlotte Kaufmann	6/26
Don Williams	6/26
Don Hamilton	6/27



Al & Joyce Miller	6/8
Denis Elo & Audrey Clark	6/9
Greg & Gina Herbert	6/10
Wally & Shari Nordstrom	6/10
Mike & Debbie Tomicich	6/10
Rob & Wendy Martin	6/12
David & Kathy Munson	6/14
Doug & Liza McClelland	6/16
Tom & Barb Croston	6/20
Don & Janis Williams	6/22
Ray & Sue Turner	6/25
Steve & Susan Beard	6/27
Brent & Marge Nearpass	6/27
Tim & Jamie Ortner	6/30

Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page



June 2019

From 1 Corinthians 13:12, “We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears, and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing God directly just as God knows us!” (Message Bible)

In September of 2017, I preached a sermon at a church in Upstate NY. I preached about sitting in the fog. The fall fog season in the Adirondack Mountains had set in, different than the spring mountain fog that we experience here in Red Lodge, but fog none the less. And the church that I was preaching to had entered their season of fog. Their beloved pastor of 13 years, for all good and healthy reasons, had decided to move out of the area and accept a call at a different church three states away. The church was rocked to its core. The grief was palpable. The fog of the grief had settled over, into and within the congregation. A similar fog is about to descend over, into and within our treasured Messiah Lutheran congregation here in Red Lodge. Their beloved pastor, Rev. Kim Wilker, will retire at the end of June. And the fog will descend. Transitional grief affects different people and organizations in different ways. Let me clarify, there is no such thing as “stages of grief.” There aren't 5 or 7 stages. There aren't even 100 stages. (The book on the stages of grief was good; it gave us a base to start grief research from, but it is wrong.)

What does this mean for us? Is there such a thing as a ministry of fog-busting? No, there really isn't. What we can do is to sit in the fog with our friends from Messiah. Listen to them share their stories of how Rev. Kim blessed their lives with his ministry. Our ministry will be to hear their loss as they process their anxiety for the future of their church. One thing that our friends from Messiah do not need is our advice. We may have successfully maneuvered through our own fog season of transition and they do not need to hear about that right now. They do not need to hear anything except, “we are here with, in and for you.” We are the ones who are called to do the tough listening. We are accustomed to fog bringing either rain or snow. We are accustomed to the fog creating an uncommon humidity. We will find familiarity in our friends' foggy grief because grief works that way. And since there is no predictability...just fog...each story will have its own sense of transition. Our call to ministry in this time is twofold; to celebrate Rev. Kim's retirement and be present to our friends in their grief transition. Eventually, Messiah's folks will see it all as clearly as God sees them, for they know God directly just as God knows them.

Peace,

Pastor Pam



Church Council Minutes May 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Debbie Awes. Pastor Pam opened with prayer. Those in attendance were Pastor Pam Peterson, Debbie Awes, Dixie McCampbell, Linda Hanson, Donna Ritter, Skip Bratton, Laurie Judd, and Renee Gabrian.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Dixie moved the minutes be corrected to read a congregational meeting is needed to present moving the Bob Moran Memorial Fund into the UCC Balance Fund. Linda seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer: Laurie reported expenses are over budget, open collection is below budget, pledges are above budget.

Pastor: Pastor Pam read her report from mid-April to mid-May and her report is on file. There is a workshop June 3, 2019 for lay leaders and a required Boundary Training on June 4, 2019 that she will be attending in Bozeman. She will present to committees for reserve fund money use for her attendance to General Synod which is in June 21-25, 2019 in Milwaukee. She will be in attendance for an OWL Training prior to Synod. Discussion was held regarding church use for Provocative Issues per Dick Nolan's enquiry. She reminded all to get meeting times and dates to Lynette for the bulletin and that meeting minutes need to be turned in to her within seven days. Church service at the Kaleva grounds has been scheduled for August 11, 2019. Discussion will begin next fall for use of a narrative budget for the Church. There will be a vote regarding closing Camp Mimanagish on July 11, 2019. Debbie Awes, Dennis Brophy, Yvonne Jensen, Pastor Pam are our adult votes. Pastor Pam will approach Sophia Boughey and Laura Nearpass to be our youth votes.

Moderator: Debbie states Jim Brown; Diaconate, Ken Awes; Finance, Yvonne Jensen; Facilities, and JoAnn Eder; Stewardship and Mission, have agreed to serve on the Memorial and Gift Management Committee. Christian Education does not have a representative at this time. Linda moved the above names be on the Committee, Donna seconded and the motion carried. Marc Stewart has presented information regarding being an Open and Affirming Church. RLCC is the only church in our Montana conference with a full time Pastor that has not become open and affirming. Skip moved Sommer Reinhardt, Don Kinney, Debbie Awes, and Marge Nearpass be on a committee to explore the process of becoming an Open and Affirming Church, Linda seconded, and the motion carried.

Vice Moderator: Donna states Executive Council has not met but will do so in June regarding employee job descriptions.

Diaconate: Renee reported a clipboard will be passed around at worship to sign up as greeters. Those providing refreshments after worship are encouraged to include healthy alternatives to sweets. Report is on file.

Facilities: Skip read his report and it is on file. The committee has set Annual Spring Clean-Up Day for Saturday, June 8, 2019. They have been working on sanctuary lighting, storage and excess desks, table and chairs. Pastor Pam will put notice on Weekly Wrangler to see if anyone in the congregation can use items. They have determined the only radon mitigation needed is keeping the electrical utility closet door closed. They will check on sound system, hearing devices, and elevator monthly checks. The security cameras are working well.

Christian Education: Pastor Pam reported children are given the option to remain for services or go downstairs as they choose. The children have been planting seeds and connecting our church with the Farm to School Garden at the Old Roosevelt School.

Finance: Dixie states they need to update the policy for the Memorial and Gift Management Committee and Christian Education. Pastor Pam's contract would be more usable for Finance if it was from January-December. It now ends June 30th. The committee needs to get together with Mark Schubert for management of Moran funds to UCC Funds. There is a \$30,000 Reserve Fund at the First Interstate that is receiving minimal interest. Dixie moved we transfer the funds to a \$10,000 and \$20,000 CD at Cornerstone at 3.15% interest. Donna seconded and the motion carried. Pastor Pam will be attending Our Whole Lives (OWL) training pertaining to sex ed for kindergarten to college ages. Dixie moved we transfer \$1000.00 from Youth Reserve funds for Pam to attend this training, Skip seconded and the motion carried.

Stewardship and Mission: Linda and JoAnn Eder attended an event with emphasis to think of our church as a family household and not as a business. A narrative budget was recommended. The congregation will be voting on the Hazel Chamberlain funds expenditure this Sunday after worship. Strengthen the Church Offering will begin June 9, 2019. JoAnn is arranging a mission project to be hosted by the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Lame Deer and Ashland.

Old Business: Donna presented the Transitional Ministry Team's survey findings that we have consensus about who we are and what is important to us as a church community and thus do not need to complete a full Mission Study. Donna moved we accept the report, Linda seconded, and motion carried. Debbie reports she met with Marc Stewart and per his guidance, she moved the Council become the Temporary Search Committee. Donna seconded the motion and discussion was held. The motion carried. Pastor Pam left the meeting and questions were answered regarding Pam being called as Permanent Pastor. Dixie moved that we as Temporary Search Committee, put in the Bulletin and Shalom that we call Pastor Pam as Permanent Pastor and hold a congregational vote on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Laurie seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be June 11, 2019 at 5:15. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Gabrian



Strengthen the Church Offering

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices to meet the emerging needs of local communities.

In 2018, monies supported:

- ◆ Increased church vitality by awarding 12 grants totaling \$350,000 through the New and Renewing Spiritual Communities program.
- ◆ Ensured excellence in ministry through the completion of the Habakkuk group and the Manual on Ministry.
- ◆ Worked to alleviate poverty through the Adese Fellowship program for spiritual entrepreneurship.
- ◆ Strengthen your local church through the services provided by the UCC conference.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH offering will be received on **June 9, 2019!!!**

An Outreach Trip to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

July 21 – 27

Space for 10

Sign up by July 7th

- ◆ Stay at the beautiful Wild Rose Retreat Center (formerly the Prayer Lodge) in Busby. (We bring our own meals.)
- ◆ Participate in activities at the Boys and Girls Club in Lame Deer.
- ◆ Organize the new children's library. Good books for ages 0 – 14 needed.
- ◆ Learn about the Northern Cheyenne Culture, including a day-trip to their sacred site at Bear Butte, S.D.
- ◆ Take part in a traditional sweat in the straw-bale sweat lodge.

Sign-ups in the north Narthex.



Social Justice vs. Politics from the Pulpit

Dear Worshipers of Red Lodge Community Church,

I am honored to be considered as your settled pastor and looking forward to the June 9 congregational vote. I feel that there is something each of you should know in consideration of that vote. I mentioned this briefly in my sermon on May 19, and it bears repeating.

When I was hired as your Transitional Minister, I agreed to “not preach politics” from the pulpit. I have kept to that agreement and will continue to do so. Beginning July 1, you may be hearing a different kind of preaching from time to time. I will not (and legally cannot) tell you who to vote for or who not to vote for from the pulpit. I can and I will, however, address Social Justice issues.

What is the difference and how will this play out? Politics, in its simplest term, is about who has the power and resources in a society. Politics is part of what makes a society’s culture, along with food, language, art and religion. It is through our culture that we see the connection between politics and Social Justice issues.

Defining today’s Social Justice issues in our neighborhood, region, state, country and the world would take the entire Shalom...every month...until I retire. So I will break it down into simpler terms for now. Human Rights and Environmental Rights. The right to be treated as a human being and the responsibility to take care of each other and our earth and all that surrounds it. If I were to attempt to list the Social Justice issues, I would miss too many. Missing even one would be too many.

It is up to me, as your pastor, to connect the dots between Gospel and Justice. It is up to our church to decide how to respond to the needs of Social Justice issues through ministry outreach.

Wouldn’t I rather preach love, love, love all the time? Yes, I would, and we live in a world that is full of hate, hate, and more hate. It is my job, as your pastor, to build the bridge, through the proclamation of the Gospel, between love and hate. It is our job, as church, to end the divide by traversing that bridge at every possible opportunity through our ministry.

Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts on this with me. My door and my heart are always open.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Pam

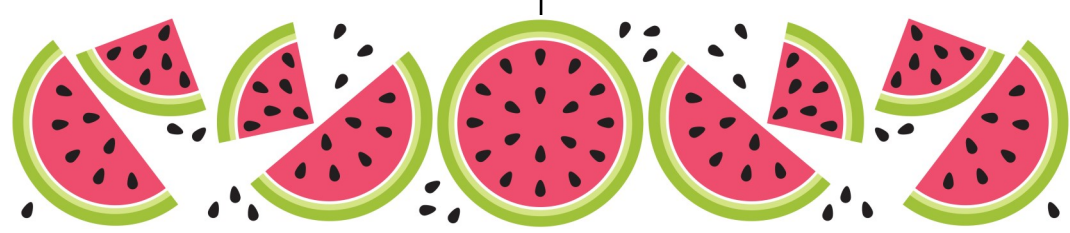




- 2 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child SS
- 3 Monday 9:00 am Music Festival Lessons
- 4 Tuesday 9:00 am Music Festival Lessons
- 5 Wed. 9:00 am Music Festival Lessons
- 6 Thursday 9:00 am Music Festival Lessons
5:00 pm Facilities Management
- 7 Friday 9:00 am Music Festival Lessons
- 8 Saturday 8:00 am Clean-Up Day
- 9 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child SS
Congregation Meeting
- 11 Tuesday 1:00 pm Quilters
3:30 pm ONA
5:15 pm Church Council
- 16 Sunday **Happy Father's Day**
10:00 am Worship & Child SS
4:00 pm 4-H
- 20 Thursday 3:00 pm Recycling Board
- 21 Friday: 4-7:00 pm Kim Wilker Retirement
Party, Roosevelt Center
- 23 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child SS
- 25 Tuesday 10:00 am Stewardship & Mission
4:30 pm Deacons
- 28 Friday Potluck, Dennis Brophy,
Powell
- 30 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Child SS

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“The greatest gift I ever had came from God;
 I call him Dad.”
 —Anonymous



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