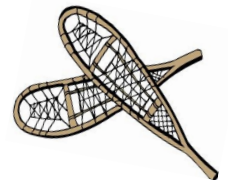


# SHALOM

## Red Lodge Community Church



## Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

September 1, 2019

From Hebrews 12, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..."

And so the "rat race" begins. I find myself checking and re-checking my calendar for possible snippets of time where I can take one last trip up the pass, one last weekend to explore some new place, one last night sitting out with my neighbors before I have to call summer to a halt. And yet, as summer comes to a close, I look forward to the back to school routine. New pencils, new notebooks, fresh binders and a brand-new backpack! A brand-new backpack to put all my "stuff" in to carry around with me. All my "stuff" that I seem to think I need to have in order to be a successful student, pastor, minister, preacher and friend. All my "stuff" that I need to keep track of so that I don't find myself someplace without my "stuff." But wait...doesn't Scripture suggest that I might want to "lay aside every weight that clings so closely"...like that backpack clinging to my back...so that I will be free from extra weight in order to continue the journey set before me? In order to continue the journey without the weight means that I will be able to hear the voice of the Spirit so much easier. The voice that gives me direction, encouragement, and sustenance. The voice that I can't hear if I'm too preoccupied with all my "stuff." The route that I can't see if I'm always checking to make sure that "stuff" is where it belongs. If I can't hear my navigator or see the map, I am sure to trip over something along the way. I am sure to miss a turn or stop when I need reassurance that the route continues one way or another.

Allowing myself to be free of all my "stuff" is not as easy as it seems. I do love a good distraction! The feeling of busy-ness, the sight of a packed agenda, a list that seems to run from one page to the next. The back to school season breathes new life to the pulse that propels me. The crisp fall mornings beckon for more coffee while the early sunsets promise me longer rest which in turn gives me more energy for the next morning... and on the cycle could continue.

But this fall I am laying aside my "stuff." Distractions, temptations for unnecessary busy-ness, agendas that do not give me time for meditation, exercise and calm. I am laying aside the "stuff" that weighs me down. I want to enjoy every moment of every day. I want to relax and breath in the crispness of the morning without a feeling of "hurry up and drink your coffee." I want to glide through the journey rather than feel propelled up the mountain with burning muscle. I can only do that through deep listening and eyes set for discovery, lest I trip over the obvious and miss an opportunity to be present to the Spirit who leads me.

Peace,

Pastor Pam



The Faith Formation Work Group  
cordially invites you to attend our first annual  
Sunday School Open House  
Wednesday, September 4  
3-5 pm

Sunday school area on the lower level  
Red Lodge Community Church  
Come and experience the "what and how"  
of our new Faith Formation curriculum

## **DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Sharyn McKenzie (664-3160)  
Randi Vaile (450-0123)

### **Greeters**

#### **September:**

- 1 Phil Robertson & Martha Sobral
- 8 Duane Estelle & Helen Mackay
- 15
- 22 Lynn Boughey & Family
- 29 Sharyn McKenzie & Lori Floyd

#### **October:**

- 6 Don & Karen Kinney
- 13 Denis Elo & Audrey Clark
- 22 Wally & Shari Nordstrom
- 27 Harris & Renee Gabrian

(If you cannot greet on your assigned day,  
please, trade or find substitutes. Thank you.)



Thank you to our volunteers who cared for  
our grounds this summer.

Lawn mowers: Russ Lord, Mike Tomicich,  
and Brent Nearpass.

Gardeners: Audrey Clark, Renee Gabrian,  
Leah Gallagher, and Janis Williams.

We appreciate your labors to keep the  
church yards looking spiffy.

Thanks again,  
Facilities Management



September 2

Saturday,  
August 31, 2019

Join the race!!!



**FUN RUN**

# SEPTEMBER

**Day**  
OF  
**Service**

Come join the  
**Quilters**  
**Tuesday,**  
**September 10**  
from 1:00 p.m.  
In the church lower level



Keeton Martin	9/2
Shirley Petersen	9/2
Crystal Beard	9/6
Andrew Nordstrom	9/8
Jim Kisthard	9/9
Phil Robertson	9/9
Sharyn McKenzie	9/11
Virginia Allen	9/19
Rylee Galloway	9/19
Ava Graham	9/20
Jay Graham	9/20
Michael Tomicich	9/20
Jared Schubert	9/22
Abbie Nordstrom	9/23
Marcella Prinkki	9/23
Karen Kohley	9/24
Carol Souders	9/24
Bannock Kisthard	9/25
Dave Henigman	9/26
Coeta Rieger	9/29



Dan & Peggy Lynn 9/10

Attention all Crafters: St. Agnes Parish in Red Lodge is holding their Craft Fair on Saturday, October 19, 2019, in the Church Hall at 1 North Ward Avenue. It will run from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Space/Tables may be reserved by calling Betty at 446-2465. You may leave her a message with your number on her voice mail, by mail 50 Aspen Place Red Lodge, MT 59068 or email Betty at [stanescraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:stanescraftfair@gmail.com).

Deadline to reserve your space is October 4, 2019.

## RLCC Council Meeting 7-11-19

The meeting was called to order by Vice Moderator, Donna Ritter. Pastor Pam opened with prayer. Those in attendance were Pastor Pam, Donna Ritter, Debbie Tomicich, Skip Bratton, Dixie McCampbell, Renee Gabrian, and Dennis Brophy.

The minutes of the 6-11-19 meeting were reviewed. Debbie moved the minutes be approved as written, Skip seconded, and motion carried.

Financial Secretary: Debbie reported she has sent out the semi-annual pledge statements.

Pastor: Pastor Pam read her first official report as our settled pastor and report is on file. She will be on vacation July 18-26. Rev. David Munson will preach and we will host musician, Lynette Tedlund, at the piano for the July 21 service. Skip moved we pay the extra fee of \$250.00 for the special piano music, Debbie seconded, and the motion carried.

Vice Moderator: Donna informed the Provocative Issues programs have been scheduled at the Sr. Citizen Center and thus will not be needing church use.

Diaconate: Renee reported no meeting was held in June.

Facilities: Skip reported the scheduled June cleanup day was cancelled due to weather. He and Jay West have done some indoor painting. Jay is following up with sound person and ordering a recorder for meetings. Blade Runner has been hired for plowing back parking lot and ProCut will be contacted for front snow removal. Jay has mowed the lawn the past two mowings and Marge Nearpass will be contacting volunteers for future mowing. Yvonne Jenson and Shirley Peterson have purchased racks for tablecloths and they are now stored in the computer room. Skip has been in contact with the elevator company regarding a report needed for the annual inspection. Wally Nordstrom has made a beautiful blue pine pulpit that Pastor Pam can take for services outside of church. Skip will be doing weed spray in playground area. He will help Yvonne move totes to church that have been stored in her home. He will follow up with upper tower brickwork and contact the city for gravel for back parking lot.

Pastor: Pam reported a brief meeting was held to explore curriculum.

Finance: Dixie reported we will be \$22,584.00 short of budget by year end. She requested Facilities to form an emergency reserve fund. Pastor Pam will check with Marc Stewart what a prudent emergency reserve fund might be. The committee is reviewing Pastor Pam's contract.

Stewardship and Mission: Donna reports she has obtained books from the Sr Center for the Outreach Trip to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation for children 0-14.

Old Business: The contract with Ann Winning for Little Explorers Preschool was reviewed. Skip moved we accept the contract as written, Dixie seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business: Pastor Pam reported she has agreed to be the volunteer as the trauma chaplain at Beartooth Billings Clinic.

The next meeting will be 8-8-19 at 5:15. Debbie moved the meeting be adjourned, Skip seconded, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Gabrian

## RLCC Council Meeting 8-8-19

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Debbie Awes. Pastor Pam opened with prayer. Those in attendance were Pastor Pam, Debbie Awes, Debbie Tomicich, Linda Hanson, Laurie Judd, Dixie McCampbell, Jay West, Renee Gabrian, and Julia Childs, guest in attendance.

Minutes from the 7-11-19 meeting were reviewed. Debbie Tomicich moved the minutes be approved as written, Jay seconded, and the motion carried.

Financial Secretary: Debbie reported Cheryl and David Whitcomb have given \$5000.00 in memory of Louise and Byron Whitcomb to be used for church building needs. Pledge total received is \$73,620.13 of total \$116,550.00 pledged. Open collection total received is \$9687.92 of \$23,100.00 budgeted. Ann Winning has paid the first month rent for the Little Explorer Preschool.

Treasurer: Laurie reports budget and payments are good.

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Pastor: Pastor Pam read her monthly report, and it is on file.

Moderator: Debbie reports she will be attending the Annual Conference Meeting to be held at Camp Mimanagish on 8-10-19. The Preschool Lease has been signed. She announced Renee Gabrian has resigned as Secretary, and Audrey Clark has agreed to replace her.

Diaconate: Renee reported Martha Sobral will be wintering in New Mexico after September and will no longer be lead Deacon. Other Deacon terms will be expiring 2019 as well. The Deacon closet contents were reviewed with all. Deacons will be sponsoring the picnic following service at Kaleva 8-11-19.

Facilities: Jay states volunteers have been mowing the church lawn. The committee has removed most props from the Preschool room, air conditioning has been repaired, the misplaced elevator documents have been located and inspection done, long term planning budget is in process, a microphone for meeting recording has been obtained, hearing devices are being researched, lighting has been replaced on front sign, and he will set up sound system for the Kaleva service.

Christian Education: Pastor Pam reports there will be an Open House 9-4-19 and Rally Day 9-8-19.

Finance: Dixie reports they are investigating moving the checking account to another bank that would give interest on balance. Mark Schubert has volunteered to share investment information with our congregation. They are also investigating the Square Reader system for credit card donations.

Stewardship and Mission: Linda reported the Outreach Trip to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation was a marvelous experience. The children received many books and Julia Childs will continue to collect books for their Boys and Girls Club. The children especially enjoyed the clay projects directed by Marty Clague. The Pledge Drive Campaign will begin 9-8-19 and will end 10-13-19 with a stew cook off. The committee will increase pledge goal to \$182,000.00 to cover the cost of living increase. LuAnne Brown will be leaving the committee. Jay moved Julia Childs and Russ Lord be on the Stewardship and Mission Committee, Dixie seconded and motion carried. Jay moved Audrey Clark be Council Secretary, Linda seconded and motion carried.

Old Business: Pastor Pam would like to have our church open during the daytime. Discussion was held regarding church members volunteering to host hours at member discretion for a Chapel and Family Comfort Station. Jay moved RLCC host a Chapel and Family Comfort Station with members volunteering for hours hosted, Debbie Tomicich seconded and the motion carried. Pastor Pam will check with previous pastors regarding funding for stranded travelers which is not part of the Ministerial Funds.

New Business: Julia presented information on a workshop, Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples presented by Rev. Duffy Peet and four trained leaders. Linda moved RLCC host this workshop 9-28-19 at 1:30 at the Sr Citizen Center, Laurie seconded and the motion carried. There will be a fee of \$250.00 which will be covered by a free will offering and Adult Education budget funds.

The next meeting will be 9-12-19 at 5:15 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Gabrian





## *How Do We Live Our Mission?*

Our stewardship pledge campaign-kick off is  
**Sunday, September 8, 2019**  
With a STEW cook-off following worship.



## **Harvest Dinner**

This year the Harvest Dinner will be **Sunday, November 3, 2019**. Serving hours will be noon until 5:00 p.m. Chairs are Don and Karen Kinney and Patti Schuessler. Soon you will be able to sign up for side dishes and your favorite jobs. See you there!!!

Marie Jones will be chairing the bazaar !!

### **Back-to-school humor**

What kind of school do you go to if you're...  
...an ice cream man? Sundae school  
...a gaint? High school  
...a surfer? Boarding school  
...King Arthur? Knight school

*Teacher:* What's the chemical formula for water?

*Student:* H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

*Teacher:* What are you talking about?

*Student:* Yesterday you said it was H to O.

*Math teacher:* A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

*Student:* In jail!



# September Calendar



## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
  - 2 Monday **Labor Day**
  - 3 Tuesday 6:00 pm Provocative Issues, Senior Center
  - 4 Wed. 3:00– 5:00 pm Sunday School Open House
  - 5 Thurs. 5:00 pm Facilities Management
  - 7 Sat. 9:00 am Choir
  - 8 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
- STEWARDSHIP DRIVE KICK OFF & STEW Cook-off**
- 9 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
  - 10 Tuesday 1:00 pm Quilters
  - 12 Thurs. 5:15 pm Church Council
  - 14 Sat. 9:00 am Choir
  - 15 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School  
4:30 pm 4-H



## SEPTEMBER

- 16 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 21 Sat. 9:00 am Choir
- 22 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
- 23 Monday 9:30 pm Great Books  
4:30 pm Finance Committee
- 24 Tuesday 4:30 pm Deacons
- 27 Friday 1:30 pm Stewardship & Mission
- 28 Sat. 9:00 am Choir  
1:30 pm White Privilege, Senior Center
- 29 Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
- 30 Monday 9:30 am Great Books

### September 2019

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September 2019



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

**HOW TO REACH RED LODGE  
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**Pastor's Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am**

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm