

Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



February, 2022 *Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page* Red Lodge, Montana

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3: 28

As I contemplated the topic for my Sky Pilot's Page this month, I vacillated between writing about "love" or about "COVID." I decided to write about COVID out of my love for all of you and our community.

We are one, we are in unity, we are the unity of the community. That is part of the over-all identity of our church. In our church we welcome a huge spectrum of religious, spiritual, political, and civil beliefs. Anything that we do or say that causes divisiveness and pain within the community harms everyone. That means respecting people's privacy and their choices that they make for themselves. This means not jumping to conclusions about someone's choices and it especially means not sharing our opinions of those conclusions with anyone but God.

For many months now I have been witnessing people's questions of curiosity and hearing statements about people's choices that have vilified people for those choices. I am speaking specifically about COVID vaccinations, diagnosis, mitigation, and treatment options. To you, the Body of Christ, I say this: "Stop. Just stop." Stop judging people for whether or not they are vaccinated. Stop sharing publicly your assumptions of people's COVID diagnosis. Stop judging people for their choices in COVID treatment and mitigation options. And for the love of God, stop putting your questions and opinions about other people's COVID situations on public platforms.

You all know how I tend to "change up" scripture, because it was written 2000 years ago and here we are in 2022 looking for God's Word in our midst. To this Galatians text I would add, "Either vaxxed or unvaxxed, masked or unmasked, all of us are one in Christ Jesus." I feel that it is time to remind ourselves that we are part of the *whole* community, standing alongside people who think and choose differently than us *regarding this virus*. We have allowed ourselves, in our panic, to fall victim to our own judgements. And in that panic, we have publicly shamed, ridiculed, and judged our fellow human beings. How, I ask, is that lifting and exalting the Body of Christ? How is that embracing the unity that we so vehemently protect, support, and preach about?

Our church has unofficially adopted the song "All Are Welcome" as our theme song. Too often I find myself feeling like "All are welcome... as long as you feel the same way that we do about COVID." We do not all feel the same way about COVID. Just like we do not all feel the same way about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, The Lord's Prayer, political agendas, education, or the weather. We are not a cookie cutter congregation – we are a Community Church where our diversity is in our cultures. Our mission is to "Welcome *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." We are a welcoming and caring community through the love and grace of Jesus Christ. It is time to remind ourselves that it is through that love and grace that we are strengthened and nurtured so that we can extend that love and grace to *all*.

In Love and Grace,

Pastor Pam





Pastor Pam's Schedule

Preaching Sundays February 6,13,20,27

Office Hours Mondays 10-3

Available for appointments

Sunday-Thursday, days and evenings

Days Off-Friday and Saturday



Nadia Bolz-Weber Lecture

April 6, 2022 at 7pm Petro Hall of the MSUB Student Union Building

The Rev. Bolz-Weber will present on her book *Shameless: A Sexual Reformation* which reminds us that sexual flourishing can and should be for all genders, all bodies, and all humans. This lecture is sponsored by United Campus Ministry at MSU **Billings, MSUB Women and Gender Studies, and the Rocky Mountain College's Wheatley Lectures.** Methodist Bishop Karen Oliveto will be hosting a conversation with Rev. Bolz-Weber following the presentation A Q&A will follow along with a book signing. Copies of *Shameless* will be sold by the MSUB Bookstore. Tickets to the event are free. RSVP at dwelch@msubillings.edu



NEW! We are starting a new monthly women's ministry at our church. The first event will be on Saturday February 26th with Brunch at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. The focus of this group is self-care and celebration as an outreach ministry to the women of Red Lodge. Please bring a dish to pass and plan on celebrating the birthdays of those born in January and February. This first meeting will be focused on fun with a little organizational time. Please bring your lady friends! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Lori Floyd at lorifloyd02@gmail.com.

Birthday cake, coffee, tea, punch and table settings will be provided.



Hazel Chamberlain Endowment Funds Now Available

Don't Delay! Application deadline is March 6th

The Stewardship and Outreach Committee invites you to submit an application for Hazel Chamberlain Endowment funds on behalf of a Red Lodge or Carbon County non-profit near and dear to your heart.* As the pandemic continues, prayerfully consider where the greatest needs lie in our local community and how our gifts can do the most good for our neighbors. Requirements are included on the application form below.

Presentations will be made during Mission Moments on upcoming Sundays, and then people of RLCC will have the opportunity to vote on which non-profits most need our support this year.

Applications may be printed from the Shalom or the church website, picked up in the church office or by calling the office to request a form by mail.

Again, this year RLCC is blessed through the generosity of Hazel Chamberlain to be able to reach out to our community and demonstrate our Love in Action. We look forward to receiving your applications.

*We cannot accept applications for capital campaigns.



Application for 2022 Hazel Chamberlain Endowment Fund Grant

Requirements:

1. Applications must be made and championed by an active worshiper at RLCC.
2. The organization nominated must be a registered non-profit (501c3) in the Red Lodge/Carbon County area. No capital campaigns, please.
3. A Mission Moment video must be submitted representing the specific need(s). *
4. Applications must be received at the church office no later than March 6, 2022.

Name of Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ EIN# _____

Website Address _____ Contact Person _____

Please attach a brief one paragraph explanation why you believe this organization is deserving of our support. This paragraph will be included with the ballot for distribution of the funds.

*The video is to be no longer than four minutes to inform us of the mission and current needs of the organization and will be shown during Sunday worship service and posted on the website. It may be submitted in various ways including coming to the church to have it recorded by Jay West. The organization or the nominating individual is encouraged to do a further promotion during coffee hour on a scheduled Sunday morning at 11 am. Once presentations have been made by all applicants, ballot voting will be opened to the people of Red Lodge Community Church to decide where the available funds go. Questions? Call the church office (446-1444).

Application submitted by _____ Phone _____

For a printable copy of the application here is a link to our [website](#):

A Word from our Deacons



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Helen MacKay	hmackay49@gmail.com
Sharyn McKenzie	sharyn@nemont.net
Bill Cords	billcords81@yahoo.com
Mark Sechler	sechlermc@gmail.com

Volunteer Dates & Roles



Deacons:

2/6: Renee, Don

2/13: Bill, Renee

2/20: Don, Lori

2/27: Sharyn, Renee

Greeters:

2/6:

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2/20:

2/27:

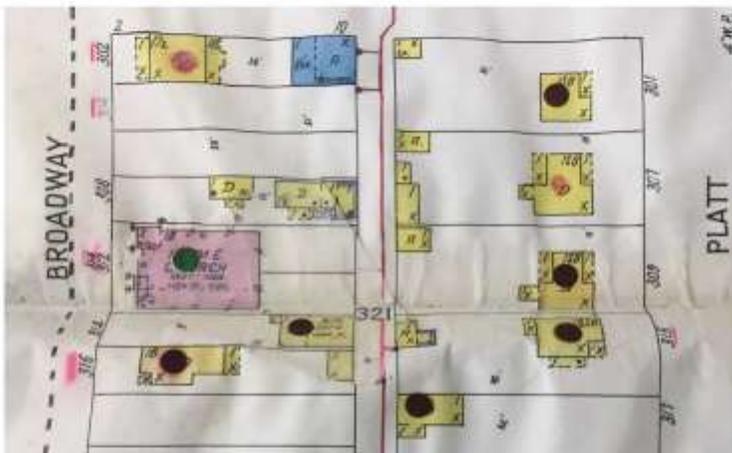
Facility Committee

Notes on our Church's History from Facilities Management: February 2022.

In the last few articles, we've been looking at some photos from a century and more ago, from our building's earliest days. With this month's photo, we're jumping forward about half a century, to the 1980s. What we are looking at here is a wintry photo taken during the construction of the courtyard and playground on the north side of the church. You can see the big concrete retaining wall after it had been poured and before the weather was warm enough to fill and level the front area for today's landscaping. When we look at this area these days with the big fir tree next to the bell-tower --- the tree is so big it seems like it always has been there.



Actually, that was bare ground up through the 1960s, as we've seen in some of the old black-and-white photo of the building. Back then, there was very little landscaping because the Church building went almost all the way out to the lot lines except at the very back of the property. You can see that in this plot of this block from 1940. The image comes from a



Sanborn Fire Insurance map of Red Lodge on file at the Carbon County Historical Society. The colored dots on the houses denote the utility service – the one on the Church tells us that the Church had natural gas for water heaters and furnaces and that the Church's kitchen had electric stoves. From this map, you can see houses and buildings right up against the Church building on the lots next door on the north and south. Also, you can see the Church's street address was listed at 314 South Broadway in those days.

308 South Broadway was the address for the house next door on the north until RLCC bought and absorbed that property in 1968. For reference, today's kitchen and restroom wing sits where that old house was. The playground area to the north is on the two more lots north of that. Those were owned by the Roman family and were still vacant in 1984 when we purchased them at an estate sale. The property on the corner – now called Gallagher's Irish Rose, was built out to the lot lines which is why our playground seems to be walled off by the Gallaghers' basement and garage foundation walls



Red Lodge Community Church Youth Chorale



The RLCC Youth Chorale is back at a new time for a winter/spring session starting Wednesday, February 2. We will sing for 8 weeks (4 in February, 3 in March, and 1 in April). All young voices ages 5-12 are welcome to join us for this FREE music education program.

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

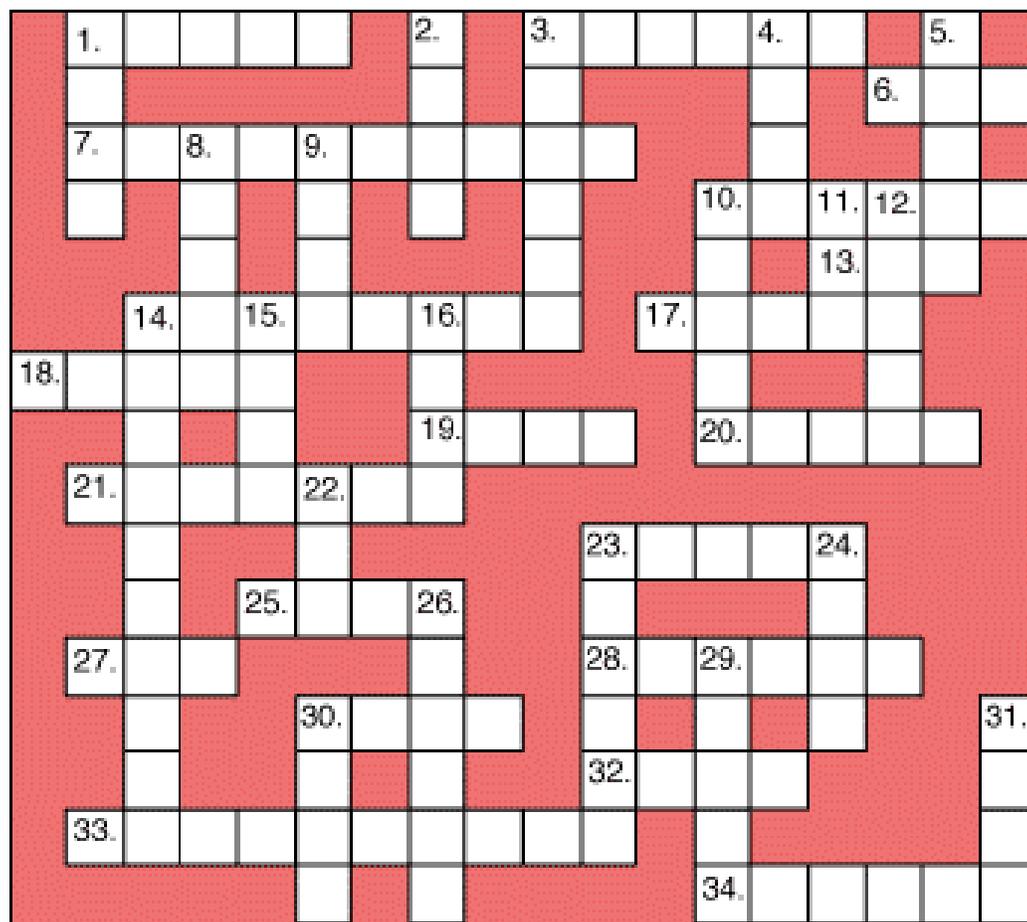
Starting Wednesday, February 2, 2022

**Red Lodge Community Church
308 Broadway Ave, Red Lodge**

Contact Lynell Kruckeberg for any questions:
lynell.kruckeberg@yahoo.com



Valentine's Crossword



Across:

- 1. Opposite of boys
- 3. Valentine colour
- 6. ____ goes there?
- 7. St. _____ Day
- 10. The targets of Cupid's arrows
- 13. This little piggy is one
- 14. Valentine month
- 17. Tolls paid
- 18. _____ change, pocket money
- 19. Sign above door
- 20. Donald's girlfriend
- 21. Crayon maker
- 23. He shoots love arrows

- 25. Short form for animal doctors
- 27. Valentine's colour
- 28. Cupid shoots these
- 30. Valentine colour
- 32. Choose
- 33. Sweet valentine gifts
- 34. _____ admirer

Down:

- 1. Bestow
- 2. _____ the bottle
- 3. Attractive
- 4. Frilly trim
- 5. Valentine colour
- 8. Mickey _____ Minnie
- 9. Close to
- 10. Listened

- 11. Past tense of eat
- 12. Red flowers
- 14. February ____ is Valentine's
- 15. ____ valentine.
- 16. Length x width
- 22. Single, __, 2, 3, ...
- 23. Winners
- 24. Opposite of up
- 26. First day of the week
- 29. Speed contests
- 30. Scheme
- 31. Pepper _____ candy





Evelyn Rolshoven, Justin Burke, Eric Thompson, Ben Busch, Dan Dalio

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



Enjoying the Directory ?

We hope you are all enjoying the new church directory! We have had some folks who experienced issues accessing, downloading, and/or printing the directory. If you're one of those and you haven't emailed or called in for some help yet, please do. For those of you who still need to get your photos in, or if you need to update your information, you can send an email directly or you can use the directory form on the website. If you have questions or issues email or call Janet at the church office. Enjoy!

**If you had recently received a copy of the Directory via mail or stopping by please take a quick look to see if a few pages are missing. It's been brought to our attention that a misprint occur on a few request. Call, email or stop by and Janet will be happy to reprint you a new*



A Note from the Office :

- * Please check with calendar for church usages
- * Council & Committee Minutes are available for review in the church office.

Thanks, again, for the beautiful Gift from you and the “Prayer Shawl Ministry” Group. The shawl is resting on Russ’s lap, and he is very grateful. It is so soft and cozy!

Stay Healthy,

Love,

Jeni & Russ Born

Shared from Facebook of Phil Robertson

“A pastor of a small church would occasionally call on one gentleman to pray, and every time this one particular guy would pray, he would end with the strangest statement, “And, oh Lord, prop us up on our leaning side.”

Finally, the pastor pulled him aside, and he said, “I love the way you pray, but I don’t understand your little closing phrase. What are you talking about – prop us up on our leaning side?” He responded, “Well, Pastor, I’m a farmer. I live out on the farm and, you know, I live in the country. I’ve got an old barn, and it’s been there a long time. It’s been through a lot of weather, and a lot of storms, and a lot of bugs have eaten at it.”

He said, “I got to looking at it one day when I was riding on my tractor, and I noticed that it was leaning to one side. So I thought to myself, oh my goodness! The barn is leaning, and it’s a matter of time before the whole thing falls.

He continued, “So, you know what I did? I went and got some pine beams, and I propped it up on its leaning side.” He said, “It still leans, and probably always will. But I propped it up on its leaning side. And it’s not going to fall down because I propped it up on its leaning side. And I got to thinking about it.

When I was on the tractor, Pastor, and I was riding in the field, I thought about the kind of year I’ve had, and some of the storms I’ve been through, and some of the people that are bugging me, and eating away at my joy and eating away at my spirit. And I just got to thinking, you know, I’m still here! I’m still standing after all that stuff I’ve been through. The storms, and the howling winds – they couldn’t topple me. I’m still standing by the grace of God.”

He concluded, “From time to time, I find myself leaning. Leaning toward my old desires, leaning toward anger, leaning toward becoming bitter or hateful at the people who are bugging me, or leaning toward going back to the old habits and the old life I used to have. And when I feel myself start to lean toward that tendency, I just remember that old barn, and I pray out loud - “Lord, thank you for propping me up on the leaning side.”

- Jentezen Franklin





FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1.	2.	3 3:30 Girl Scout Meeting	4	5 Helen Mackay
6 10:00 LIVE Worship 11:00 Congregational Meeting	7 1:00pm Staff Meeting	8 Stewardship & Outreach Meeting via zoom @2:00PM Deborah & Ken Awes	9 9:30am Coffee Klatch Betty Brekhus	10 5:30pm Church Council Meeting 9:30am Zoom Prayer 3:30 Girl Scout Meeting Jerry Brekhus	11	12 Diane Brown
13 10:00 LIVE Worship 3:00 4H meeting	14 1:00pm Staff Meetings Karen & Don Kinney	15	16 9:30am Coffee Klatch	17 9:30am Zoom Prayer 3:30 Girl Scout Meeting	18	19 Diny Gumber
20 10:00 LIVE Worship	21 1:00pm Staff Meetings	22	23 9:30am Coffee Klatch Linda Hanson	24 9:30am Zoom Prayer 3:30 Girl Scout Meeting	25	26
27 10:00 LIVE Worship	28 1:00pm Staff Meetings					*Birthdays *Anniversary

Shalom

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Red Lodge, MT 59068

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Mission Statement

The Red Lodge Community Church, UCC 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."**

How to Reach RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
(Website pre-recorded services continue to be available)

Church Phone: (406) 446-1444
Church Address: 308 S. Broadway
P.O. Box 786, Red Lodge, MT 59068
www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com
Email: rlccassistant@gmail.com or rlccdirector@gmail.com
Office Hours: M-F 10am-3pm & and by appointment
Pastor: Pamela J. Peterson
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