

# Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



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

One of the pieces of the art of preaching eco-spirituality is in selecting the right reading material for the research of the sermon. One of my favorite pieces to read is the landscape that is set before me. It is as important to read the landscape as it is to read the words of scripture, biographies, poetry, and theology. Landscape is a major piece of the theology of eco-spirituality.

The August landscape of Montana offers a vast amount of insight and inspiration. My hope is that all of the work that we have done together in the last four years around the topic of eco-spirituality has brought you to this same appreciation for the landscape that lays before us. The technical description of landscape is “an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view.” When we look out onto the mountain, across the meadow or along the creek bank we take in just a single view at a time. Sitting with that single view, that landscape in that moment, we read it as part of our own living text. It may read something like this:

The house is obscured by the lilacs, leaves shimmering under the weight of the chickadees. The floating cottonwood seeds greet the tall grasses, rustling under the weight of the feeding hare. Along the wooded edge the horses graze, undisturbed by the presence of the doe and her spotted fawns. **Clouds bounce from the mountaintops, foretelling tomorrow's winds.** The butterflies dance along the timothy tops, unaware of the magpies teasing call to the bounding doodle. As the setting sun highlights the evening shadows, the azure hues of the spruce stand against the starkness of the hidden cones. The day is closing, the work is done; rest creeps along the meadow, offering respite for the viewer.

For the eco-theologian, reading the landscape is as important as reading the Gospels. The value of taking in the world around us cannot be negated by the traditions of the expectation of a well-rounded book list with famous names of long-dead authors. In this particular time, in this particular place, this particular landscape has much to teach the viewer. The month of August is a perfect reading month for the eco-theologian to silently observe the world around her, just as importantly (even more-so in my humble opinion), as the reading of King, Bonhoeffer, Tillich, and Luther.

As the steamy sun sets on the last hours of the month of July, the brilliant sunrises of August present the opportunity for gazing on the landscape of the living text, of the living Word, of the living God. I plan to spend my August breaking the spine of many a forest, meadow, creek bed, and mountain top. I hope you will join me.

Peace,

Pastor Pam

## RLCC Council Minutes for Thursday, June 16, 2022

Meeting was held in the Upper Room with two attending via Zoom. Members in attendance were Bill Cords, LuAnn Brown, Steve Hanson, Jay West, Mark Schubert, Pastor Pam Peterson, Lori Floyd.

Pastor Pam opened with prayer,

The meeting opened with discussion of the June 12 flood. We had water in the basement resulting in damage. We then went downstairs to survey the damage.

Jay West presented the Facilities Management Report listing known damage. AlphaOmega Restoration has current cost estimates from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

Motion was made by Jay West to accept the offer of the daycare parents to clean the mud from the playground. Seconded by Steve Hanson. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mark Schubert, Bill Cords and Jay West will meet with AlphaOmega to get an evaluation and then cost of restoration, estimation of stages and possible contract.

Discussion was held on the release of the Bob Moran Funds to use for cost of restoration and repair. This requires a congregational meeting.

Motion was made by Steve Hanson for a congregational meeting to be held on July 3 at 11am after worship. This allows the two weeks of notification to the congregation. Seconded by Mark Schubert. Motion carried.

No other business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Floyd



# FEMA

**MEETING AT CHURCH**

**AUGUST 1, 2022**

**MONDAY**

**TIME 1:30 PM**

**TOPIC OF CONVERSATION:  
FOR CHURCH REPAIRS**

# A Word from our Deacons



Please see next page for details to the Kaleva Park Outdoor Service July 31, 2022

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

## Volunteer Dates & Roles

### Deacons:

8/7: Renee

8/14: Helen/Bill

8/21: Don/Renee

8/28: Bill/Renee

### Greeters:

8/7:

8/14:

8/21:

8/28:

### Liturgist:

8/7: Martha Sobral

8/14: Linda Young

8/21: Helen MacKay

8/28: N/A

Coffee Hour: 8/7 8/14 8/21 8/28

# Kaleva Park Picnic

July  
31

Worship Service 10:00am  
Picnic following Service

Our annual outdoor church service will be held Sunday, July 31, 2022, at 10:00 AM at Kaleva Park with a potluck picnic to follow. Kaleva is located 7.7 miles north of Red Lodge, 7790 Highway 212. We will have a sign at the Kaleva entrance.

Church will provide Pulled pork, buns, barbecue sauce, chips, lemonade, coffee, tea, and water.

Other Information: The church service will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating. Picnic tables are under a pavilion. If the weather is severe, we will be inside the Kaleva Lodge. Restrooms are available and handicap accessible. A regular offering will be taken during the service, along with a donation basket to help cover the expense of Kaleva Park use.

Please join us for a great morning of worship, fellowship, and food.



Last names beginning with A-L please  
bring: Dessert  
Last names beginning with M-Z please  
bring: Salad  
Bring table services; plates silverware  
etc  
Lawn chairs  
own beverages  
sunscreen  
umbrella (both for sun/rain)  
Bug repellent

Please contact the church or one of the  
Deacons if you have any questions

# Announcements



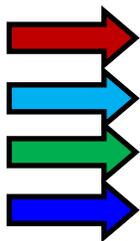
We are starting a new monthly women's ministry at our church. The next event will be on Saturday August 20 with Brunch at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. The focus of this group is self-care and celebration as an outreach ministry to the women of Red Lodge. Please bring a dish to pass and plan on celebrating the birthdays of those born in June . Please bring your lady friends! For more information please contact Lori Floyd at [lorifloyd02@gmail.com](mailto:lorifloyd02@gmail.com).



Saturday August 13, 3pm-8pm

Come enjoy the Art displayed & Music being performed!

Committee Meetings: \*All Meetings subject to change, please communicate with all parties & office. It's much appreciated.\*



Stewardship & Outreach August 8 at 10:00AM

Church Council August 11 at 5:30 pm

Facilities August 18 at 5:00 pm

Deacons August 19 at 10:00 am

# Facility Committee

A Report from Facilities Committee for the Council and the August Shalom on flood damages and cost estimates as we know them.

## DAMAGE

The flood waters stood against the exterior walls. About a foot or so of the exterior sheathing and insulation got wet. To dry it out and prevent mold, we had to get at it from inside, removing the lower two feet of wallboard from those walls and then removing the lower part of the fiberglass insulation to expose the exterior sheathing.

The flood waters on the playground did not damage the swings and etc. but the water, muck and debris wrecked the ground-cover and mulch.

Some water leaked inside the building to puddle on floors throughout the downstairs.

In the Fellowship hall, the carpet was ruined. While the wooden subfloor below was sealed and okay, water did come up through the ground and soak the dirt crawl space. Above the floor, on the walls, the baseboards, and door trim and bottom of the drywall all got wet. We cut and removed the bottom 24 inches of wall coverings to expose the supporting framing and the masonry walls.

Elsewhere (in the hallways and classrooms), the baseboards and trim got wet and had to be removed from the interior walls. (The carpet was all salvageable.)

**Water didn't reach most of the sheetrock on most interior walls except at the south end of the building (Nursery, Children's restroom, and one of walls in the Brother Van Room).**

In the Nursery, we found sections of the sill plates that will need to be replaced, but no other framing damage.

The bottom of the elevator shaft flooded. That affected the hydraulic fluid and caused some **minor problem with the door sensors. Elevators are expensive; the bill for this "minor" work (plus the techs' travel time) was \$2770.**

**The only HVAC affected was the Sanctuary's Air Conditioning compressor (located just outside the Fellowship Hall's door to the playground where the flood waters reached it).** It seemed to be okay when tested in cool weather three weeks ago. Not so much now that it is running a lot in the hot weather which has arrived. Could cost \$5000 or more if it has to be replaced.

**The kitchen's commercial freezer stopped working. Already old and heavily worn when it was donated a couple of decades ago. It uses an outdated refrigerant. It will have to be replaced with something else.**

## REMEDICATION

Alpha Omega has mostly finished remediation, mold mitigation, drying out and floor cleaning. There are a few, short sections of wall that just got opened up with our latest volunteer work party this week. Alpha Omega will start de-molding etc. and drying those areas later this week. In the meantime, AO has released the rest of the building for replacing insulation and wall coverings, etc. AO quoted us a not-to-exceed bid of \$30,000. We anticipate the actual charge will be less because we did most of the cutting and removal work.

## RESTORATION WORK

The next stage on the interior will be the work of replacing and restoring the damaged insulation, replacing wallboard and trim, painting, and then re-carpeting the Fellowship Hall. What we know so far is that the cost of replacement insulation, drywall, trim and related materials (like fasteners) will be about \$1700. That covers a dozen something rolls of replacement fiberglass insulation, **about 24 sheets of 5/8" "Type X" sheetrock, along with about 410 feet of pre-primed MDF baseboard and trim, plus fasteners and other odds and ends.**

Some more will be needed later. For example, what to do with south and east walls of the Fellowship Hall? That is where we had to cut away the lower two feet of the brick-look vinyl wall paneling to get to the sheetrock and to dry out the structure behind it. The 1978 paneling went out of production decades ago. We have several ideas for ways to mask the lower wall including wainscoting. **But since we don't yet have a preferred choice yet, we don't have cost estimate either.**

**We don't yet have a cost for the installation work and the interior painting. Some of this is** work we can do with volunteers, but feel some work might be better left to professionals. Volunteers probably can do the wall work in the restrooms because those patches will then be covered with easy-to-clean Fiberglass Reinforced Panels (FRP). For those unfamiliar with it, FRP paneling can be seen on the kitchen walls. We, ourselves, also can remount restroom hardware like TP holders and grab bars.

Other tasks may require a greater degree of skill. For example, Gene Olson, who did the previous carpet work, will be replacing the Fellowship Hall carpet. His estimate is \$9,227. **(That's more than he charged us two years ago mainly because the price of the carpet has gone up.)** Interior drywall work may be a bigger challenge because of the need to tape, mud and texture the new wall boards to match the existing remaining drywall texture and hide the seams. This week, we will be meeting with some local contractors to find out who might be willing and available to tackle those jobs for us. If that does not work out, we do have volunteers willing to tackle the taping, mudding and texturing. We will have to see about installing the replacement drywall sections.. Also, we are thinking about repainting the entire downstairs (as we did in the Fellowship Hall last year. The existing paint is beige tone from the early 2000s. Compared to the Fellowship Hall, it now seems dark, dingy, and less welcoming than it could be.

On the exterior, we will need to finish replacing the playground ground cover (and find some way to haul the remaining old mulch and sand piles). We need to compute the volume of **material to "cost" the playground mulch. As yet, we only have partial cost estimate because we** are in the early stages of figuring out who we can get to do what and what it will cost.

We will need to make some grade adjustments on the other end of the building to restore proper drainage away from the building. This should be done with hand tools and probably can be a morning of volunteer work.

## Volunteer Lawn Care

Thank you for caring for our church yard. The preferred lawn care rotation is to mow and trim towards the end of the week. Please mow the entire boulevard from the corner to the south end of the neighbor's yard and please do the neighbor's front lawn.

The mower and weed whacker are in the shed by the alley. The shed is not locked, the padlock merely hangs on the latch.

If you have questions, please call  
Marge Nearpass 406.425.4936 Jay West 406.425.0496  
Skip Bratton 406.425.5411. Marie Shirley-Jones 406.426.0713

Thank you,  
Facilities Ministries

MAY-Jay West

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Sign up sheet on the table in the church front narthex, *Dates still available for sign up, Thank you!*



The family and friends of Carolyn Smith, Lola Holz-nagel, William Camp, Macey Ropp Bennett, David Bentley, those who lost their lives in the Rt. 90 Hardin



### 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 copy. Thank you for your understanding!\**

### *A Note from the Office :*

*Please check with calendar for church usages*

*Council & Committee Minutes are available for review in the church office.*



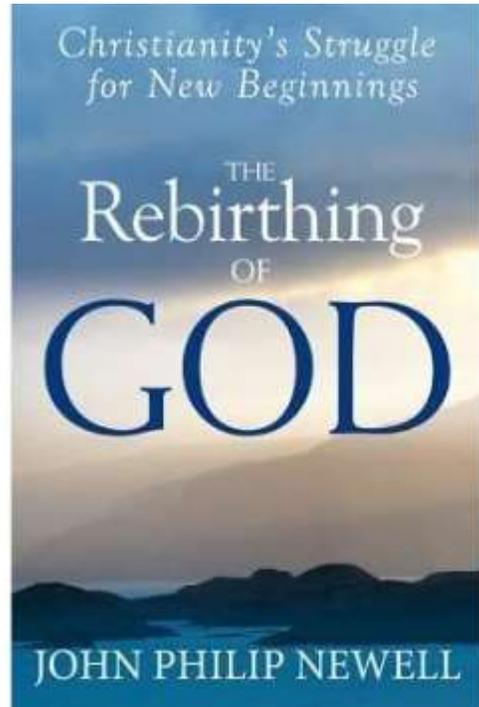
*In an effort to make Red Lodge Community Church comfortable and welcoming for everyone we ask that your refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes Thank You!*

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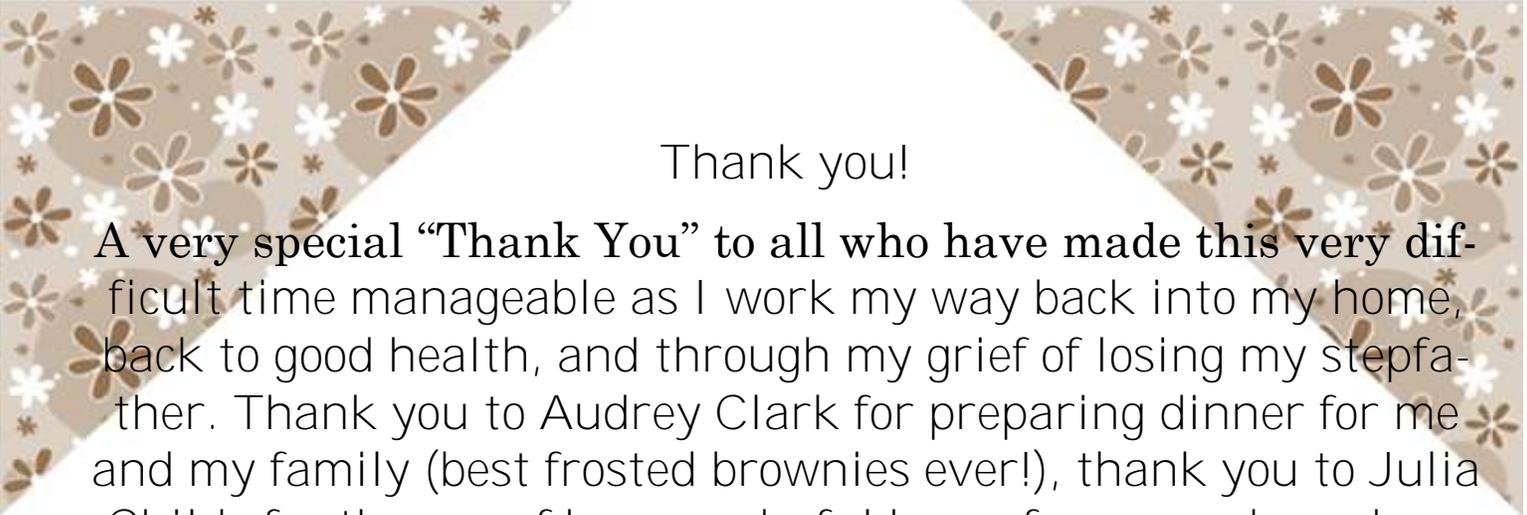
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 1:30 pm FEMA Meeting for Church Repairs at the Church	<b>2</b> Take a penny/leave a penny day 	<b>3</b> Jim Brown	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Prayer Zoom Renee & Harris Gabriel	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Dennis Brophy
<b>7</b> 10:00 Live Worship Kathy Munson	<b>8</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 10:00 am Stewardship & Outreach Meeting Yvonne Jensen	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Prayer Zoom 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting Libby Gardner	<b>12</b> Betty Stewart	<b>13</b> 3-8 pm Art Walk Middle child day 
<b>14</b> 10:00 Live Worship	<b>15</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	<b>16</b> Mark & Carol Sechler Nancy & Don Hamilton	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Prayer Zoom 5:00 pm Faculties Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 11:00 am Lady's Brunch 
<b>21</b> 10:00 Live Worship	<b>22</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Be an Angel Day 	<b>23</b> Deacon's Meeting 10:00 am Brian Root	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Prayer Zoom	<b>26</b> Skip & bebbie Bratton	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 Live Worship	<b>29</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Kim Ferguson	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Matchmaking Day 			Birthdays Anniversaries

Reminder! Read through John Philip Newell's "Rebirthing God" in preparation for conversations this fall!



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Coming in September – Bible study on Romans with Pastor Pam, time and days to be announced

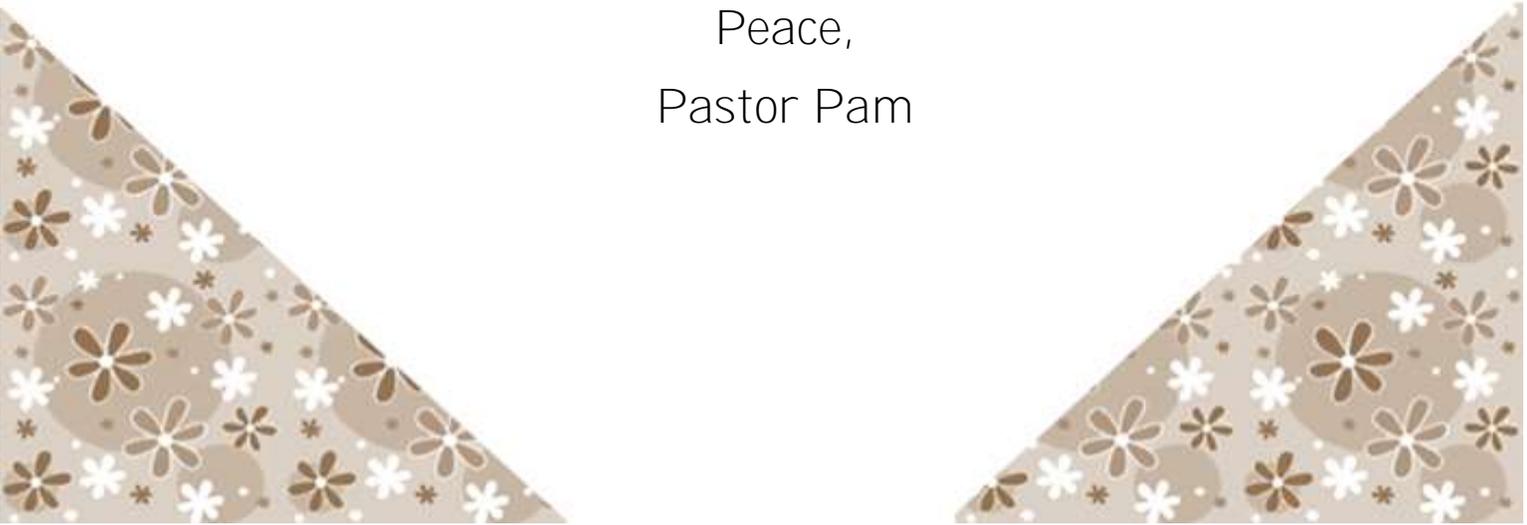


Thank you!

A very special **“Thank You”** to all who have made this very difficult time manageable as I work my way back into my home, back to good health, and through my grief of losing my stepfather. Thank you to Audrey Clark for preparing dinner for me and my family (best frosted brownies ever!), thank you to Julia Childs for the use of her wonderful home for me and my dogs, thank you to Helen Mackay and Duane Estelle for grocery shopping, thank you to Julia and Helen for your magic tea! Thank you to everyone for your wonderful prayers and all of your thoughtful and loving encouragement. Thank you to Jay West for your hard work on every possible front and thank you to Janet Campiglia for keeping us operational when I was not able to be fully present. Thank you to Lori Floyd for leading worship and thank you to Lynell Kruckeberg for being flexible in so many ways. I deeply appreciate all of the work that our Deacons have done to keep our worship flowing beautifully. To our Church Council and our Committees, thank you for your understanding and flexibility at all of the unexpected meetings and changes to our calendar, and for all of your insight in the decision making process for our church. Most importantly, I thank God for each and every one of you.

Peace,

Pastor Pam



## Shalom

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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)*

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