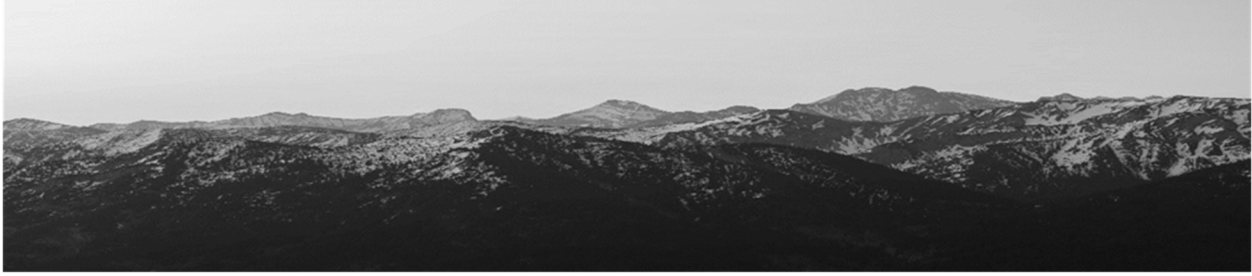


Shalom

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC



Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page

July 2020

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Corinthians 4-7)

Happy Anniversary! Just 2 short years ago on July 1st, I accepted the position of being your Transitional Minister and an even shorter 1 year after that I accepted the call to be your Settled Pastor. In love and trust I hitched my U-Haul up and came west to see what it was that God had for us. And I discovered love. Love in all of its frailties and challenges. Love in all of its humbleness and delight. Love in each and every one of you through laughter, healing and grace.

Anniversaries are joyous not only in the memories of what we have lived into but more importantly in the looking forward to what we have yet to achieve. Love is not without its challenges. Together we have faced the biggest challenge any church ever could in this time of pandemic chaos. The biggest challenge for me has been in not being able to be with each of you for the breaking of bread, both at our communion table and for meals. My heart breaks, as is often the case in love, in our separation.

I do, however, take great comfort in the grace that is given through the brokenness of today and in our going forward. As we try new things, share new ideas and wonder together what our next steps will be we do it in a spirit of togetherness that is bound by the grace of God. Our community looks to us for guidance in the newness with a hope that is both a mystery and a certainty. Our faith in the guidance of the Spirit is stronger than it has ever been as we share our love for God, church and community. Together we have come this far and together we will go into our future.

Celebrate, my friends, in the faith, love and hope that is bestowed upon us by the grace of God in all things. For the greatest of these is love.

Peace,
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 choir direction via video and audio on the website!

Remember, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Pam at: 1-406-426-8715.

From the Deacons...



Outdoor services are planned for July 5 and August 2 at 1:00 PM at the Kaleva Lodge north of Red Lodge (7790 Route 212). Additionally, we will have outdoor services at Lion’s Park July 19 and August 16. Weather conditions as well as COVID numbers may alter these services. Please wear masks and bring your own chairs. As much as we will want to hug and shake hands, please refrain. We will practice social distancing. Please read the biweekly emails, Monday Memos and Weekly Wrangler, for updates on outdoor services.

Unofficial Congregational Meeting

There will be an unofficial congregational meeting of all interested worshipers on Sunday, July 12, at 11:00 am via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is as a follow-up to the March 15 meeting whereby the recommendation was made to the Church Council that our church discontinue public worship until further notice due to the COVID19 pandemic threat. At that meeting, all were told that the decision to re-open the church would be made following a congregational meeting; this is that meeting. Everyone’s thoughts, opinions and comments will be heard and shared among those gathered and then presented to the Church Council at their July meeting. No recommendations or official motions will be made at this meeting. This is for information gathering only. If you wish to attend but do not have access to Zoom, please contact Jim Brown so that he can record your thoughts to share them with the council.



Zoom invitation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83772992420?pwd=NWM0bVhsWFNCZzc3S0dXUIQrYnB4UT09>

Password: worship

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.



Moment from the Moderator

Recall the adage “***Absence makes the heart grow fonder.***” Given our church congregants experience with the Corona Virus, we certainly know and have experienced the fact that when people we love are not with us, we love them even more. Fortunately, our church leaders, ministries, and ad-hoc committees have been diligent in providing opportunities for each of us to gather and share our joys and concerns with

those whom we love! If you have not taken advantage of our weekly Worship Service with Communion via Facebook Live, or our virtual church coffee hour after worship via Zoom, or our weekly Deacon’s Zoom meeting, or our Thursday morning prayer session via Zoom, I encourage you to choose one or more of these virtual paths to togetherness for our congregation. If these virtual paths do not provide you with adequate love and satisfaction until we assemble for our Live Outdoor Services at Kaleva Lodge, I encourage you to pick up the phone or mail a personal card to those in your thoughts.

Remember the quote, “***True happiness is to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future, not to amuse ourselves with either hopes or fears but to rest satisfied with what we have, which is sufficient, for he that is so wants for nothing . . . A wise person is content with his lot, whatever it may be, without wishing for what he has not.***”

~ Jim Brown
Moderator for Church Council

You will find the minutes from Council meetings on the website’s “Shalom & Council Meeting Minutes” page.



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

debawes51@hotmail.com
hmackay49@gmail.com
rrgabrian@hotmail.com

Confirmation Class Mission Work Has Begun!!



"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least

of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" (From Matthew 25: 35-40)

The Confirmation Class, all of whom are entering the 7th grade in the fall, has begun their mission work! They are raising funds for blankets through Church World Service. These blankets are distributed throughout the world by Church World Service for disaster-stricken areas and the homeless. Each student will be trying to raise the MOST funds...and the one who succeeds gets to have their own success shared with Pastor Pam. If Eliza comes out on top, Pastor Pam has to bake her bread. If Samarra is the top fund raiser, Pastor Pam has to make her Rice Krispie Treats. And Mason...well...Mason has challenged Pastor Pam to cracking raw eggs on her head...in public!! So support these great mission-focused students by going to the "giving" link on our webpage, www.redlodgecommunitychurch.com, and selecting which student you would like to support. The blankets are \$30.00 each and the mission campaign will run until August 15. Good luck, Confirmation Students!! To find out more about Church World Service, please visit www.cwsglobal.org.





The Grass is Growing and We Need YOUR Help!!

The Facilities Committee is asking for volunteers for summer lawn care for the church grounds. Once a week, we need someone to come in and mow the lawn, trim it up, and make sure our outside is as beautiful as our inside! The lawn mower, weed whacker, and other tools are in the storage shed. **Who's up for lending a hand this summer?**

Please email Marge Nearpass to sign up at marge_nearpass@redlodge.k12.mt.us or give her a call at 406-446-3854.



Notes from the Office...



If you are having trouble accessing the Facebook livestream of Sunday services, please go to the "[Red Lodge Community Church](#)" page on Facebook. If you have not joined Facebook, a pop-up screen will appear asking you to join. On the bottom of this screen there is a "not now" option. If you click on this option, the pop-up screen will go away and you can watch the video. If you continue to have problems, give us a call and we'll try to work you through them. Don't forget, you can watch the service [LIVE](#) on our website, too.

LAST CALL!!!

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! :) We need your phone numbers, email and mailing addresses, and we'd LOVE to have your pictures for the directory! If you've lost the link, email Mia or [go to the website](#). The form is at the bottom of the "Who We Are" menu at the top of the page. Please fill the form out for **EACH** spouse and **EACH** child if you have younger children you'd like to have on our birthday lists. You can update your information on the form anytime, but the **deadline for the directory is June 30!**

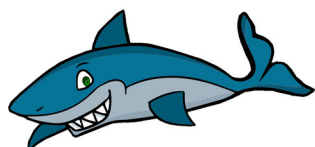
Please remember to get your articles and/or announcements for the Shalom in by the 20th of the month.

CELEBRATE!!!

Happy Birthday

Beth Graham	7/8
Cara Kisthard	7/8
Colleen Stevenson	7/13
Shari Nordstrom	7/17
David Whitcomb	7/17
Merv Coleman	7/18
Kandy Aleksich	7/19
Danielle Tomicich	7/20
Zak Beard	7/26
Doreen Nearpass	7/30

July 14 – Shark Awareness Day



July 26 – Parent's Day and Aunt & Uncle Day



July 1– Canada Day



July 2 – I Forgot Day



July 4 – Independence Day



July 13 – Barbershop Music Appreciation Day



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Martha Brown & Marty Clague	7/17
Tom & Coeta Rieger	7/17
Bob & Greta Christner	7/22
Dan Seifert & Erinn Ackley	7/31

July 3–August 11
Dog Days of Summer



July 23 – Vanilla Ice Cream Day



July 30 – International Day of Friendship





July 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian 4:30pm Facility Management	2 9:30am Zoom Prayer	3	4
5 10am Virtual Wor- ship & Communion 1pm Outdoor Wor- ship at Kaleva	6	7 2pm Stewardship & Mission	8 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	9 9:30am Zoom Prayer 5:15pm Exec. Com. Meeting	10	11
12 10am Virtual Wor- ship & Communion 11am Congrega- tional Meeting (Zoom)	13	14	15 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	16 9:30am Zoom Prayer 5:15pm Council Meeting	17	18
19 10am Virtual Wor- ship & Communion 1pm Outdoor Wor- ship at Lion's Park	20	21	22 9am Deacon Zoom— Debbie Awes, Helen Mackay, & Renee Gabrian	23 9:30am Zoom Prayer	24	25
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For the young
and young-at-heart!



WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



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Water changes to

JOHN 2:1-11



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Heals a man born

JOHN 9



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- w

Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27



- d

Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11



- ch + er

Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water



Bible Quiz

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- Giving a child a toy
- Giving a lost traveler directions
- Giving someone a cup of cold water
- Giving a sad person a hug



Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)

UNSEEN BUT active

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.

What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card



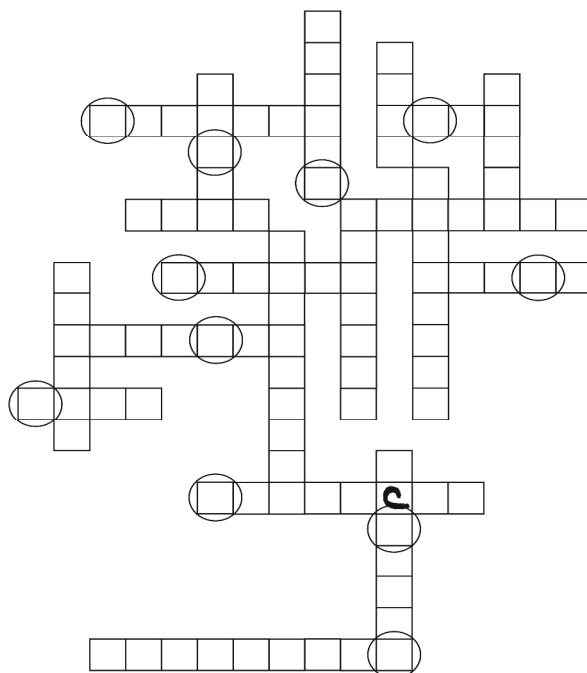
What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.

Puzzle!

Fit the names of these Bible-times places in the puzzle. Then write the circled letters on the lines below, in the order found, to find out where your citizenship is.

Jos Cana Nazareth Beth Saida	Shen Bethel Lydda Jerusalem	Heshbon Sychar Beth Ephraim	Ephraim Gethsemane Jerusalem Bethlehem	Philippi Bethlehem Jerusalem
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Our Mission Statement:

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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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am
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Pastor: Pamela J. Peterson

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