

## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

A congregation of the ELCA on the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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Thrivent Choice giving is important to us. If you are a Thrivent member, please consider designating Our Saviour's for your Thrivent Choice gift. Through your generous designations, Our Saviour's has received \$2,034 so far in 2018.



### Our Wish List

Let your requests be known to God. It seems we are always in need of things, like rotary saws, chain saws, building repairs & new roofs.

More than those things, we need your prayers & commitment to this ministry. We are not in this alone. We need those who are our companions along the way.

We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a regular donor, which you can do through a variety of ways, including through PayPal and FaceBook. Please consider a legacy gift to Our Saviour's in your estate planning. Our Region 1 ELCA Foundation gift planner, Beth Adams, can assist you in this.

### The Ambassador 1000 Program

The Ambassador 1000 program is one way we look to create a stable donor base. Information about the program can be found on our website. Or, write, call, or e-mail, and we will send the information to you.

If you would like to participate, please indicate your pledge of support on your first donation. On your subsequent donations write "Ambassador." Thank you.



## From the Pastor

I hope this issue of the TeePee Smoke gives you an idea of the variety of things that take place in our ministry. We welcome questions & comments. We look forward to you coming to visit us.

We are looking ahead to the 100-year anniversary of Our Saviour's in 2020. The date of the celebration is not set at this time, but we will let you know as soon as we can so you can plan to be here, too!

## A Faithful Volunteer

Little did Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein, from the ELCA Deaconess Community, know what she was getting into when she asked about volunteering for the month of July at Rocky Boy. She had visited Our



Saviour's twice in the past, but never for an extended period of time. Sister Ruth Ellen did office tasks & laundry, watered the gardens, sorted clothes for the

Thrift Store, helped with VBS Day Camp, led Bible study & preached. She was here until the start of the pow-wow in August & the arrival of seminary students for their cross-cultural experience. Her stay was funded through a MT Synod Mission Venture Capital Grant. Her transportation to & from Rocky Boy was graciously provided by Pastor Peggy Paugh-Leuzinger, the MT Synod Director of Evangelical Mission.

We welcome those who would like to come as volunteers at anytime during the year. Contact Pastor Linda if you are interested in coming as an individual or a couple.

## 2018 ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant

We received a \$3,000 grant to provide an "emergency end-of-the-month food supply" for a limited number of individuals & families. Our program started in April and will end in December, which means we have a monthly budget of \$333. We figure this can provide one day's meals for about 20 individuals & families.



We are working with our local (Havre) IGA store, Gary & Leo's, where we purchase the food, and with the Rocky Boy Office of Victims Services, who distributes the food. With suggestions from OVS, we

work out a menu for one day's food, which is three very basic meals. OVS doesn't have a place to store food needing refrigeration, so everything needs to be planned around that. The meals generally look like this: Breakfast – non-sweetened cereal with canned milk & fresh fruit or juice; Lunch – canned tuna, mayonnaise & freshly baked bread from IGA's bakery; and, Dinner – spaghetti (pasta & sauce),

parmesan cheese, canned corn & a ½ loaf of garlic bread. There are no restrictions on who can receive this



food. They do not have to be clients of OVS or attend worship at Our Saviour's. The pictures show us picking up the food at IGA in Havre & delivering it to Rose DeBerry at OVS in Rocky Boy.

## Men's Quilting Group

### St. Paul Lutheran Church, Missoula, MT

Our Saviour's has been the recipient of quilts from this group for several years. These men have been



meeting to sew together twice a month for a number of years.

Dan sews the tops and all the guys do the tying. Quilts have been

made for many ministries in Montana.

Pictured from left to right: Dan Rude, Gary Sorensen, Doug Chase, Dave Dickman, Brad Hege & John McGrew.

## Colter Glenn Murphy

### 2017-2018 Young Adult in Global Mission: Cambodia

I made this medicine wheel in the summer of 2015 while I was at Our Saviour's for VBS Day Camp as a counselor with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. I accidentally left it behind. Once I realized this, assumed I wouldn't see it again.

In the summer of 2016, I returned to Rocky Boy. I found my medicine wheel hanging in the church office at Our Saviour's. This time, I brought it home with me. It was placed in a window while I finished my final year of college at University of Montana.



Among the sparse list of things I wanted to bring with me to Cambodia to put in my new home, I knew

the medicine wheel had to be included. Throughout this year I have looked out my window & been reminded of the stories & wisdom of the people present while I made this medicine wheel. Life has its seasons, each season is valuable, the seasons repeat and all of this is constant and continuous. I just wanted to say thank you & share the story about my medicine wheel! Blessings on you & your ministry & a prayer of joy for all of the moments of beauty & grace that accompany living with communities that so readily embrace the stranger.



## 2018 MT Synod Assembly

In June, Loni Whitford Taylor served as a lay delegate to the MT Synod Assembly. Gigi Many Bears (Loni's daughter) served as a youth delegate. To properly honor the occasion, Loni & Gigi dressed in traditional ribbon skirts when they served as readers & distributed communion along with Pastor Linda during opening worship.



During Synod Assembly, the newly constructed synod office building was dedicated. Loni & Gigi had their picture taken with Bishop Jessica Crist. A star quilt that had been a gift to Pastor Linda at the end of her internship on the Pine Ridge Reservation was



hung with several others at the front of the assembly hall. At the end of the Assembly, this quilt was re-gifted to Pastor Brenda Smith, who was both preacher & speaker during the assembly & serves as Program Director for Faith Practices & Book of Faith in the church-wide office in Chicago.



## Servant Groups

Summer 2018 was a very light summer concerning groups coming to Our Saviour's. The ELCA National Youth Gathering had a lot to do with that. One adult group came in May. They opened the cabins for us and made many necessary repairs from winter damage. A youth group came in July and helped with

VBS Day Camp, along with all the other work they did.

Many people wonder and ask what servant groups are all about. Participating in a servant group is about looking beyond yourself and your own needs to see how you can be of service to others. It is getting out of



your comfort zone to go somewhere very different from what you know and are used to. It is being open to whatever God is doing and whatever God is showing you in that new place. It is about

walking with others on their journey and not making it be about you. There is a selflessness about giving of your time, talents & treasures for the sake of others.

This year's work included splitting wood, repairing plumbing in the cabins, staining the barn, building a platform for our recycling cans & labeling the cans, putting up solar-powered motion-detector security lights, building a set of bunk-beds & then delivering it & setting it up in a



community member's home (including 2 new twin mattresses, 2 new mattress pads, 2 new pillows with covers, 2 new sets of bedding), planting & weeding gardens (vegetable & flower) & other miscellaneous things.



## August 2018 Seminary Cross-Cultural Experience

In August, six seminary students arrived to participate in what may be a life-changing event for them. Five of the students were from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC & one was from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA. Four were Methodist, one Pentecostal & one Lutheran. Three were white Americans, one African American & two were from Democratic Republic of Congo, which is in central Africa. It was a wonderful mix of ages, experience & cultures. They arrived in time to see some of the Rocky Boy Pow-wow.

Through all the reading, traveling, discussion & study, one highlight was working through the Bible reflections presented by the Mennonite Church in

“Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery.” The perspectives each person brought to the table were amazing, enlightening & important. Participating in a group like this, with other seminary students can work to form future ministry throughout the church for years to come.



Pictured in a visit to the MT Synod office from left to right: Pastor Peggy Paugh-Leuzinger, Chris Long, Techika Rhodes, Gloria Montgomery, Connie Monson, Ivan Milosi, Bishop Jessica Crist, Pastor Linda Webster & Heureuse Kaj.

### **Kogodus Renewal Ministry** **Pastor Bob Nagy – Unity Lutheran Parish (Malta Lutheran & Whitewater Lutheran)**

Thank you Our Saviour’s Lutheran of Rocky Boy! Again a Kogodus retreat was held at this great congregation & community. Those who support this beautiful congregation provide marvelous resources with the meeting area, cabins & rooms. The people are great & the creation of God is a beautiful sight to see (even if there is smoke in the air from the Montana fires).

This year the retreat, “Pilgrims in Recovery” was centered around the Biblical support of the 12-step program for Alcoholics Anonymous. As always, the Kogodus material was marvelous for a spiritual renewal. It was a reminder that we are dearly loved &



forgiven by God & that we continue to work at our relationship with God & others around us. To have the fellowship & support of other Christians (Pilgrims in Recovery) is a gift that God used

to renew my spirit.

I was blessed and ministered to by the others who participated and lead this retreat. One of the joys was to have Sunday worship with members of Our Saviour’s Lutheran. You all are a blessing.

Thank you Pastor Linda and Our Saviour’s Lutheran for the opportunity for this retreat.

Pictured: Tom Wynia, Pastor Bob Nagy, Jack Charlson, Pastor Linda Webster, Pastor Greg Karlsgodt & Pastor Stan Hoobing. Not pictured: Pastor Marty Mock, Pastor Ellen Ayres & Lynne Webster.

### **Donation of a New-to-us Copier**

With heart-felt gratitude, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church thanks Floren’s Hill County Printing for donating a used copier to us. We struggled with our old copier to put out the previous issue of the TeePee Smoke, finally giving up & having it printed at Floren’s print shop in Havre. Upon picking up the copies, Pastor Linda was approached by the owners asking if we needed a copier & could they donate one they had on-site, but were no longer using, to Our Saviour’s. It was gratefully accepted. Some of the money that had been donated for us to get a new-to-us copier was used to pay for the expense of moving the machine from their office to ours.



This copier will reach its “expiration date” within the next couple of years, meaning supplies will be difficult to get. We are still faced with raising money for a new-to-us copier, but not immediately!

The current newsletter you are reading has been produced on this new-to-us copier. We hope you find the quality of the reproduction acceptable.

### **A Few Reminders**

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Our mailing address is 499 Mission Taylor Road, Box Elder, MT 59521. If you have not updated your address book or your mailing list, please do so.

Please make sure to include your name and return address inside a box or package when you send it. Often things are sent from a mail store and do not include this information. Sadly, we have no idea who sent those donations and, therefore, no one to thank.

Thank you for your kind attention to these details!

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