

July 2020

The Good News

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

What's Happening at Our Savior's?

Covid-19 Updates

The following events have been canceled until further notice — **Silver Crowns**

On Sunday, May 3, the church was able to open its doors to the public with strict guidelines to follow phase 1 of the Governor's plan to reopen the state. We would love to see you at Sunday worship if you are healthy and well.

Face masks are required as you enter and exit the building while socializing and you must maintain social distancing. Select pews have been taped off and hymnals have been removed for the time being.

Just a friendly reminder, the recycling container outside of Our Savior's is for NEWSPAPER and ALUMINUM CANS only. Thank you for your recycling efforts!

Sunday worship is now at 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

*Our Savior's Lutheran
Church*

*707 W 3rd St
Laurel, Montana*

Worship Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Tuesday and Wednesday
8-1

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Or send a check directly to the church at 707 W. 3rd Street in Laurel. Thank you for being apart of Our Savior's!





Sunday School for All

Sunday School's beginnings are not all that clear, many organizations are attributed to having started Sunday School. Despite not knowing who started Sunday School, all of the stories about Sunday School have one thing in common, they were all started to provide Christian Education to the children who could not or were not receiving it at home. These children may have been orphans, indentured servants, or who's parents were illiterate. Over the years it became a substitute for Christian Education in the homes, and often a time for parents to be without their children. Now, there is a movement to integrate Christian Education across generations. What we have learned is that children (and adults) learn more when they learn together and can continue having conversations after the hour of Sunday School is over. Hopefully at Our Savior's we can appreciate the different generations interacting with one another, learning from and with one another, and above all create lasting relationships. Are you ready to start a new chapter in the Sunday School history books?

Easy Ways to Give



Do you shop on Amazon? You can donate to our Savior's by shopping at smile.Amazon.com and choosing Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Laurel.



Do you have a policy with Thrivent? You can direct your Choice Dollars to Our Savior's! **The deadline for designating Choice Dollars is March 31st.**

Do you follow Our Savior's on Facebook?
There you'll find current events, previous sermons and other important information.

The SOW WAGON is back! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the office or Pastor Jayson to find out how you can help. Our Savior's will be prepping and serving food every Tuesday for the children in our community.

Freedom of a Christian



It is almost the 4th of July and thus is time for my annual newsletter article on Luther's *On the Freedom of a Christian*. This is the time of the year (when we aren't in a pandemic) when we parade around celebrating our freedom. As Americans we talk and believe in terms of freedom often, but I don't know how often we think about what the word freedom truly means.

Most of the time we talk about our "freedom from." Mostly that we are free from the government telling us what to believe and how to behave. What I don't hear is our "freedom to." Luther writes in 1520 in *On the Freedom of a Christian* that, "A Christian is an utterly free man, lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is an utterly dutiful man, servant of all, subject to all." This profound statement reminds us that in our freedom from earthly dominions, we are called into our freedom to one another.

Christian freedom isn't about individual freedom, because Christianity isn't focused on individualism. In our baptism we are called into community with one another connected to one another through the Holy Spirit. When any one of us suffers, the whole body suffers. In our Christian Freedom we are free to act out against injustice, to work to help the most vulnerable in our society, to heal the sick, and set the captives free. Hopefully this sounds redundant because we hear this message in scripture over and over again, but this was not always the reality for the religious in our world. There have been civil religious laws that restricted people from caring for the unclean since they would become unclean themselves. There have been civil laws that prevent people from feeding the hungry in our country today. Freedom as we often talk about it pales in comparison to the freedom experienced in Christ. This 4th of July I invite you to reflect on what it means to experience the freedom of Christ in your life.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Jayson

The Crossings

Lorna Oversen, Maria
Metzger, Helen Jasbeck,
Len & Lois Bestrom

St. John's in Billings
Schar Ruff

Jansma Family, Branstetter Family,
Gratwohl Family, Glenda Manweiler
& Sheila Manweiler, George &
Myrna Schaller, Norma Brown, Fritz
Steinback, Lorna Oversen, Jan
Schock, Helen Jasbeck & Family,
Herman Family, Cindy Herman,
Diane Oversen, Judy & Jim Worden,
Martin & Harriet Mikkola, Scharlotte
Ruff, Shirley Hanson, Louitha
Clayton, Jim & Donna Whitford,
Raychel Hust, Phyllis Greer, Waller
Family.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sally Blohm	July 2
Margaret Blair	July 6
Bob Brester	July 16
Fred Steinback	July 21
Joyce Brathole	July 21
Butch Bestrom	July 26
Ken Paulson	July 27



If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Pastor Jayson at 406-530-5077. Be clear on how much information you want shared and with whom. If you know of someone in need a prayer, please ask them permission and we will add their name to the list without details.

Christikon Clips

July 2020

Information for our Congregations



To: Campers/Guests registered for Christikon in 2020

Fr: Pastor Mark

Re: Camp Preparation & Travel

COVID-19 changed much in our lives and world. As we prepare to welcome you to camp this summer, we need your help to minimize the risk of infection by following the recommendations below prior to and while attending camp. If you have any illness symptoms before departing for camp, please do not board the bus or travel up to camp until they clear and you have spoken with me.

For 2 weeks prior to arriving at camp:

Please take and record your temperature daily, and bring that log with you to camp. Minimize your exposure to others by staying at home as much as possible and avoiding large group activities (more than 10), and wearing a facemask when you do go out.

While at camp and/or riding the bus:

Wear a facemask, and bring another with you. We do have a good supply up here, but not enough for all guests all summer.

If you can, please bring your own bottle of hand sanitizer.

Summer staff have followed the same process before they arrived, and commit to spending the entire summer up at camp and not heading to town during breaks.

Our Park County Health Department and camp physician believe that having both staff and guests follow these protocols will greatly minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and will help all campers to arrive at camp healthy and ready to go. We understand they involve some sacrifice on your part, and may affect other summer plans or activities.

As you know all too well, this is no ordinary time. We take these steps in addition to following all other reopening guidelines (local, state, American Camping Association, etc.) as we prepare for the season. Our hope is that by all doing these things we can feel confident everyone is healthy and ready for camp.

Remember to pray for the staff and campers.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ — exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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Megan and Hannah Maida graduated from Laurel High School on Sunday, May 24th.

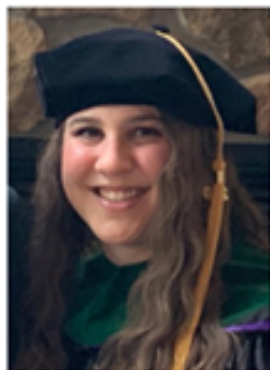
Megan Plans to attend the U of Montana. Hannah will attend MSUB in the fall. Both girls are working this summer.

Vickie Ripley made the beautiful quilts for the girls.
Thank you so much, Vickie!



Christensen hooded as medical doctor

Posted Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:10 am



Brittany Christensen

Brittany Christensen of Powell has graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine WWAMI Program.

On Saturday, May 23, Christensen was formally hooded as a medical doctor via Zoom with her Wyoming classmates in Laramie, and then recognized with all the WWAMI students through the University of Washington's livestream ceremony from Seattle.

She graduated from Powell High School in 2011 and from the University of Oklahoma in 2015.

Christensen will begin her internal medicine residency program through Billings Clinic in July.

She is the third generation of Drs. Christensen from Powell — following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Dr. Ray Christensen, and her father, Dr. Kelly Christensen of Powell Valley Healthcare. Her mother is Mindy Christensen and her husband is Jayson Nicholson.