

October 2020

The Good News

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

*Our Savior's Lutheran
Church*

*707 W 3rd St
Laurel, Montana*

Worship Time: 10:00 a.m.

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Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday
8-1

Or by appointment



Church Member Spotting

The Spini Family

Michael and Monica have two daughters, Sarah and Sophia. Sarah is 12 and will be 13 in December. Sophia is 9 and will be 10 in October.

Monica was born in Billings and lived in Park City. She has one brother. Michael was born in Mount Shasta, California. He has one brother and one sister.

Michael is a Fire Marshall in Billings, MT and has been a Fire Marshall for the last 20 years. Monica also has spent the last 20 years at her job where she is a Registered Nurse in the Cardiology Department at St. Vincent's.

Both Monica and Michael like to stay busy, Michael with hunting and Monica with Scrapbooking.

We are so happy this family is apart of Our Savior's and thank them for sharing a little about themselves!

Covid-19 Updates

On Sunday, May 3, the church was able to open its doors to the public with strict guidelines. 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.



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.

GIVE

If you would like to continue to give to Our Savior's please visit oursaviorslaurel.org/give
Or send a check directly to the church at 707 W. 3rd Street in Laurel. Thank you for being apart of Our Savior's!

Trauma Informed Theology



Since moving to Montana, I have heard time and time again that Montana has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation. Unfortunately, so far in 2020, we have the highest rate of suicide in the nation, just beating our Wyoming. There are a variety of reasons for this statistic including isolation, poverty, long winters, substance abuse, and trauma. During my Advance Group CISM class I took this past January, we shifted away from talking about dying from suicide and the cause of death being mental illness related to trauma. If trauma is one of the core factors leading to suicide, then we as faith communities have an innate call to act. We have a God, who in Christ Jesus, stepped into the middle of human trauma time and time again and ultimately experience the worst of humanity on the cross.

Time and time again Jesus chooses to respond to people's trauma. When encounters those in need he acts with compassion, often heals them, invites them back into society, and befriends them. What an amazing example of the healing power of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to act in a Christ like manner, and yet we often shy away from entering into someone else's trauma. We have a tendency to avoid trauma because it hurts, and when we enter into another person's trauma we can be injured too. While we all experience post traumatic stress, sometimes second hand, we are called to care for one another in times of need.

Some reading this article are working through their own trauma, and I invite you to see out help. You can reach out to a therapist, a pastor (my cell phone number is 530-5077), a friend, or the Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. For those of you in a healthy place right now, I invite you to develop coping mechanisms for when you personally experience trauma or when a friend is in need. When we come together in a Christ centered community, and act on our faith we might just save someone's 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, Myrna Schaller, Norma Brown, Fritz Steinback, Lorna Oversen, Jan Schock, Helen Jasbeck & Family, Herman Family, Cindy Herman, Diane Oversen, Judy & Jim Worden, Harriet Mikkola, Scharlotte Ruff, Shirley Hanson, Louitha Clayton, Jim & Donna Whitford, Raychel Hust, Phyllis Greer, Waller Family.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Lorna Oversen	October 2
Rick Gratwohl	October 6
Don Brown	October 13
Carol Hill	October 17
Frelin Eisenbraun	October 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

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Information for our Congregations



2021 Calendar! The calendar and sessions listing is on our website www.christikon.org. It's not too soon to start planning for next summer's trip to camp! Already accepting reservations! We are hopeful for a full season so registering sooner rather later is encouraged!

Fall Retreats: We have retreats scheduled into mid-October. Bring your group and enjoy fall in the mountains!

Thank you for your prayers this past summer, for the summer staff, for its ministry and for all who have joined in the Christikon life. 2020 held opportunity for much needed connection and ongoing ministry. It was better than we could have hoped for and we are grateful!

Capital Campaign: We are looking at the Adult Housing/Boys Dorm next! **If you have not received a Capital Campaign packet, please contact the office and one will be sent to you.**

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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