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The Call



May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight o Lord our strength and our redeemer.

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Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise

Psalms 98:4 (KJV)

Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday I arrived on the hill. Where has this past year gone? It has gone by doing the work of God for and with people who love the Lord.

We are about to begin a new season in our church life. Many of us are back on the hill ready to fulfill the ministries as servants of Jesus Christ. Most members are all set to reengage themselves in their ministries of choice. and if you haven't chosen one yet please consider getting involved.

Our kids are truly having a great summer after a couple years of lockdown. Sunday traveling blessings are a true testimony of our church family on the move and enjoying vacations. This is all part of rejuvenation to come back ready and willing to engage in the work of Jesus Christ.

I am extremely excited about two outreach ministries that are back and fully engaged. First we will kick off our Ranson Middle School supply drive. on August 7th. We are hoping for parish wide participation to prepare these students for the coming school year. The leadership at RMS is excited about our continued support. My meeting with them confirms the true meaning of discipleship.

Next The Flyin' Lions will resume classes on August 23rd with new students participating and learning various culinary skills. Participation at the Farmer's Market will continue, the cafe will reopen on Fridays, baked goods will be available for ordering and Lunches with the Lions will be offered on Thursdays.

We are a church on the move. Don't stay on the sidelines. Get involved, bring a friend because "something's happening and it's so exciting". Peace and love on this wonderful journey.

In Love and Happiness,

Fr. Garry +



July 31st

One Service at 9:30 with a potluck to follow

**Please Bring A
Main Dish
Side or Dessert**

**Hospitality will set up and clean up; however, they are not providing a main course this month.
Please consider bringing a main dish this month**

**If you are able to help Hospitality with the set up and clean up on this day
Please contact Kelly Pope
at
kellytpope@gmail.com**



**Acolyte Training
August 14th
at 9:45**

**We will start promptly at
9:45am
and be finished by
10:15am
Please arrive on time!!**

There are a few 'Acolyte Protocols' that Father Garry would like for our Acolytes to make sure they do each Sunday

It is important that **all existing Acolytes
be there if at all possible.**

We will also have a couple of new acolytes join us for this training, and we will welcome Robbie Roberts our new Acolyte Coordinator!!!

Please mark your calendars now to make sure to be up on the Hill no later than 9:45am



**LEM
Lay Eucharistic
Minister Training**

**August 28th
9:45-10:15**

**This training is for
EXISTING LEMS or NEW LEMS**

Who serve on Sunday mornings, plus trainer want to begin serving one Sunday a month.

Please let Tracy Tinsley or Father Garry know if you have any questions or need additional information

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FLYIN LIONS



Our next class will begin on August 23rd.
The Cafe will Open Back up on Fridays from 10am-2pm
beginning August 26th.
Online orders will resume the week of
September 2nd.



Lunching with the Lions will take place on
Thursdays once class resumes.
Guests will be able to sign up online each week to attend.



Come see us at the Farmers Market

Flyin' Lions will be at the
Huntersville Farmers Market
Saturday Mornings from 8am - Noon
July 30th
August 6th, 13th and 27th
The Market has moved to the lawn in front of
Discovery Place Kids.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
for
RANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**Please help the students at RMS prepare for the
coming year.**

**There is a new social worker at the school
who would love our continued support**

**Our school supply drive will run from August 7th through August 21st
Here is a tentative list of items. Updates will be provided in the coming week through the
e-blast and bulletin. Please contact Liz Gail with any questions. LGail16@outlook.com**

Bookbags
Pencils (most needed item)
Notebooks/Composition books
Pencil Sharpeners
Ear buds
Notebook Paper
Erasers
Folders
Flashdrives
Gluesticks
Colored Markers
Posterboard
Copy Paper
Hand Sanitizer
Colored Pencils
Liquid Glue
3 Subject Notebooks
Chapstick
Colored Construction Paper
Scissors



The Lion's Lamb

Our own Bella Grace started a project to get small handheld loveys into the little hands of victims from shootings that have happened around the country.

We have a small group at church learning to knit and crochet so we can have a stash ready when needed. The snail above was sent to a 2 year old baby whose parents were killed while watching a parade in honor of our country's independence.

The group is currently meeting on Wednesdays at the church from 1pm-3pm in the Gallery or the Rafters depending on usage.

If you would like to attend or have questions see

Bella Grace or
Jan Daubner



**Birthdays**

Lacy Hamilton - 8/3
Jackie Mooney - 8/3
Dawn Middleton - 8/9
Forrest Wooten - 8/11
Brooke Michael - 8/12
Sarah Milholland - 8/13
Martha Ann Springer - 8/13
Bill O'Connor - 8/14
Beth Hunt - 8/16
Kelly Pope - 8/17
Greg Siegel - 8/17
Rick Stein - 8/17
Kate Lloyd - 8/23
Malinda Bivens - 8/24
Melanie Blythe - 8/26
Barbara Osburn - 8/27
Joe Brown - 8/28

Anniversaries

Michael & Suzanne Ferguson - 8/7
Willard & Barbara Osburn - 8/8
Andrew & Libby James - 8/10
Forrest & Marilyn Wooten - 8/19
Joe & Fiona Brown - 8/23
Robbie & Delia Roberts - 8/26
Jacob & Mandy Self-Sparrow - 8/29

**Prayers for
continued healing:**

**Saunders Black
Martha Ann Springer
Richard & Mary Beth Masline
Jim Woolley
Marion Johannsson & Betsy, Martha
Paul & Michelle Cravetz
Bob Chandler
Milt Sullivan
Emma Cruz**

CALLED TO SERVE

As we prepare for the start of the programming year

We ask for members to prayerfully consider where they are called to serve.

Ministry Booklets will be available at the Usher's Station for reference for a full list of opportunities

Some areas that could use extra hands are:

Nursery Coordinator

Welcome

Hospitality

Outreach

Sunday School Teachers

Choir Members

Coffee Hour

Buildings and Grounds



August W.I.N.E. (Women in Need of Entertainment)

Mark your calendars for Monday,

August 15th at 6:30pm

We will have WINE

In the Rafters

Hosted by

Melanie Blythe and Beth Wilson

Bring a dish to share and or your beverage of choice

(adult beverages and non adult beverages)

This event is for ALL women.

If you don't have time for either just bring yourself.

Contact Melanie or Beth with any questions

melanie.blythe@bofa.com

or bcwilson130@gmail.com



Thirstday

Thursday

Will meet on Thursday August 11th

at 6:30

We will meet at

**HARVEY'S
(In Vermillion)**

13812 Cinnabar Place

Huntersville

**Please join us for a brief theological reflection,
fellowship and food.**

No RSVP necessary but texts welcome

to David Fahey

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	2022 Budget	June YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$312,436.06	\$156,218.03
All other anticipated income		
Non- Pledge Offerings	\$15,119.00	\$7,284.50
Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$145,885.04	\$72,942.52
Sales Tax Refunds	\$9,408.00	\$4,704.00
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360.00	\$16,680.00
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$516,208.10	\$257,829.05
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$328,458.72	\$168,872.45
Diocesan Support	\$44,257.00	\$22,128.50
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$53,860.00	\$26,930.00
Office Admin & Other	\$40,352.00	\$20,626.00
Youth & Christian Formation	\$2,760.00	\$1,379.62
Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$9,104.00	\$4,552.00
Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship,& Retreat	\$5,400.00	\$2,700.00
Worship & Music	\$1,604.00	\$668.33
Rafters Loan Payment	\$100,708.20	\$40,354.19
4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$12,497.44	\$6,248.72
Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses	\$586,503.92	\$288,211.00

2022 Pledge update-83 families average pledge \$3,764.00

YTD Pledge fulfillment 53.36%