



# January 2024 Newsletter

Sponsored by **Ann & Erin Hawley-**  
In Loving Memory of Calon

In the Gospel according to Luke we hear the angels  
say to the shepherds,



*Glory to God* IN THE  
HIGHEST HEAVEN,  
*and peace to God's people*  
ON EARTH.

At this time of the year, perhaps our longing for peace is even more acute. We know the world isn't right. Nevertheless, we wait for and trust in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. The angels proclaimed, "Peace on Earth. Good tidings we bring." In this new year of 2024, we pray for peace in our world and in our communities. Every week we take time during worship to greet one another with the message of peace. We reach out, grasping hands across pews, across the aisle. Some may walk to other areas of the sanctuary to give a message of peace to a neighbor or a visitor. "The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you." We share the peace, the love of God, and as we do, we know that God has reached from heaven to earth and, in the Prince of Peace, is sharing God's peace with us. In this season and all year round, may the peace of Christ be with you.

Happy New Year, dear church,  
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

*God bless you and keep you, Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.*



(modified slightly from her Christmas message.)

## THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers the following members and loved ones...

Grace Hartleben	Vian Kersten	Eugene Preuss
Gordon & Agnes Schlender	Donna Kubiacyzk	June Norrbom
Lorna Alberg	Jean Benz	Rollie Hendrikson
Kay & Reuben Carlson	Sharon Philipp	Travis Nunnery

Pray for healing for Fay Rosenow, Andy Peterson, Marlee (niece of Mary Mattes), Judy Brekke (daughter-in-law of Ida Brekke), Dick Hansen (cousin of Lee Innerebner), Allan Innerebner (brother of Lee Innerebner), and Dave Carlson (father of Lara). Pray for those who have recently lost their spouse. Pray for safety & guidance for Josie (Kari Zeinert's niece) as she continues her mission work in Osaka, Japan for 2 years.

Your calls and visits are greatly appreciated. If you'd like to add a prayer request to this list please call the prayer chain below or the church at 715-253-2590 and leave a message. Redeemer Prayer Chain....Please call anyone on this list with the name(s) of the person for whom you would like prayers. That person will call the next one on the list, etc. etc

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| 1) Ida Brekke    | 715-253-2734 | 4) Lee Innerebner | 715-253-2200 |
| 2) Gail Koehler  | 715-253-6275 | 5) Mary Netzler   | 715-253-6290 |
| 3) Faith Kristof | 715-701-0300 |                   |              |

**\*\*\*Redeemer Bible Study- during 9:30 am Sunday School. We meet in the Heritage Room downstairs.\*\*\***

**There is an Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (bring your Bible) the first and third Wednesdays of each month.**



## January Birthdays

### Happy Birthday!

Mike Gilbertson	1-1
Peggy Hartleben	1-2
Roland Hendrikson	1-3
Sharon Backes	1-19
Derek Dombeck	1-20
Alan Hanke	1-30



### Do We Have a Pastor Yet?

Not with a signed contract that offers a benefit package with the paycheck, but we are very fortunate to have a visiting minister most Sundays and willing lay leaders to cover any remaining Sundays. Come to worship on Sunday and you will hear a different voice, a different message, and be surrounded by your church family. How cool is that! We are thriving. After all, this is Our Church, Our Home, Our Family, Our GOD! How lucky can we be! Thank you to Linda Eyje for organizing the schedule of pastors, to Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen for visiting the shut-ins, and to the church council and all the volunteers who are keeping this place running. Thank you for your monetary donations also.



## Our Monetary Discipleship for December 2023

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
12-3	42	\$1,785.00					\$1,785.00
12-10	67	\$1,315.00			\$3.00	\$60 Dec. '24 Newsletter-Evie Low \$285 Memorials for Jerry Nelson	\$1,663.00
12-17	52	\$830.00					\$830.00
12-24	42	\$2,715.00					\$2,715.00
12-24 4:00 pm	92	\$2,332.00					\$2,332.00
12-31	21	\$625.00				\$60 Jan. '24 Newsletter in memory of Calon Hawley	\$685.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,602.00</b>			<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$405.00</b>	<b>\$10,010</b>

Offering envelopes are available in the wall rack near the main entrance door in the Gathering Space.

**Please use an envelope with your offering and write your name and amount on the envelope.**

Using the envelopes insures you get credit for monies given to the church and helps with the accounting. Thank you!

### Community Events!

#### **WBHS Musical: Roald Dahl's Matilda!**

**January 12 at 7:00 pm, January 13 at 7:00 pm & January 14 at 2:00 pm**

Tickets can be bought at <https://wbhstheatre.ludus.com/200443820>

Ticket prices:

\$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children 5 and under.



### **The Art of the Quilter X –Sew Bee It at the WOWSPACE**

**January 20-21, January 27-28, February 3-4  
11:00 AM-3:00 PM Free!**



**Central Wis. Educational Theater Alliance (CWETA) presents “Beauty and the Beast” at the Grand Theater in Wausau (Students from area schools-it’s always wonderful! Look for Linda and Alan Clough’s grandson Archie in the ensemble! Feb. 22 (7 pm), Feb. 23 (7 pm), Feb. 24 (1:30 pm and 7 pm), Feb. 25 (1:30 pm) <https://tickets.grandtheater.org/3807> (\$20 for children & seniors, \$25 for adults)**

**VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

**Please sign up today!**

*Our list is located on the table in the gathering space. Be an usher, greeter, reader, communion assistant, videographer, or bring treats. For those trained in counting collections after church, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the secretary’s office. Thank you for helping!*

**We will have fellowship in the Gathering Space on the days that people bring treats. There is a signup on the table in the Gathering Space.**

**Thank you!!**



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## COUNCIL MINUTES

December 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Norrbom at 5:30 p.m.

Members present:

President: Paul Norrbom

Treasurer: Peggy Emmel

Secretary:

Vice President: Paul Pehlke

Education: Ann Hawley, Tracy Dombeck

WMA: Linda Evje, Carla Hanke

Parish Life: Kim Timm, Mary Mattes

Trustees: Jeff Lang, Sandra Lang

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Kim Timm

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None at first, but Peter Krolow joined us at 5:45 p.m. for a report.

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Sandy Lang, to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$97,754.67 as of Nov. 30, 2023. Of that amount, there is a budget balance of \$60,881.07 and a non-budget balance of \$36,873.60. Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Linda Evje, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.
- The 2024 budget was reviewed and finalized. Motion by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Jeff Lang to approve the 2024 budget. Carried.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT** Contracted Pastor Sharon Fox-Bogen

- Made homebound visits and phone calls. Met with a large group at Homme Home on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Will start a grief group in February. Went to a grief group at the Woodson YMCA and got some good materials.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Parish Life

- People enjoyed the craft day/lunch/cookie decorating after worship on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who helped. Also thank you to Thrivent Financial for their \$250 grant.
- Mary Mattes will mail Christmas cards to our shut-ins. Ann will send her addresses.
- We will put times on Facebook and our webpage to advertise for our Christmas Eve services at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mary Mattes will design a page.

#### Parish Education

- Sunday School will have their Christmas program this Sunday, Dec. 17th. Several students will receive Bibles (Surland Thorson, Olivia Starr, and Carson Rosenow).
- Will probably have a first communion class in February.
- Reminder: no Sunday School or confirmation on the following dates: Dec. 24 & 31 and March 24 & 31. Worship time changes in January to 8:30 a.m. at Redeemer and 10:30 a.m. at Zion with Sunday School staying at 9:30. Confirmation class will meet at Zion at 9:00 a.m. through April.
- A number of people donated gifts for Project Christmas-Homme Youth and Family. We received a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial for this project. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

#### Trustees

- Created trustee report for the annual report.
- Fixed men's toilet downstairs.
- Put insulation kits on windows in pastor's office.
- Flags were purchased (to mark grave sites.)

- Purchased trouble light for basement.
- Moisture is coming through the wall in the basement. Will bring up at annual meeting after getting estimates.
- Will eventually need to work on parking lot.
- Need to work on lights in parking lot since they're out. Will call Alliant since we pay \$20 a month for those lights.

#### Worship/Music/Arts

- Pastors have been booked into the New Year.
- Decorated the church for Christmas.
- Will send gift cards to several pastors who have been here the most. Motion by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Kim Timm. Carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Transition/MSP process (see Pete's report in new business)

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Peter Krolow reported on the TEAM program. Pete said that he felt called to help at a rural church. It fits in his schedule to work part-time. In June, he met with a panel of three, but one had reservations. His next meeting with the Synod representatives will be in January, 2024. Unfortunately he stated that the TEAM program has been put on hold for the time being due to some Synod politics, but he hopes it will be reinstated soon. Both churches have lifted up Pete to be in the TEAM program. Paul Norrbom will contact Bishop Anne Edison-Albright from the East Central Synod of Wis. again, though she hasn't replied to his previous email. Pete was told that the soonest he could apply for candidacy would be December, 2024.
- Committee reports for the annual meeting will be due the end of December. This includes the nominating committee which consists of Gail Koehler with help from Lois Anderson, Ann Hawley, and Paul Norrbom. Most of the council members whose terms were expiring in 2023 agreed to continue for a second term. We will need to find someone for Parish Life, a Trustee, and someone for the joint council. The nominating committee is working on it.
- Our Budget Hearing will be scheduled for January 14, 2024, and the Annual Meeting for January 21, 2024 after our 8:30 a.m. worship.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. Linda Evje will have devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hawley (sub for Lois Anderson, Council Secretary)

**Reminder: If you can't make it to church, our worship services are taped and posted on our Facebook page and website.**

On Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/redeemer.lutheran.568](http://www.facebook.com/redeemer.lutheran.568)

On the Web at: [redeemerlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com](http://redeemerlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com) (This Month at Redeemer)

#### Guidelines for a Safe Sanctuary:

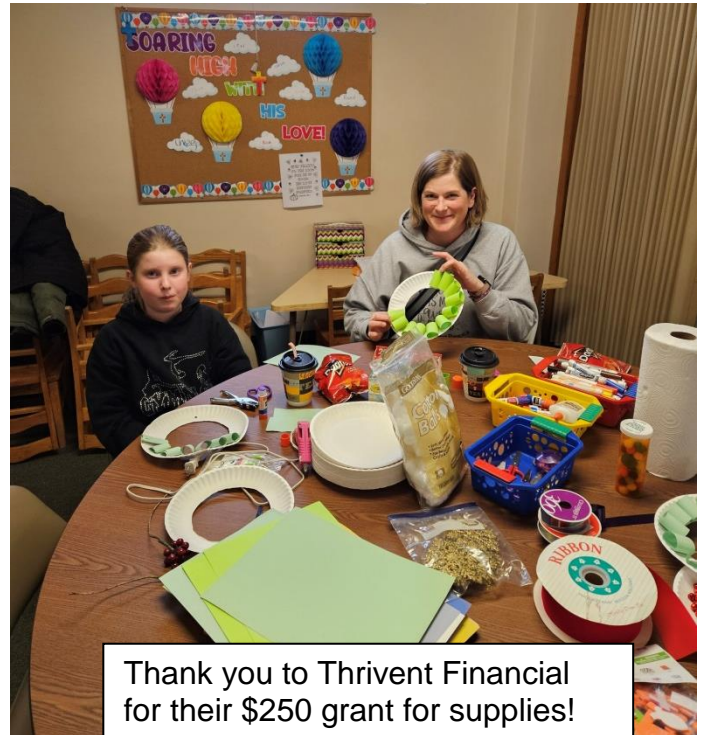
- In an effort to keep everyone healthy and safe, we ask that you consider the wellbeing of those around you.
- Masks are not required, but feel free to wear one to reduce the spread of airborne illness.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home. If you are a part of the service, we will find someone to fill in for you. You will be missed and we will most certainly pray for you.

## Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Parish Schedule of Worship Leaders 2024

Date and Time	Name
<b>Redeemer 8:30 a.m. - Zion 10:30 a.m.</b>	
January 7th, 2024	Pastor Dennis Nelson
January 14th, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
January 21st, 2024	Lay leader
January 28th, 2024	Pastor Richard Block
February 4th, 2024	Pastor Dennis Nelson
February 11th, 2024	Pete Krolow
Feb. 14th- Ash Wednesday	Pastor Dennis Nelson
February 18th, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
February 25th, 2024	Pastor Lois Graper
March 3rd, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
March 10th 2024	Pastor Dennis Nelson
March 17th, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
March 24th Palm Sunday	Pastor Lois Graper
Mar. 28th - Maundy Thurs.	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
Mar. 29th - Good Friday	Lay at Redeemer
March 31st - Easter	
April 7th, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
April 14th, 2024	Pastor Lois Graper
April 21st, 2024	Pete Krolow
April 28th -Confirmation	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke

**Grief Group – starting in February at the Homme Home  
for Redeemer, Zion, and community.  
More info soon.**

Fun at our Craft/Cookie  
Decorating afternoon on Dec.  
10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Parish Life  
Committee!



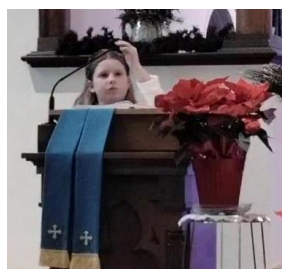
Thank you to Thrivent Financial  
for their \$250 grant for supplies!



Dear Congregation, thank you so much for the 27 bags of presents for Operation Christmas 2023! Also thank you to Thrivent Financial for their \$250 donation. Homme Youth and Family were thrilled to receive so many presents so their 23 boys would feel remembered on Christmas. (Estimated value: \$750!) Presents included gift cards for area businesses, clothes, board games, sporting goods, books, boots, gloves, and more.



## Christmas Program Dec. 17, 2023





# Youth News

**9:30 AM Sunday School and also Adult Bible Study in the Heritage Room  
9:00 AM Confirmation (at Zion).**

**Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Program on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>!  
Children, we love your singing and reading! Congratulations to Surland  
Thorson, Carson Rosenow, and Olivia Starr who received a Spark Bible!  
There will be a first communion class for grades 3-5 soon!  
More info coming next month.**

**Worship at 8:30 AM January-April at Redeemer (and at 10:30 at Zion)  
Invite friends!**

## **Thank you to our 2023 Newsletter Sponsors**

- January **Carleton & Jean Benz**—In Loving Memory of Our Sons Larry and  
Brian and In Honor of our 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- February **Miriam Nelson**—In Loving Memory of My Nephew Zachary Zeinert
- March **June Norrbom**— In Loving Memory of My Husband Carl & Son Loren
- April **Peggy Emmel**—In Honor of My Granddaughter Haylie's Birthday on  
Easter Sunday
- May **Dianne Long**—In Loving Memory of my son, Michael
- June **Vian Kersten**—In Loving Memory of Arletta & Elmer Crowell
- July **Miriam Nelson**—In Loving Memory of My Mother Arlene Nelson
- August **Lee Innerebner**-In Loving Memory of My Wife JoAnn and My  
Daughter Jodi Behreandt
- September **Sharon Philipp & Family**-In Loving Memory of John Philipp
- October **Lois & Karl Anderson**—In Honor of the Marriage of Thor Anderson &  
Alyssa Hulman
- November **Paul & Nancy Pehlke**—In Loving Memory of Vernon & Rachel Jorgensen
- December **Melana Schlueter**—In Loving Memory of my Mother-Shirley Hartleben  
and of Arla Block

If you would like to sponsor a newsletter for 2024, please make a check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church for \$60.00 and write a note with your name and the month you would like to sponsor. Please include on the note in honor of or in memory of (if you wish.) This can be put in with the weekly offering or mailed to the church office. The monthly sponsorship covers the cost of those newsletters being mailed, along with the monthly fee for our website. Thank you to all who sponsor the monthly newsletter!

(Jan. & Dec. 2024 are taken.)

Thank you to those who volunteered to be on the Altar Guild in 2023. There is a new sign-up sheet for 2024 in the Gathering Space.

**ALTAR GUILD 2023:**

**January:** Gail Koehler & Ruthie & Dick Olsen

**February:** Gail Koehler & Ruthie & Dick Olsen

**March:** Kim Timm & Kari Zeinert

**April:** Kim Timm & Kari Zeinert

**May:** Deb Rieck

**June:** Linda Evje

**July:** Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke

**August:** Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke

**September:** Peggy Hartleben

**October:** Dianne Long

**November:** Lori Hartleben

**December:** Linda Evje

**The duties include set up and clean-up of communion, changing the altar cloths (when needed) and watering the plants.**

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## January 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	<b>4</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
7 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Confirmation at Zion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 pm  Church Council 5:30 pm	<b>12</b> Matilda at WBHS 7:00 pm	<b>13</b> Matilda at WBHS 7:00 pm
14 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Confirmation at Zion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here 9:30 Budget Meeting 2:00 Matilda at WBHS	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	<b>18</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Quilt Show at WOWSPACE 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Free!
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Budget Meeting: Sunday, January 14, 2024 after 8:30 am worship  
Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 21, 2024 after 8:30 am worship

**Communion:** Communion will be given every Sunday that we have a pastor.  
  
\*Worship time is 8:30 am for Redeemer for Jan.-April.  
(Zion meets at 10:30 a.m.)

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*The mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church  
is to care for all people through the proclamation of the Gospel,  
celebration of the sacraments, and service to our neighbor.*

*We strive to accomplish this by our witness at church, home, school,  
work and play, all to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

*Bringing people to Christ ~ Bringing Christ to people*