



October 2021 Newsletter

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Carleton & Jean Benz

In loving memory of their sons Larry & Brian

CAUGHT UP BY YOU, LORD!

As I pulled up to Redeemer this morning, I stayed in my car to listen to an incredible piece of classical music that touched my soul. The sun was warm, the leaves were colorful and dancing in the slight breeze. A moment of sheer beauty! Then a fawn pranced ever so daintily along the edge of the woods. I was quiet, waiting...there came the rest of the family leaping through the woods! What a great way to start my busy workday! I pray that each of you take time for some moments of quiet devotion in this season of busy fall schedules.

Life is good but sometimes just too full. Sneaking up on us, overloaded days take over our calendars, leaving us little time for self-care and for touching base with our family at home or afar. With an empty nest and Phil retired, I imagine more time for myself and for us as a couple. But my daily "to do" lists often get the best of me. Let's commit to helping each other slow down and smell the roses and the fall leaves!

Take time for a daily walk or run. Sit and do nothing for 15 minutes – just be still. Call a friend or relative and enjoy each other's company. Get out and rake or tend your garden. Walk in the woods. Relax in a kayak. Play! Phil and I will connect with our colleagues at the annual (missed due to Covid last year) Synod Theological Gathering in Door County at the end of October. Time to study and worship together, for Phil to golf and me to have lunch with dear friends. Time for Phil and me to go on a date and a bike ride! Time to stop and worship! As pastors who are always leading, it is pure joy to hear the gospel preached to us! Soul care!

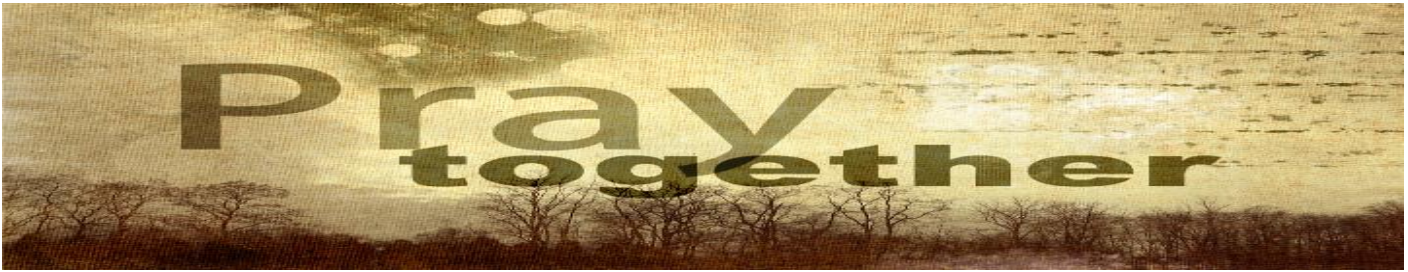
I keep a daily devotion book handy at my bedside. Here's a portion of one of Pastor Ted Loder's prayers. **"Hear me quickly, Lord, for my mind soon wanders to other things I am more familiar with and more concerned about than I am with you. O Timeless God, for whom I do not have time, catch me with a sudden stab of beauty or pain or regret that will catch me up short for a moment to look hard enough at myself – the unutterable terror and hope within me and, so, to be caught by you."**

It is my hope that you enjoy your days ahead and fill them with life-giving activities. But more importantly, I pray that you will be "caught up" in chances to deepen important relationships, with God and with each other. Don't run so quickly that you miss the holiness of connecting to one another. Stop and breathe each other in; stop and notice both the terror and the hope that surrounds you and your family and our world. Be caught by God in both the beauty and the pain of life. God is surely there in all circumstances.

May you be surprised by God's relentless desire to be in relationship with you. I was this morning. May God also "catch you and your family" in worship and devotions where you can take a breath and receive strength, forgiveness, and nourishment for the busy days ahead!

Grace and peace to each one of you,

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen



THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers our homebound members...

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| Ann Block | Arletta Crowell | Maggie Guestchow |
| Grace Hartleben | Vian Kersten | June Norrbom |
| Verna Tellock | Donna Kubiacyk | Marcia Tellock |
| Gordon & Agnes Schlender | Audrey Hartleben | |
| Lorna Alberg | Eugene & Joanne Pruess | |
| Kay & Reuben Carlson | Gert Schmidt | |

We are thankful for continued healing of Evie Low, Joanne Pruess, Reuben Carlson, Nancy Pehlke, and Saul Hanke!

Your calls and visits are greatly appreciated. Pastor Sharon tries to visit monthly. She would welcome a volunteer to help. 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) Lorna Alberg | 715-253-2721 | 5) Lee & JoAnn Innerebner | 715-253-2200 |
| 2) Ida Brekke | 715-253-2734 | 6) Mary Netzler | 715-253-6290 |
| 3) Gail Koehler | 715-253-6275 | | |
| 4) Faith Kristof | 715-253-2637 | | |

Our Monetary Discipleship for August 2021

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
9-5	14	\$485.00				Memorial Fund \$1175.00*	\$1660.00
9-12	36	\$1960.00					\$1960.00
9-19	29	\$2230.00			\$25		\$2255.00
9-26	33	\$2215.00			\$15	\$20.00 Bazaar	\$2250.00
Total		\$6890.00			\$40	\$1195.00	\$8125.00

*\$200 for layettes, \$300 for Lutheran World Relief, \$675 for paraments (Ruth Bowers-Memorial)

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 so much for your continued support!



& Birthdays
Anniversaries

October Birthdays

Kaylin Karcz 10-3
River Mattes 10-4
Nancy Pehlke 10-4
Shirley Schmidt 10-12
Ryan Buntrock 10-14
Carol Klinner 10-15
Annie Jo Czerwonka 10-18
Kay Carlson 10-18
Deb Rieck 10-21
Kari Zeinert 10-25
Judy Boda 10-27
Agnes Schlender 10-31

October Anniversaries

Brandon & Callie Hirsch 10-5
Tom & Karen Kersten 10-10
Curt & Evie Low 10-12
Kurt & Linda Evje 10-26



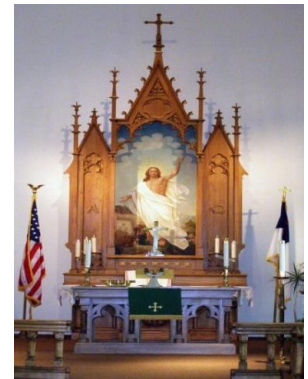
ALTAR GUILD:

October: Deb Rieck

November: Lori Hartleben & Fay Rosenow

December: Linda Evje

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



LWR Baby Care Kits – 2021

53 kits each containing: 2 receiving blankets, 4 diapers, 2 t-shirts, 2 sleepers, 1 sweater, 1 hat, 2 pair socks, 1 hand towel, 2 bars soap, and 2 large safety pins

For a total of:

106 blankets, 212 diapers, 106 t-shirts, 106 sleepers, 53 sweaters, 53 hats, 106 pair of socks, 53 hand towels, 106 bars of soap, and 106 safety pins.

A big THANK YOU to Cheryl Tellock for helping make receiving blankets, Ann & Erin Hawley for cutting diapers, and all who donated items and/or money.

Arla Block – Layette Coordinator

****Congratulations to Jean and Carleton Benz for winning the Gas Fire Table with the highest bid of \$115.**

The ADRC is offering free **Medicare Basics classes**. All class can be attended in-person or virtually via Zoom. Interested individuals can register by calling the ADRC at 1-855-492-2372.

ADRC Office – Oconto Falls

- Tuesday, October 19th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 27th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Thursday, November 4th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Shawano County Human Services

- Thursday, October 14th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Thursday, October 28th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 2nd from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Savvy Caregiver

The Savvy Caregiver program is designed to teach caregivers practical real-world skills and techniques to reduce stress. This class will be held on Wednesdays (November 3 – December 8) from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm at the Shawano County Library. Contact Mary Jo to register by calling 715-526-4712.

Book Club

This book club will be reading “Mom’s Gone Missing”. The club will meet on October 20th at the Shawano Library from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Contact Mary Jo to register by calling 715-526-4712 or Kristin Waukau at 715-799-5270. Please call the ADRC if you need a copy of the book.

Memory Café (Oconto County): The Oconto County Memory Café will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. The location for the October 19th meeting will be at the Oconto Falls Senior Center. Contact Mary Jo for more information by calling 715-526-4712.

Memory Café (Shawano County): The Shawano County Memory Café meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. The October 12th meeting will be a trolley ride at the Navarino Nature Center. Contact Mary Jo for more information at 715-526-4712.

Alzheimer’s Education Classes (Shawano): Each month a different dementia topic will be present at the Civic Center in Shawano from 11:00 am – noon. The October 15th topic will be Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning. Contact Mary Jo for more information at 715-526-4712 or Kristin Waukau at 715-799-5270.

Alzheimer’s Education Classes (Oconto): Each month a different dementia topic will be present at the Bond Center in Oconto from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. The October 7th topic will be Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body. Contact Mary Jo for more information at 715-526-4712.

Caregivers Stronger Together: This caregiver support group takes place at The Caring Tree Adult Day Center in Oconto Falls the 4th Thursday of each month from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712 or Bonnie at 920-591-0796.

Caregiver Support Group – Shawano: This caregiver support group takes place at the Shawano Library the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712 or Kristin Waukau at 715-799-5270.

Boost Your Brain & Memory

The Bond Community Center, Mondays, Nov. 1st – Dec. 20th from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.
Shawano Library, Wednesdays, September 15th - November 3rd from 10:00 am -11:30 am.

This evidenced based program takes a holistic approach to improving brain health. The course includes a participant's guide. Class size is limited to 12 participants per course. Contact Mary Jo to register by calling 715-526-4712.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Mondays, October 11th - November 15th at the ADRC in Marinette from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm. Classes help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a spouse, partner, parent, or friend. Contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712. This class may also be attended virtually via Zoom.

Youth News:

The band Attaboy will be performing on Monday, October 18th at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. In the evening they invite the community (especially students) to come back for another concert. The daytime message is making the right choices. The evening concert includes a clear gospel presentation about Jesus' death for sin and his resurrection. All are welcome. (7:00-8:30 pm)

- **Thank you to the parents for bringing your children to Sunday School and Confirmation at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. The teachers are thrilled with the turnout this fall!**
- **First Communion class tentatively scheduled for Thursday December 9th after school and Saturday morning December 11th. First communion will be on Sunday December 19th.**
- **Students will help with worship service on Sunday Oct. 19th (3rd Sunday of the month) by being greeters, ushers, readers, performing using instruments, and passing buckets for Noisy Coin Sunday. (Money will go towards Anna Luis, our Compassion International child from Mexico.) Students who didn't receive a Bible last year will be presented with a Bible on the 19th.**
- **National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN July 24-28, 2022 "Boundless-God Beyond Measure" for 8-12th graders.**

We need to decide soon who is going so that we can plan how the church will help financially (probably matching funds) and what kind of fundraising will be necessary! We will find a way to help all youth who want to get there for a reasonable cost! Please read all about it ASAP on the ELCA website. [ELCA Youth Gathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Overview) (www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Overview) Learn about the program, costs, deadlines, and safety. Please call Pastor Sharon if you have any questions.

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

September 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Arla Block.

Members present:

President: Arla Block Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel

Education: Tracy Dombeck

Secretary: Deb Rieck Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

Worship, Music, & Arts: Arts: Kim Timm

Parish Life: Gail Koehler, Judy Boda

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Deb Rieck

Motion made by Tracy Dombeck, seconded by Gail Koehler, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Judy Boda, to approve the August 12, 2021 minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$65,537.23 as of August 31, 2021. Of that amount, \$23,185.62 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$42,351.61.

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Tracy Dombeck, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Reported on her vacation and pastoral events that happened during that time.
- Funeral on Sept. 10 for JoAnn Innerebner.
- Finished wedding counseling for the Norrbom/Roycroft wedding in November.
- Provided home visits for both Redeemer and Zion members.
- Shawano Pastors Conference gathering Sept. 15. Bible Study will resume Oct. 6.
- Youth Offerings at both Zion and Redeemer planned but few turned out.
- Laura Clark will provide confirmation classes on Sundays during volleyball season.
- First Communion classes in the process of being planned with parents.
- Redeemer will purchase "Sundays and Seasons" for the office this year.
- Youth Convention in Minneapolis July 24-28, 2022
- Synod Fall Conference in Door County October 25-27

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees No Report

Parish Life

- Flowers ordered for Grandparents Day 9/12.
- Redeemer Bazaar October 2

Parish Education

- Sunday School Starts September 19
- Students will help with Ushering/Readings the 3rd Sunday of the month

Worship/Music/Arts

- "Tailgate" luncheon planned for after service Rally Sunday Sept. 19
- Continue to discuss and assess Covid precautions taken during service and encourage people to wear masks during singing.
- Next meeting Oct. 7

OLD BUSINESS

- Bethany safe going to Shawano History Museum.
- Volunteers still needed to assist each week with the streaming and money counting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bowers Memorial money donation. \$200 is to be used for Care Kits the remainder will be added to the memorial fund.
- Visitor Guestbook Discussion: Should we be sending notes to visitors that sign the book? (Yes)

Next Council meeting, Thursday, October 14 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Kim Timm, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Rieck-Council Secretary

October 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Fall Bazaar 9am-2pm
3 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion	4	5	6 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring your Bible)	7	8 Community Play 7:00 pm WOWSPACE	9 Community Play 7:00 pm WOWSPACE
10 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship	11	12	13	14 Church Council 5:30 pm	15 Community Play 7:00 pm WOWSPACE	16 Community Play 7:00 pm WOWSPACE
17 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion Sunday School kids help during worship. Bibles presented. Noisy coin Sunday!	18 Attaboy concert at WBHS 7-8:30 pm	19	20 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring your Bible) -Deadline for Nov. newsletter	21	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship						

*****Worship time September-December is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School/Confirmation at 9:30 a.m.***** Zion will meet at 8:30 a.m.



Communion

Communion will be given on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of October.

***Crossroads Community Theatre Presents: "Eat, Drink, and Be Murdered
(An Irish Family Feud)" Directed by Miriam Nelson***
Oct. 8th & 9th and Oct. 15th & 16th Doors open at 6:30. Play at 7:00 p.m.
WOWSPACE 114 Vinal St. Wittenberg \$12 per person
Tickets are available from cast members & from Hanke's Sentry Foods.

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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