

**October 2023 Newsletter**  
**Sponsored by Lois & Karl Anderson—**  
In Honor of the Marriage of  
Thor Anderson & Alyssa Hulman

Dearly Beloved,

Grace and Peace to you.

*“Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them.”*

—Matthew 18.20

God is love.

Wherever there is love there is God.

The Holy Trinity is relationship.

Wherever there is relationship there is God.

The one, the other, and the energy between.

Loving your neighbor and loving God are one.

Every encounter is a holy encounter.

Every conversation is prayer unacknowledged.

Every hurt is a crucifixion,  
every kindness is a hymn.

Every word, even a casual greeting,  
is a gift left at the altar.

The Immense One is here,  
disappears into the vibrations between us  
and shimmers there,  
singing, pleading, blessing.

Listen.

Meet your neighbor worshipfully.

Love reverently.

Deep Blessings,  
Pastor Steve

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Steve Garnaas-Holmes  
*Unfolding Light*  
[www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

## 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 Kubiacyk	June Norrbom
Lorna Alberg	Jean Benz	Rollie Hendrikson
Kay & Reuben Carlson	Sharon Philipp	

Pray for healing for Fay Rosenow, Travis Nunnery, 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), Jerry Nelson, 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.**



### October Birthdays

Kaylin Karcz 10-3  
River Mattes 10-4  
Nancy Pehlke 10-4  
Keilen Benson 10-12  
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  
Mark & Lisa Schmidt 10-9  
Tom & Karen Kersten 10-10  
Kurt & Linda Evje 10-26



## Our Monetary Discipleship for September 2023

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
9-3	24	\$1,235.00					\$1,235.00
9-10	23	\$830.00					\$830.00
9-17	28	\$1,710.00					\$1,710.00
9-24	44	\$1,940.00					\$1,940.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,715</b>					<b>\$5,715.00</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

**Next Walls of Wittenberg meeting at the WOWSPACE  
Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00  
All are welcome!**

**WOW Fall Art Show,  
“Celebrate the Harvest”  
Sept. 30-Oct. 1.  
11 AM-3 PM, Free!**

**Shawano County Miles of Art is scheduled for  
Oct. 7, 10 AM-5 PM at  
the Gresham Novitiate, W9711  
Butternut Rd,  
Gresham, WI 54128**



(You'll be sure to see lots of familiar faces!)



### Crossroads Community Theatre Presents:

October  
20 & 21

The Southern-Fried  
Mid-Life Crisis Comedy!



October  
27 & 28

WOWSPACE  
114 Vinal  
Wittenberg

Show Starts  
7:00 PM  
Doors Open  
6:30 PM

**Tickets are \$12**

**Purchase at Wittenberg Sentry,**

**online at [ticketbud.com](http://ticketbud.com)**

**or call 715-253-3525**





## October 22nd join us after 10:30 worship for a luncheon and basket raffle!

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church if you would like to bring a dish to pass.



### Consider donating a basket to the Basket Raffle

If you would like to create a basket, please sign up on the sheet in the back of church with the theme of your basket.

OR call or text Kim Timm 715-691-6017 or Mary Mattes 715-302-3170

OR contact the church office (715) 253-2590 redeemerwitt@gmail.com

If you'd like to donate items for a basket we'll have a couple boxes in the back of church to collect those items. The themes for those baskets are:

**Wittenberg Proud:** Item ideas Nueske gift cards or items; locally created items (like candy, honey, candles); Something you've made; local gas cards; local grocery cards; local gift cards; WOW tickets; Charger's attire etc

**Handy Man basket:** Item ideas might be Sausage, cheese, mixed nuts, LED Flashlight, a gift card from Harbor Freight, Menards, Fleet Farm etc, other items the man in your life might enjoy

## Fall Color Hike & Wood Fired Pizza

10:00am - 3:00pm Saturday, October 7th  
Pine Lake Camp  
W5631 Akron Ave, Waupaca WI 54981

The trails and fall colors are beautiful. Come enjoy a hike! Hikes are independent with trail maps and directions provided. All are welcome! Trails have uneven surfaces and can get muddy with wet conditions. This event is free with refreshments available. Pizza will be served from 12pm-2pm. Free will offerings support camp. RSVP form available through our Facebook page or with this link.



<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdz6srAY2XFc6.../viewform>

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## COUNCIL MINUTES

September 14, 2023

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

Members present:

President:

Treasurer: Peggy Emmel

Secretary: Lois Anderson

Vice President: Paul Pehlke

Education: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson

WMA: Linda Evje, Carla Hanke, Judy Boda

Parish Life: Kim Timm, Mary Mattes,

Trustees: Jeff Lang, Sandra Lang

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Sandra Lang

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Jeff Lang, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Ann Hawley, to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report shows a budget balance of \$53,651.65 as of August 31, 2023. Of that amount, \$36,024.34 is non-budget, and the budget has a total balance of \$89,675.99. Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Carla Hanke, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

- Budget worksheets were handed out to committees
- After discussion, a motion was made by Paul Pehlke to take funds at Edward Jones and convert them to a 1 year CD at 5.45%. Second by Linda Evje. Motion carried.

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

- Made homebound visits and phone calls. Presided over member funerals.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Parish Life

- Renewed Raffle License for basket raffle in conjunction with a raffle and meal after church on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Discussed doing the Trunk or Treat night at Washington Park.
- Adult Bible Study will start September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

#### Trustees

- Put grass seed in cemetery. Will monitor and add more as needed.
- Did the quarterly elevator check
- Will check furnace filters

#### Worship/Music/Arts

- Pastors and music have been chosen through the end of the year.

#### Parish Education

- Sunday School will start on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation will start September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at Redeemer.
- No Sunday School or confirmation on the following dates: November 19 & 26; December 24 & 31; March 24 & 31.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Parish Life position is still open
- Update on MSP process/Transition Team by Paul Norrbom:
  - August email to Bishop was no response
  - Pastor Asher set a September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting in August but set no time

- Paul and Gary contacted Pastor Asher on September 7<sup>th</sup> for a time
- Jan Thompson emailed Pastor Asher on September 9<sup>th</sup> asking for a time
- There was no response from Pastor Asher.
- Due to this lack of response from Pastor Asher and the Synod Office we are canceling the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. \*

Due to this lack of communication, a motion was made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to withhold ELCA Synod contributions until our Parish is contacted by the Synod Office regarding our Pastoral needs. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2 round tables were donated to our church by Kevin Rosenow. Thank you!

Discussion ensued about have a funeral chairperson as well as members willing to assist in set up and bringing food (salads or desserts) for funerals if families request them. We will put sign-up sheets in the gathering space.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Anderson, Council Secretary

*(\*Note: The council meeting with Pastor Asher has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.)*

**Please help us update our records:**

We would like to add email addresses to our contact information (if you have one). Please fill out the form below and put it in the collection plate if there have been any changes since last year. Or just check out the list in the Gathering Space to make sure we have your correct info. Thanks!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to receive the monthly newsletter by  mail  e-mail  both

**Please sign up to help with funerals if you are able. Thank you!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to help with the following: (check all that apply)

Bring a dessert or salad  Help serve or clean up  Organize by calling people (chairperson)

**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.

## *Youth News*

***9:30 AM Sunday School and also Adult Bible Study in the Heritage Room***

***9:00 AM Confirmation (at Redeemer).***

***Worship at 10:30 AM September-December.***

***Invite friends!***

***\*\*\*The Sunday School children will be singing and volunteering at worship on October 15<sup>th</sup>!\*\*\****

### **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!!**



***Earthquake Disaster in Turkey (and neighboring Syria)***

***Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response.***

***Write "Middle East Crisis" on your check's memo line and send to:***

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

## Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Parish Schedule of Worship Leaders

Date and Time	Name
Oct. 1, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Oct. 8, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Lay Leader-Pete Krolow
Oct. 15, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall Liturgy of Joy
Oct. 22, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Phil Bogen
Oct. 29, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Nov. 5, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z *Daylight Savings Time ends! Set clocks back 1 hour Sat.pm	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
Nov. 12, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Nov. 19, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Nov. 26, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
Dec. 3, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Phil Bogen
Dec. 10, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Dec. 17, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Dec. 24, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Dec. 31, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke

\*\*\*Pastor Sharon will be traveling with Phil on a Scandinavian tour Sept 28-Oct.12 and will be unavailable for pastoral care. Emails work should you need to reach Pastor Sharon directly. (She can't receive any messages or phone calls those dates as she would be charged for each one, so contact Ann Hawley at 715-446-2119 instead.) Thank you! \*\*\*

Safe travels, Pastors Sharon and Phil!!!



# Retreats 2023-2024

Crossways Camps

## NOVEMBER FALL CRAFTING RETREAT

3-5

Imagine the progress you will make with dedicated time and space for your quilting and crafting arts. Early arrival and late departure available.

## NOVEMBER JR. HIGH BLAST

3-5

This retreat is designed to give your confirmation class or middle school group an opportunity to engage with others, learn more about God, and grow in who they are.

## FEBRUARY WINTER CAMP

2-4

Campers in grades 3-8 can sign up for a weekend of exciting winter fun! We'll balance our time between outdoor activities and time to warm up inside.

## FEBRUARY WINTER CRAFTING RETREAT

23-25

Surrounded by fellow makers, you'll be inspired to make progress on your own projects. Early arrival and late departure available.

## MARCH FAMILY WEEKEND

1-3

Get away as a family to engage with a time of faith building, conversation, and camp activities. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome!

## MARCH BUILDING YOUTH GROUPS (BYG)

8-10

Looking to build a solid foundation of faith and friendship in your upper elementary school youth? Engage in fun activities, worship, crazy games, and group building!

For detailed information:

[WWW.CROSSWAYSCAMPS.ORG/RETREATS](http://WWW.CROSSWAYSCAMPS.ORG/RETREATS)

920-882-0023 - [info@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:info@crosswayscamps.org)



Let all that you do be done in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14



East Central Synod of Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization  
**20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**  
Registration begins at 8a, Program begins at 8:20a  
and concludes at 3p

St. John Lutheran Church  
1700 Lost Dauphin Road, DePere, WI 54115

## Welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention

Representative from the church wide Women of the ELCA  
Raeann Purcell from Florida will be the first guest speaker.

### Challenges to Seeking Justice as People of Faith

Rev. Cindy Cranc, Director of the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin

What are possibilities for organizing discussions and actions around stories of injustice? Can we discuss difficult issues within our congregations? What are the barriers? Explore how we can better talk to one another about things that matter. Also hear from our new hunger advocacy fellow!

### How is God Calling you or Your Group to Do Justice?

Shirley Paulson

Women of the ELCA have been doing justice for many years from the 90 Ton Coffee Challenge to the PV for Phebe Project to Human Trafficking Advocacy to, most recently, a focus on racial justice. Learn more about what the ECSW Racial Equity Team and churchwide ELCA are doing to empower individuals and congregations to work for racial justice and discover how God may be calling you to help.

### Triennial Gathering – Just Love

Participants will share highlights of the Just Love Triennial Convention and Gathering held in Phoenix.

Electing new leadership for the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Women's Organization will be part of the morning Business meeting. Each church/unit may have a voting member. Positions on the board are available. Consider sharing your time and talents with Women of the ELCA. Contact your conference representative for more information.

#### It's time for a baby shower!

The youngest clients of the Stockbridge/Muncee Health Center (Cory) will benefit from the in-kind gifts. The items most desired for collection at the biennial convention are:

- diapers: infant to size 4/5
- baby wipes
- diaper cream (Desitin)
- onesies
- socks: infant/toddler
- newborn hats – purchased or handmade
- receiving blankets

#### God's work Our hands! Love in action

Fleece fabric will be available to create blankets for the young students of Stockbridge/Muncee during nap time. Tie a few or 102 knots while chatting with other participants. No experience necessary! All supplies provided. Fun for all!

#### Offering

The offering collected during the Worship Service will be split between Lutheran Disaster Response and the churchwide Women of the ELCA.

### Two easy ways to Register today!

The registration fee includes – breakfast treats and beverages, lunch, worship, and speakers. Plus, a business meeting with elections.

**REGISTRATION is \$35 per person - Registration Fee is Non-Refundable – Due by October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

(The registration fee is non-refundable. It is transferable to another participant. E-mail [LKMGDOLL@aol.com](mailto:LKMGDOLL@aol.com) to change the name of the participant who will be attending the ECSW Biennial Convention on 10/21/23)

Electronic Registration is available. Simply go to <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/7696886> complete and pay electronically.

Or

Register with the attached paper form. Simply complete, include payment, and mail.

**Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space or by emailing the church at [redemerwitt@gmail.com](mailto:redemerwitt@gmail.com) or electronically at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/7696886>**

## October 2023

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Confirmation here 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 11-3 Free WOW Art Show	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	<b>5</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Falls Hike & Pizza at Pine Lake Camp- Waupaca 10am-3pm
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Confirmation here 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 pm  Church Council 5:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 am Confirmation here 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion Sunday School Sings!	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	<b>19</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m.	<b>20</b> WOW play: Rex's Exes 7:00 pm	<b>21</b> WOW play: Rex's Exes 7:00 pm
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Confirmation here 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 11:30 Luncheon & Basket Raffle !!!	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	<b>27</b> WOW play: Rex's Exes 7:00 pm	<b>28</b> Council Mtg w/Rev. Asher 2:00 pm  WOW play: Rex's Exes 7:00 pm
<b>29</b> Reformation Sunday! 9:00 am Confirmation here 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Happy Halloween				

**Communion:** Communion will be given every Sunday that we have a pastor.

**\*Worship time is 10:30 am for Redeemer for Sept.-Dec. (Zion meets at 8:30 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*