

# November 2021 Newsletter

Sponsored by

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In loving memory of her parents

John & Shirley Hartleben

## THE WAY OF FEAR

1. Life begins in self-sufficiency, and you'd better not screw up.
2. The powerful matter, the weak do not.
3. Having more makes you better.
4. Your worth is earned, and everyone is keeping track (especially God).
5. Others are nothing more than a competition for resources or an obstacle in your way, others should be used to further yourself, or eliminated.
6. You will be judged and ranked, and dismissed if you make mistakes or are no longer productive.
7. There is not enough to go around so take what you can get before someone else does.
8. You're on your own so figure it out; and relationships are nice, but can't be relied on.
9. The goal is security at all cost, self-preservation and personal success, even at the expense of others.
10. There is no time to stop or rest or let up for even a moment, or you will get behind, you will lose your place, and just have to "catch up."
11. Almost all of the time the world is dangerous and urgent.
12. This script shapes life around the avoidance of pain and the pursuit of personal gain.

## THE WAY OF GOD

1. Life begins in gift and abundance.
2. Everyone is valued, all participate.
3. You are loved just as you are.
4. You are not meant to be perfect, (there's no such thing); you are meant to be you.
5. You are made by God for connection and communion.
6. On this journey of life that begins in gift and ends in connection and communion, the people journeying alongside you are neighbor, friend, brother and sister, not threats, rivals or competitors.
7. You need each other to be whole, and what we have is for sharing.
8. Life doesn't make sense alone and isolated and against; you are created for relationship with God and with each other, and there is no such thing as one without the other.
9. The goal is wholeness, connection and joy, and the world and those of us in it are wired for this.
10. We have everything we need, and would remember that, and live in that if we regularly stopped everything long enough to let God remind us.
11. The world is filled with beauty, infused with the light of God who holds us all.
12. This script shapes life around "everyone having what they need" justice, "standing with you" kindness, and "attentive and open" walking humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)

## God Rested....

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating he had done. Genesis 2: 2-3

From the beginning, “resting” was a part of God’s creating process. God took time to relax and enjoy what had been created. God stopped working. God relaxed. God looked around to take in the beauty of nature, the vast variety of creatures, the wonders everywhere! God took all that goodness in. Maybe God took a nap. Maybe God met with some of the animals and Adam and Eve to worship. Maybe God played. I don’t know for sure, but I do know that the Bible tells us that God made this day holy! What does it mean for us to have one day of the week set aside for holiness?

In the third commandment, we are asked to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Most of us worship on Sunday mornings, but busy schedules have led to other times as well. At our Pastors’ theological retreat this past week, we spent time practicing “holy resting” - praying, singing, creating art, and enjoying God’s living color in Door County!

Our speakers, a young Presbyterian clergy couple, Kara and Andrew Root, invited us to take seriously this theme of resting on the Sabbath. Stopping or ceasing work one day a week. Not producing! Not winning people over to our own way of thinking! Learning that living is not holy when it’s all about ME! When is the last time you rested one whole day? Opened your eyes and ears to God’s glory? Let your body relax and feel the goodness all around? Heard the sound of silence? Practiced, “Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10?

In some ways Covid has slowed down our chasing, “on the go” practices. What might happen if we all take a whole day each week to stop, look, and listen – to wonder at God’s holy creation, to notice that God is still creating? Please look at the chart in this newsletter. It compares a way of life led by “fear” to God’s intended way of life taught to us since the beginning of time. Let’s have conversations about this comparison. How lovely it would be to, as a church, help each other practice Sabbath! Change may happen which could be life-giving!!!!

*Pastor Sharon*



## THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers our homebound members...

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

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.

1) Lorna Alberg	715-253-2721	4) Faith Kristof	715-253-2637
2) Ida Brekke	715-253-2734	5) Lee Innerebner	715-253-2200
3) Gail Koehler	715-253-6275	6) Mary Netzler	715-253-6290

## Our Monetary Discipleship for October 2021

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
10-3	24	\$1635.00			\$30	Memorial Fund \$1500.00* Fall Bazaar \$914.60	<b>\$4079.60</b>
10-10	35	\$1650.00	\$195*		\$14	Carillon \$100* Fall Bazaar \$16.60	<b>\$1975.60</b>
10-17	43	\$900.00	\$50		\$106.27		<b>\$1056.27</b>
10-24	30	\$4980.02			\$8		<b>\$4988.02</b>
10-31							
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8265.92</b>	<b>\$245</b>		<b>\$158.27</b>	<b>\$2531.20</b>	<b>\$12,099.49</b>

\*\$195 for missions, \$100 for carillon, \$500 for Sunday School, \$1000 for youth  
(JoAnn Innerebner memorial: \$1795)

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!

### **\*\*\*Redeemer Council Members needed for 2022 Election\*\*\***

**President (2 year term) expires 12/2023**

**Secretary (elect annually, no term limit)**

**Worship, Music and Arts (3 year term) expires 12/2024**

**Trustees (3 year term) expires 12/2024**

**Parish Life (3 year term) expires 12/2024**

**Parish Life (2 years left on appointed term; no one elected last year) expires 12/2023**

**Education (3 year term) expires 12/2024**

**Education (1 year left) expires 12/202**

*If anyone is interested in one of these positions, please contact someone on the nominating committee. Thank you so much! 2021-22 Nominating Committee: Ann Hawley, Lois Anderson, Ryan Buntrock, and Mary Netzler*

#### **Duties of Council Members:**

- Commit to attending council meetings usually held the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.
- Be on one of the committees (Education; Worship/Music/Arts; Parish Life; Trustees) which meet approximately four times a year.

#### **Duties of Committees:**

- **Education:** in charge of Sunday School, confirmation, youth programming, Vacation Bible School, and adult education/Bible study.
- **Worship/Music/Arts:** responsible for planning, review and supervision of the worship program of the congregation, working together with the pastor, organist(s), choir director, and others. The committee will secure organists, choir directors, substitute pastor/preachers, and additional persons needed for assistance in the congregation's worship life (acolytes, altar guild, readers, ushers, communion servers, etc.) and train volunteers when necessary.
- **Parish Life:** serves as the executive committee of the Church Council and as advisors to the pastor, providing pastoral supervision and evaluation. The committee will review, plan, and supervise the congregation's efforts and responsibilities in the areas of evangelism and stewardship.
- **Trustees:** responsible for the legal and corporate affairs of the congregation and care and maintenance of the physical property of the church.

## November Birthdays

Rick Froom 11-3  
Emma Pecha 11-7  
Sue Levandoski 11-8  
Reed Mattes 11-9  
Marlis Mathison 11-10  
Nathaniel Horne 11-18  
Kaylee Benson 11-19  
Maxwell Czerwonka 11-20  
Laura Clark 11-21  
Lindsey Peterson 11-26  
Arla Block 11-27  
Joel Hartleben 11-28

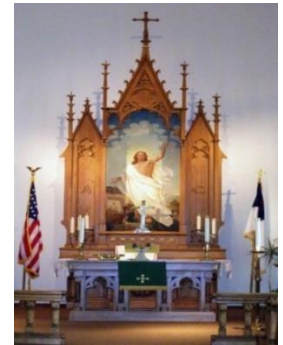


### ALTAR GUILD:

**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.**



### 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, while not required, are considered a way to reduce the spread of airborne illness and the use of them is encouraged.
- Upon entering the church, during the service and after church, please allow ample distance to those outside of your family that are around you. The personal space and comfort zone around each and every one of us has increased over the last year. Please be aware.
- 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.

**There will be a Fellowship/Devotional time in the Gathering Space on Thursday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME! At this meeting, we will plan how often we will meet.**

## **Youth News:**

- Thank you to the parents for bringing your children to Sunday School 9:30 on Sunday mornings, and now confirmation is at Zion from 3:30-5:00 pm.
- First Communion class (for grades 4-6) is tentatively scheduled for Thursday December 9th after school and Saturday December 11th. First communion will be on Sunday December 12th.
- Thank you so much to the students who enlivened our worship service on October 17th by helping greeters, ushers, readers, performing using instruments, and passing buckets for Noisy Coin Sunday. (There was a total of \$106. 27 from the Noisy Coin and Sunday School offering for Anna Luis, our Compassion International child from Mexico.) Three students who didn't receive a Bible last year were presented with a Bible on the 17th (Rinny Buntrock, Carson Rosenow, and Claire Rosenow).
- National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN July 24-28, 2022 "Boundless-God Beyond Measure" for 8-12th graders. (Students must be in high school or moving into H.S. in 2022.) 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. The cost for the program is \$350 and \$40 per night for the hotel (3 nights), plus food and transportation. The Synod has some financial assistance. Two chaperones will need expenses paid. This will involve families raising funds and congregational support. A gift from JoAnn Innerebner's memorial fund has been offered for this event in connection with a matching funds challenge. Other ideas welcome! Please call Pastor Sharon if you have any questions.
- We will not have Sunday School on the following dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2.
- Youth will be helping with worship and singing on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> (and we'll have Noisy Coin Sunday.)
- We will have Sunday School on Nov. 21, but we will use the time to practice for the Christmas program.
- The Christmas program will be Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. We will also have Sunday School at 9:30 to get in a final practice.
- Students in grades 4-8 will be acolytes starting in November. We will hand out the schedule during Sunday School. If you can't make your assigned day, please find someone else to take your duty. Thanks!

### **Danny Gokey, Stand in Faith Tour**

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 6205 Alderson St. Weston, WI 54476**

**Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:15)**

**Tickets: \$22 available at [www.mtoliveweston.org](http://www.mtoliveweston.org)**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wittenberg is having a Polka Service and Harvest Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. 4:00 pm** Service with Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds. Serving a Complete Chicken Dinner w/Dessert (\$10 Adults & \$5 Kids ages 5-12, Under 5 is free)

**Zion Lutheran Church-Tigerton is having a Hunters' Spaghetti**

**Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 4-6:30 p.m. \$8 adults, \$7 veterans, \$5 youth (5-12) and under 5 is free.**



Dear Fellow Churches and volunteers:

On behalf of St. James Lutheran Church, we would like to take this opportunity to **thank you** for helping with the Lutheran World Relief donations. We are very fortunate to have congregations that share their blessings and treasures. Thanks to your generosity we collected:

- Quilts/Blanket 3,258
- Baby Care Kits 451
- Personal Care Kits 551
- School Kits 874
- Sewing Kits 31
- Boxes/Yards of Fabric 5 boxes
- Shipping Donations \$2,374.63



It is amazing what God has provided us with and has given us the opportunity to share with those in need. Please mark your calendar for next year; we will be having our 2022 ingathering on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate what you have done and may God continue to bless and keep you in his care.

Sincerely,  
St. James Lutheran Church Members and Staff

### **LSS' Operation Christmas**

Redeemer will participate in its annual collection of gifts for the residents at Homme Youth and Family. As in the past, we will be collecting gifts for the boys ages 10-18 (girls are no longer being served on the Wittenberg campus). Our goal is 20 gifts. There are about 30 boys, but others in the community also donate gifts. All of the gifts are greatly appreciated! Ideas include games, puzzles, sporting equipment, watches, shirts, jackets, hats, mittens and socks. (No candy or glass items, please.) You will find gift tags and extra copies of the approved list of gift items on the table in the Gathering Space. Gifts need to be brought back to Redeemer **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup>**. Until the Christmas tree is put up, you can put the gifts in the Gathering Space in gift bags or with wrapping paper is possible (but otherwise unwrapped). Thank you in advance for sharing the love and joy of Jesus this Holy Season!

### **2021 OPERATION CHRISTMAS LIST**

#### **HOMME YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS**

Population: Boys ages 10 thru 18

New Clothing sizes: M through XL

Legos for ages 10+	Remote Control Cars	Tech Deck toys
Badger/Brewer/Bucks items	Games	Socks
Winter Jackets/ Snow Pants	Snowboots sizes 8-11	Wallets
Snomo/Sledding Gloves	Stocking caps	Desk Organizers
Sweatshirts	Basketballs/Footballs	Bike Helmets
Fishing Gear / Tip Ups	Craft kits/models	Word Find/Crosswords
Watches	Mind Puzzle Books	Towels/Beach Towels
Mens/Teen Boys Necklaces	Young Teen Cologne	Teenage/Adult Coloring Books
Children's & young adult books ( <i>age appropriate books-no violence or sexual content</i> )		

**Wrapping paper and ribbon are always welcome, but please leave gifts unwrapped.**

**We always accept Quilts (homemade/store-twin bed size).**

**\* No Bathrobes, Food or Glass items, please.**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Arla Block

Members present:

President: Arla Block

Vice President: Paul Norrbom

Secretary: Deb Rieck

Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel

Worship, Music, & Arts: Kim Timm, Linda Evje

Trustees: Paul Pehlke

Parish Life: Gail Koehler, Judy Boda

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Kim Timm

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Kim Timm, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: Ann Hawley

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Kim Timm, to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$67,910.03 as of September 30, 2021. Of that amount, \$24,330.62 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$43,579.41. Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

-Peggy asks that all 2022 Committee Budgets be to her **before** November 10, 2021.

-Council reviewed Non-Budget Balance report.

-Office computer is not always working. Battery back-up may need to be replaced.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Gail Koehler, to have Paul Pehlke purchase a new battery back-up for the computer. Carried.

-A request was received for a Christmas monetary gift for our Sunday School sponsored Compassion International child Anna. The noisy coin collection this week will go towards this gift. Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to take money out of the budgeted Thrivent dollars to help send a Christmas gift of \$50.00 to Compassion International children. Carried.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Thanked Zion and Redeemer Fall Bazaar and Applefest organizers as well as church decorators.
- Is looking for ideas on how we can encourage more regular family attendance. Please let her know if you have any worship concerns or ideas.
- Grandparents Day and Tailgate Sunday went well. Thank you, Ann and Linda.
- Our Confirmation student just finished working with Laura Clark and will now join the group of 7 students at Zion. Parents are arranging transportation.
- National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN is July 24-28. Hoping to be able to send some 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Conducted visits and phone calls to homebound and hospitalized members.
- There were 3 funerals in the past month and a half between the 2 churches.
- Attends a weekly Tuesday afternoon sermon text study on Zoom and periodic Synod Bishop meetings on Tuesday mornings.
- Will meet with Shawano Conference Oct. 19 in Tilleda and will be attending Door County Theological gathering Oct. 25-27
- Joint Parish meeting October 21
- Norrbom/Roycraft wedding 11-27-21

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- Will be turning in her mileage report.
  - Considering taking one week of her remaining vacation time around one of the upcoming holidays.
  - Invites everyone to attend the Zion Spaghetti Supper on November 11 4:00-6:30.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Trustees

- New concrete stairs and entrance way completed. We need to contact Hansons about not driving on it with the snowplows and/or purchase stop sticks.
- Ladies' restroom toilet fixed. The other stall needs to be worked on too.
- Wittenberg's hard water causes issues on the pipes. Paul N. will investigate the possibility of getting a softener. We used to have one.
- Peggy will contact Darwin to work on the office heating unit.
- Discussed possibly covering the office windows somehow to prevent the draft that comes in,
- Church fans were cleaned.
- Paul N. will start the process of getting quotes for resealing and line painting in the parking lots for next year.
- Linda gave the Trustees a list of church needs that should be looked at/worked on.

### Parish Life

- Needs to review the church wedding policy.

### Parish Education (Report from Ann Hawley)

- Sunday School students will be helping with service this Sunday and collect a noisy coin offering.
- There has been good Sunday School attendance this year. Makenna, Tracy, and Ann are teaching. Mary helps by filling in when needed. Laura Clark will be taking over the music portion.

### Worship/Music/Arts

- October 31 is reformation Sunday. There will be communion. Wear red.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> is All Saints' Sunday, and the 14<sup>th</sup> is the Thanksgiving service with refreshments.
- Communion on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in November.
- The first Sunday of Advent is November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Communion in December will be 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:00 with communion. Zion's service will be at 6:00. No service on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> at either church. Christmas Service will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> possibly a joint service with Zion.
- Discussed hymns, music, singing during the December services.
- Encouraging masks but not requiring them. Going to keep the pew spacing for the time being.
- Will be purchasing white and blue paraments.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

## NEW BUSINESS

- Innerebner Memorial money designations: \$500 for Sunday School, \$1,000 for youth.
- 2022 Council Positions need to get to the nominating committee for them to work on.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, November 11 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Peggy Emmel, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Rieck-Council Secretary



**November 2021**

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring your Bible) Confirmation: 3:30-5 Zion	<b>4</b> Fellowship & Devotions 1:00 in Gathering Space. <b>Danny Gokey:</b> Stand in Faith Concert at Mt. Olive Luth. Church, Weston 7pm \$22	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks back 1 hour tonight. St. Paul Luth. Church, Witt. Polka Service & dinner 4:00
<b>7</b> All Saints Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Confirmation: 3:30-5 Zion	<b>11</b> Church Council 5:30 pm Hunters Spaghetti Dinner at Zion 4- 6:30 (\$8, \$7 for vets, \$5 youth 5- 12, under 5 free)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 Sunday School Thanksgiving Service (refreshments) 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion Sunday School kids help during worship. Noisy coin Sunday!	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring your Bible) Confirmation: 3:30-5 Zion	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> -Deadline for Dec. newsletter
<b>21</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Confirmation: 3:30-5 Zion	<b>25</b> Happy Thanksgiving!	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Norrbon/ Roycraft wedding
<b>28</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Confirmation: 3:30-5 Zion			

**\*\*\*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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of November.

It's time to "Fall Back" Saturday night, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



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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***