

November 2022 Newsletter

Sponsored by Melana Schlueter -In Loving Memory of My Husband Ron and parents, John and Shirley Hartleben

What does it mean that God is love?

The Bible teaches that God loves us, yet also teaches that God is love. <u>First John 4:7-9</u> reveals, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because *God is love*. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him."

In the original Greek used to write the New Testament, there is more than one word for love. The Greek word *agapos*, often referred to as agape love, is the word used in <u>1 John 4</u>. It is used when speaking of an unconditional love. This love of God is boundless.

God does not only give love; He is the source of love. As the Creator of all things (<u>Genesis 1:1</u>), He is the One who created love. It is because of His love that we are able to love. As <u>1 John 4:19</u> notes, "We love because he first loved us."

The fullest expression of God as love was through the Son, Jesus Christ. God created us, sustains us, and has revealed Himself to us through Jesus. John 1:14 declares, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Among the most famous of Bible passages on love is <u>1 Corinthians 13</u>. In these verses we find a picture of God's love expressed in poetic terms that displays many of the aspects of God's love toward us. We are told, "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (<u>1 Corinthians 13:4-8</u>).

Further, <u>John 3:16</u> teaches, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but

have eternal life." God has made clear that His love through the Son of God, Jesus, provides an opportunity for those who believe to spend eternity with Him. It is God's desire for us to enjoy His love both in this life and for all eternity.

The Bible is also clear we have done nothing to deserve God's perfect love. <u>Romans 5:8</u> shares, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Even when Jesus knew we would fail and even before we were born, He gave His life as the ultimate expression of His love.

God is love. He created love, created us to love Him, and has extended His love to each of us. Our challenge is to accept His great love (Ephesians 2:8-9) that we may experience His love in our lives today (John 10:10) and for eternity (John 3:16).

https://www.compellingtruth.org/God-is-love.html from Got Questions Ministry

When a lawyer and expert of the law asked Jesus what the most important commandment is, Jesus responded, "To love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...The second is to love your neighbor as yourself."

All of Christianity comes down to how we love God and how everything we do - relationships, work, entertainment, education, displays our love for God. No success, status, or possession will matter at the end of our days. How we loved God and loved others will be our victory.

Dear Zion and Redeemer Friends:

Thank you so much for honoring me with two special retirement worships and fellowship times. I felt loved and appreciated! It warmed my heart to hear your kind words about our ministry together and your well wishes for my new calling. Phil and I are diving right into more free time by visiting longtime friends in the UP; and we spent 3 weeks in Co Springs, Sante Fe, Pagosa Springs, Mesa Verde and Trinidad, a small town in SE, CO. Your monetary gifts helped cover our gas and food expenses along the way - thank you very much! I am relishing my memory book with pictures and your notes to me and so grateful for the donation to Crossways Camps in my name! Thoughtful and meaningful!!! I anticipate that both councils will engage me in visiting homebound and elders as they need me, perhaps every other month as I am available. For emergency hospital and funeral needs, please call my cell phone 715-507-0618. sfoxbogen@gmail.com)

You are in my prayers as you begin your fall ministry. God be with you all!!! Love, *Pastor Sharon*



THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers the following members...

Ann Block Grace Hartleben Verna Tellock Gordon & Agnes Schlender Lorna Alberg Kay & Reuben Carlson Vian Kersten Donna Kubiaczyk Jean & Carleton Benz Eugene Preuss June Norrbom Marcia Tellock Curt Low

We are thankful for continued healing of Reuben Carlson, Lindsey Kersten, and Dilynn Koehler! Peggy Hartleben (surgery on her leg) and Curt Low would especially appreciate your prayers at this time. Also we pray for the family of Arla Block, who passed away on Oct. 18. Her funeral was on Monday, Oct. 24th.

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.

1) Lorna Alberg	715-393-0104	4) Faith Kristof	715-701-0300
2) Ida Brekke	715-253-2734	5) Lee Innerebner	715-253-2200
3) Gail Koehler	715-253-6275	6) Mary Netzler	715-253-6290



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 Joel Hartleben 11-28



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Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
10-2	26	\$985			\$3.00		\$988.00
10-9	19	\$1,980.00			\$31.00		\$2,011.00
10-16	48	\$960.00			\$29.00 +\$95.92	-> Noisy Coin	\$1,084.92
10-23	22	\$850.00					\$850.00
10-30	25	\$715.00				\$337.00 Basket Raffle \$191.00 Pancake Breakfast	\$1,243.00
Total		\$5,490.00			\$158.92	\$528.00	\$6,176.92

Our Monetary Discipleship for October 2022

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!

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 (November 2nd and 16th).



Community Events:

Zion Lutheran Church-Tigerton is having a Spaghetti Dinner, Raffle and Bake Sale 3:30-6:00 pm on Thursday, Nov. 10th.

\$8.00 Adults, \$7.00 Veterans \$5.00 Ages 5- 12, 4 & under Free

A traditional meal of spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad, dessert, & beverages will be served.

Carry outs are available call 715-535-2312

"Community Christmas Tree Lighting" December 2, 2022 ~ 7PM ~ WOW Art Park Help us start the holiday season as we light our Community Christmas Tree in the Art Park. Refreshments and Caroling fun for all!

"Christmas Craft and Bake Sale" December 2, 2022 ~ 3-8PM ~ December 3, 2022 ~ 9AM – 3PM WOWSPACE Start out your month with this fun craft and bake sale, guaranteed to get your Christmas shopping off to a good start! Find gifts for family and friends, and baked goods to enjoy now or later!

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES October 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Norrbom

Members present:Treasurer: Peggy EmmelPresident: Paul NorrbomTreasurer: Peggy EmmelSecretary: Deb RieckParish Life: Lois AndersonEducation: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson, Tracy DombeckWMA: Linda Evje, Kim Timm

A quorum was present. Opening Devotions: Kim Timm Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the agenda. Carried. Council Visitors: None Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Ann Hawley, to approve the September 8, 2022 minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$67,880.97 as of September 30, 2022. Of that amount, \$38,138.46 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$29,742.51. Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Lois Anderson, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

-Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Linda Evje, to have Peggy Emmel contact Edward Jones and Cloverbelt Credit Union to reevaluate our investment funds and update our signature cards. Carried.

-Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Tracy Dombeck, to send \$50 to Compassion International Child for a Christmas gift with money from Thrivent Dollars. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

• Lois updated council on the 2023 Nominating Committee progress to date. Thanks goes out to everyone that has volunteered so far. Still spots to fill. Contact Lois Anderson if interested.

Trustees

- Furnace filters have been purchased for Heritage room furnace.
- First stall toilet in downstairs' women's bathroom is not working. Shut off for now.
- Frank Stroik looked at foundation. Bid received for next spring. This will be looked at in next year's budget.

Worship/Music/Arts

- Met and picked hymns for the rest of the year.
- Oct. 30 is reformation Sunday; wear red. Nov. 6th All Saints Sunday, Nov. 20th Christ the King Sunday-Thanksgiving will be recognized, and Nov. 27th Advent starts-Wonder of Christmas.
- Organ was tuned at the cost of around \$500. Pianos still need to be tuned.
- Will be looking for a Pastor for a 4:00 Christmas Eve service.

Parish Education

• Confirmation will start November 6th from 9:00-10:30 and will be taught by Laura Clark. They will be at Zion November-December and at Redeemer January-April. In May it will move back to Zion. There will be a parent/confirmation student meeting on Wednesday Oct. 26 at 6:30pm at Zion.

- Oct. 16 Noisy coin offering for Compassion International, Sunday School will be singing and helping with service. Four students will receive Bibles.
- No Sunday School on October 30 due to pancake breakfast. No Sunday School on November 20th-this is the 3rd Sunday of the month so kids will not be singing that Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS

- Transition Process-Need to meet with Zion to get more information on a transition pastor and to begin the MSP and Call process.
- There is a verbal agreement with Pastor Sharon regarding visiting the homebound and presiding over funerals when she is available. A written contract needs to be developed.
- EO Johnson will clean the printer next Tuesday, Oct. 18th.
- ATIS will inspect our elevator in October. A new customer form was sent to them.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2023 Budget reports needed before the November meeting.
- Pancake Breakfast October 30th after the 8:30 service. Council will pick-up supplies. Volunteers needed for desserts and working in the kitchen. Paul will contact some of the men for help in the kitchen along with the confirmation students. There will be a Free Will Offering with proceeds going towards Christmas gifts for Homme Home Boys and Homme Home for the Aging Angels. There will also be basket raffles that day.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, November 10, at 5:30pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Lois Anderson, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Rieck, Council Secretary

Power of our Voice

This is an action-based advocacy event for women, men and high schoolers to help make our world more equitable. At Trinity Lutheran Church 206 E Badger Street Waupaca, WI on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Includes a box lunch, water, and coffee. The cost is \$20/person. We will explore ways to learn and do social justice as people of faith with short activities and a focus on issues relevant to Wisconsin. Invite a friend.

Advocacy for Justice

Here in the United States and across the world, there are countless reasons for being an advocate. We will focus on those wherever justice is a concern. After all, in our baptismal covenant we were charged with advocating for justice.

In this workshop, we will learn a bit about synod members' trip to the Holyland in March, Churches for Middle East Peace, an organization comprised of many denominations including the ELCA. What is it that they do, and how might we learn from and work with them? In addition, you will learn about the work of the newly-formed Advocacy for Justice Team of the East Central Synod of WI. The AJ Team has just completed their advocacy training, and they are eager to go to work with you. Come, and let's learn together! You too can become the voice of an advocate.

Contact for more information: Loishilger419@gmail.com or debmartin04@gmail.com

To register on-line: https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/6076362

Paper registration: https://www.ecsw.org/upcoming-events/womens-advocacy-event (or see form on the bulletin board at church)

Make checks payable to "Women of the ELCA – East Central Synod of Wisconsin" Due 11/1/2022 Mail to Women of the ELCA, East Central Synod of Wisconsin c/o Carol Grom, 2124 Mahogany Ct., DePere, WI 54115 Spons



Sponsored by the East Central Synod

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

On the Web at: redeemerlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com (This Month at Redeemer)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please sign up today!

Our list is located on the table in the gathering space. Be an usher, greeter, reader, communion assistant, or videographer. 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 bulletin board. Thank you!!

Community Giving

WB Weekend Backpack Program



The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District along with the Wittenberg Food Pantry has implemented a backpack program which provides nutritional, easy-toprepare food for students in families that are struggling to have food needs met over the weekends during the school year. Pantry volunteers fill backpacks that students take home Friday and return on Monday. There are over 40 students enrolled in this program and the cost of feeding each one is about \$100 per year. **Redeemer Lutheran has donated \$200.00 collected from the Lenten**

Soup/Sandwich donations to support this program.

Individually if you are interested in sponsoring a child for a year for the WB Weekend Backpack Program, please send \$100 to Wittenberg Food Pantry, PO Box 212, Wittenberg WI 54499. Include a note denoting that it is for the WB Weekend Backpack Program, and also list "In honor of" or "In memory of" if you wish. If it better fits your budget, you could also sponsor a child for a semester for \$50. All donations will be listed on their website at wittenbergfoodpantry.weebly.com Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community!

Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Parish Schedule of worship leaders				
Nov. 6th, 2022	Rev. Jen Hoffman			
Nov. 13th, 2022	Rev. Tryphine Schruba			
Nov. 20th, 2022	Rev. Jen Hoffman			
Nov. 27th, 2022	Lay leader Ann Hawley			
Dec. 4th, 2022	Rev. Jen Hoffman			
Dec. 11th, 2022	Rev. Phil Bogen			
Dec. 18th, 2022	Rev. Jen Hoffman			

Info from the Aging and Disability Resource Center: Shawano County

** Please contact Mary Jo to register for any of the events below by calling 715-526-4712.

<u>**Caregiver Conference:**</u> This free conference is open to all caregivers. Registration/memory screens will be offered from 8:45 am – 9:45 am followed by guest speakers, Dementia Live presentation, and a free lunch will also be offered during this event. The conference will be held at the Waubee Lake Lodge in Lakewood on November 1 from 8:45 am – 4:00 pm.

Book Club: The ADRC offers a free book club to anyone interested in attending. If you need a copy of the book just let us know! The book club will be held on the following dates:

October 12: at the Shawano Library from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The book being discussed is "The Wounder Healer" by Dr. Omar Reda. This meeting will be discussing the first half of the book. The Second half will be discussed on November 9.

Boost Your Brain: This course is designed to help individuals learn new habits to maintain cognitive health while also practicing skills for better memory performance. The class will meet on Mondays (Oct 17 - Dec 5) at the ADRC office in Oconto Falls from noon - 1:30 pm.

<u>Savvy Caregiver</u>: This workshop is designed to help caregivers learn knowledge and skills to gain confidence to effectively care for someone with dementia. This event will be held on Mondays (Nov 7 – Dec 12) at the ADRC office in Oconto Falls from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

<u>Memory Café (Oconto County)</u>: The Oconto County Memory Café meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The Nov 15 memory café will be held at the Oconto Falls Senior Center.

<u>Memory Café (Shawano County)</u>: The Shawano County Memory Café meets the 2^{nd} Tuesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The November 8 memory café will be at the Shawano Civic Center.

<u>Caregivers Support Group (Oconto Falls</u>): This caregiver support group takes place at the ADRC in Oconto Falls the 3^{rd} Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

<u>Caregiver Support Group (Shawano)</u>: This caregiver support group takes place at the Shawano Library the 4^{th} Wednesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Contact

Early Stages / Parkinson's Disease Support Group (Shawano): This support group is geared towards those in the early stages of dementia. The meetings take place at the Shawano Library the 2^{nd} Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Thank you!!

Krissy, *Fiscal Support Specialist*, W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano WI 54166, (855) 492-2372 (715) 526-6787 – Fax krissy@adrewolfriver.org

Dear Friends,

While Advent is still a few weeks away, here at Lutheran Social Services we are already thinking towards the holiday season. There's no better time than Christmas to show extra love and compassion for the thousands of individuals whose lives we tough every day through our many LSS programs. As we have in years past, we look to our partners to bring some holiday spirit to those we serve through our annual **Operation Christmas**.

Homme Youth and Family Programs could use your congregation's assistance at this time of year. Please join this effort to bring Christmas to those served by LSS and by your congregations. We thank you in advance for your continued support of our programs and the lives positively impacted through them.

Sincerely, Pamela Cotton, Homme Home Director

2022 OPERATION CHRISTMAS LIST

New Clothing sizes: M-XL

<u>HOMME YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS</u> W18105 Hemlock Rd, Wittenberg Stephana Andres <u>stephana.andres@lsswis.org</u> 715-253-2116 ext. 220

Preferred Delivery by 12/15 so <u>please have your gifts at church by Dec. 11th</u>. <u>Population: Boys ages 10-18</u>

New Clouning Sizes. M-AL		
Athletic Shoes sizes: 8-13		
Legos for ages 10+	Remote Control Cars	Wallets
Board Games	Rubik's Cubes	Men's/Teen Boys Necklaces
Snow Gloves	Snow boots sizes 8-13 Young	Dollar General gift cards
PS4 games rated "E"	Slippers	Subway gift cards
Sweatshirts	Footballs	McDonald's gift cards
Art Supplies	Teenage/Adult Coloring Books	Taco John's gift cards
Fishing Gear	Car Air Fresheners (for rooms)	
Word Find/Crosswords	DVD-G or PG movies	
Watches	Nerf Guns	

Children's & young adult books (age appropriate) Handheld game with built in games (normally 250 games built in) Water bottles-no metal-plastic only

Gift Bags are welcome; please leave gifts unwrapped.

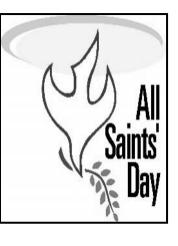
No Bathrobes, Food or Glass items, please.

Youth News

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. after our 8:30 worship. For those in second grade or younger, your teachers are Tracy and Makenna Dombeck. For those in grades 2-5, your teacher is Ann Hawley. Makenna & Mary Peterson will be the music leaders. Thank you also to Mary Peterson and Mary Mattes for volunteering to be substitute teachers. The children will be singing and participating in worship at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 13. We will have a Noisy Coin Offering that day also for Ana Luis, our Compassion International child from Mexico.

Confirmation will start Sunday, Nov. 6 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Zion. Thank you to Laura Clark for volunteering to teach confirmation! Classes will meet at Zion Nov.-Dec., then at Redeemer from Jan.-April, and finally back to Zion for May. Students can stay for worship for the 10:30 service following their class. There may also be a few Wednesday classes.

The Christmas program for both churches will be Dec. 18th. There will be no Sunday School or confirmation on Nov. 20th. Confirmation students will help with the Christmas program and with Easter breakfast (April 9, and the set-up on April 8).



For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest

We will commemorate All Saints' Sunday on November 6th. As in the past, blank placards will be available in the Gathering Space for the names of loved ones or friends who have died since All Saints' Sunday, November 7, 2021. Please fill out the placards or call the church office with your saint's name by November 2nd.

We also light candles for the saints on this Sunday. If you have a memorial candle from a loved one who died this year or in a previous year, please bring it to church on or before All Saints' Sunday to be lit during worship.

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.

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Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible	3	4	5 Daylight Savings Time Ends-set clocks back one hour tonight.
6 All Saint's Sunday 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30-10:30 Sunday School 9:00-10:30 am Confirmation at Zion	7	8	9	10 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm Church Council 5:30 pm church basement Zion Spaghetti Dinner 3:30-6 pm	11	12
13 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion & children participating & Noisy Coin Offering 9:30-10:30 Sunday School 9:00-10:30 am Confirmation at Zion	14	15 Mtg with Zion	16 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	17 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	18	19
20 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion <u>No Sunday School</u> <u>or Confirmation today</u>	21	22 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	23 Newsletter deadline for November newsletter	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 8:30 am Worship 9:30-10:30 Sunday School 9:00-10:30 am Confirmation at Zion	28	29	30			

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

***Worship time is 8:30 am for Redeemer for September-December. Zion will meet at 10:30 am.



It's time to "Fall Back" on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed!

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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