

December 2022 Newsletter

Sponsored by Brad & Arla Block-In honor

of our 51st Wedding Anniversary last May

(Redeemer misses you so much, Arla. We appreciate everything you did for our church!)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Matthew 6:28-30

The following was from my daily devotions, *The Word for Every Day* by Alvin Rogness. Here's what he says about Matthew 6.

How we envy people who can enjoy the moment, who are absorbed in the tasks at hand, with minimal anxiety for what may come tomorrow! They go about with a relaxed step, they find merriment and beauty, they spread cheer.

What is their secret? Not stupidity, certainly. Not indifference. Not insensitivity. Nor self-confidence.

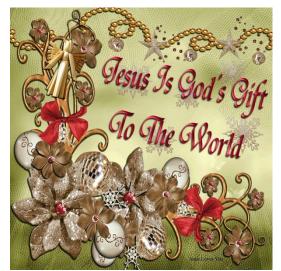
More than likely, their secret is God. They have a towering confidence in his love and care for them. They entrust the tomorrows to him. They accept the tasks and the joys of the moment as assignments and gifts from him. They believe that the outcome of life is in his hands.

William James, great American psychologist, speaks of this quality:

"The transition from tenseness, self-responsibility, and worry to equanimity, receptivity, and peace, is the most wonderful of all those shiftings of inner equilibrium, those changes of the personal center of energy, which I have analyzed so often; and the chief wonder of it is that it so often comes about, not by doing, but simply relaxing and throwing the burden down. This abandonment of self-responsibility seems to be the fundamental act in specifically religious, as distinguished from moral, practice. It antedates theologies and is independent of philosophies . . . Christians who have it strongly live in what is called "recollection" and are never anxious about the future, nor worry over the outcome of the day. Of Saint Catharine of Genoa it is said that "she took cognizance of things, only as they were presented to her in succession, moment by moment when the duty that was involved in it was accomplished, it was permitted to pass away as if it had never been, and give way to the facts and duties of the moment which came after."

I worry about many things as I know you do, too. There are always so many things to do. And yet if I take each task one at a time and complete it, then I can lay it down and I am totally available to work on the next. If we pray for this grace, this good news, it will be necessary for us to be willing that the Lord take care of tomorrow. Most of us find this exceedingly difficult to do. We worry about all sorts of possibilities (most of them never materialize), when we might very well have laid this burden down at the Lord's feet. Lord help us to do just that.

Dear Redeemer Family,



In this busy time of the holiday season, may we find time to relax and appreciate what we have. I have challenged myself to come up with one thing each day in December that I am truly thankful for and would challenge you to do the same. Life is short, but full of people, places, experiences, and memories that we can be thankful for.

Another idea is to challenge yourself to do at least one act of kindness every day for someone else. Possibilities could include a phone call to someone who's lonely, a "thinking of you" card to someone who you haven't communicated with recently, visiting one of our shut-ins, purchasing a gift

for a boy from Homme Youth & Family Services or for someone in the nursing home, offering to babysit, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, praying for those in need... Even though December is a busy and sometimes hectic month, taking time to be thankful and to be kind will make it even more special.

Thank you Jesus, for teaching us what is important in life!

Ann Hawley, Redeemer Secretary



Poinsettia Sale: It always looks so festive to have the church decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas season. You are welcome to bring in your own plant, or there will be plants available for \$5 (payable to Ann Hawley) in the Gathering Space. You can take your plant home after worship on Dec. 25th. Be sure to include "in honor of" or "in memory of" on the form at church so we can include it in the bulletin. Thank you!







THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers the following members...

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

Lorna Alberg Eugene Preuss

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





Mary Netzler	12-2
Pam Daffron	12-3
John Anderson	12-5
Kevin Rosenow	12-6
Lori Hartleben	12-7
Karl Anderson	12-8
Katie (Norrbom) Roycraft	12-8
Peggy Stelter	12-11
David Luber	12-16
Stacey Schrank	12-20
Danny Schrank	12-24
Dave Schmidt	12-25
Karen Kersten	12-26





Our Monetary Discipleship for November 2022

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
11-6	28	\$1,020.00				\$100.00 Arla Block Memorial	\$1,120.00
11-13	42	\$1,905.00			\$3.00 & \$87.58	<- Noisy Coin Offering	\$1,995.58
11-20	18	\$895.00					\$895.00
11-27	20	\$900.00					\$900.00
Total		\$4,720.00			\$90.58	\$100.00	\$4,910.58

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 (December 7th and 21st).



Community Events

"Community Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa" 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!

Cookie Walk (Homemade cookies sold by the pound!)
Saturday December 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Grace Bible Church 401 W Main St. Bowler

The ladies of Zion would like to extend an invitation to the ladies of Redeemer to attend our **Women's Christmas Party** that will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 4:30pm. All ladies are welcome. Please bring a dish to pass for our potluck supper.

Reminder to council: Annual Reports Due to the church office by December 28th!

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES November 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Norrbom

Members present:

President: Paul Norrbom Treasurer: Peggy Emmel

Secretary: Deb Rieck Education: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson

Parish Life: Lois Anderson, Gail Koehler WMA: Linda Evje, Kim Timm, Carla Hanke

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Lois Anderson

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Lois Anderson, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Ann Hawley, to approve the October 13, 2022 minutes.

Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$71,578.47 as of October 31, 2022. Of that amount, \$38,616.46 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$32,962.01. Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Gail Koehler, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

Council reviewed, discussed, and worked on the 2023 Annual Budget.

-Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Lois Anderson, to purchase \$150 worth of Christmas gifts for the Homme Youth Program and \$25 Angel Appeal gifts at \$25 per member residing at Homme, Rainbow, and Rennes facilities. Carried

PASTOR'S REPORT None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

• Pancake breakfast and basket raffle took in \$528. Thank you to everyone who helped with the breakfast, desserts, baskets, or purchased raffle tickets. Many thanks to the Hanke farms for their maple syrup donation, and Thrivent for the \$250 grant that was used for the purchase of food items. Money raised will be used towards Homme Youth and Family Program and Homme Angel Tree Christmas gifts. A new roaster oven for the church will also be purchased to replace an old one.

Trustees

• Breaker issues during the pancake breakfast. Electrician needs to be brought in to explore the problem and solution. Council will work on getting a couple of quotes.

Worship/Music/Arts

- November 20th Thanksgiving Service.
- November 27th Advent season starts-decorating needs to be done.
- Pastors lined up for the next 3 weeks.

Parish Education

• No Sunday School or confirmation Nov. 20. Children will help with worship, sing, and have Noisy Coin offering on Nov.13.

• Preparing for December 18th Christmas program.

OLD BUSINESS

- Transition Process-Joint council/transition team meeting at Zion on Tues. Nov. 15 at 6:00pm.
- Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson to accept the revised contract for Pastor Sharon to visit the homebound at \$50 per hour, which will be reviewed in January 2023. Carried.
- EO Johnson cleaned the office printer Oct. 18th. It works well now.
- ATIS will inspect the elevator on November 16th at 9:00a.m.
- Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Kim Timm, to add Peggy Emmel-Treasurer, Paul Norrbom-President, and Kari Zeinert-Audit Committee Member to the authorization card at Edward Jones to oversee those accounts. Carried.
- Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Kim Timm, to add Peggy Emmel-Treasurer, Paul Norrbom-President, and Kari Zeinert-Audit Committee Member to the authorization card for the account at Cloverbelt Credit Union #94229600 to oversee that account. Carried.
- Lois Anderson updated council on current status of the progress of the nominating committee.
 There are still openings. Please contact Lois Anderson if interested in being part of the 2023 Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ann talked with 2 possible new members from Elderon.
- Crossways Camping Ministries is holding a special meeting for delegates Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Neenah. Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Carla Hanke, to nominate Kim Timm to attend this meeting in place of Miriam Nelson, Carried.
- Ann will purchase poinsettia plants for Christmas again.
- Committee annual reports are due December 28, 2022.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, December 8, at 5:30pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Gail Koehler, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Rieck Council Secretary

If there have been any changes to your contact information, please let us know. Thank you!!

Please help us update our records:

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like to add email addresses to our contact information. Please fill out the form below and the collection plate. (There will be extra forms available at church also.)
put it in the collection plate. (There will be extra forms available at church also.)
Name(s):
Address:
Phone Number(s):
Email address:
Do you want to receive the monthly newsletter by mail e-mail both

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-to-prepare 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.

 $\label{lem:condition} Redeemer\ Luther an\ has\ donated\ \$200.00\ collected\ from\ the\ Lenten\ Soup/Sandwich\ donations\ to\ support\ this\ program.$

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					
Dec. 4th, 2022 8:30 a.m.	Rev. Andrea Fluegel, our transition facilitator				
Dec. 11th, 2022 8:30 a.m.	Rev. Phil Bogen				
Dec. 18th, 2022 8:30 a.m.	Rev. Phil Bogen				
Dec. 24th, 2022 Christmas Eve 4:00	Lay Leaders Lois Anderson here at 4:00 &				
	Ann Hawley at Zion at 6:00 p.m.				
Dec. 25th, 2022 8:30 a.m.	Lay Leader Ann Hawley				

No service at Zion on Christmas. They can join us here at 8:30 a.m.

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.

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.

Savvy Caregiver: 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.

Memory Café (Oconto County): 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

<u>Early Stages / Parkinson's Disease Support Group (Shawano)</u>: 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@adrcwolfriver.org

Reminder to the Call Committee (*Paul Norrbom*, *Fay Rosenow*, *Sara Horne*, *and alternates: Kimberly Timm and Kaylin Karcz*): There will be a meeting at Zion on Dec. 4th at 11:30 a.m. (after their worship service) with our new transition facilitator, Pastor Andrea Fluegel. Mark your calendars so you don't forget!

Dear Friends,

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

HOMME YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS 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 Clothing sizes: M-XL 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.

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.

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.

Confirmation started 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 will be Dec. 18th at 8:30 a.m.-Children, arrive by 8:10 please. There will be no Sunday School or confirmation on Dec. 25th or on Jan. 1st. Confirmation students will help with the Christmas program.



Welcome to our newest members, Staci Olson and her 4th grade daughter, Kaylee Baracca from the Elderon area!!!

If you would like to sponsor a newsletter for 2023, 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!

Thank you to our 2022 Newsletter Sponsors

January Arletta Crowell-In Loving Memory of Elmer February Fay Rosenow-In Loving Memory of Ron

March **June Norrbom** – In Loving Memory of her husband Carl & son Loren

April **Dianne Long-**In Loving Memory of My Son, Michael Long

May Lorna Alberg-In Loving Memory of Her Husband Robert and Son Michael

June Andy & Mary Peterson—In honor of our grandchildren
July Vian Kersten-In Loving Memory of My Husband Milan

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 Miriam Nelson – In honor of Phil & Naomi Zeinert's 30th Wedding Anniversary

November Melana Schlueter-In Loving Memory of my husband Ron and parents, John and Shirley

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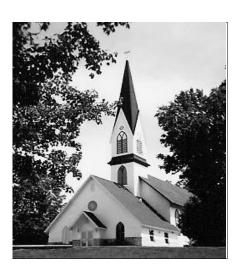
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December 2022							
Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs Fri		Sat	
				Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	2	3	
4 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30-10:30 Sunday School 9:00-10:30 am Confirmation at Zion. 11:30 Call Committees meet with Pastor Andrea. Women's X-Mas Party at Zion, 4:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible	8 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm Church Council 5:30 pm church basement	9	10	
8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30-10:30 Sunday School 9:00-10:30 am Confirmation at Zion	12	13	14	15 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	16	17	
18 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's Christmas Program No Sunday School or confirmation –just stay for gifts & treats	19	20	Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	23	24 4:00 p.m. Worship w/Holy Communion (Christmas Eve Candlelight service) 6:00 at Zion	
25 Merry Christmas! 8:30 am Worship No Sunday School or Confirmation	26	27	28 Newsletter deadline for January newsletter. Annual reports due.	29 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	30	31 New Year's Eve	

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. From January-April, the times will switch and Redeemer will meet at 10:30. Sunday School time stays at 9:30 a.m. Confirmation meets 9:00-10:30 a.m. Budget Meeting – January 15, 2023 and Annual Meeting – January 22, 2023

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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