



July 2019 Newsletter
Sponsored by Vian Kersten,
in memory of her husband, Milan, and
nephew, Mike Long

Greetings,

Here we are looking at the month of July 2019, in which May and June now seem like a passing whirlwind of changes. With Kim Norrbom leaving the Secretary/Treasure positions, Lois Anderson and Peggy Emmel have filled those roles respectfully. As Redeemer is no stranger to change over the past I am confident that we will all move on in a positive, respectful and progressive manner. This past Sunday we held a congregational meeting after service to discuss a plan for moving forward and what resources were available. Some time ago the ELCA had developed a program called the Parish Model Ministry, which basically offers a plan to combine multiple churches in a specific area. The idea behind this was to combine resources among the parishes with an attempt to sharing expenses and church offered programs. At this time we voted to not participate in that particular program, but rather look at similar possibilities on our own.

As for upcoming Pastoral duties, there is a very high likelihood that we may not see another full-time Pastor, so with that said, for now we will be requesting part-time Pastors to provide 1-2 communion services a month. The other church services will be provided by Lay Persons or possibly Deacons. I am currently working with Bishop Mansholt and Pastor Amy Engebose of the ELCA office in order to coordinate their visit, tentatively set for Aug 14th, 6:00 pm at Redeemer. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions as to the resources available to us as we move forward.

Another area of future concern and decision making will be what to do with our parsonage. We will be working on evaluating and estimating the over-all replacement and repairs that are needed. It is my understanding that there are several costly projects that may need a lot of attention based on what we decide to do with its existence.

In closing I would like to thank Lois Anderson and Peggy Emmel for assuming their positions, Linda Emmel for her continued maintaining of our Church Home, and all council members that have stepped up and given so much of their time and efforts in order to cover all our bases during this time of transition. Should anyone be in need of emergency Pastoral services please contact me at 715-881-0505 or a member of our Parish Life Committee. We will move forward together with positive and supportive attitudes!

Thank you,

Dan Weisensel

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
June 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Weisensel

Members present:

President: Dan Weisensel Vice-President: Arla Block
Secretary: Deb Rieck Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel
Education: Mary Peterson, Ann Hawley, Tracy Dombeck
Parish Life: Karon Weisensel, Joy Hartleben
Trustee: Paul Pehlke, Ryan Buntrock, Brad Zeinert
Worship, Music, & Arts: Faith Kristof, Maribeth Netzler
Pastor Amy Perron
A quorum was present.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Maribeth Netzler, to approve the agenda.
Carried.

Council visitors: None

Thought/Prayer of the Day: Dan W.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the May 2019 Meeting Minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peggy submitted the Treasurer's report showing an account balance of \$31,129.45 as of May 31, 2019. Of that amount, \$10,540.38 was budget funds and \$20,589.07 was non-budget funds.

Motion by Maribeth Netzler, seconded by Ann Hawley, to approve the June bills as presented as well as the upcoming July bills to be paid. Carried.

Peggy will check on the possibility of temporarily canceling the landline phone at the parsonage.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Conducted worship services at Redeemer and Homme Home.

Synod Activities:

- Synod Assembly: Thank you to Arla Block and Dianne Long for attending as voting members representing Redeemer.
- Discernment Event Planning meeting at Synod Office on Oct. 11 & 12 at Mt. Tabor Retreat Center in Menasha

Pastoral Care:

- Made calls to Homme Residents

- House Visits to those in need (A list of the shut-ins will be left on the pastor's desk.)
- Rev. Ray Reinholtzen and Rev. Sanna Reinholtzen will preside at the Zeinert/Cismoski wedding on June 22 per the wishes of the couple. Instructions for disbursement of the wedding fees have been left for Peggy Emmel.

Other Ministry:

- Appointments will be kept to lead Wednesday worship on June 19 at Homme Home. Pastor Barry was instructed to remove Pastor Amy from the schedule beginning in July and reach out to the next pastor at Redeemer in the future.

Other: A thumb drive with pertinent documents i.e. Wedding and Funeral policies, template for weekly prayers, information about the Parish Records Project, etc. will be left on the pastor's desk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

-Second Tuesday in July Redeemer Food Stand at the WOW. Volunteers and desserts needed. Sign-up will be created.

-July 28th Pie in July after 6:30pm service

-August 25th Sundaes on Sunday after the 6:30pm service

Parish Education

-Met on April 24

-VBS will be August 13-15, a week later than originally thought, from 9:00 am -1 pm. The theme will be "Best Friends." Volunteers: Tracy D. (snacks), Mary P. (crafts), Ann H. (games), and Leslie H. (music.) More volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in helping should contact an education committee member. Confirmation youth that volunteer can earn service hours.

-Sunday School students sang on May 5th which was the last day of Sunday School. Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers for another successful year-Tracy Dombeck, Mary Peterson, and Leslie Hill.

-Pastor Amy said that the partnership with the two Birnamwood churches for 1st Communion worked well. Classes rotated between the 3 churches.

-Over \$500 was made for Easter breakfast which will be used for confirmation camp fees. Thank you everyone!

-So far our congregation donated \$1,237 for Crossways Camping Ministries Capital Campaign. They are about halfway to their goal of 1.8 million. Thank you!

-Next meeting will be August 21.

Worship/Music/Arts

-Decorated for Pentecost. After today's meeting they will be decorating for Father's Day.

-Looking into getting special music during services.

-Next meeting August 6th.

Trustees

- Pastor and family will be moved out of the parsonage as of today.
- They will be meeting to discuss the parsonage.

OLD BUSINESS

Arise Campaign-Christian Education Fund Gift-Tabled

Parish Model Ministry: Peggy and Arla went to the last meeting. The next meeting is June 25th. Neither were sure if it is beneficial to attend this one. Is joining the 7 churches in a Covenant the direction Redeemer really wants to take or would we be better off exploring a partnership with just one parish if this is even an option? A special Congregational meeting will be called on June 23 after church.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan reached out to ELCA for guidance on an interim/new pastor. He is waiting for a call back.

Peggy asked if it was alright to start cleaning out the office files for more space. Some things go back as far as the 1960's. She will contact committees involved if needed.

Next Council meeting, Sunday, August 11th after the 9:00 service. No meeting in July.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

Minutes for the Congregational Meeting
June 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dan Weisensel. A determination of a quorum was made (47 members present.)

After pointing out the high probability that Redeemer will not get a full-time Pastor due to the lack of available clergy, Dan presented the congregation with two possible avenues for Redeemer to explore.

1. Parish Model Ministry. As presented by the Synod and shared by members who attended the meetings, in this model 7 churches in a geographical area ranging from Wittenberg to Antigo would share resources. Redeemer is the largest of those 7 parishes. Members had an opportunity to ask questions and express their concerns and opinions.
2. Redeemer could explore on their own the possibility of sharing a pastor with another church. Zion in Tigerton was brought up as one possibility as they currently have a half time Pastor. Members had an opportunity to ask questions and express their concerns and opinions.

A motion was made by Brad Block and seconded by Karon Weisensel to reject the opportunity to explore the Parish Model Ministry. 44 members in favor; 3 opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Diane Long and seconded by Brad Block to allow the church Council to begin the exploration of sharing a pastor with another church. 47 members in favor. Motion carried. Council will start the process by contacting Zion Lutheran in Tigerton.

Rev. Amy Engebose and the Bishop will be visiting in August to answer questions and help guide us in the process of calling a new Pastor. Possible dates August 14, 20, or 21. All members are welcome to attend.

Discussion was had on future services until we do get a new Pastor. The cost of hiring fill-in Pastors will be \$175.00 per service plus a mileage rate of 54.5 cents per mile. Motion was made by Andy Peterson and seconded by Pam Daffron to hire a Pastor for 2 Sundays each month while filling in the other Sundays with Lay People. 47 members in favor. Motion carried. We will need to be open to the possibilities of time changes and/or a change to communion Sundays in order to meet the scheduling needs of fill-in Pastors.

A question was raised on the status of the parsonage. The trustees reported that it is vacant. Work needs to be done due to normal wear and usage as well as being old and not up to code. Another congregational meeting will be necessary before any decisions on the parsonage can be made.

A motion was made by Brad Block and seconded by Paul Pehlke to adjourn the meeting. 46 members in favor; 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

July Worship Assistants

Date	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistant
Sunday July 7	Jill & Faith Kristof	Jill Kristof	Lois Anderson
Sunday July 14	Dan & Karon Weisensel	Dan Weisensel	_____
Sunday July 21	Brad & Arla Block	Brad Block	Leslie Hill
Sunday July 28 6:30 pm	Please assist as needed	Faith Kristof	_____

Please sign up to assist with
worship.
The sheets on the bulletin board
in the Gathering Space. Thank
you.

ALTAR GUILD:

January & February: Gail Koehler & Ruthie Olsen
 March & April: Dianne Long & Leslie Hill
 May & June: Dave & Shirley Schmidt & Linda Evje
 July: Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke August: Miriam Nelson
 September: Peggy Hartleben & Peggy Emmel October: Deb Rieck
 November & December: Lori Hartleben & Fay Rosenow

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

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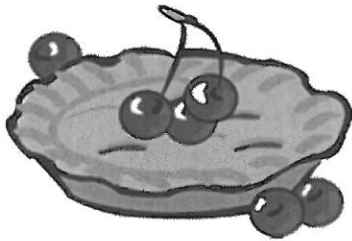
July 2019 – **Vian Kersten** – In memory of her husband, Milan and nephew Mike Long
 August 2019 – **Carol Klinner** – In memory of her husband, Hilbert
 September 2019 – **Mary Ann Peters** – In honor of her granddaughter, Delcie Peters' wedding
 October, 2019 – **Ruth Bowers** – In memory of her husband, Alan and son, John
 November 2019 – **Ann Block** – In memory of her husband, Ben
 December 2019 – **Carol Klinner** – Thankfulness for my family and friends

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This can be put in with the weekly offering or mailed to the church office.

Thank you to all who sponsor the monthly newsletter!

Our Fellowship Brunch on June 2 was lively with conversation and delicious food. Thank you to all who provided food and service for this opportunity to spend time together.



Pie In July

Following our 6:30 pm worship service on July 28 we will enjoy pie and ice cream.

If you are able to provide a pie or ice cream, please sign-up in the gathering space.

Get ready, the Fall Bazaar is coming October 12th! It's not too soon to think about getting your craft items ready for sale or a basket together for the Basket Raffle!



Basket ideas include, but are not limited to: a Movie Basket which might include DVD's, microwave popcorn, a popcorn bowl, sparkling juice; a Coffee Lovers' Basket which might include coffee, creamer, mugs, cookies; a Packer Fan Basket or a Badgers Fan Basket including sports themed items; A basket with products from a local business. Ideas are endless!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Theme: Friends of the Bible

**Aug. 13-15, 2019 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
for 3 yr olds-5th grade**

**Older children are welcome to be helpers.
Confirmation students, this counts for service
hours-for those going into confirmation this fall too!**

Bring a sack lunch.

Friends are welcome!

Aug. 15-to Mission Lake (weather permitting)

Please call the church office to register or mail or bring this form to the church. All are welcome! Any adults who would like to help, please call Ann Hawley at 715-446-2119. Thank you!

Registration for 2019 VBS-Redeemer Lutheran Church

Child's name: _____

Age: _____

Parent's name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Alt. contact info: _____

Any concerns, allergies, etc. _____



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7-2 Logan Yaeger
Edward Tellock
- 7-3 Lee Innerebner
Sandra Lang
- 7-6 Robert Alberg
Arletta Crowell
- 7-10 Tyler Rogers
- 7-11 Linda Evje
- 7-13 Kaylen Benson
- 7-15 Siri Zeinert
- 7-18 Bonnie Meyer
- 7-22 Vian Kersten
- 7-23 Gordon Schlender
- 7-24 Paisley Anderson
David Yaeger
- 7-25 Heather Yaeger
- 7-27 Ann Powers
Evan Rogers
- 7-30 Thor Anderson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7-1 Roland & Karen Hendrikson
- 7-18 Mike & Mary Mattes
- 7-24 Alan & Linda Clough
Mark & Jan Wormuth