



March 2021 Newsletter

Sponsored by June Norrbom

In memory of Carl & Loren

Resurrect Our Love This Lent and Easter

There's a song from Neal Hagberg's and Leandra Peak's CD, **Dancing With A Ghost** that makes me think of what God does for us in Jesus as we journey to the cross! They sing about a love that feels dead. Begging God for help, they cry, "Resurrect our love!" And they wonder, will God even bother anymore to raise them up to an Easter life...

"But you say that you can bring life out of death	This love's as dead as anything you'll find
Are we born to claw and rip and tear?	Is love just another bloody cross to bear?
Is a finger hard to lift there?	We could use some help from you
If you raised Jesus, and Lazarus, too	Here's a real trick for you

"Resurrect Our Love."

It is my prayer for each one of you and for our world that Easter wakes us up! Dear, Lord, help us to love each other, as a church, as a country, as a family, as a community of people chosen to love one another! Make our love come alive again. On the way this Lent to the Easter resurrection, where in your life does love need awakening?

Love can get lost in a quarrel with a friend or a lover, with a child or a parent. Certainly, love is stolen away in death. This year the world has said good-bye to way too many loved ones! We thought we were in control, but we discover over and over that we are not. Our struggle with a love relationship could even be with God. Perhaps you don't feel as close as you'd like to. Perhaps you wonder where God is in these troubled times. Pray, dear church, for God to resurrect our love! Bring us to our senses. Show us God's way of sacrificial love! Help us to listen to each other. Teach us to be vulnerable and to risk trusting again. Remind us of our common humanity and need for each other. Raise up in us compassion and forgiveness. Put to death in us shame and blame and the need to win at all costs. Mend our broken hearts so that we can live with a sense of freedom and harmony. Remind us of Your love!!

On the way to the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples about true love. Relationships don't just fall into place. Loving another requires time together, honesty and more give than take! Jesus' way of loving leads us into vulnerability with others. Real love grows deep by facing human imperfections, your own and others', and saying, "I'm sorry" or, "You're forgiven!" Thank God for Jesus who took on our sin and suffering in his life and in his painful death on the cross. This Love was resurrected on Easter morning. This love is poured over each one of you! This love gives you all you need to live and love as God desires.

Now sin has no power over you; evil cannot win the day! Death will not have the last word! In Jesus, the weak are made strong! Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the church proclaims this resurrection life. We bring life to places that lack love by listening, connecting, forgiving, and treating others like they truly matter! On the journey with you, dear church! **Pastor Sharon**

A LENTEN PRAYER

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*“Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye
but do not notice the log in your own eye?
Or how can you say to your neighbor,
‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’
when you yourself do not see the log
in your own eye?”*

~Luke 6:42

Holy One, you created me in my mother’s womb.
You know the core goodness residing within me.
You also know my propensity for self-orientation.
You see how I want others to grow and change.
You know the thoughts and feelings that run rampant
when I encounter someone whose behavior I dislike.

If I say, “Surely I can get this person to be as I want,”
nudge me insistently with your grace-filled message”
“Leave the other person’s transformation alone.
Tend to your own aspects that need to be altered.”

In the Lenten season, guide me to a clearer awareness.
Lead me to move beyond a wish to transform others.
Focus my attention on the personal renewal I resist.
May I become more alert and accepting of the reality
that the only person I can set about changing is myself.

PRAYER SEEDS ~ LENT

All things are possible to those who believe. ~Mark 9:23

For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

~Roman 3:28

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

~Hebrews 11:1

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”

~John 11:25, 26

Dear Redeemer Congregation,

Please accept my apologies for the tardiness of this month's newsletter. The guidance, help, patience and kindness I've received from everyone as I've become acclimated in this new position is greatly appreciated.

The goal is to have future issues completed and sent to all, before the 1st of each month. If there are any announcements that you'd like to include into the newsletter, please have them to the office by the 20th of each month, either by email, mail or phone.

It's been exciting seeing how everyone works together to do what is best for our beloved church. The love that is given is felt when you walk in. The feeling of being welcomed and coming home is why I returned. My wish is to make everyone feel as welcomed and loved as you've all done for me.

My goal is to live TODAY with purpose. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance in anyway.

*God Bless,
Kimberly Timm*

Easter Flower Garden

If you would like to share a plant or flowers for Easter Sunday worship, please call the office to arrange a drop off time.

If you would like someone to pick up a plant for you, please call the church office (715-253-2590) and leave your name and telephone number. Someone will call you with the details.

Communion Cards

A question has been asked about why Communion Cards are filled out and for what purpose. Below is the answer to this inquiry, from Arla Block.

Per Constitution for Redeemer Lutheran Church; Chapter 8 Membership *C8.02(c) page 9
“**Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members during the current or proceeding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months.”

This provision is mandatory per the Synod. We currently use the communion cards for record keeping but there may be other ways to tabulate our communion participation.

If guests commune and provide their info on the card, their home church is notified of them taking communion.

Don't feel you have to fill out a card every time you commune, once in a while is O.K.

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

February 11, 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

Education: Tracy Dombeck

Parish Life: Gail Koehler

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

Trustee: Paul Pehlke

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Linda Evje

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Linda Evje, to appoint Judy Boda as a member of the Parish Life Committee and Fay Rosenow as a member of the Joint Parish Council. Carried.

New council members welcomed.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Gail Koehler, to approve the January 14, 2021

Council Minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$62,736.20 as of January 31, 2021. Of that amount, \$23,991.40 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$38,744.80.

There is new PPP Funding available. Peggy is looking to see if we qualify. Kim will be paid under her business name. The \$100,000 CD at Cloverbelt is coming due February 26th. Rates are low everywhere, so it was decided to keep the money in a CD at Cloverbelt.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Kim Timm, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Thank you for the efforts of both Zion-Redeemer councils on the efforts toward forming the new 2-point parish.
- Reported on recent Worship planning. Looking for ideas for Virtual Worship possibilities.
- Made contact with homebound and hospitalized members via visits and phone calls.
- New council members will be installed during service on February 14.
- Thanked Lois and Arla for their help training Kim. Pastor will be working from Zion on Wednesdays, Thursdays at Redeemer, and will add an additional day either on Tuesdays or Fridays. Kim's office hours are currently Tuesdays 9:00-11:00am.
- 4 Baptisms performed or coming up
- She received her new contract and now has a full time call for Zion-Redeemer with 25 days of vacation. Five of which will be Sundays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

- Motion Tracking up to date.
- Funeral committee still needs to be formed.
- Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to accept the updated Funeral Policy. Carried.

Parish Education

- Confirmation students have started to meet with Pastor. Soon they will be working with the Sunday School students to teach them the Ten Commandments.
- New books have been ordered for the spring.
- Substitute teachers are needed for March.

Worship/Music/Arts

- Plants will be sold for the Easter service.

Trustees

- Fire extinguisher inspection coming up. This needs to be set up when the building is open.
- Batteries changed in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- The landing on the steps to the lower parking lot is full of snow. Hanson needs to knock it down.
- Heating units in offices may not function properly when below zero because they can't keep up. Another portable heater needs to be purchased so there is one in each office. Paul Norrbom will look into buying one.

OLD BUSINESS

- Church Office Assistant job description shared.
- Steps in handling income procedure: Volunteers needed to help count offerings after church, two needed each week.
- Kevin Rosenow received an estimate from PGA to install power to the new central air unit that will be installed in spring, as well as adding an outlet behind the altar. Council felt the estimate was reasonable and a part of the original furnace proposal.
- Historical Society is interested in the old safe. They would come and get it in the spring. Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to donate the safe to the Wittenberg Historical Society. Carried.
- Service cancellation plan discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Linda Evje, to purchase 200 personalized Redeemer pens at the cost of \$0.59 apiece. Carried.

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Kim Timm, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck

Council Secretary

Shawano Area Conference Minutes, courtesy of Gary & Laura Clark

Shawano Area Conference
Business Meeting
February 21, 2021

Council Chairperson Jim Hanson called the meeting to order.

Opening greeting and devotions were from Bishop Anne Edison-Albright electronically. She sent greetings from her husband Shaun, son Walter, daughter Sally and dog Hank. They have settled in their new home in Appleton. She was born in Madison. One of her former jobs was at Redeemer in Point. Her parents are in the process of moving to Appleton. So she has many ties to the area.

She and the assistant bishop Pastor Asher O'Hallahan are coping with the changes co-vid has wrought. They look at the year anniversaries with hope. "Not to the promise when it will end, but to the hope in change."

A couple places to check out: the synod website for church guidelines and Laura Stephens Reed's "The Coming Tidal Wave of Pastoral Departures."

After the blessing by Bishop Anne, Jim had attendees introduce themselves. Secretary's report and minutes of the 2020 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Faith Lutheran, Clintonville; Church of the Wilderness, Bowler; the East Central Synod of WI World Hunger fund; Crossways Camps; and the Homme Home for Youth, Wittenberg, all received \$490 donations.

Pastor Lois Graper presented the Dean's report.

Jim presented the President's report.

Motion to remove Our Saviour's of Lessor from the Constitution was approved.

Motion to elect Debby Menard as treasurer approved.

Motion to elect Pastor Scott Redman as Dean was approved.

The office of secretary remains vacant. We're looking for a volunteer.

Motion to nominate Pastor Sharon Fox-Bogen to the Synod consultation committee was approved.

A male lay leader is still needed for the synod discipline committee.

Pastor Paul Johnson of the Church of the Wilderness was elected to be a delegate to the 2022 National Synod convention, August 8-12 in Columbus, OH.

We still need a female lay person to be a delegate for the 2022 convention.

Motion to keep the 2021 budget to the same parameters as the 2020 budget. Motion carried.

Thank you to Pastor Scott and the staff and members of Zion Lutheran Church of Shawano for hosting the conference meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

March 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 5:30 Worship at Redeemer	4	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion	8	9	10 5:30 Worship at Zion	11 5:30 Church Council	12	13
14 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion	15	16	17 5:30 Worship at Zion	18 5:00 Worship, Arts & Music Mtg	19	20
21 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion	22	23	24 5:30 Worship at Zion	25	26	27
28 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion	29	30	31			

March Anniversaries

Charlie & Bonnie Sparr 3-13

March Birthdays

<i>Emily Norrbom</i>	3-1	<i>June Norrbom</i>	3-14
<i>Paige Norrbom</i>	3-1	<i>Bernice Sickler</i>	3-18
<i>Olivia Starr</i>	3-5	<i>Kayla Hanke</i>	3-19
<i>Tim Backes</i>	3-6	<i>Mary Anderson</i>	3-20
<i>Andrea Nelson</i>	3-6	<i>Tommy Froom</i>	3-21
<i>Evie Low</i>	3-11	<i>Faith Kristof</i>	3-22
<i>Izzi Schmalfus</i>	3-11	<i>Maggie Guetschow</i>	3-25
<i>Jordan Hull</i>	3-13	<i>Mike Mattes</i>	3-29
		<i>Richard Olson</i>	3-31

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If anyone has artificial flowers they would like to donate,
please bring them to the church.
Worship, Music and Arts Committee



ALTAR GUILD:

March & April: Dianne Long & Kari Zeinert

May & June: Dave & Shirley Schmidt & Linda Evje

July: Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke

August: Miriam Nelson

September: Peggy Hartleben & Peggy Emmel

October: Deb Rieck

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.

2021 NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Thank you to all the newsletter sponsors:

March **June Norrbom** – In memory of her husband Carl and son Loren

April

May **Lee & JoAnn Innerebner** – In memory of their daughter Jodi Behreant
Mark & Joan Carlson – In honor of their anniversary May 30th

June

July

August

September

October

November **Melana Schlueter** – In memory of her parents, John & Shirley Hartleben

December

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for 2021,
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!

Our Monetary Discipleship for January & February, 2021

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
1-31	20	\$1210			Greater Wausau Christian Services \$25	\$1235
2-7	N/A	\$0			Bad Weather	No Church
2-14	19	\$1495			Greater Wausau Christian Services \$25	\$1520
2-21	36	\$1570		\$20		\$1590
2-24	24	\$134				\$134
2-28	17	\$1300			Greater Wausau Christian Services \$25	\$1325
Total	116	\$5709		\$20	\$75	\$5804

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** if you include cash. Using the envelopes insures you get credit for monies given to the church.

March Worship Assistants

Please sign up to assist with worship.

**The sheets are located in the Gathering Space,
or call the office at 715-253-2590 or Kimberly Timm at 715-691-6017**

Date	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistant	Organist/ Pianist	Soloist
Sunday Mar. 7	Kimberly Timm	Gary Clark		Barb Nelson	Arla Block
Sunday Mar. 14		Fay Rosenow	Kimberly Timm	Linda Clough	Gary Clark
Sunday Mar. 21	Brad Block	Brad Block		Barb Nelson	Arla Block
Sunday Mar. 28		N/A	N/A	Linda Clough	Drama By Pastor Sharon & Gary Clark

Scripture Talk

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Matthew 27:38-46

*Then two bandits were crucified with him,
one on his right and one on his left.*

*Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,
“You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,
save yourself!*

If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

*In the same way the chief priests also,
along with the scribes and elders,
were mocking him, saying,*

“He saved other; he cannot save himself.

He is the king of Israel;

let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said,

‘I am God’s Son.’”

The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is,

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Questions and things to ponder or discuss about this scripture talk

Feeling forsaken by God would be like...?

Jesus’ death means to me...?

In my home, symbols that remind me of Jesus can be found...?

Have a blessed month of March

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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