

Important Dates:

Easter (3/31) marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is a celebration of the triumph of life over death. Because Jesus died for our sins, we will live with him in heaven and have eternal life.

April 7, Second Sunday of Easter: The Easter season is a season of seven weeks. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

April 14, Third Sunday of Easter: The risen Christ shares food with the disciples and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection .

April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter: It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds (ex.: by sharing our wealth with any sibling in need). In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter: Christ is the vine, and we are the branches. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter: Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Thursday, May 9, Ascension of Our Lord: The risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast with the help of the Spirit.

May 12, Seventh Sunday of Easter: The gospel today is taken from the long prayer that Jesus prays for his followers on the night before his death. It includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and his Father are one. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await.

May 19, Day of Pentecost: Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues so they could understand the disciples—no matter what language they spoke (Acts 2:1-21), to dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14), and to our weak hearts. Jesus promised his disciples that they would be accompanied by the Holy Spirit. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world. The purpose of Pentecost is to remind every Christian that even though Christ died for our sins and that by baptism we accept the forgiveness of our sins, there is something else each one of us needs to do. We need to receive the Holy Spirit so we can do the work of discipleship that awaits each one of us. We invite you to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.



LIVING FEARLESS!

Easter greetings! Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia! I know that my Redeemer Lives! Yes, the Easter season lives on because Jesus lives! The months of April and May according to the Church calendar continue the celebration of Easter. April 7th -May 12th mark the Sundays after Easter with Ascension celebrated on May 9th and Pentecost celebrated on May 19th .

Living Fearless, is this possible? Living each day without doubt or worry about sin and death. It seems too good to be true, but it isn't. May all of us consider this truth as Easter people and as we think of the Apostle Peter. It is no surprise that Peter is one who taught about FEARLESS living! Peter lived it! In several instances, Peter showed himself to be fearless. For example, it was Peter who left the boat to walk on the water to Jesus (Matthew 14:28-29)—and promptly took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink (verse 30). It was Peter who took Jesus aside to rebuke Him for speaking of His death (Matthew 16:22)—and was swiftly corrected by the Lord (verse 23). It was Peter who suggested erecting three tabernacles to honor Moses, Elijah, and Jesus (Matthew 17:4)—and fell to the ground in fearful silence at God's glory (verses 5-6). It was Peter who drew his sword and attacked the servant of the high priest (John 18:10)—and was immediately told to sheath his weapon (verse 11). It was Peter who boasted that he would never forsake the Lord, even if everyone else did (Matthew 26:33)—and later denied three times that he even knew the Lord (verses 70-74).

This is why most of us appreciate Peter, who lived his faith fearlessly, and who learned about Jesus in so doing. Ultimately, he learned about his forgiving and loving Lord who restored him to Jesus after his denial and was commissioned to feed His sheep, and so he did. Fearless living is living forgiven, faith filled and faith full. Peter exemplified this fearless living and served to teach us how we can do the same. Fearless living all made possible through Jesus who died and who is alive forevermore our Savior and Lord!

Happy Easter Season, Pastor Seabaugh
May 2023 Newsletter, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Appleton



You would honor me by
your presence at my
celebration of the
completion of core classes
of study in the ECSW of the
ELCA Lay School of Ministry.

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

May 4, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church
1254 S. Union Street
Shawano, WI 54166

Monthly Bible Scavenger Hunt

Let's have some fun getting to know God's word a little better through a monthly Bible scavenger hunt. Each month there will be a different themed Bible scavenger hunt featured in the newsletter; with extra copies available at the church. Complete as an individual or as a family and place in the raffle box at church by the last Sunday of the month. A winner will then be drawn at random and will receive a prize. Answers will be printed in the next month's newsletter.

April Scavenger Hunt: Name(s): _____

Funny Names in the Bible—Bible Scavenger Hunt #1

1. _____ Eli's grandson whose name means "no glory" – 1 Samuel 4:21
2. _____ Jonathon's son who was crippled – 2 Samuel 9:6
3. _____ King of Babylon who conquered Jerusalem – 2 Kings 24:10
4. _____ Hosea's daughter whose name means "not loved" – Hosea 1:6
5. _____ Hosea's son whose name means "not my people" – Hosea 1:9
6. _____ Ruth's sister-in-law – Ruth 1:4
7. _____ Father of James and John – Matthew 4:21
8. _____ Greek name for Tabitha – Acts 9:36
9. _____ Abigail's foolish husband – 1 Samuel 25:25
10. _____ Noah's second son – Genesis 6:10
11. _____ Son of Cush who was a mighty hunter – Genesis 10:9
12. _____ Isaiah's son with an extra-long name – Isaiah 8:3

March Scavenger Hunt Answers from last month:

1. 12 apostles/disciples of Jesus – Mark 3:14
2. 144,000 Total number from the tribes of Israel sealed for God in the book of Revelation – Revelation 7:4
3. 8 sons of Jesse (including David) – Samuel 17:12
4. 12 sons of Jacob/tribes of Israel – Genesis 49:28
5. 969 age of Methuselah when he died – Genesis 5:27
6. 30 pieces of silver paid to Judas to betray Jesus – Matthew 27:3
7. 7 churches written to in Revelation – Revelation 1:11
8. 4 rivers flowing out of Eden – Genesis 2:10-14
9. 10 commandments given to Moses on the mountain – Exodus 34:28
10. 9 fruits of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23
11. 40 days/nights of rain in the Great Flood – Genesis 7:12
12. 66 books of the Bible – (see your Bible's table of contents)

March Bible Scavenger Hunt Winner: Lois Anderson! (Wooden plaque & chocolate bunny)

(Thank you to all the others who participated: Kim T., Dianne L., Lori H., and Fay R.)



GriefShare

Supporting those who are grieving or hurting as a result of a death of a loved one (spouse, friend, neighbor or anyone close to you).


Suggested by Pastor Sharon for those who would like an in-person grief group instead of on Zoom.
Shirley J Ostrem, Lay Leader/Facilitator
715-359-5531

- Mondays for 13 weeks
- Each with a 30 minute video and a free workbook
- Discussion before and after the video

February 26 – May 20
6:30 – 8:30 pm

These conversations are held in confidence as we share with each other our loss.

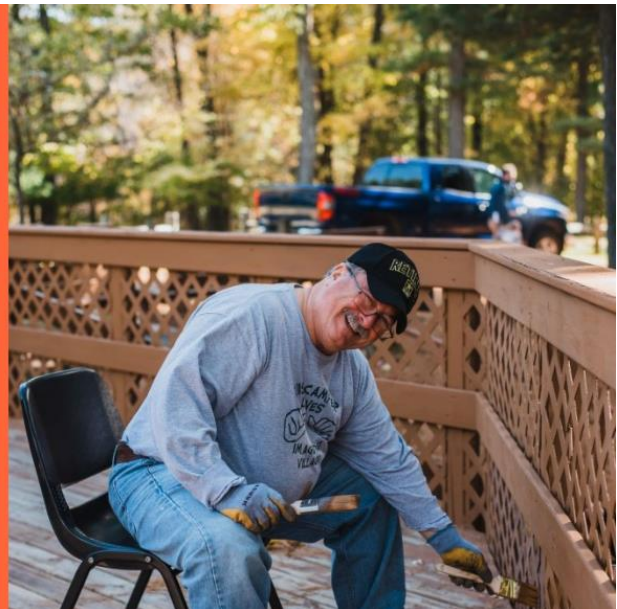
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
503 Schmidt Ave.,
Rothschild, WI



Waypost Spring Work Weekend

Join us for a Spring Work Weekend April 26-28, 2024. Lend a hand alongside other volunteers to enhance and prepare Waypost! Meals and lodging provided to volunteers and fellowship available in the evenings. All skill levels are welcome!

RSVP online or email waypost@crosswayscamps.org with additional questions.



**You don't have to come for a whole day or weekend.
Even a couple of hours of volunteering would be appreciated!**

THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers the following members and loved ones...

Grace Hartleben	Vian Kersten	Eugene Preuss
Gordon & Agnes Schlender	Donna Kubiacyk	June Norrbom
Lorna Alberg	Jean Benz	Rollie Hendrikson
Kay & Reuben Carlson	Sharon Philipp	Travis Nunnery

Pray those who need healing prayers: Nancy Pehlke, Mary Mattes, Betty Zeinert, Fay Rosenow, Andy Peterson, Marlee (niece of Mary Mattes), Allan Innerebner (brother of Lee Innerebner), Dave Carlson (father of Lara), and Max Nelson (nephew of Miriam Nelson). Pray for those who have recently lost their spouse. Pray for safety & guidance for Josie (Kari Zeinert's niece) as she continues her mission work in Osaka, Japan for 2 years. Pray for the family of Dick Hansen who passed away Feb. 27th (cousin of Lee Innerebner), the family of Verna Emmel who passed away March 6th, and for the family of Gavin Kowalski, who passed away on March 11th.

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

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

*****Redeemer Bible Study- during 9:30 am Sunday School. We meet in the Heritage Room downstairs.*****

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.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

TOM SCHRANK	4-1
JEAN BENZ	4-3
JULIE OLSON	4-4
JOSH LANG	4-5
KODY EVJE	4-6
RUTHIE OLSEN	4-6
PEGGY EMMEL	4-6
BETTY ZEINERT	4-9
ANN HAWLEY	4-12
ERIN HAWLEY	4-15
CHARLIE SPARR	4-16
KURT EVJE	4-19
JENNIFER SCHRANK	4-20
GARETH CLARK	4-23
KIMBERLY TIMM	4-23
LINDA CLOUGH	4-24
MARY PETERSON	4-24
CHAD PETERSON	4-27
RINELLA BUNTROCK	4-29



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

DICK & RUTHIE OLSEN	4-11
BRUCE & JOY HARTLEBEN	4-18
JESSE & CARLA HANKE	4-20
JOEL & PEGGY HARTLEBEN	4-30

Our Monetary Discipleship for March 2024

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
3-3	31	\$1,480.00					\$1,480.00
3-10	29	\$540.00			\$1.00		\$541.00
3-17	44	\$1,250.00			\$91.43	← Noisy Coin Offering	\$1,341.43
3-24	28	\$1,265.00					\$1,265.00
3-28	37	\$425.00				\$50 Meal	\$475.00
3-29	36	\$365.00					\$365.00
3-31	87	\$2,531.00				\$508 Easter Breakfast	\$3,039.00
Total		\$7,856.00			\$92.43	\$558.00	\$8,506.43

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!

Community Events!

Wine-Beer-Cheese Gala on April 12 at the WOWSPACE

7 PM-10 PM \$25

See a WOW member for tickets if interested.

(Lois A, Pehlke's, Ann H., Miriam N.)

WOW Spring Art Show-Artist's Free Play

April 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28 at the WOWSPACE

11:00 am – 3 pm (Free!)

Zion's Spring Buffet Luncheon

Sunday, April 14, 2023 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Adults: \$10.00, Ages 8-12: \$7.00, Age 7 & under: Free

Come join us for fellowship & food served buffet style. Meal includes: broasted chicken, pasta salads, fruit salads, vegetable salads, hot dishes, German potato salad, regular potato salad, baked beans, dinner rolls, pies, bars, cheese, pickles, deviled eggs & refreshments.

Monday, April 29: WBHS Band/Choir Spring Concert @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10: WBHS/Community Variety Show @ 7:00 p.m. (fundraiser)

Booyah! Sunday, April 28 Serving 10:15 a.m.'til gone

at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1253 County J, Little Suamico, WI (920) 826-7785

Cost: \$7 adults, \$4 children 7-12, 6 and under are free, \$9/quart carryout



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Norrbom

Members present:

President: Paul Norrbom

Secretary: Lois Anderson

Treasurer:

Vice President: Paul Pehlke

Education: Ann Hawley

WMA: Linda Evje

Parish Life: Kim Timm, Brianna Schmidt, Mary Mattes

Trustees: Jeff Lang, Sandra Lang

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Paul Norrbom

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Jeff Lang, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Sandra Lang, to approve the February 8, 2024 minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$45,420.01. Of that, there is a budget balance of \$7,654.93 and a non-budget balance of 37,765.08. Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Mary Mattes, to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

A motion was made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to send Crossways Camping Ministries their budgeted donation of \$300. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT Contracted Pastor Sharon Fox-Bogen

- Made homebound visits and phone calls.
- Pastor Sharon wanted to share information about grief groups. There are booklets available from Ann in our church office. There is a Wings Grief Group online Tuesdays February 27, March 5, 12, 19 & 26. You may register for the free online class or get more information on in-person groups at the Woodson YMCA in Wausau at wingsgrief.org/zoomgrief-in-person. There is also a group called Griefshare which is free and meets from 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 503 Schmidt Avenue, Rothschild, WI. Contact Shirley Ostrem, facilitator, at 715-359-5531 with questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

- Preparing for Redeemer rummage sale May 10-11 from 8 AM – 3 PM
- Planning to have a float in the Community Days parade
- Will serve food at the WOW concert in July
- Looking into an outdoor worship followed by a church picnic sometime this summer

Trustees

- Otis elevator was her February 20th for a scheduled maintenance check
- North Branch Electrical is preparing an estimate to rewire the kitchen, update lighting on the sign by the road, and suggestions for basement lighting.
- Fire extinguishers have been rechecked and 4 emergency light fixtures have been updated.

Worship/Music/Arts

- Services are set for the remaining Lenten Worship Wednesdays as well as services during Holy Week. Pastor Dennis Nelson will be with us on Easter Sunday
- Songs were chosen through April

Parish Education

- Children will sing, help with reading and ushering, and have a noisy coin offering on March 17th for our Compassion International child from Mexico – Allizon.

- First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, March 28th for Oliver Clark and Maddie Hull. Olivia Starr and Paisley Anderson will have theirs on Sunday, March 17th. Alex Sanderson and Kaylee Baracca will have their First Communion on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

OLD BUSINESS

- President Paul Norrbom sent letters to Pastors Asher and Dara concerning supply pastors and asking to be updated on our status. We are getting very little feedback from them.
- We are still looking for a Trustee. Anyone interested should please call Paul Norrbom.

NEW BUSINESS

- Installation of council will be during worship on April 14th
- Ann Hawley will again bring flowers for purchase by members for Easter
- Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to purchase two new stoves for our kitchen, taking money from Thrivent Choice Dollars. Motion passed.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Kim Timm will have devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Anderson, Council Secretary

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)

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 are not required, but feel free to wear one to reduce the spread of airborne illness.
- 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.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

Please sign up today! (Still an opening on council for a trustee!)

Our list is located on the table in the gathering space. Be an usher, greeter, reader, communion assistant, videographer, or bring treats. For those trained in counting collections after church, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office.

We will have fellowship in the Gathering Space on the days that people bring treats. There is a signup on the table in the Gathering Space. **Thank you!!**



Greetings from Pastor Sharon

Just a reminder, beware of hacking on your phone or computer. Never give people who contact you access to your devices-no matter how nice they act. There have been many local reports of hacking issues lately. If you let someone take control, they can get your banking and credit card information. All pastors are concerned because some scammers use a pastor's name. I will never ask you to send money over the internet. Wishing all of you a safe and Happy Easter! Blessings!! From Pastors Sharon and Phil

Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Parish Schedule of Worship Leaders 2024

Date and Time	Name
Sundays: Redeemer 8:30 a.m. - Zion 10:30 a.m.	
March 31st - Easter	Pastor Dennis Nelson
April 7th, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
April 14th, 2024	Pastor Lois Graper
April 21st, 2024	Pete Krolow
April 28th -Confirmation	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke

The Rummage O'Rama will be the weekend of Mother's Day in May. We will have our sale on Friday & Saturday, May 10th & 11th from 8am to 3pm. When you do your spring cleaning, keep our rummage sale in mind. Please only bring clean & working items. Any remaining items after the sale will be donated to a charity. (Hopefully the VFW as last year).





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

Alzheimer's Topic Classes at Shawano County Human Services:

- April 18: Difficult Conversation when Dementia is Involved from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- May 16: Effective Communication Strategies from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- June 20: Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behavior from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Memory Café (Shawano County): The Shawano County Memory Café meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The April 9 memory café will be at the Shawano Civic Center and the activity will be planting flowers and decorating pots.

Caregivers Support Groups:

- Fourth Tuesday of the month at the Village Town Hall in Bonduel from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Fourth Wednesday of the month at the Tigerton Senior Center from 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- Fourth Wednesday of the month at Beans and Books Coffee Shop on Main Street in Shawano from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Medicare Basics: This free class will go over the basics of Medicare and is open to anyone wishing to attend. Contact 1-855-492-2372 to register.

- April 10 at Shawano County Human Services from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- May 1 at Shawano County Human Services from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- May 15 at the Wittenberg Community Center from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- June 18 at Shawano County Human Services from 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Early Stages / Parkinson's Disease Support Group: This support group is geared towards those in the early stages of dementia and/or those with Parkinson's Disease. The meetings take place at the Shawano Municipal Building the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am – 11:00 am.



Please join us

***Shawano Conference WELCA 2024 Spring Event
"Tea with Neighbors Near & Far"***

***Saturday, May 11, 2024
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
1253 Co. Rd. J
Little Suamico, WI***

***Guest Speaker Deb Martin will be sharing about her
travels to Palestine in 2022 as we enjoy a cup of
authentic Palestinian Tea.***

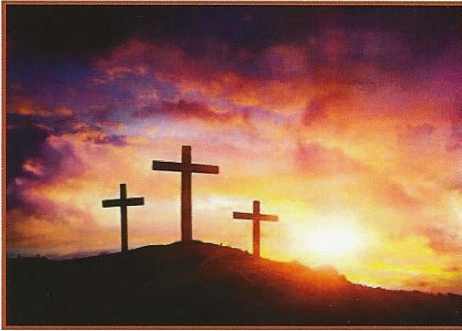
***Enjoy a morning of relaxing interaction,
A fun project,
Worship with Communion,
And a luncheon with dessert.***

***All congregations are asked to bring
a gift basket for the door prize raffle.***

Registration Fee: \$20

Please register no later than May 1st by calling or
emailing Karie at St. John's Lutheran Church.
Phone: (920) 826-7785
Email: stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org





GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES NEWSLETTER

October, November, December

2023

Hello Friends!

Our Director, Chaplain Ray Slatton was very busy these last three months of the year!

This October, he was just recovering from his July knee surgery, and then had COVID in November, which restricted his work for a time.

Despite that, he was doing God's Work for those people who are isolated in our community.

Some of the highlights of Chaplain Ray's activities:

- ◆ Provided end of life support for a resident who was being taken off the ventilator in October. He spoke words of comfort and assurance of the forgiveness of sins that were hers through the gift of faith.
- ◆ Officiated at a wedding that was a direct result of our ministry at Sylvan Crossing.
- ◆ He worked hard to meet the needs of the more than 300 Individual Religious Requests from Jail Inmates during these past three months.
- ◆ He also did two 'ride a longs' with our Sheriffs' within these last three months. On one occasion, he assisted with talking to a person who was suicidal. The Marathon County Deputies were able to gain custody of the person without injury to anyone.
- ◆ Provided Christmas Eve service at North Central Health Care on December 24th. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

Dear Supporters of Greater Wausau Christian Services, these acts of good will, and many, many more untold, are only possible because of YOU! These things are a direct result of your support and donations. Thank you very much for your kindness to those who need to know that God is there with them.

PS: Big news is on the horizon for Greater Wausau Christian Services! Details will be included in our next Newsletter!

EUGENE VIEGUT HAS RETIRED!

After more than 30 years of service to God's people, through his volunteering with Greater Wausau Christian Services, Eugene Viegut has retired from our organization. Eugene provided worship for countless people in nursing homes and living assisted facilities. We are truly thankful for his contribution of time and resources. We wish Eugene all the best!



KIDS KOUNT PROGRAM

Thanks to your support, our Kids Kount Program was very successful this year.

Gifts were provided for 42 children from 21 families.

Thank you to the eight volunteers who organized and wrapped the gifts and the five teams of delivery drivers.

All the gifts were successfully delivered!

Lives Touched In 2023

Elder Care Worship - 2,622

Elder Care Sensory Serv - 1,846

Jail Ministry Inmate Req - 1,196

Jail Ministry Visits - 34

Jail Ministry Classes - 1,316

7014 TOTAL LIVES TOUCHED!

140 BIBLES DISTRIBUTED IN 2023!

578 TOTAL SERVICES AND CLASSES!

Staff and Contact Information

Ray Slatton — Director

Sharon M. Michalski — Administrative Assistant

715-842-5635

gwcservices.org

Thank you to all who donated to Greater Wausau Christian Services in February! (\$125.00 total)
Their ministry services 15 facilities/nursing homes in the Wausau area.



Crossways Camping Ministries Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 16th, 2024

10 AM – Noon

St. Marks's Lutheran Church, Neenah



Crossways Mission Statement:

Following Christ's call to cultivate inclusive communities, equip servant leaders, and create formative faith experiences.

Crossways Vision Statement:

Crossways will establish space and programs for people of diverse ages, abilities, and backgrounds to connect their daily lives with the calling to care for neighbor and creation.

Crossways Camping Ministries consists of three camps: Pine Lake by Waupaca, Imago Dei Village by Clintonville, and Waypost south of Hatley on Mission Lake. Camps promote discovery, appreciation for the environment, skill building, inclusivity, community, faith formation, and lots of fun! One of the camp directors shared the following story. One camper was so excited to share his experiences when his parents came to pick him up. He took his parents by the hand to show them his special place at camp. He led them down to the lake by the fire pit, and said, "This is where I met God!" (That brought tears to the director's eyes.)

Crossways Board of Directors President, Rev. Rich Block gave a summary of the steps that Crossways Camps has recently taken to cut costs and still provide wonderful camp experiences.

- Moving administrative operations to ministry sites, and closing the office in Appleton
- Collaborative leadership: Instead of an executive director, a rotating Chair of Operations will lead amongst their peers for a term of 2 years each to ensure collaborative and mission-centered decisions. Also there will only be two sets of camp counselors for the three camping sites. The two teams will meet for two weeks each at Waypost for a total of four weeks this coming summer.
- Innovative programming and efforts towards inclusion. In addition to confirmation camp and other youth camps for younger campers, Crossways offers Family Weekend, Rooted (camp staff training), Onsite Day Camp (an alternative to VBS for churches), Mini Artisan Camp (arts and crafts), and Self-Determination Camp (for young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.) For the full list of camp options, check out: <http://www.crosswayscamps.org>

Crossways needed to cut costs for 2024 since the CoVid Relief Fund Program has ended (which contributed \$91,708 last year.) Due to careful budgeting, they project that 2024 revenue will be \$898,000 with expenses of \$904,960. That leaves a net deficit of just \$6,960. Congregations are asked to encourage their youth to attend camp (and make families aware of other camp opportunities.) All donations are greatly appreciated and also volunteer hours. There will be a volunteer work weekend at Waypost April 26-28. RSVP online or email Waypost@crosswayscamps.org with any questions. You don't have to come for a whole day or weekend. Even a couple of hours of volunteering would be appreciated!

By: Miriam Nelson and Ann Hawley

Thank you to those who have signed up to be on the 2024 Altar Guild!
There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. August, & October are still open.

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

ALTAR GUILD 2024:

January: Gail Koehler & Ruthie & Dick Olsen
February: Gail Koehler & Ruthie & Dick Olsen
March: Kari Zeinert & Linda Evje
April: Kari Zeinert
May: Kim Timm
June: Nancy Pehlke & Lois Anderson
July: Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke
August:
September: Peggy Hartleben
October:
November: Lori Hartleben & Dianne Long
December: Linda Evje



Youth News

- *9:30 AM Sunday School & also Adult Bible Study in the Heritage Room
9:00 AM Confirmation (at Zion).*
- *The third Sunday of April (21st), the children will sing and help with reading, ushering, and being acolytes.) We will have a Noisy Coin Offering for our Compassion Int. child, Allizon from Mexico.*
- *Olivia Starr and Paisley Anderson had their First Communion on Sunday, March 17th. Alex Sanderson and Kaylee Baracca had their First Communion on Palm Sunday, March 24th. The following students had their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28th: Oliver Clark and Maddie Hull (who also received a Spark Bible).*
- *Confirmation for Robbie Dombeck and Izzi Clark will be on April 28th.*
- *Last day of Sunday School: May 5th*

<https://www.crosswayscamps.org/youth>

Redeemer has a camp fund (from Easter breakfast proceeds) to pay for camp fees for our youth. Contact Ann Hawley if your child is interested in going to camp through Crossways Camping Ministries.

April 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	4 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	5	6
7 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Confirmation at Zion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here	8	9	10	11 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm Church Council 5:30 pm	12 WOW Wine- Beer- Cheese Gala at WOWSPACE 7-10 PM	13 WOW Spring Art Show 11 AM-3 PM (Saturday & Sunday)
14 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion <u>Installation of Council</u> 9:00 am Confirmation at Zion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here Zion's Spring Buffet Luncheon 11:30-1:30	15	16	17 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	18 Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m.	19	20 WOW Spring Art Show 11 AM-3 PM (Saturday & Sunday)
21 8:30 am Worship Children Sing & Help with Service Noisy Coin Offering! 9:00 am Confirmation at Zion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here	22	23	24	25 Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m.	26	27 WOW Spring Art Show 11 AM-3 PM (Saturday & Sunday) Waypost Spring Work Weekend
28 Confirmation 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here No Confirmation class.	29 WBHS Band and Choir Spring Concert 7:30 PM	30	<p>You can get items ready for our rummage sale on May 10 & 11. Thank you!</p>			

May-August – Worship at Redeemer will be at a10:30 AM (and 8:30 at Zion)
Sunday School will still be at 9:30 on May 5th-(the last day of Sunday School).

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

***Worship time is 8:30 am for Redeemer for Jan.-April. (Zion meets at 10:30 a.m.)**

*****In case of inclement weather, be sure to check your email, Facebook, or our website
(or call the church. We'll try to leave a message on our voicemail if church is canceled).**

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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.*

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