



May 2022 Newsletter

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

Faith Leads to Action; See You at Worship

Congratulations to our newly confirmed students at both churches! Now what? You finished your studies, so you are done studying God's - ahhh - no! Sunday School is ending, so our young families can take the summer off from worship. That's like not eating. Please don't do that. It is true that we are busy and need our recreation time. Yes, Wisconsin has a very short season to "go to the lake"; but I hope you worship wherever you go - in a church or in the great outdoors. Tend to your Spirit as you sit at a campfire, go fishing or hiking, or relax under the sun. Be intentional about praising God and feeling God's power in your life.

Martin Luther preached that our faith life is lived out in these 4 vocations: **Family, Work, Church, and Community**. That means we are doing the will and the work of God as we parent and grandparent in ways that honor our children. Providing them with education, medical care; nurturing them with **family** and friend opportunities; making time for meaningful conversations even though we are all busy people! This is a reminder that hearing God's Word on a regular basis will help each of these efforts and teach our children to grow up doing the same!

We also serve God wherever we **work** as we use our gifts/talents from God to do good in the world. Balancing work and family and church can be quite a challenge. Often, the Word of God helps you prioritize these demands and even find joy in your service! Martin Luther reminds us to do each task to the best of our ability without complaining, grateful for the opportunity to contribute to society. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we can gain strength as we learn from the family of God how best to love and honor our colleagues and the people we serve.

Our **community** organizations need our support, too! By virtue of our baptism, we are to be involved in civic concerns: serving on an education board or local town meeting, and doing our part to follow basic rules of law and order, safety and care of property and our environment. God's Will is that we speak up for those who have no voice and use our abilities to support life-giving projects like voting, and feeding the hungry, providing housing, and speaking in respectful ways to get God's work of peace and justice done. Jesus led the way in how to act in ways that lead to a healthy and whole community. People of faith can lead the way today!

Each of the 3 vocations above plus **church** move **faith to action!** I believe that this faith comes alive by living in the natural cycle of creation, taught by God. God rested on the seventh day!

We, too, need to rest and refresh our souls weekly! Please make time to regularly listen to God's word, for it is Scripture and God's love stories that make Christianity come alive. I hope and pray that we all want that for our teens, for our children, and for ourselves! God's work happens everywhere, and we pray that we are a part of it. Ephes 2:10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Your church will help you live out your faith in all 4 vocations! Be the church wherever you are and know that regular worship will feed you for the journey! We are the church!

See you in Worship!

Pastor Sharon



THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers our homebound members...

Ann Block	Kay & Reuben Carlson	Maggie Guestchow
Grace Hartleben	Arletta Crowell	June Norrbom
Verna Tellock	Vian Kersten	Marcia Tellock
Gordon & Agnes Schlender	Donna Kubiacyk	
Lorna Alberg	Eugene & Joanne Pruess	

We are thankful for continued healing of Evie Low, Joanne Pruess, Reuben Carlson, Nancy Pehlke, and Saul Hanke!

Your calls and visits are greatly appreciated. Pastor Sharon tries to visit monthly. She would welcome a volunteer to help. 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	715-253-2721	4) Faith Kristof	715-253-2637
2) Ida Brekke	715-253-2734	5) Lee Innerebner	715-253-2200
3) Gail Koehler	715-253-6275	6) Mary Netzler	715-253-6290

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. We still have some openings on council (Vice President and 2 Trustees), so please contact a council member if interested or if you have any questions on what the job entails.

Thank you for helping!

2022 ALTAR GUILD:

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

There is a sign-up for next year's Altar Guild in the Gathering Space. Please volunteer!

Needed for months of June and August

Our Monetary Discipleship for April 2022

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
4-3	30	\$1175.20			\$9.00		\$1184.20
4-10	47	\$1385.00	\$250.00		\$8.00		\$1643.00
4-14	24	\$300.00			\$9.00		\$309.00
4-15	27	\$290.00					\$290.00
4-17	85	\$2584.00			Noisy Coin: \$130.52	Easter breakfast (for confirmation camp) \$473	\$3187.52
4-24	29	\$1385.00					\$1385.00
Total		\$7119.20	\$250.00		\$156.52	\$473.00	\$7998.72

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!



May Birthdays!

Marcia Tellock	5-1
Kim Norrbom	5-5
Ashley Backes	5-7
Mark Carlson	5-7
James Brabender	5-9
Jordan Hartleben	5-10
Grace Czerwonka	5-11
Linda Meisner	5-12
Maddelyn Hull	5-14
Stephanie Meisner	5-16
Jim Netzler	5-16
Curt Low	5-17
Paul Pehlke	5-18
Shondel Hansen	5-20
Amber Hull	5-20
Nancy Luber	5-23
Jenna Meisner	5-25
Paul Hartleben	5-27
Jerry Nelson	5-27
Melana Schlueter	5-28

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

May Anniversaries!

Roger & Marlis Mathison	5-17
Derek & Tracy Dombeck	5-18
Clint & Sara Horne	5-19
Paul & Nancy Pehlke	5-20
Bradley & Arla Block	5-23
James & Faith Kristof	5-25
Mark & Joan Carlson	5-30

Happy Mother's Day
May 8th!



Memorial Day:
May 30th !

**There will be a
Fellowship/Devotional time in the
Gathering Space on Thursday
May 5th at 1:00 p.m. ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



**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.**

Community Events:

Spring Art Show-Free

Saturdays and Sundays, April 23rd – May 8th, 2022 ~ 11 AM - 3 PM at the WOWSPACE
“Artists’ Freeplay IX” This favorite show features a wide, eclectic collection of artwork by a
variety of area artists.

**The Wausau Lyric Choir is proud to present their spring concert series "All
Things New - A Celebration in Song!"** on Friday, April 29 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, April
30 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 406
Grant St. Wausau. *No tickets-just a free-will donation.*

Upcoming Church Events at Redeemer:

- May 1st: 10:30 a.m. Service, Coffee Served
- May 8th: Flowers for Mothers – Last Day of Sunday School
- May 15th: Confirmation, Children Participate in Worship Service
- May 29th: Memorial Day Summer Kickoff – Hot Dogs & Ice Cream After Church
(Outdoor Service - weather permitting)
- June 5th: Pentecost – Brunch Served at 9:30 am Before Service
- June 12th: Community Days (will try to get a float)
- Tuesday June 14th: Redeemer Serving BBQ at WOW Concert (WOW Art Park)
- July 31st: Evening Service at Redeemer 6:00 pm, Pie and Coffee Served After
(*** Have a lawn chair in your car since we may have other outdoor services this summer,
weather permitting!)

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Norrbom

Members present:

President: Paul Norrbom

Treasurer: Peggy Emmel

Secretary: Deb Rieck

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

Parish Life: Lois Anderson, Arla Block

Trustee: Clint Horn

WMA: Linda Evje

Education: Tracy Dombeck, Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Paul Norrbom

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Lois Anderson, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Arla Block, to approve the March 10, 2022 minutes.

Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$72,752.35 as of March 31, 2022. Of that amount, \$38,549.10 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$34,203.25. Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Ann Hawley, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Lois Anderson, to donate \$200.00 raised during the Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers to the Wittenberg Food Pantry's Student Food Backpacks program. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Planned Sunday worship services as well as Lent and Holy week that were led by her and our Lay Leaders.
- Finishing up Confirmation classes. Taught baptism and made stoles with bible verses.
- Made homebound visits and phone calls.
- Led Wednesday and Thursday Bible studies.
- Updated Council on her recent vacation in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees

- Linda is in the process of cleaning the church pew pads.
- Flagpole needs some attention. (Rope, snaps, paint)
- Additional rock may be needed out front this spring/summer.
- Cemetery Committee was asked to check for cemetery maintenance needs.

Parish Education

- Emailed all parents with reminders of upcoming events.
- May 8 will be the last day of Sunday School, and May 15 is Confirmation Sunday.
- Will be meeting to talk about VBS
- Menu is ready for Easter breakfast. Take out will be available this year.

Parish Life

- During Lent, along with WMA, planned and served Soup/Sandwich suppers on the 2nd, 9th, and 16th that were well attended.
- 20 Easter Blessing cards are ready to be mailed.

Worship/Music/Arts

- Ann purchased flowers to decorate the church on Easter that will be available for purchase.
- Liturgy of Joy will be used on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in May and June.
- The method of serving communion will change in May.

OLD BUSINESS

- Due to the video streaming issues the data speed needed to be increased. This seems to have fixed the issue. The cost of internet increased from \$39.99 to \$59.99.
- Still waiting for a quote on the gutter work. Linda did receive one quote.
- Dave U. installed the business mixer sound system that was approved at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Synod Assembly Service Project: Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This is a non-profit committed to making sure no child must sleep on the floor that will be building bunk beds on May 7th. Donations of bedding can be brought to the Synod Assembly on May 13-14. They are looking for help building the beds and for donations of twin size sheets, quilts or comforters, and pillows. They are also accepting monetary donations. A motion was made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to donate \$500 Thrivent Choice dollars to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Synod Assembly Service Project. Carried.
- Insurance Policy increase from \$2,100 to \$2,500. Due May 1st.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 5:30pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Pastor Sharon.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to adjourn. Carried.

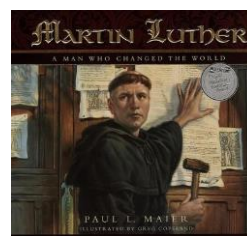
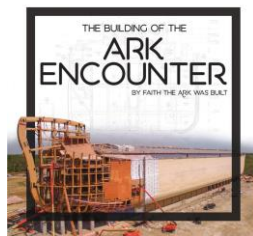
Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck

Council Secretary

**Thank you to Dianne Long for her gift of two books for our church library.
You can borrow the books from the bookcase downstairs.**

- #1: The Building of the Ark Encounter –in Williamstown, Kentucky**
#2: Martin Luther, A Man Who Changed the World by Paul L. Maier



Community Giving

This year's **Synod Assembly Service Project** will be partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit committed to making sure that no child has to sleep on the floor by building twin-sized bunk beds. The East Central Synod of WI will be partnering with SHP in hosting a build day on May 7th from 9 am – 2 pm for at least twenty beds to be given to local children (St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1100 E Murdock Ave, Oshkosh). They are also looking for NEW twin-sized sheets (not white) and comforters, pillows, mattress pads and mattress protectors. Quilts can be twin or full size. Bring these items to church by May 8th so our reps can take them to the Synod Assembly on May 13-14. Donations may be made out to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin marked "SHP" and made on the synod website, www.ecsw.org **Redeemer Lutheran has given \$500.00 collected from generous Thrivent Fund donations to support this program.**



WB Weekend Backpack Program



The Wittenberg-Biramwood 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. **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!

Thank You, Redeemer Lutheran Church

We received a thank you letter from the Homme Home Foundation for our **\$500 gift** to the **Homme Resident Fund** program. The Homme Resident Fund is a very important program of Homme and has a direct impact on the lives of the people they serve. They thanked us for our partnership with them in this ministry to service our community.

We also received a thank you letter from **Crossways Camping Ministries** for our gift of **\$350**. Donations help with staff training, repair and maintenance of facilities, and help to reach more young people with the Gospel message of God's love. They thanked us for being a ministry partner with Crossways.



EASTER FLOWER GARDEN DONATIONS

Sharon & Phil Bogen (M,S)	In Memory of Ruth Fox, Alma & Pernie Bogen
Froom Family (L)	In Loving Memory of Maddy Froom
Darwin & Betty Zeinert (T)	In Memory of our grandson, Zachery Zeinert
Lee Innerebner (T)	In Memory of JoAnn & Jodi
Linda Evje (D)	In Honor of Family
Mary Mattes (D,M)	In Memory of Grandparents
Curt & Evelyn Low (T)	In Memory of Mother and Dad
Vian Kersten (Pink Fl.)	In Memory of Milan Kersten
Dianne Long (Azalea)	Happy Easter, "He is Risen Indeed."
Fay Rosenow (T)	In Loving Memory of Mom, Dad & my husband Ron
Kimberly Timm (R,L,H)	In Honor of the women in my family
Laura & Gary Clark (R,H)	In Memory of Cleta Clark & Edith Welch
Melana Schlueter (D)	In Honor of Ann Block's Birthday
Gail Koehler (L)	In Memory of my family: Bob, Lychelle & Mom Irene
Ann, Calon & Erin Hawley (L,L)	In Memory of Parents & Grandparents

R=miniature rose, L=lily, T=tulip, H=hyacinth, D=daffodil, M=mum
S=orange Easter star

Thank you for donating flowers to make our sanctuary beautiful
for Easter!



If you would like to double your impact to help people facing poverty and hunger, check out **ELCA.org/hunger**. Your gift will be matched today – dollar for dollar – until they reach \$100,000. There is a letter on the bulletin board with more information.

(Sung to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me-Senior Style”) author unknown

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(chorus)

Yes, Jesus Loves Me,
Yes, Jesus Loves Me,
Yes, Jesus Loves Me,
The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go,
On through life, let come what may
He'll be there to lead the way. *(chorus)*

Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile. *(chorus)*

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song,
Telling me in words so clear,
“Have no fear, for I am near.” *(chorus)*

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won,
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love. *(chorus)*

I love Jesus; does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus Loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day
(special chorus for this verse)

Yes, I love Jesus,
Yes, I love Jesus,
Yes, I love Jesus,
I tell Him when I pray.



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

Thank you to the parents of our Sunday School and confirmation students for bringing your children! On Easter, April 17th (the 3rd Sunday of the month), the youth served as ushers, readers, greeters, and singers. Thank you, Laura Clark, our music leader! It was also Noisy Coin Sunday! Thank you, congregation and visitors, for contributing \$130.52 to support Ana Luis, our Compassion International child from Mexico (now 18 years old and training to be a nurse!) The last day of Sunday School will be May 8th (Mother's Day)-and the kids will sing a song in church in honor of mothers. The children will also sing and participate in worship on May 15th-confirmation Sunday when **Laylah Horne** will be confirmed. (There won't be Sunday School that day.)

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers for their service this year: **Tracy and Makenna Dombeck, Ann Hawley, Laura Clark, and Mary Peterson, and also Pastor Sharon** for teaching confirmation students.



May 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion	2	3	4 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	5 Fellowship & Devotions 1:00 in Gathering Space. Church office hrs: 2-4 pm	6	7
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (Last day of Sunday School) Happy Mother's Day!	9	10	11	12 Church office hrs: 2-4 pm Church Council 5:30 pm	13	14
15 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion -Confirmation Sunday! Children participate in the service. Noisy Coin Offering.	16	17	18 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	19 Church office hrs: 2-4 pm	20	21
22 10:30 Worship	23	24	25 Newsletter deadline for June newsletter	26 Church office hrs: 2-4 pm	27	28
29 10:30 Worship Hot dogs & ice cream following outdoor worship.	30 Memorial Day	31				

**May-August we will have Sunday worship at 10:30 am
and Zion will meet at 8:30 am.**

Communion: Communion will be given on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of May.

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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