



July 2022
Newsletter

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July 2022 from Pastor Sharon

Most of you know by now that Phil and I were both sick with Covid June 12-24. We spent most of the past weeks hanging out at home falling in and out of sleep. Very low energy or appetite! Thank you to all who led worship and did the bulletins. Ann Hawley, thank you for creating a beautiful sermon at the last minute! Your prayers are appreciated. Clearly, though, there is no rest for the “wicked”! Ministry is lined up all week long: an exit interview with Pastor Asher from the Synod Office to share my assessment of each congregations’ strengths and growth areas; preparations for Grace Hoffman’s funeral on Thursday, and Emily Minniecheske’s and Dylan Draska’s wedding week-end! I am counting on your prayers that the Holy Spirit will bless each important occasion as well as my sermon preparations!

Each council has been given paperwork to help them understand the transition process to work towards getting a new pastor. The councils will give input on their assessment of ministry so far and how we might anticipate the future of our individual and parish ministries. This process will take at least 3-6 months and longer depending on the amount of transitions in the synod. We trust that God will provide!! Keep on praying!

As we turn the calendar to July, I hope you are all able to get out, enjoy the sun, and celebrate Independence Day with parades, picnics, family gatherings and fireworks! Gone are my waterskiing days but I still love to share a campfire and some ice cream with loved ones. While we must never take our freedom for granted, we must also be sure to never misuse it. These are still turbulent times. Our country is deeply divided on so many issues! But those who call ourselves “Christians” are called to unity – to oneness in Christ!

Please read through Galatians 5. It begins, “ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Listen to vs 13-15 (from the Message Bible). It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don’t use the freedom for an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. **Rather use your freedom to serve one another in love; that’s how freedom grows. For everything we know about God’s Word is summed up in a single sentence. Love others as you love yourself. That’s an act of true freedom.** If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

You and I are called to live by the Spirit. This means we move and speak in ways that bring about a community of love. We are called to avoid selfishness; when we honor the law that serves our own desires, we lose God's way of freedom for all. We are in bondage when our drive to be right strips away another's dignity. As God's church, we must ask over and over, "What is good and healing, freeing, and providing justice and joy for all of God's people?"

Do not lose heart, people of God! It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!!!! In good times and in difficult times, trust this will of God. And we pray that God draws us close together in faith and in fervent love toward one another! Take joy in telling others what good God is doing in this world: still creating, still redeeming, and still sanctifying – making all things whole!

See you at worship as we share the Word of God, the bread of life, and our love for each other!!!!



THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers the following members...

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

We are thankful for continued healing of Curt 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 Altar Guild in the Gathering Space. Please volunteer for Aug.!

Our Monetary Discipleship for May 2022

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
6-5	31	\$2,050.00				*Memorial-Arletta Crowell: \$20 *Brunch donations \$74 *Schmidt Schulta \$50 for custodian	\$2,194.00
6-12	26	\$1,015.00				*Memorial-Arletta Crowell: \$250 *Schmidt Schulta-reseeding fee \$50	\$1,315.00
6-19	20	\$705.00					\$705.00
6-26	18	\$700.00				\$237.00 WOW BBQ's	\$937.00
Total		\$4,470.00				\$681.00	\$5,151.00

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!



Happy Birthday!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7-3 Lee Innerebner
 7-3 Sandra Lang
 7-11 Linda Eyje
 7-13 Kaylen Benson
 7-15 Siri Zeinert
 7-22 Vian Kersten
 7-23 Gordon Schlender
 7-23 Oliver Clark
 7-24 Paisley Anderson
 7-27 Ann Powers
 7-30 Thor Anderson

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

Happy 4th of July!



There will be a
Fellowship/Devotional time at
Redeemer on Thursday
July 7th at 1:00 p.m. ALL ARE
WELCOME! Meet at Redeemer,
and then we'll go to Rainbow
Apartments by Homme Home for
fellowship and ice cream!



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 (July 6th and 20th).

Community Events:

Second Tuesday Concert – Free!

Tuesday, July 12th from 6 PM – 8 PM at the WOW Art Park

Music by Open Tab

Bring chairs & snacks

Tuesday, August 16th from 6 PM—8PM at the WOW Art Park

Music by The Drovers

Food sold by The Homme Foundation

Wittenberg Historical Society

“Rural Schoolhouses that became the present day Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District”

This event will be held at the WOWSPACE on Sunday July 24th

In Concert: Internationally known Trumpeter/Recording Artist/Missionary Don Shire

July 31 at 10:00 am

Peace Lutheran Church, N6145 Hwy D, Tilleda

No admission charge: An offering will be taken

Pot Luck to follow

Upcoming Church Events at Redeemer:

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
June 9, 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: Arla Block, Gail Koehler

Trustee: Clint Horn

Education: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson, Tracy Dombeck

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Paul Norrbom

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Arla Block, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Arla Block, seconded by Gail Koehler, to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$72,988.50 as of May 31, 2022. Of that amount, \$38,425.10 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$34,563.40. Motion made by Arla Block, seconded by Ann Hawley, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Planned and led worship services. Confirmed Laylah Horne.
- Retirement is set for August 31, 2022. She will be using the remainder of her vacation days August 23-31. Discussed farewell service possibilities.
- Office records are being updated. Please get any new cell phone numbers and/or email addresses to Ann Hawley as soon as possible.
- Made homebound/hospital visits and phone calls. Arletta Crowell funeral 6-3-22.
- Attended Synod Assembly in May and worked with Bible Study groups from both churches.
- She recently agreed to lead a Thursday 3:00pm worship 2 times a month at Homme Home.
- Will continue to work with council to create a smooth transition and will continue her homebound visits several more times.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

Nothing new to report. Parish Life and WMA were thanked for planning the recent meals before and after service. They were well attended and appreciated.

Trustees

- Gutter work was approved at the recent special congregational meeting. Work will begin soon.
- Paul met with Ray Sivertsen to discuss gravestone supports for the smaller stones in the old cemetery.

Parish Education

- VBS will be at Zion July 18-21 6:00-8:00pm ages 3 thru 6th grade. Youth helpers welcome. Thursday night there will be games, campfire, and candlelight devotions. All families welcome.
- Future confirmation scheduling being discussed

Worship/Music/Arts No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Pastor shared transition paperwork with council members.

NEW BUSINESS

- eoJohnson can no longer get some parts for our current copy machine, so they discontinued our service contract with them as of May 31, 2022. Ann shared three options and prices we were quoted.
Option 1: Keep our machine and pay eoJohnson to come out when needed. There could be some downtime.
Option 2: Purchase a used printer from eoJohnson and then set up a maintenance agreement.
Option 3: Purchase a new machine with a maintenance agreement.

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Clint Horn, to go with Option 1 at this time. We will keep our machine and pay eoJohnson to come out when needed at a cost of \$175 for the first hour and \$145/hr after that plus cost of materials for parts they can get. Motion carried.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 5:30pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Pastor Sharon.

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Gail Koehler, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

Transition Process for Pastor Sharon's retirement: May – Aug. 31, 2022

1. ✓ Announce to 2 councils
2. ✓ Announce in writing to all members
3. ✓ Connect 2 council presidents with Bishop's office
4. Schedule exit interview with councils and Pastor O'Calligan
5. Complete Administrative checklist. Then send to Synod. Update all rosters and procedures.
6. Agree with Parish Council on boundaries after I leave.
7. Plan time/space for farewells
 - with colleagues, community groups, congregation individuals & families, & homebound members. Arrange final Sunday worship and celebration with councils/committees.
8. Clean office

I will work with 2 congregations, councils, and secretaries to accomplish the above. I ask you to pray for me and your leaders, that we will help this be a good transition, celebrating our time together and working to have all things in order for your next pastor. Now is a good time to write down your constructive comments regarding where we all can improve.

Let Pastor Sharon know if you would like a home or office visit, a walk, a time for coffee, etc.!

Help from God

A woman named Edna finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in serious financial trouble. She's so desperate that she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray...' God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto.' Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Edna again prays.... 'God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well.'

Lotto night comes and Edna still has no luck.

Once again, she prays, 'My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE, just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order.'

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Edna is confronted by the voice of God Himself:

'Edna, meet Me halfway on this. Buy a ticket.'

Info from the Aging and Disability Resource Center: Shawano County

Contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712 with questions or to register for the following events unless otherwise noted.

June 30 - Caregiver Conference (Shawano): This free caregiver conference will be held at Shawano County Human Services from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm on June 30. There will be guest speakers, caregiver goodie bags, and lunch will be provided.

July 11 - Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease: Join the ADRC for this free class on July 11th from 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the ADRC office in Oconto Falls.

July 12 - Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia: This free class will take place on July 12th at Shawano County Human Services from 11:00 am – Noon.

Aug 3 – Sept 7 – Savvy Caregiver (Shawano): This free caregiver workshop is designed to help caregivers learn real-world skills, reduce stress, and learn strategies when caring for a loved one. The 6-week class will be held on Wednesdays, August 3 – September 7, from 9:30 am – noon at the Shawano Library.

Aug 15 & 16 - In the Garden: This free event is a play that shows a family whose loved one has dementia and the struggles the family experiences. The event will take place on Aug 15 at The Falls Performing Arts Center and Gillett from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and on Aug 16 at Franklin Park in Shawano from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Book Club: The ADRC offers a free book club to anyone interested in attending. If you need a copy of the book just let us know! The book club will be held on the following dates:

- July 13: at the Shawano Library from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The book being discussed is “High Octane Brain” by Dr. Michelle Braun.
- August 10: at the Shawano Library from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The book being discussed is “The Problem with Alzheimer’s” by Dr. Jason Karlawish. This meeting will be discussing the first half of the book. The Second half will be discussed on September 14.
- August 18: at the ADRC office in Oconto Falls from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The book being discussed is “My Two Elaines” by Martin Schreiber.

Memory Café (Shawano County): The Shawano County Memory Café meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

Caregiver Support Group (Shawano): This caregiver support group takes place at the Shawano Library the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712 or Kristin Waukau at 715-799-5270 for more information.

Early Stages Support Group (Shawano): This support group is geared towards those in the early stages of dementia. The meetings take place at the Shawano Library the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Lunch & Learn: Join the ADRC to hear different educational topics related to brain health the 4th Monday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the ADRC office in Oconto Falls. This event is free and lunch will be provided. The next event will be held on July 25.

Brain Check-Ups

A brain check-up is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory and cognition. Brain check-ups take about 15 minutes and will be held at local libraries from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm on the following dates:

July 7 – Gillett Library, August 8 – Suring Library, September 7 – Lakewood Library, October 4 – Menominee Library in Keshena

Shawano County UW-Extension is also offering the following events:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and Brain Development: July 27th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, virtual. Contact 715-526-6136 to register.
- Mental Health First Aid: August 10th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, virtual. Contact 715-526-6136 to register.
- Youth Mental Health First Aid: August 17th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, virtual. Contact 715-526-6136 to register.

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.

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!

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.
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Reverend Billy Graham Makes Big Impression on Small Boy

This story is allegedly true:

Reverend Billy Graham tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to post a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, 'If you'll come to the Baptist Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven.'

The boy replied, 'I don't think I'll be there... You don't even know your way to the post office.'



VBS: Zion Lutheran Church has invited our youth to participate in their Vacation Bible School. It will be held July 18, 19, 20 and 21 from 6-8 pm. All are invited! Those who attended last year had a great time. Email us at redeemerwitt@gmail.com or call Pastor Sharon at 715-507-0618 or Ann Hawley at 715-446-2119 if you have any questions or if your child(ren) need transportation to Tigerton.

Treasure Island Vacation Bible School at Zion:

We are looking for volunteers and children to join us in a tropical paradise on Monday, July 18 - Thursday, July 21 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for Son Treasure Island VBS, where we will be discovering the treasures of God's love.

Children completing PreK4 - Grade 5 are welcome to attend. Younger children may attend with an adult and older children can be helpers. Thursday evening, families are invited too so youth can show off what they've learned and made at VBS.

Volunteers may help for just one night or several. We are also in need of snacks and a beverage for each night. Contact Jodi Mallak (715) 571-8000 or Wanda Minniecheske (715) 535-2952 to volunteer or to register your child.

Crossways Family Camp

Experience camp as a family for faith development that builds an excitement for God, creates meaningful faith practices you can continue at home, and invites you to play together in God's amazing creation. We offer programming for all ages! Enjoy mornings that begin with engaging worship, followed by Bible study for age groups led by camp staff. Afternoons are filled with activities of your choosing, including swimming, canoeing/kayaking, arts & crafts, archery, hiking, and more! Close every night with a campfire and songs. Enjoy delicious, wholesome meals cooked for you - and you don't have to clean up!

2022 Dates:

- July 5-8 (Session 4) at Waypost Camp
- July 6 - 9 (Session 4) GrandKid and Family Camp at Pine Lake Camp
- July 31 - August 5 (Session 8) at Imago Dei Village

GrandKid Camp

Whether it's a multi-generational family group with grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, or a parent with their child, or grandparents and grandkids together, family camp with Crossways is an enriching experience for all! Our programming is all-inclusive: meals, lodging, and quality, Christ-centered activities for all ages led by top-notch staff. Enjoy theme dinners, kayak our beautiful lakes, explore nature, and create life-long family memories. :

- July 6 - 9 (Session 4) GrandKid and Family Camp at Pine Lake Camp
- August 7-10 (Session 9) GrandKid and Family Camp at Pine Lake Camp

For more information, check out Crossways Camps' website at

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

July 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 Worship w/Holy Communion	4 Happy 4 th of July!	5	6 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	7 Devotions/Fellow ship/Ice Cream at 1:00. Meet at Redeemer & then go to Rainbow Apts. Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	8	9
10 10:00 Worship	11	12	13	14 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm Church Council 5:30 pm	15	16
17 10:00 Worship w/Holy Communion	18 VBS at Zion 6-8 pm	19 VBS at Zion 6-8 pm	20 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible) Newsletter deadline for August newsletter VBS at Zion 6-8 pm	21 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm VBS at Zion 6-8 pm VBS/Youth and Family Farewell	22	23
24 10:00 Worship <u>Rural</u> <u>Schoolhouses</u> at WOW by Witt. Historical Society	25	26	27	28 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	29	30
31 <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Pie & Coffee served after						

July-August we will have Sunday worship at 10:00 am (except for July 31st) and Zion will meet at 8:30 am.

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

(***) Have a lawn chair in your car since we may have other outdoor services this summer,
weather permitting!)

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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