



Thank you to all who helped with the Zion-Redeemer Parish Float on June 11th for Wittenberg Community Days! We handed out candy, religious bracelets, and pamphlets & magnets about our parish. Brianna Schmidt's singing was awesome!



Love Your Neighbor **excerpts from Our Daily Bread (odb.org), July 2023**

It was just a fun game at youth group, but it held a lesson for us: rather than switching neighbors, learn to love the ones you have. Everyone is seated in a large circle, except for one person who stands in the middle of the circle. The standing person asks someone sitting down, “Do you love your neighbor?” The seated person can answer the question in two ways: yes or no.

1. Designate a person to be It.
2. Have everyone else sit in chairs in a circle around It. There should not be any empty chairs.
3. It approaches someone sitting in a chair and asks “Do you love your neighbor?”
4. If the person answers “Yes I love my neighbor” then the people sitting to the left and right of that person must switch places. It may try to take one of their seats.
5. If the person answers “No” they must also add “but I love everyone who _____ has a sister or is wearing red or has a pet, etc.”. Everyone who meets that criterion must get up and find a new place to sit. It may try to steal of their seats.
6. Whoever doesn’t have a seat is It and play continues.

Don’t we wish we could choose our “neighbors” in real life too? Especially when we have a colleague whom we can’t get along with or a next-door neighbor who loves to mow the lawn at odd hours. More often than not, however, we have to learn to live with our difficult neighbors.

When the Israelites moved into the promised land, God gave them important instructions on how to live as people who belonged to Him. They’re told to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18), which includes not spreading gossip or rumors, not taking advantage of our neighbors, and confronting people directly if we have something against them (vv. 9-18).

While it’s difficult to love everyone, it’s possible to treat others in loving ways as Jesus works in and through us. God will supply the wisdom and ability to do so as we seek to live our identity as His people.

POH FANG CHIA

Who are the “neighbors” you find hard to get along with? How can you love them better?

Father, help me to reflect Your love to those around me—even the difficult ones.

For further study, read [Healing a Broken Relationship at DiscoverySeries.org](https://www.discoveryseries.org).

Insight: Leviticus 19 contains the only Old Testament reference to “love your neighbor as yourself” (v. 18), a fundamental teaching in the Bible. In the New Testament, when an expert in the law asked, “What is the greatest commandment in the Law?” (Matthew 22:36), Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” And he continued, “The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Paul said the commandments are “summed up in this one command” and are “fulfilled in keeping it.” Our love for God is evidenced in our loving treatment of our neighbors.

ALYSON KIEDA

THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

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

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

Pray for healing for Gail Koehler, Travis Nunnery, Marlee (niece of Mary Mattes), Judy Brekke (daughter-in-law of Ida Brekke), Dick Hansen (cousin of Lee Innerebner), Allan Innerebner (brother of Lee Innerebner), and Heather from Zion. Pray for those who have recently lost their spouse: Brad Block, Evie Low, and Mary Anderson. Pray for safety & guidance for Josie (Kari Zeinert's niece) as she continues her mission work in Osaka, Japan for 2 years.

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 | | |

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 5th and 19th).

*****Redeemer Bible Study-will start again on Sept. 17th, 2023 during Sunday School.*****



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7-3 Lee Innerebner
7-3 Sandra Lang
7-11 Linda Evje
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



Our Monetary Discipleship for May 2023

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
6-4	21	\$1,135.00					\$1,135.00
6-11	29	\$2,375.00			\$20.00		\$2,395.00
6-18	28	\$1,116.00					\$1,116.00
6-25	44	\$486.00					\$486.00
Total		\$5,112.00			\$20.00		\$5,132.00

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!

Community Events

WOW 2nd Tuesday Concert at the Art Park

July 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Music by Mike McAbee

Food provided by Redeemer!

Free water & ice cream from Walls of Wittenberg

Next Walls of Wittenberg meeting at the WOWSPACE

July 11, 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please sign up today!

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. Thank you for helping!

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!!



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 8, 2023

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, Mary Peterson, Tracy Dombeck

WMA: Linda Evje, Judy Boda, Carla Hanke

Parish Life: Mary Mattes

Trustees:

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Ann Hawley led devotions.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Judy Boda, to approve the May 11, 2023 minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was perused by the council. There is a budgetary balance of \$50,013.04. Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Mattes, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT Contracted Pastor Sharon Fox-Bogen

- Ann Hawley noted Pastor Sharon said she was making visits and phone calls. Pastor Sharon does have the new forms developed by council to help her track her visits and hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

- Kim Timm presented the \$250 check to Waypost from proceeds from the rummage sale, and Mary Mattes will do the same for the food pantry. Pictures will be posted on Facebook and the website.
- Parish Life will plan and construct a float for the Wittenberg Community Days. We will collaborate with Zion on this float. We have purchased magnets and have brochures printed to pass out during the parade. Brianna Schmidt will sing on the float using our new sound system.
- A joint Zion/Redeemer church service and picnic is being planned for June 25th at Washington Park in Wittenberg. There is a sign-up sheet for food on the bulletin board. Redeemer will provide the main course. It was voted to have Hula Hut pulled pork. Money for this will be taken from Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Redeemer will serve food at the WOW concert on July 11th. If anyone wants to volunteer for that night, please let Mary Mattes or Kim Timm know.

Trustees

- Kevin Rosenow fixed the front door so it opens and closes as it should.
- Trustees have purchased flags for Appleton Marble and Granite to mark stones in our cemetery that are the highest priority to refurbish.. They will come in July or August for 1 to 2 days to repair stones in the cemetery.
- Linda Evje painted the side door and flag pole.
- OTIS came for a maintenance check on the elevator. Ann Hawley will call ATIS to set up an appointment before August so we can renew our elevator license.

Worship/Music/Arts

- Linda continues to schedule supply Pastors.
- Our committee went to the Christian Bookstore to choose new banners and paraments.
- We purchased a new sound system from Best Buy.

Parish Education

- Vacation Bible School will be at Zion again this year July 17-20. You may call either church to register.
- Sunday school and Confirmation will begin on September 17, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

- There is a council position open on the Parish Life committee. Please consider joining Kim and Mary on this committee.
- There was an update on the MSP process from our Transition Team. Our necessary forms have been completed and submitted to the Synod Office.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ann Hawley has been notified by One License (the service we pay an annual fee for being able to play music during our streaming worship services) that we need to report which songs we have used. Ann will take care of this.
- A motion was made by Linda Evje and seconded by Paul Pehlke to continue our support of Ana Luis, our Compassion International Child. Motion passed. August of this year.
- As has been done in the past, there will be no Council meeting in July. A motion was made by Linda Evje and seconded by Paul Pehlke to pay the bills in July. Motion passed.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, August 10th, at 5:30pm. Mary Mattes will lead devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Judy Boda, 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.

Youth News

Vacation Bible School for Zion/Redeemer Parish will be at Zion July 17-20, 6:00-8:00 PM for 4K-5th grade. Older youth can be helpers. Those who attended last year had a great time. To register, email redeemerwitt@gmail.com or call Ann Hawley at 715-446-2119 if you have any questions or if your child(ren) need transportation to Tigerton.

Monumental Vacation Bible School

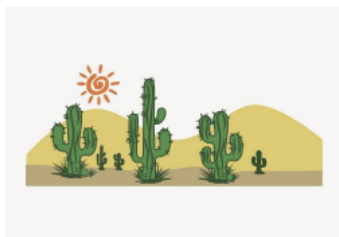
Take a trip to the Southwest to learn about God's awesome and monumental love.

When: July 17 - July 20 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, Tigerton

Who: Children completing PreK4 - Grade 5

(Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult and older children are welcome to be helpers.)



GOD BLESS AMERICA



Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Parish Schedule of Worship Leaders

Date and Time	Name
July 2, 2023 8:30 a.m. R., 10:00 Z.	Lay Leader-Ann Hawley
July 9, 2023 8:30 a.m. R., 10:00 Z	Rev. Phil Bogen
July 16, 2023 8:30 a.m. R., 10:00 Z..	Rev. Dr. Karen Zutz Rendall
July 23, 2023 8:30 a.m. R., 10:00 Z.	Pastor Justin Smoot
July 30, 2023 8:30 a.m. R., 10:00 Z.	Pastor Justin Smoot
August 6 th , 2023 8:30 a.m. R., 10:00 Z.	Pastor Justin Smoot
August 13 th , 2023 10:00 a.m. at Zion (joint worship)	Pastor Phil Bogen
August 20 th , 2023 8:30 a.m. R., 10:00 Z.	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
August 27 th , 2023 8:30 a.m. R., 10:00 Z.	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
Time Change Zion 8:30 a.m. - Redeemer 10:30 a.m.	
Sept. 3 rd , 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	
Sept. 10 th , 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall Liturgy of Joy
Sept. 17 th , 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall Liturgy of Joy

Joint Zion-Redeemer Church Potluck Picnic

10:00 August 13th-- Service at Zion followed by potluck picnic & games outside the church

Earthquake Disaster in Turkey (and neighboring Syria)

Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Write "Middle East Crisis" on your check's memo line and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



Kim Timm presents a \$250 check on June 4th for Crossways Camping Ministries to Rev. Justin Smoot, interim director of Waypost Camp from our proceeds from Redeemer's May Charity Rummage Sale.

**** Please contact Mary Jo to register for any of the events below by calling 715-526-4712 unless otherwise noted.**

Medicare Basics: This free class will go over the basics of Medicare and is open to anyone wishing to attend.

- July 12 at Shawano County Human Services from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- July 12 at Oconto City Hall from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- July 19 at Menominee Department of Aging from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Alzheimer's Topic Classes:

- July 10: Effective Communication Skills at the Gillett Community Center from 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- July 13: Effective Communication Skills at the Keshena Senior Center from 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- July 20: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's at Shawano County Human Services from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
- July 27: Understanding Dementia at Shawano County Human Services from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Thursdays, July 20th – August 24th at the Oconto Falls Senior Center from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. These classes help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a spouse, partner, parent, or friend.

Memory Café (Oconto County): There will be a memory café held on July 15 at the Gillett Community Center from 10:30 am – noon where participants will have the opportunity to try chair yoga.

Memory Café (Shawano County): The Shawano County Memory Café meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The July 11 memory café will be at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens. Transportation may be provided.

Caregivers Support Group: This caregiver support group takes place at both the ADRC office in Oconto Falls and the ADRC office in Shawano the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

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.

Social Hour:

The ADRC office in Oconto Falls is offering a social hour on Wednesdays that is free and open to anyone interested in attending.

- First Wed of the month from 9:00 am – 10:00 am is listening to music, chatting, reading, and meeting new friends.
- Second Wed of the month from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm is a movie matinee.
- Third Wed of the month is lunch and learn featuring guest speakers from noon – 1:00 pm
- Fourth Wed of the month is the caregiver support group from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Brain Check-Ups:

A brain check-up is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory and cognition. Brain check-ups only take 15 minutes and will be held on the following dates:

- June 21 at the Tigerton Legion Hall from 9:00 am – noon
- July 10 at the Gillett Community Center from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- July 19 at the Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center in Bowler from 9:00 am – noon

Strong Bodies Program

Oconto County UW-Extension is offering the Strong Bodies program free of charge! This class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, June 26 – Aug 25, from 8:30 am – 10:00 am at the Oconto Falls Library. Strong Bodies will help increase strength, bone density, balance, and much more! Contact Sarah to register by calling 920-834-6898.

July 2023						
Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 8:30 am Worship	3	4 Happy Fourth of July!	5 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	6 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	7	1/8
9 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion	10	11 Free WOW Concert 6-8 PM in Art Park: Music by Mike McAbee. Food by Redeemer.	12	13 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm No Church Council Mtg this month	14	15
16 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion	17 VBS at Zion 6-8 PM	18 VBS at Zion 6-8 PM	19 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible) VBS at Zion 6-8 PM	20 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm VBS at Zion 6-8 PM	21	22
23 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion	24	25	26	27 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	28	29
30 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion	31					

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

*****Be ready in case the weather is good, for some outdoor services. Have a lawn chair in your vehicle.*****

***Worship time is 8:30 am for Redeemer for May-August. Zion meets at 10:00 a.m. June-August. The next joint worship service followed by a potluck picnic will be at Zion on August 13. If you have yard games, please bring them along!**

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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