

August 2021 Newsletter

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Carol Klinner & Family
in loving memory of **Hilbert Klinner**

Summer Prayer of Inner Peace

Jesus and the disciples took time to get away, to rest and rejuvenate. Hopefully you are finding time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends this summer - maybe some grilling and hanging out on your porch/deck or better yet, at the lake! I am looking forward to our vacation in Montana, ND, and Mnpls this Aug 23 - Sept 7. Phil and I will relax and catch up with friends from his forestry days and with members of our first call, a 3-point parish near Grand Forks, ND. Time to take in the beauty of the mountains and the valleys! Good food and fellowship to restore our souls! This is my borrowed prayer for you and for me in the days and season ahead...

Peaceful Presence,

Grant me the courage to slow down the hurried pace of life in order to be mindful of your ever-present guidance and assistance, especially when I try to go it alone.

Restore my perception of the inherent joy that awaits me in each day if only I turn toward you with a recognition of your vibrant energy moving through me.

Awaken me to a keener awareness of your light-filled presence within my being, especially when life fills with shadows of sadness and the cloudiness of concerns.

Show me how you are dwelling in those places of my life where I've forgotten to welcome you with an open heart of acceptance and hospitality.

Interrupt my self-defeating schemes and desires so I have a keener sense of how they lead me further from you and obliterate inner peace.

When you move me toward change and deeper relationship with you, show me where my resistance to that growth-filled invitation resides.

Enliven my physical senses to the beauty and wonder of ordinary moments and a resounding gratitude for your presence within those moments.

Shake free what keeps my thoughts and feelings imprisoned in anxiety and useless fretting.

Draw me into the stillness essential for your serenity to dwell in my being, and lead me into times of solitude, even if you have to drag me there.

Come, tickle my mind and heart into restored peacefulness so I more readily and wisely welcome you to the home of my heart.

"Prayer Seeds" by Joyce Rupp

Youth Education Update:

- **Youth Game Days-All 7th-12th graders**

Zion Lutheran Church Backyard

August 18 & Sept. 22 – 3:30-5:30 pm Friends are welcome too.

Ballgames, Tag, Stunts, Initiative Games, etc. Bring your ideas and some equipment:

Text pastor at 715-507-0618 to let her know you are coming. Adult help is welcome!

- **Family Fun Day at Mission Lake**

There will be a family fun day at Mission Lake on **August 19th** to get kids excited about Sunday School.

The time: 5:00-8:00 p.m. (eat at 6:00) Teachers will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, buns, and condiments, and families can bring a dish to pass. Activities will include outdoor games (Frisbees, etc.)

We'll hope for good weather, but if it rains, it will be canceled.

- **Sunday School**

*Start date-Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m., which is also Grandparents' Day. Parents and grandparents (and anyone who wants to come) are invited for a special intergenerational Sunday School. Activities will include singing with puppets and musical instruments, a Bible story, a Bible treasure hunt, games, a craft project (decorating cards for Grandparent's Day to be distributed during worship), and a snack. In addition to checking the contact info., there will be a questionnaire for parents asking for talents they can share (driving, arts & crafts, music, treats...) We will also have a permission form so we can post the children's pictures online and share our fun times. Parents please call or email your updated phone and email if needed (Pastor Sharon: 715-507-0618 or redeemerwitt@gmail.com)

*Regular Sunday School will start Sept. 19.

*Teachers: MaKenna Dombeck (3-4 year olds); Tracy Dombeck (K-3rd grade); Ann Hawley (4th-6th grade).

*We hope to have singing during Sunday School, but if the church council advises against it, we will just use puppets and musical instruments.

*Starting in October, Sunday School students will be ushers, readers, and will sing during worship on the third Sunday of the month.

*Sunday School collections will continue to go to Ana Luis in Mexico-our Compassion International child who is now 17 years old.

- **Confirmation update**

Laura Clark will teach confirmation for Laylah Horne when she has volleyball at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. After that, Laylah will join with Zion on Wednesdays (3:30-5:00 p.m.) There may also be an over-night with Zion for confirmation kids. Pastor Sharon has a comprehensive two-year confirmation program for 7th and 8th graders.

- **First Communion class** by Pastor Sharon for Robbie Dombeck, Izzi Schmalfus-Clark, and Jenna and Stephanie Meisner, Emma Pecha, and Nathaniel Horne will be held possibly 9 a.m. to noon on a Saturday and after church on Sunday one weekend in the fall after youth football (or two Saturday mornings). Hopefully we'll find dates that work for everyone.

The High School Youth Gathering is set for July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis. The theme is "Boundless – God Beyond Measure" I would love to go with a group from our Parish. It is incredible worshipping with 20,000 voices, listening to speakers who inspire youth, and witnessing the faith of teens come alive! Who wants to be a chaperone with me?

Pastor Sharon

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

After discussions from the Worship, Music and Arts committee and the Council, and reviewing the survey results, we will continue to follow CDC guidelines and have mask wearing optional for people who have been fully vaccinated. We will continue singing the last hymn and ask that masks be worn during singing as per WI Council of Churches guidelines. People are still encouraged to wear a mask if they feel compromised. Please use your best judgement for the benefit of all.

*****New Devotionals are available in the back of church. Please help yourself!*****



THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers our homebound members...

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

We are thankful for continued healing of Evie Low, Joanne Pruess, Reuben Carlson, Nancy Poelke, 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.

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| 1) Lorna Alberg | 715-253-2721 | 6) Lee & JoAnn Innerebner |
| 2) Ida Brekke | 715-253-2734 | 715-253-2200 |
| 3) Audrey Hartleben | 715-253-2416 | 7) Mary Netzler |
| 4) Gail Koehler | 715-253-6275 | 715-253-6290 |
| 5) Faith Kristof | 715-253-2637 | |

**"This grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing.
It does not lie asleep in the soul.**

**Grace hears, leads, drives, draws, changes, works all in man, and lets
itself be distinctly felt and experienced.**

It is hidden, but its works are evident." ...Martin Luther

Our Monetary Discipleship for July 2021

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
7-4	16	\$640.00	\$250.00				\$890.00
7-11	31	\$2515.00					\$2515.00
7-18	26	\$2010.00					\$2010.00
7-25	20	\$2065.00					\$2065.00
Total		\$7230.00	\$250.00				\$7480.00

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 so much for your continued support!

We have received thank you's from Homme Youth and Family Programs for our donation of \$250, from Wausau Christian Services for \$175, and from the Wittenberg Food Pantry for \$500.

ALTAR GUILD:

August: Miriam Nelson

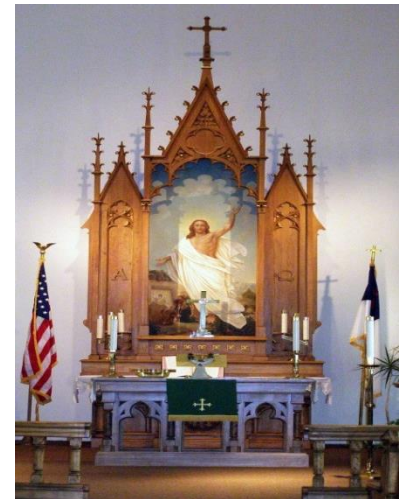
September: Peggy Hartleben & Peggy Emmel

October: Deb Rieck

November: Lori Hartleben & Fay Rosenow

December: Linda Evje

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



*****Mark your calendars for Redeemer's Fall Bazaar on Sat. October 2nd!**
(The same weekend as Shawano County Miles of Art)

Check out <https://ecswlayschool.org/> if you are interested in attending Lay Ministry School. See Lois Anderson, Ann Hawley, or Arla Block if you have questions. Registration is due Sept. 3rd.

WOW Concert

The Walls of Wittenberg is hosting a free concert on Aug. 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Bandshell at Washington Park (across from the Elementary School.) The band will be "The Drovers." Bring a lawn chair, beverages & snacks. There will be food for sale (Homme Home Foundation and Lion's cheese curds) and a 50/50 raffle. Enjoy a night of music while social distancing under the stars in Wittenberg



August Birthdays

Pastor Phil Bogen 8-1
Jesse Hanke 8-2
Lacey Czerwonka 8-2
Alexandria Lee Dombeck 8-3
Lorna Alberg 8-4
Jami Johnson 8-4
Kim Gilbertson 8-8
Ida Brekke 8-9
Sharla Philipp 8-17
Brad Zeinert 8-18
Brandon Froom 8-20
Joy Hartleben 8-20
Kyli Hartleben 8-22
Owen Hanke 8-27
Ian Zeinert 8-28
Lois Anderson 8-30
Tom Kersten 8-31

Anniversaries

Blake & Lacey Czerwonka 8-3
Adam & Kaylin Karcz 8-12
Karl & Lois Anderson 8-19
David & Nancy Luber 8-19
Phil & Sharon Bogen 8-2



PIE IN THE PARK

Third Thursday of the Month - August 19

at the Tilleda Shelter, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Pie, Ice Cream & Music - \$2

Music will be provided.

Come and relax while the kids try out the playground.

Sponsored by Tilleda Advancement Assoc.

NEW: Check out our website at <http://redeemerlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com/> and look under the Genealogy/History tab. I scanned in documents on the history of our church and the Ladies Aid from 1880 and two volumes of Memories of Redeemer. I'm sure you'll find them as interesting as I did! *Ann Hawley*

The ADRC is offering some free upcoming events:



- Book Club: this book club will be reading “My Two Elaines”. The club will meet on August 24th at the Shawano Library from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Contact Mary Jo to register by calling 715-526-4712 or Kristin Waukau at 715-799-5270.
- Memory Café (Oconto County): The Oconto County Memory Café will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. The location for the August 17th meeting is at the Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood. Contact Mary Jo for more information by calling 715-526-4712.
- Memory Café (Shawano County): The Shawano County Memory Café meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. The August 10th meeting will be a pontoon ride on Shawano Lake. Contact Mary Jo for more information at 715-526-4712.
- Alzheimer’s Education Classes: Each month a different dementia topic will be present at the Civic Center in Shawano from 11:00 am – noon. The August 20 meeting topic will be Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia. Contact Mary Jo for more information at 715-526-4712 or Kristin Waukau at 715-799-5270.
- Caregivers Stronger Together: This caregiver support group takes place at The Caring Tree Adult Day Center in Oconto Falls the 4th Thursday of each month from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712 or Bonnie at 920-591-0796.
- 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.
- Managing Stress Workshop: This workshop is designed for those who care for someone with a chronic illness. The workshop will be held on August 23rd at the Oconto Library from 10:00 am – 11:30 am and on August 30th at the ADRC office in Shawano from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Contact Mary Jo for more information at 715-526-4712.
- Boost Your Brain: The aim of this class is to help participants implement new habits to maintain cognitive health while also practicing new skills for better memory performance. This class will meet on Wednesdays (September 15 – November 3) from 10:00 am – 11:30 am at the Shawano Library. Contact Mary Jo to register by calling 715-526-4712.
- Caregiver / Dementia Awareness Mini Conference: On August 27th the ADRC is offering a caregiver mini conference at Shawano County Human Services from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. There will be caregiver comfort bags handed out to participants and lunch will be provided. To register, contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712 or Kristin Waukau at 715-799-5270.

Dementia Care Workshop Aug 25, 6-8 pm St. Anthony Catholic Church Tigerton
RSVP to deb@catholicsupnorth.org or call 715-535-2571

August 2021						
Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Worship with Holy Communion	2	3	4 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring your Bible)	5	6	7
8 8:30 Worship	9	10	11	12 Church Council 5:30 pm	13	14
15 8:30 Worship with Holy Communion	16	17	18 Adult Bible Study 9 am at Schultz Restaurant-Tigerton Youth game day at Zion 3:30-5:30 Gr. 7-12	19 Family Fun Day at Mission Lake, 5-8 pm	20 Deadline for Sept. newsletter	21
22 8:30 Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:30 Worship	30	31				

Pastor Sharon will be on vacation Aug. 23-Sept. 7. For emergency care, please call Pastor Jennifer Sosinski 1-352-360-9673 week 1 (Aug. 23-27) or Lois Graper 715-853-2549 for week 2 (Aug. 28-Sept. 7).

Reminder, we change service time in September to 10:30 a.m.



Communion

Communion will be given on the 1st & 3rd weeks of worship during the summer months.

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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