



August 2022 Newsletter

Sponsored by **Lee Innerebner**-In Loving Memory of
My Wife JoAnn and My Daughter Jodi Behreandt

Pastor Sharon's Farewell Message August – 2022

“Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you since I have you in my heart. For in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you are all partners in grace with me. Phil 1:5-7

My heart is full! We grew into partners as we shared the good news of God's extravagant love for all people, in fact, for all creation! Why did God call me to Zion? Bishop Jerry felt I needed to be in a congregation that would love me! Thank you, Zion, for teaching me how to be a pastor and then for letting me deep into your lives. Then God called me to full time pastoring as we partnered with Redeemer. It took us time to bond and many conversations to learn about each other's gifts and talents. As VBS unfolded this summer I witnessed what I had hoped for: all our kids enjoying each other in singing, crafts, bible stories, and games! And the leaders from both churches – joyful in serving God together! Even discussing possibilities for doing more together!

What a privilege to be your pastor!! Favorites: Serving Holy Communion, leading children's sermons and baptisms, and presiding at worship. I pray that the Holy Spirit made the Gospel come alive in your lives! It was most rewarding to teach confirmation, care for the sick and homebound, share grief and hope at many funerals, meet many in your homes, pray with you and for you! Thank you for your love for your own family, for your church family, and for your community! Your ministry is more widespread than you realize! Also, I relished hearing your stories of faith and what touched you in worship! Your generosity in time and talents and stewardship amazes me! You are sending me out to do the same in whatever congregation that Phil and I join in the Wausau area. I will miss being your pastor. But I am ready to retire!

Together you have 3 talented musicians and many who love singing, terrific readers, strong youth leaders, the best possible Sunday School leaders, two amazing office managers, two dedicated councils, and numerous capable volunteers to help with worship. Together, you are blessed to have members who care about your homebound. Together, you could share a variety of worship styles and fun fellowship times. What service ideas might you share that would give everybody joy?

Here's my parting challenge. Pay attention to how God might be calling you and the whole church to stop expecting youth and young adults to show up in our building. Face reality! How might worship and the word of God be brought to them? We have begun to do that virtually so that all can participate at home at their own convenience. They could host a group chat and give their offerings electronically. Might our councils consider new and creative ways of assisting local groups in our community, i.e., schools, civic groups, Alpha House, W.O.W., food programs, craft classes...?

What do Tigerton and Wittenberg people like to do? I know a church who comes together each year after hunting season to share a delicious game meal. Others have met for beer and Bible talks. God works through all creation; what interests do our members already have that might be taught or shared? Forget about the

large numbers from way back when and go with small groups. People are dying for relationships. We as church know how to welcome all! Go for it!

Know that God has given you all the gifts you need to be church together in this area. I pray that your hearts will continue to be open as you share the incredible good news of Jesus Christ! "You are a beloved child of God....here's how I came to believe it." God is with you as you prepare for a new pastor. Do not be in a hurry. All in God's time as you prepare your hearts to welcome a new shepherd! Please be patient with them and celebrate their unique God-given talents. Trust and love go a long way..... As of Aug. 21, I will no longer be your pastor. The councils and I are setting boundaries with Synod guidelines in mind for what I can and can't do prior to a new pastor arriving. You will always be close to my heart.

Love and prayers, Pastor Sharon



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, and Lindsey Kersten!

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!

Our Monetary Discipleship for July 2022

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
7-3	14	\$1,830.00					\$1,830.00
7-10	30	\$2,225.00					\$2,225.00
7-17	20	\$1,150.00					\$1,150.00
7-24	30	\$2,290.00					\$2,290.00
7-31	20	\$1,420.00					\$1,420.00
Total		\$8,915.00					\$8,915.00

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!



Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

Blake & Lacey Czerwonka 8-3
Adam & Kaylin Karcz 8-12
Karl & Lois Anderson 8-19
David & Nancy Luber 8-19
Phil & Sharon Bogen 8-29

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



On July 7th we had a Fellowship/Devotional time at Rainbow Apartments. What a wonderful time of sharing and caring! We'll have to do this again!



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 (August 3rd and 17th).

Community Events:

Tuesday, August 16th from 6 PM—8PM at the WOW Art Park
Music by The Drovers
Food sold by The Homme Foundation

Sunday, August 28: Hope in the Park - Danny Gokey Free Concert at Marathon Park-Wausau

12:00 Food Vendors open (outside main gates), 1:30 Main Gates open
1:30-3:00 Kid's Activities, 1:30-3:30 music, speakers, and more
4:00 Danny Gokey (You can hear many of his songs on 89.5 FM-89Q.)



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Norrbom

Members present:

President: Paul Norrbom

Secretary: Deb Rieck

Education: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson

WMA: Linda Evje, Kimberly Timm, Carla Hanke

A quorum was present.

Treasurer: Peggy Emmel

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

Parish Life: Arla Block

Opening Devotions: Ann Hawley

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

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Carla Hanke, to approve the June 9, 2022 minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$72,259.74 as of June 30, 2022. Of that amount, \$38,742.46 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$33,517.28. Three of the last four months the monthly budget has been in the deficit. Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Planned and led worship services.
- 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. Grace Hoffman funeral 6-30-22.
- Working with the Education Committees and Laura Clark on planning future confirmation classes.
- Will continue to work with council to create a smooth transition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

- Pie Social planned after 6:00pm worship on July 31st.
- There are currently 33 churches in transition. May be awhile before we get a new Pastor.
- Discussed Final Farewell Service
- Aug. 10th there will be a Joint Council meeting with Zion at Redeemer.

Trustees

- Soffit work is complete. Waiting on gutters.
- Rock and mulch are needed to fill in the front of church.
- Lower gutters need to be cleaned out.
- Parking lot blacktop work will be needed in the future.

Worship/Music/Arts

- Need to contact Zion regarding Farewell Service and Substitute Pastors.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Transition Process: List of substitute Pastors/Lay People shared. Redeemer council will be meeting and working with Zion council.

NEW BUSINESS

- A survey will be created and given to the congregation regarding what we would be looking for in a new Pastor.
- Farewell Service for Pastor Sharon on August 21st is being planned.

Next Council meeting, **Wednesday**, August 10, 2022, at **5:00pm**. A joint council meeting will follow. The meeting was closed with prayer led by Pastor Sharon.
Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Linda Evje, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

**Oh God, you have called
your servants to ventures
of which we cannot see
the ending, by paths as
yet untrodden, through
perils unknown. Give us
faith to go out with good
courage, not knowing
where we go, but
only that your hand is
leading us and your love
supporting us; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

By Eric Milner-White

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.

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!

Aspirus Angels: Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services is in need of volunteers to work with terminally ill patients and their families by providing presence, respite, and companionship. There is more information on becoming a Hospice Volunteer on our bulletin board, or go to www.aspirus.org/volunteers. Go to the middle of the page and click on "Wausau Area" and then your area of interest. Training is based on your schedule and needs.

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.

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:

- 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.

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:

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

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

- 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.

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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Crossways Camping Ministries Homecoming 2022 – Save the Date

Last fall, we decided to try something new. Instead of holding a fancy Gala dinner, we planned a Homecoming event to welcome people back to camp after Covid kept so many of us away. It was a wonderful day of reunion and outdoor fun. The response was so positive, we're planning Homecoming 2022.

**Homecoming 2022 at Waypost Camp
Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



We're still planning all the details, but we hope you'll put a note on your calendar now. We'll have classic camp activities, a great meal, and a chance to tour the site. This will also be a fundraiser event, helping to raise campership money for our Summer 2023 campers!



VBS: Zion Lutheran Church invited our youth to participate in their Treasure Island Vacation Bible School July 18, 19, 20 and 21 from 6-8 pm. Eight of our Sunday School students participated and had a great time. Makenna Dombeck was a youth helper, and we had several adult helpers who volunteered also. Thank you Zion (especially Wanda, Jodi, and Susan) for this amazing opportunity for our youth to learn about Jesus through stories, games, crafts, singing, and snacks! The children discovered many treasures of God’s love. (For more pictures, check out our Facebook page and website.)



MEMORIES AND GOOD WISHES FOR PASTOR SHARON

Pastor Sharon’s last day at Zion and Redeemer will be August 21st. We would like to make a binder for her with “Thank you’s” and good memories from the congregation, and present it to her on the 21st. Please give them to Ann Hawley or mail them to church (attn: Ann H.) by August 7th. Thank you!

August 2022						
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 10:00 Worship w/Holy Communion, Baptism: Hank Andrew Peterson	8	9	10 Church Council 5:00 pm church basement Followed by meeting with Zion at 6:30 pm here	11 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	12	13
14 10:00 Worship	15	16 WOW Concert- The Drovers 6-8 pm	17 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	18 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	19	20
21 Worship w/Holy Communion Pastor Sharon's last day of worship!! Potluck afterwards. (time to be determined- maybe with Zion)	22	23	24 Newsletter deadline for August newsletter	25 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	26	27
28 10:00 Worship Danny Gokey Concert-Marathon Park – 4 PM	29	30	31			

August we will have Sunday worship at 10:00 am (except for August 21st) and Zion will meet at 8:30 am.

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

(*** 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