



Pass the Hula Hoop!

Crafts



Vacation Bible School 2023

Thank you to Zion for organizing a monumental VBS July 17-20 from 6-8 p.m. Everyone had a great time learning about God's monumental love for us with the theme of the American Southwest. Games, crafts, Bible stories, singing, and snacks made the time fly by. The offering for the mission project this year went towards Greener Pasture Small Farm Sanctuary in Tigerton so goats and a rooster visited us on Wednesday. Thrivent Dollars helped sponsor VBS.



Musical Chairs



Holding a Rooster!



Petting Goats



Duck, Duck, Goose (with water!)



Singing on the last day for family & friends after enjoying ice cream sundaes.

Turn Your Platform into an Altar

Having a platform — or an avenue to communicate with lots of people — can be useful to share important messages, as long as we don't focus on our number of followers and pageviews. A platform also may tempt us to think we're the gift being offered; instead, I like to picture an altar. It's a place of offering and humility, where we give sacrificially through the reach God provides.

Use these reminders to view your platform as an altar:

- Strive to obey and trust God, who calls and strengthens you.
- Be a good steward of God's gifts and messages, caring for the people you're reaching. Avoid comparisons with others, looking to God alone for validation and approval.

Through Abraham's willingness to surrender his only son, the Old Testament patriarch modeled how a platform can become an altar. So did Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, who became the ultimate sacrifice to pay our debt. As his New Testament followers, it's our privilege to invite others into this paradoxical kingdom, to give of ourselves as a living sacrifice. —Monica Wilkinson



Abraham Prepares to Sacrifice Isaac

Living as Poetry of God

For Christians, the Scriptures are our first source of guidance for how to live, and within them, Jesus is primary. But God speaks through nonbiblical voices too: preachers and teachers not found in the Bible, and even literature that isn't directly Christian. God, who used King Cyrus of Persia to free the exiled Israelites, can use *anyone* to call us to right living. Take, for example, Walt Whitman's description of life as poetry when we live certain ways, and God as "the greatest poet":

"This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the [vulnerable], devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, ... and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency. ... The known universe has one complete lover and that is the greatest poet. ... His love above all love has leisure and expanse." (From the preface to *Leaves of Grass*, 1855)



It's a Miracle!

I believe in miracles. While I believe in the possibility, under God, of any kind of miracle, I am committed especially to the miracle of the changed life. When a human being goes from despair to hope, when a lost soul comes home, or when a mean and destructive person becomes kind and fruitful, the greatest of all miracles has occurred. J. Ellsworth Kalas

Keep Trying

In *The God Who Stays*, contemporary Christian musician Matthew West writes about the pandemic's fear-filled early days. After his concert tour was abruptly canceled in March 2020, he rode to an airport "feeling utterly hopeless about a world that was spinning out of control."

Then Arthur, his ride-share driver, began singing along to the radio — and the song happened to be West's "The God Who Stays." West joined in, jokingly asking how he sounded. "Not so good," Arthur replied, not knowing West's identity. "You keep trying."

The driver shared how those lyrics uplifted him during life's difficulties, and West later recalled that conversation during lockdown, while wondering where God was. The musician realized he had "settled for a socially distant relationship with the One who is nearer than I dare to believe, closer than the air I breathe." But West pictured "God running toward me with open arms like the prodigal's father," and he resolved to keep trying — and to grow closer to the God who always stays.

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. 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.*****



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
Mark Schmidt 8-4
Maddox Karcz 8-5
Kim Gilbertson 8-8
Ida Brekke 8-9
Sharla Philipp 8-17
Brad Zeinert 8-18
Kaylee Baracca 8-20
Brandon Froom 8-20
Joy Hartleben 8-20
Kyli Hartleben 8-22
Owen Hanke 8-27
Ian Zeinert 8-28
Lisa Schmidt 8-28
Lois Anderson 8-30
Tom Kersten 8-31

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

Blake & Lacey Czerwonka 8-3
Adam & Kaylin Karcz 8-12
Kimberly & Dave Timm 8-18
Karl & Lois Anderson 8-19
David & Nancy Luber 8-19
Phil & Sharon Bogen 8-29



Our Monetary Discipleship for July 2023

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
7-2	16	\$1,190.00				\$200 from Zion towards parade expenses	\$1,390.00
7-9	30	\$2,840					\$2,840.00
7-16	24	\$570.00				\$219 food sales-WOW concert	\$789.00
7-23	25	\$890.00					\$890.00
7-30	21	\$240.00					\$240.00
Total		\$5,730.00				\$419.00	\$6,149.00

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 Tuesday Concert Aug. 15, 6-8 PM

"The Drovers" at WOWSPACE Art Park

Food for sale by the Wittenberg Fire Department

Bring a lawn chair, beverages & snacks. Free water & ice cream.

Next Walls of Wittenberg meeting at the WOWSPACE

Tuesday, August 1, 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

Fall Luncheon Invitation

Ladies of Redeemer Lutheran: You are invited to 'A Fall Luncheon' to be held Thursday, Sept . 7th at 11 AM at Holy Family-St. William Parish in Wittenberg. Guest speaker - Pati Kachel. will entertain you with her heartwarming faith filled, memorable stories that encourage, delight, & inspire. Lunch will follow. Tickets are \$10 on sale after 8 am Mass on Sundays in Wittenberg while supply lasts. Or call Margie at 715/881-0017. Tickets are limited so get yours soon!

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.

Mark your calendars for our next church picnic on August 13th at Zion in Tigerton. Worship is at 10 AM with the picnic following. There is a sign-up sheet for food on the bulletin board.



Youth News

Sunday School (9:30 AM) and Adult Bible Study (9:30 AM) will start on Sept. 17th at Redeemer. Confirmation (9:00 AM) will start on Sept. 24th. Worship at 10:30 AM starting in September. Invite friends!

“Nacel Open Door International Student Exchange, a non-profit organization, is working with local high schools and is currently seeking volunteer Host Families for incoming international high school students for the 2023-2024 school year. Host families may select their own student from countries around the world. Students pay for their own expenses and come with their own health insurance. Host Families provide a safe and loving home and parental guidance and support. For more information on this exciting opportunity, please contact Didi Jakubowski at (920) 810-0909 or Abby Krueger at (715) 460-0345. Making the World a Smaller Place One Smile at a Time!!”

Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Parish Schedule of Worship Leaders

Date and Time	Name
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 Liturgy of Joy
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	Lay Leader-Lois Anderson
Sept. 10 th , 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Sept. 17 th , 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall Liturgy of Joy
Sept. 24 th , 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
Oct. 1, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Oct. 8, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Lay Leader-Pete Krolow
Oct. 15, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall Liturgy of Joy
Oct. 22, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Phil Bogen
Oct. 29, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Nov. 5, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z *Daylight Savings Time ends! Set clocks back 1 hour Sat.pm	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
Nov. 12, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Nov. 19, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Pastor Karen Zutz Rendall
Nov. 26, 2023 10:30 R., 8:30 a.m. Z	Lay Leader-Ann Hawley

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

August 27 - 89Q Hope in the Park

This FREE concert will feature Steven Curtis Chapman on Sunday, August 27th at Marathon Park in Wausau. Gates open at 1:00 pm. Concert at 4:00 pm. Food trucks will be onsite.



Steven Curtis Chapman will be the artist at Hope in the Park on Sunday, August 27, 2023!

In a career that has spanned more than three decades, Steven Curtis Chapman is the most awarded artist in Christian music history. With 59 Gospel Music Association (GMA) Dove Awards, five GRAMMY® Awards, an American Music Award, and a historic 50 No. 1 singles, he has sold more than eleven million albums with ten RIAA-Certified® Gold or Platinum albums to his credit.



57TH ANNUAL
AUG. 25-27, 2023

LUMBERJACK DAYS

TIGERTON
COMMUNITY PARK

FRIDAY | AUG. 25TH

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

6PM - \$30 PER MIXED COUPLE TEAMS 100% PAYBACK.
REGISTER BY 8/20 TO ANGIE WILLMAN AT 715-881-0815

KIDS HOT WHEELS RACES

STARTING AT 6:30PM

SATURDAY | AUG. 26TH

NORTHWOODS PREFERRED ANGUS

STRONGMAN/WOMAN CONTEST

REGISTER AT 1:30PM - CONTEST AT 2:00PM
QUESTIONS CALL WALLY BREITENFELDT AT 715-459-6115

FREE TO KIDS 12 & YOUNGER

KIDS BIKE GIVE AWAY

TICKETS AT 2:30PM, DRAWINGS AT 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30
DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT PREMIER COMMUNITY BANK

FREE CORN ROAST

ROASTED & BROILED STARTING AT 4:30PM

KIDS ACTIVITIES

LUMBERJACK PRINCESS

CROWNING BETWEEN BANDS, AROUND 6:30PM

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

OPEN DOUBLES AT 10:00AM, \$30 PER TEAM 100% PAYBACK

LIVE MUSIC

2:00PM - TOM KATALIN

7:30PM

BLINDSIDE
ROCK • BLUES



FOOD & REFRESHMENTS ALL WEEKEND!

BUCKET RAFFLES SAT. & SUN.

DRAWING AT 5PM SUNDAY

SUNDAY | AUG. 27TH

PARADE AT 1:00PM

ENTRIES: CONTACT JOLENE TAUFERNER AT 715-881-0110

LUMBERJACK CONTEST AT 2:00PM

FEATURING 3 ANTIQUE SAW CLASSES

KIDS ACTIVITIES

**LIVE
MUSIC**

THE DROVERS

2:00PM TO 6:00PM

TOUCH A TRUCK

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE, SEMI & STOCK CARS

\$1,000 PRIZE RAFFLE

DRAWING AT 6:00PM

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TIGERTON ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND
TIGERTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 239

TO DONATE, VOLUNTEER OR QUESTIONS CALL WALLY BREITENFELDT 715-459-6115

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

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.

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

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.

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!!



Pastor Asher has set a meeting date to meet with both church councils, MSP, and Call Committee members. Date: Sunday, August 6th, 2023 Time: 3:30 p.m

Redeemer Council Meeting: Thursday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.

August 2023

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	3 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	4	5
6 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 11-3 Last day of Witt. Historical Society Event at WOWSPACE 3:30 Joint Council Mtg/Call Comm. at Zion w/Rev. Asher	7 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	8	9	10 Church Council 5:30 PM No church office hrs. today	11	12
13 10:00 am Joint Worship at Zion followed by church picnic!	14	15 Free WOW Concert 6-8 PM in Art Park: Music by The Drovers Food by Witt Fire Department	16 Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	17 No church office hrs.	18	19
20 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion	21	22	23	24 No church office hrs:	25 Lumberjack Days-Tigerton	26 Lumberjack Days-Tigerton
27 8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion Lumberjack Days-Tigerton. Parade 1:00 Steven Curtis Chapman in Marathon Park 4:00	28	29	30	31	1 Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	

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