

# September 2021 Newsletter

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**Sharon Philipp & Family**  
In loving memory of **John Philipp**

## **“Let Me Hear Your Body Talk!” “Church” = The Body of Christ**

Did you know that **the church IS the body of Christ in the world**, the means for God getting God’s mission accomplished? It’s true! Our song for ministry in Wittenberg and Tigerton areas could be, “Let me hear your body talk”. (I know it’s an old song.) “Practice” for this important walking and talking our faith takes place every Sunday morning. Confessing, forgiving, praying, listening to God’s Word; joining together in the Apostle’s Creed, Lord’s Prayer and Holy Communion – all to be sent out into the community to act out and speak out Peace, Hope, Justice, and Love!

Join us! **Zion 8:30am or Redeemer 10:30 am. Sunday School at both churches begins at 9:30am on Sept 19. Redeemer** will have a special intergenerational (all ages) Sunday School to **honor our grandparents on Sept 12**. Card making, puppets, story time, and treats will bring family joy!

The church, since its birth on Pentecost, has always been about gathering the disciples together to fellowship and worship, to gain strength and encouragement in their work out in the world. So exciting that whenever 2 or 3 are gathered in Jesus’ name, Jesus is present! **We hope you will be present as well!**

**Your everyday life shows how you believe and Who you follow!** Neighbors and co-workers and friends will notice how you are using your talents and words to spread joy and welcome to all! Powerful, mind-blowing, awesome, and bit scary! Jesus chooses us?!? Jesus chooses me?!? Yes, you! Yes, us! In your baptism, God claims you as God’s very own child – You are loved just the way you are: flaws and talents, doubts and confidence, faith and lack of faith. God uses us as a church to get God’s work done!

**So, what is God’s work?** Bringing life to all! God’s mission is to let everyone know and come to experience God’s love and peace - the kind of love with no strings attached and the kind of peace which the world cannot give. As we share how God is making a difference in our lives, as we invite others to connect with our congregation, we become who God intends us to be! A body of believers! We need all types of body parts: builders, planners, decision makers, cleaners, cooks, speakers, teachers, those who are good at welcoming, storytellers, listeners, and of course, all ages: babies to grandparents!

Now that summer vacations and softball/baseball games are concluding, we begin the rhythm of fall back to school activities. **We pray that “being church together” becomes one of your priorities.** Not only will you be blessed and renewed...so will the community! We need everybody’s gifts unwrapped for God’s purposes. We need all body parts talking! We need you! And all that you can offer for the sake of Christ! You are part of Zion/Redeemer which is part of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, which is part of the ELCA, which is part of the whole Christian church on earth. God’s work, our hands!!!

Together, with God’s surprising ways of working in our lives, we can make a big difference in our jobs, schools, and homes. Let’s hear your body talk! See you at worship and Sunday School!!!!

*Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen*

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## Youth Education Update:

- **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 the bird puppets that we will make, 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 (Rally Day).** There will be a fellowship meal following worship!

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

\*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**

Due to volleyball season, Laura Clark will begin confirmation class for Laylah Horne at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday mornings **starting Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>**. After volleyball season, 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

- **Youth Game Day-All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders**

Zion Lutheran Church Backyard

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

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

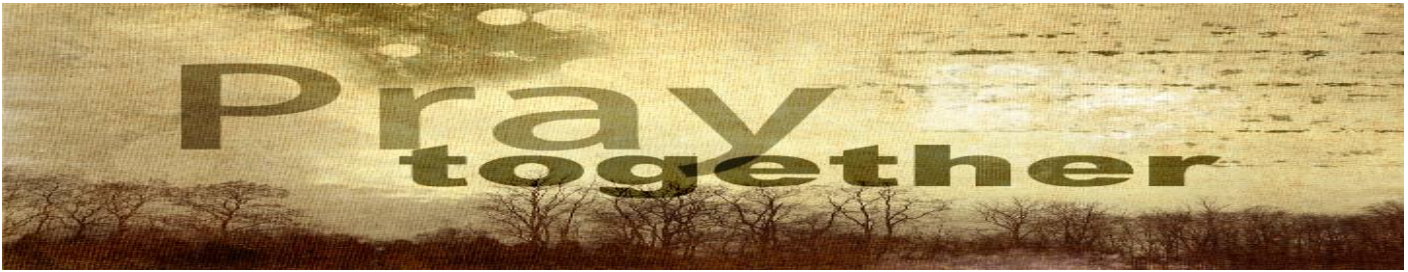
Text pastor at 715-507-0618 to let her know you are coming. Adult help is welcome!

- **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. **Please call Pastor Sharon so we can find out what works best for families of 3rd - 5th graders!!!! Call 715-507-0618.**

**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 worshiping 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*

***Walls of Wittenberg Fall Art Show: Saturdays and Sundays September 18-26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and October 2-3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.***

***Annual WOW Wine/Beer/Cheese Gala on Sept. 17 from 7-10 p.m. to kick off the Fall Art Show (See Nancy and Paul Pehlke, Ann Hawley, Miriam Nelson, or Lois Anderson for tickets: \$25)***



**THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!**

Please remember in your prayers our homebound members...

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

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 | 5) Lee & JoAnn Innerebner | 715-253-2200 |
| 2) Ida Brekke    | 715-253-2734 | 6) Mary Netzler           | 715-253-6290 |
| 3) Gail Koehler  | 715-253-6275 |                           |              |
| 4) Faith Kristof | 715-253-2637 |                           |              |

**Our Monetary Discipleship for August 2021**

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
8-1	23	\$1625.00					\$1625.00
8-8	17	\$425.00			\$38.00	\$100 reseeding fee	\$563.00
8-15	24	\$1970.00					\$1970.00
8-22	18	\$955.00					\$955.00
8-29	14	\$345.00					\$345.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5320.00</b>			<b>\$38.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$5458.00</b>

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!



## September Anniversaries

9-4 Paul & Kim Norrbom  
 9-11 John & Mary Anderson  
 9-23 Jordan & Amber Hull

## September Birthdays

9-5 Carla Hanke  
 9-10 Sara Horne  
 9-13 Grace Hartleben  
       Dianne Long  
       Cheryl Tellock  
 9-17 Bonnie Sparr  
 9-22 Clint Horne  
 9-23 Makenna Dombeck  
       Saul Hanke  
 9-26 Amanda Boge  
       Vivian Hartleben  
 9-29 Bruce Hartleben  
       Paul Kristof  
       Courtney Rosenow



### ALTAR GUILD:

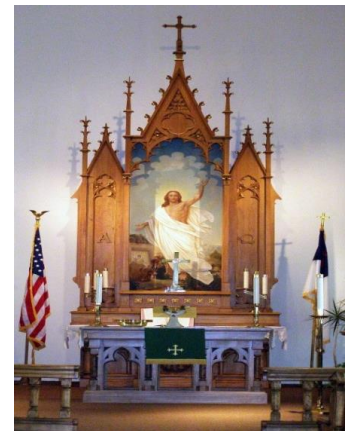
**September:** Peggy Hartleben & Peggy Emmel

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

*(The same weekend as Shawano County Miles of Art)*

**9am – 2pm**

- Please consider helping by providing handmade art/crafts, baked goods, produce items, or a basket for the raffle. Items can be donated or given on a consignment basis (church 15%) to offset your ingredients/materials.
- Please put price tags on your items with your name or initials.
- Items can be dropped off at church Thurs. 10-4, or after 8 am on Sat. Please call Lois (715-253-2603) or Arla (715-454-6498) if these times are inconvenient and arrangements will gladly be made to accommodate you. Thanks!!

## In Honor of Grandparents Day (Sept. 12)

# Family History Interview (from iMom.com)

How did your dad propose to your mom? What did your mom want to be when she was a little girl? Does she have any regrets? My mom never told me those things, and I never asked her. Now it's too late. My mother has died. Before it's too late for you, video your parents and grandparents answering these family interview questions about their lives.

To start gathering your family memories, arrange for a time to interview your subject. Your subject can be anyone from yourself (you get to be the interviewer and the interviewee), your spouse, a parent, grandparent or favorite relative. If the interview process seems too long for one sitting, arrange a weekly or monthly time to meet until you are finished. ? If an interview isn't possible, or your relative doesn't feel comfortable with an interview, print a list of questions for them that they can fill in themselves.

## The Interview

Make your subject as comfortable as possible. Provide refreshments and thank them for their time.

Start with the basics:

Record their name, their place and date of birth, and their age at the time of the interview.

You can print out the following questions to use during your interview. These are only suggestions — ask about anything you might find interesting, or that you know is an interesting part of your subject's life.

## GENERAL

- What are three words that best describe your overall life?
- What was the happiest time of your life?
- What was the hardest part of your life?
- Who influenced you the most in your life?

## CHILDHOOD

Now, let's go back to your childhood. Tell me, how many brothers and sisters do you have and where do you fall in the order?

- What were the names of your brothers and sisters?
- Who were you closest to?
- When you were born, what did your parents do for a living?
- Would you say you were poor, comfortable, or well off as a family at that time?
- What was your neighborhood like?
- Who were your neighborhood friends?
- Would you describe your childhood as a happy time? Why or why not?
- What did you do for fun on the weekends?
- Did you and your family take vacations? What did you do?
- Where did you go to elementary school?
- Did you like school?
- How were your grades?
- Did your parents read to you?
- What was your favorite childhood book?
- What was your best subject in elementary school?
- Did your teachers make you feel good about yourself?
- Who was your favorite teacher? Why?
- Did your family move around a lot when you were a child?

## **PARENT**

- Back to your parents – what was your mom like?
- Was she affectionate with you?
- Did she have any nicknames for you?
- What do you know about her background?
- What about your Dad?
- Were you close to him growing up?
- What about his background?
- What words do you most remember from your mom and dad?

## **SCHOOL LIFE**

- When you were a child, what did you think your adult life would be like?
- Did you dream of a career or traveling or having a home, or anything like that?
- What were your high school years like?
- Did you like high school?
- Were you involved in any activities?
- Who were your best friends?
- How would you describe yourself in your high school days?
- After high school, did you go straight to work or continue with more schooling?
- What were those years like?
- If you did go to college, did you apply yourself?
- How did you decide what to study?
- What was your college campus like in those days?
- What was your favorite course?

## **CAREER**

- How did you choose your career?
- If you had it to do over again would you choose the same one?
- Tell me about your first job.
- What was your work philosophy over the years?
- Did you enjoy going to work?
- What was the highlight of your career?

## **RELATIONSHIPS**

Now, let's talk about relationships.

- Tell me how you met \_\_\_\_\_ (spouse).
- How old were you each when you met?
- Did you date right away or were you friends first?
- What attracted you to him/her?
- When did you know this was someone you could marry?
- Describe how you two became engaged.
- Who did you tell first?
- How long was your engagement?
- Did your parents approve of the marriage?
- Where were you married?
- Describe your ceremony and reception.
- Where did you go for your honeymoon?
- How long was your honeymoon?
- Where did you two live when you were first married?
- Did you each work?
- What was the hardest adjustment you had to make to marriage?
- Did you feel like you went into marriage prepared?
- What advice would you give to someone considering marriage?
- How would you advise them to choose a mate?

## CHILDREN

- Did you plan on having children?
- How long had you been married when you expected your first child?
- How did you choose his/her name?
- Where was he/she born?
- Were you there at the birth?
- Tell me about the births of all of your children.
- How did children change your marriage?
- What's the best parenting advice you ever received?
- What advice would you give?
- What was your discipline philosophy regarding your children?
- What was the happiest time of raising your children?
- What about the saddest or hardest?
- Would you have done anything differently?

## FAITH

Now let's talk about your faith.

- What are your beliefs about God?
- What role has faith played in your life/?
- What role does it play now?
- Do you read the Bible?
- If so, do you have a favorite verse?
- What do you believe happens after we die?

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- As you look back over your life, what significant world events do you remember most? (Kennedy assassination, moonwalk, Vietnam War, September 11)
- What other events shaped your life — the defining moments?
- Did you ever go through serious illnesses or injuries?
- How did you pull through?

## FAVORITES

- Do you have any hobbies or interests?
- What about in the past — what were some of your hobbies?
- Are you artistic or musical?
- Do you enjoy movies?
- What are your three favorite movies?
- Do you like to read?
- What are your three favorite books?
- What about politics — do you vote regularly?
- How are you registered — democrat, republican or other? Has that always been the same?
- Do you enjoy travel?
- Would you have liked to have traveled more?
- What was your best travel experience?

## FINALLY

- If you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?
- What would you like future generations to know about you?

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Arla Block. Members present included President Arla Block Vice President Paul Norrbom, Treasurer Peggy Emmel, Mary Peterson, Paul Pehlke, Linda Evje, Tracy Dombeck, and Pastor Sharon. A quorum was present.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Tracy Dombeck to approve the June 10, 2021 minutes. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Peggy reported an account balance of \$65,580.92 (budget and non-budget) as of July 31, 2021.all benevolences have been paid. Discussed what to do with our current CD. Tabled until next month. Motion by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke to approve the treasurers report. Carried

PASTORS REPORT

Visited hospitalized and home bound members including Homme Home.

Conducted funeral services for Charles Good (graveside) Bernice Sickler and Anne Johnson.

Attended Shawano Conference Pastors luncheon.

Vacation scheduled for August 23-September 7.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

Bazaar October 2<sup>nd</sup>..

Parish Education

Sunday school starting with Grandparents day on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>..

Worship, Music and Arts

August 29<sup>th</sup> Zion will come here for an 8:30 service. Refreshments after.

Rally Day Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Tailgate party after the 10:30 service. Packer attire welcome.

Trustees

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Linda Evje, for the trustees to hire Frank's Construction for concrete work needed on the outside stairs and sidewalk for a bid of \$9000. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bethany safe may go to Shawano Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann Hawley has volunteered to be our new office assistant.

Next meeting Sept 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30. Devotions: Paul Norrbom

Motion by Linda Evje, seconded by Peggy Emmel to adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Peterson



September 2021						
Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring your Bible)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Church Council 5:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 Intergenerational Sunday School (for Grandparents Day) 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Adult Bible Study 9 am at Schultz Restaurant-Tigerton	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation (Rally Day) 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion (followed by fellowship meal)	<b>20</b> Deadline for Oct. newsletter	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Youth game day at Zion 3:30-5:30 Gr. 7-12	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

Pastor Sharon will be on vacation Aug. 23-Sept. 7. For emergency care, please call Pastor Lois Graper 715-853-2549 (Aug. 28-Sept. 7).

**\*\*\*Reminder, we change service time in September to 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School/Confirmation at 9:30 a.m.\*\*\*** Zion will meet at 8:30 a.m.



## Communion

Communion will be given on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of September.

**Church History:** 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*

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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*