



December 2020 Newsletter
Sponsored by Deb Rieck in memory
of her parents,
Richard and Patricia Semrow

Newsletter - December 2020

Advent - Just in Time!

Pastor Sharon



Time....sometimes it seems to go too slow while other times, it seems to go way too fast. We would like to control it but the clock keeps ticking. Advent invites us into letting go of managing our every minute. What will we find out when we slow down, take time to breathe, time to wake up to the presence of God: in our past, our present, and our future?

Church has a season for this work. We call it Advent - a time to wait, to watch and to wonder as we look for the many ways God has, is, and will come into our lives. This is the time we look backwards and see the many times that God has been with us through good times: the birth of our babies, the celebrations that gave us joy, and the many times of healing. This same God stood by us in bad times: when we felt hurt or caused pain to another, when we felt lost, lonely, or perhaps desperate. Our faith calls us to trust God in all circumstances! Advent helps us wait on God and remember that from the beginning, God loved us into being. No sin or flood or wickedness, or even this pandemic can take away the life that God has in store for us.

As a church we are invited to look for new ways that God guides us to give life to those in need: making and wearing masks, adjusting the ways and times we gather for worship or watch virtually from our living rooms, holding off on group singing for the time being, following health protocols so that our medical teams can do their jobs, and supporting food programs. Prayers that we will continue to wonder how God is leading us to be the church in 2020! To be sure we must not rush the process. It is a time to watch and wait and trust God's guidance in bringing healing and restoration through the experts who are creating new vaccines.

God will not give up on us. Not even death stands a chance when God sets foot on earth. In Jesus' birth, Hope is born! As we hear the Wonder of God's love in Jesus, we are set free from whatever separates us from who God made us to be. Our past is broken open, our present becomes full of possibilities, and our future is made secure. For God in Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, abides with us every minute and every hour. No need to worry because your life is on God's time, in God's hands.... Advent is just in time! So, breathe! Take time to wonder at all the ways God is working and still creating in your life and in the world!!!

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Special Congregational Meeting
November 15, 2020

A quorum of 25 members was present.

Council Vice President Linda Evje called the meeting to order.

The floor was opened up for questions regarding Redeemer's Newly Revised Constitution.

Motion made by Roland Hendrikson, seconded by Kevin Rosenow, to adopt the Newly Revised Constitution as presented. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

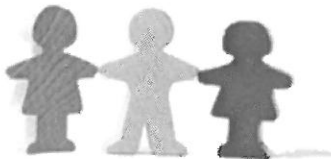
Linda presented high-lights from the 2 Point Parish agreement set forth by Zion and Redeemer Councils. The floor was opened up for questions regarding this merger.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Maribeth Netzler, to join with Zion Lutheran Church of Tigerton and become a 2 Point Parish. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

Children's Sunday School



We will have Sunday School on December 6th and 13th.

On December 20th we will do a little program during church.

After that we are off for the holidays, and Sunday School will resume Jan 10, 2021.

Our Monetary Discipleship for November, 2020

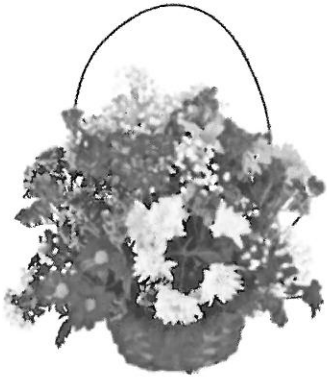
Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
11-1	15	\$2175	\$25	\$30	Reseeding - Johnson \$50 Nancy Moritz Burial \$50	\$2,330
11-8	15	\$2550		\$12	Memorial- Bob Alberg \$25	\$2587
11-15	33	\$1045				\$1045
11-22	8	\$1265		\$10	Hartleben burial permit and reseeded \$50	\$1325
Total		\$7035	\$25	\$52	\$175	\$7287

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** if you include cash. Using the envelopes insures you get credit for monies given to the church.

December Worship Assistants

Please sign up to assist with worship.
The sheets are located in the Gathering Space,
or call Linda Evje (715-454-6613), Peggy Emmel (881-0858),
or Mary Netzler (715-253-6290) Thank you.

Date	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistant	Soloist	Organist/ Pianist
Sunday Dec. 6					Linda Clough
Sunday Dec. 13					Barb Nelson
Sunday Dec. 20					Linda Clough
Thursday Dec. 24					Barb Nelson
Sunday, Dec. 27					Barb Nelson



If anyone has artificial flowers they would like to donate,
please bring them to the church.
Worship, Music and Arts Committee

ALTAR GUILD:

January & February: Gail Koehler & Ruthie Olsen
March & April: Dianne Long & Kari Zeinert
May & June: Dave & Shirley Schmidt & Linda Evje
July: Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke 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.

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Arletta Crowell – In memory of her husband, Elmer
February, 2020 **Roland & Karen Hendrikson** – In memory of Roland's sisters Margaret, Carol and Karen
March, 2020 **June Norrbom** – In memory of Carl and Loren
May, 2020 **Bob & Lorna Alberg**
June, 2020 **Lee & JoAnn Innerebner**
July, 2020 **Vian Kersten** – In memory of her husband Milan
August, 2020 **Carol Klinner and family** – In memory of Hilbert Klinner
September, 2020 **Sharon Philipp** – In memory of her husband John Philipp
October, 2020 **Melana Schlueter** – In honor of her mother, Shirley Hartleben
November, 2020 **Miriam Nelson** – In memory of her parents, Morris and Arlene Nelson's wedding anniversary
Gail Koehler – In memory of her husband Robert
December, 2020 **Deb Rieck** – In memory of her parents, Richard & Patricia Semrow
February, 2021 **Fay Rosenow** – In memory of her husband Ron

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The monthly sponsorship covers the cost of those newsletters being mailed, along with the monthly fee for our website.

Thank you to all who sponsor the monthly newsletter!

Advent

ADVENT, WANTING TO WAIT

They waited four thousand years –
the People of God...

Waiting to be redeemed, waiting to be brought back
from all that snatches us up into slavery and sin,
That is the real waiting.

We wait for weeks.
Really, we, too, wait a lifetime.
For waiting is the stuff of life,
waiting is the stuff that gives us grace
to understand
gift,
patience.
humility-
the miracles of time.
O, Lord, help us to wait,
watch,
keep vigil,
understand and love these passing days
until your Son is born again
in our vacant, yearning bodies.



Operation Christmas



The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th. We will again be helping Homme Youth & Family Programs make Christmas brighter for the youth there. We will be setting up a tree with 20 tags on that we would like to fill. We need the gifts no later than Sunday, December 13th. Until the Christmas tree is put up after Thanksgiving, you may put the gifts in the Gathering Space in gift bags or with wrapping paper (please leave unwrapped). Below is a list of gift giving ideas appropriate for the boys, ages 10 through 18.

Thank you in advance for sharing the love and joy of Jesus this Holy Season!

Population: Boys ages 10 thru 18

New Clothing sizes: M through XL

Athletic Shoes sizes: 8-11

Legos for ages 10+

Badger/Brewer/Bucks items

Winter Jackets/Snow Pants

Axe Gift Sets

Basketballs/Footballs

Origami Paper in Books

Fishing Gear

Teenage/Adult Coloring Bks

Children's & young adult books

Remote Control Cars

Games

Snowboots sizes 8-11

Slippers

Watches

Art Supplies

Word Find/Crosswords

Mens/Teen Boys Necklaces

Wallets

DVD – G or PG movies

PS4 games rated “E”

Sweatshirts

McDonald's gift cards

Car Air Fresheners (for rooms)

Rubik's Cubes

Young Teen Cologne

Gift Bags are welcome; please leave gifts unwrapped.

*** No Bathrobes, Food or Glass items, please.**

December

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation				5:00 pm Church Council Reports for Annual Report Due		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30 am Worship				4:00 pm Worship	Christmas	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
8:30 am Worship						

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Redeemer in Wittenberg 4:00 pm

Zion in Tigerton 6:00 pm

All are welcome!

As always, we need to hear the good news that our Savior comes to us in human flesh. God is here with us all the time, and on Christmas Eve we feel drawn to this glorious Light, longing for the joy that is born again in each of our hearts! You are invited to gather for worship with a few special twists this year...

Here is what we are planning to keep all of you safe. We will begin in the church sanctuary with prayer, instrumental music, Bible readings and a brief sermon. Then we will proceed, weather permitting, with electric candles outdoors for the singing of several carols. Please dress according to the weather. If you feel more comfortable, you can sit in your car for the singing.

Here is how we ask you to help keep yourself, your family and all present safe: please wear a mask, maintain distance from those who are not in your immediate family – seating will be spaced in the pews and other open areas, music will be instrumental or solo. The only group singing will be outdoors in family units. We thank you for respecting protocol and promise to pray for any of you who must stay home due to sickness or personal safety concerns. These plans can change closer to Christmas so watch our FB pages, your e-mail, or call Pastor Sharon 715-507-0618.



Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



Maribeth Netzler	12-2
Pam Daffron	12-3
John Anderson	12-5
Kevin Rosenow	12-6
Randy Berndt	12-6
Lori Hartleben	12-7
Karl Anderson	12-8
Katie Norrbom	12-8
Peggy Stelter	12-11
David Luber	12-16
Stacey Schrank	12-20
Danny Schrank	12-24
Dave Schmidt	12-25
Karen Kersten	12-26

Andy & Mary Peterson	12-11
Gary & Laura Clark	12-31



Please leave the parking spaces near the entrance doors for those who need them. Thank you.