



February 2020 Newsletter
Sponsored by
Roland and Karen Hendrikson in
memory of Roland's Sisters
Margaret, Carol and Karen

1-17-20

Hello Redeemer friends, my partners in the Gospel!

John opens his Gospel, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (Vs10) This Word has been with us from the beginning of time and continues to be the truth beyond time as we currently know it. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (Vs. 5) Although Zion and I are new to you, we have been joined long before this partnership became a reality. Chosen in our baptism we are called to this light. We celebrate this word made flesh, this light among us, this God who is with us through thick and thin! I look forward to the adventure ahead. We can begin by sharing our stories about how we are drawn to this light, about who God has made us to be, and about where we imagine God is calling us in 2020.

Here's a bit about my story. I look forward to hearing each one of yours. Being the youngest of 13 Foxes, I consider myself well-loved and over teased by my 12 siblings, 7 brothers and 5 sisters. I am used to chaotic and fun holiday celebrations while I grew up in Milwaukee, not too far from the stadium. Early on I learned to speak up to be heard, to be responsible, to work hard and to wait my turn. We all went to a Mo Synod Lutheran grade school, learning to love Bible stories, worship and the beauty of God's creation. My older siblings and my mother were incredible faith leaders for me! God's light of love and grace shined clearly as they lived out God's unique calling, tending to their own family, school, church and work life. I saw and heard many stories. Fun, funny, devastating, heart wrenching....

I became an ordained pastor in 2017 but have served the wider church for 25 years as a deacon, associate in ministry, Pine Lake Lutheran Camp Director, hospital chaplain, malaria campaign fund raiser, Christian educator, Retirement Community specialist, and as a lay leader in VBS, confirmation teacher, fitness instructor, Synod global missions committee, and youth group leader. Wow, I must be old! It has been a joy and a challenge to serve God's church whether that is in a congregation, conference, synod, outdoor ministry. or churchwide. Amazing relationships, not all easy or perfect, but by the grace of God, full of forgiveness, tears and laughter, faith and growth. Time to discover God at work in us, individually and as the body of Christ! Now you and I, Redeemer, are given

this privilege to partner in faith!

My first job took me to Sheboygan as a Recreation Supervisor where I got paid for playing: fitness, volleyball, basketball, swimming, playgrounds, afterschool programs, senior citizen clubs. Fun and healthy with terrific colleagues! I took these skills to Luther and later to Wartburg Seminaries. As your pastor, I support all these God-given activities and relationships; it is good to care for your body and for your relationships. It's a balancing act to keep family and worship life a top priority! Will you support me in doing so, even as I encourage you? I am always up for a walk and talk!

You will soon get to meet my Norwegian/Swedish husband Phil. He is an ELCA pastor of 27 years, former US forester, avid golfer and all-around good guy. We have 2 sons, Aaron, a music geek/DJ in St Paul, MN and Adam, a new graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College who is enjoying working at the Seward Food Coop in Minneapolis, MN. He's an outdoors, "go green", make a light footprint on the earth, activist. Grateful to God for my family!

Grateful also for you, my new church family! Let's be gentle on each other as we take time to hear each other's stories and to look for God's light in the center. Beginnings are precious, a time to be gentle, patient and honest with each other, time to look for each other's giftedness, time to get real and share our questions and convictions. God's Word and Light will lead the way. Let's help each other listen, look and see the God who was, is and will be right in the middle of it all!!! Waiting for your story!

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In case of emergency Call the above number and/or call our home number 715-845-3530 which is also the Trinity & St Peter parish number.

I am available in this area/office at Zion on Wednesdays and at Redeemer on Thursdays. Calling for an appointment is the best idea as I will regularly be out visiting our homebound members. Happy to meet you in Wausau on other days by appointment. I will work out of my home office Tuesday and Friday.

Monday is my day off!

Please help me take care of myself by trying not to call me on Mondays.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Weisensel

Members present:

President: Dan Weisensel Vice-President: Arla Block
Secretary: Deb Rieck Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel
Education: Mary Peterson, Ann Hawley, Tracy Dombek
Parish Life: Lois Anderson, Joy Hartleben
Trustee: Paul Pehlke, Brad Zeinert, Ryan Buntrock
Worship, Music, & Arts: Maribeth Netzler
A quorum was present.

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to approve the January 12, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda. Carried.

Council visitors: None

Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Maribeth Netzler, to approve the December 2019 Meeting Minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peggy submitted the Treasurer's report showing an account balance of \$166,859.99 as of December 31, 2019. Of that amount, \$38,522.93 was budget funds and \$128,337.06 was non-budget funds. (\$85,000 of the non-budget funds includes money received for the parsonage.) Investment Report: Christian Education Fund balance \$65,135.54 and Larson Fund balance \$37,296.52. Cemetery Funds \$65,286.96.

Motion by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Arla Block, to approve the budget report and January bills as presented. Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

- Will be meeting to go over and update membership list.
- Planning the next game night.

Parish Education

- Running smoothly
- Every 3rd Sunday students will be singing in church

Worship/Music/Arts

- Christmas decorations came down last Sunday. Thanks to everyone that stayed after church to help.
- Hymns need to be picked. Going to discuss this with Pastor Sharon.
- At this time Redeemer WMA will not be meeting with Zion WMA. Redeemer will be planning our own services. This is something that could be reviewed down the road.

Trustees

- 3 of the 4 lights in Pastor's office are malfunctioning. These will be replaced with LED lights.
- Furnace committee needs to be formed.
- Darwin will be contacted regarding inconsistency in office heat.
- Old trees are gone and furnace room needs to be cleaned out.

OLD BUSINESS

-Parsonage Funds:

Discussion was had on what to do with the \$85,000 received for the parsonage. Some of the money will be used to replace the church furnaces this summer or fall. Motion was made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Ryan Buntrock, to place the \$85,000 in a short term 3 month renewable CD until we know how much will be needed for the furnace work. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

-2020 Budget:

A small group from council met with a small group of Zion council members to review the Pastor's budget. Pastor's contract was signed.

Reviewed the 2020 Budget worksheet proposal at today's meeting.

Congregational Budget Review meeting January 19, 2020.

-Next meeting with Zion will be February 19th, 2020 at Zion. A small group from each council will meet bi-monthly.

-The list of 2019 Outgoing Council Positions and 2020 Nominees was reviewed.

Next Council meeting TBD. Our current time after church conflicts with Sunday School. Pastor Sharon is also not able to attend at this time. Possible time could be the 2nd Wednesday or Thursday evening of each month. Dan will talk to Pastor to see if either evening works for her.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Joy Hartleben, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck

Council Secretary

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dan Weisensel. After determination of a quorum, with 34 members present, opening devotions were led by Pastor Sharon Fox-Bogen.

Motion made by Karon Weisensel, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to adopt the agenda. Carried.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Brad Block, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2019 Annual meeting. Carried.

Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Linda Evje, that we accept with gratitude the reports of our congregational leaders as printed, and extend our thanks to them for the faithfulness and dedication they have given these tasks. Carried

Motion made by Brad Block, seconded by Ruthie Olsen, that we accept the budget for 2020 as presented and approved by the church council. Carried.

The following nominees for new council members were presented by the nominating committee;

President (2 year term)	Dan Weisensel
Parish Life (3 year term)	Karon Weisensel
Trustee (3 year term)	Brad Zeinert
Education (3 year term)	Shondell Hanson
Worship/Music/Arts. (3 year term)	Linda Evje
Secretary (1 year term)	Deb Rieck

Motion by Lois Anderson, seconded by Andy Peterson, to accept the nominees for new council members as presented by the nominating committee and cast a unanimous ballot for their election. Carried.

The following slate of candidates were presented by the nominating committee and the floor to serve as voting committee members:

- Gary and Laura Clark to serve as our voting delegates to the 2020 Synod Assembly.
- Judy Boda and Arla Block as our voting delegates to the Homme Home Annual meeting,
- Ann Hawley and Miriam Nelson as voting delegates to the Crossways Camping Ministries annual meeting,
- Dan and Karon Weisensel to serve as delegates for the Shawano Conference meeting.
- Miriam Nelson, Paul Norrbom, Kevin Rosenow, Faith Kristof, and Tracy Dombeck to serve on the 2020 Nominating committee.

Motion made by Karon Weisensel, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to accept the nominees as presented by the nominating committee and floor and cast a unanimous ballot for their election. Carried.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Dick Olsen, to extend the congregations appreciation to out-going council members, to our voting delegates who represented our congregation, and to all who served on various committees or volunteered their time in any way. We appreciate your dedication and faithful service to Redeemer Lutheran. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Furnace Committee needed. Parsonage funds will be used to replace furnaces.
2. Karon Weisensel brought up exploring leaf guards in the gutters as a possible solution to the water issue in the basement.
3. Written funeral procedure rules are available upon request. Basement capacity is between 100-125 people.
4. Our current speaker system does not appear adequate for those with difficulty in hearing. Council will explore a solution or alternate system.
5. Hansons will be contacted to remove snow piles around the church.
6. The congregation would like to extend our thanks to Ann Schmidt for her help with selling the parsonage as well as the donation of her realtor fees back to the church.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Brad Block, seconded by Fay Rosenow, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council 2020

Pastor: Sharon Fox Bogen, sfoxbogen@gmail.com, 715-507-0618

President: Dan Weisensel, dan.weisensel@co.shawano.wi.us, 715-881-0505

(1st yr, 2nd term exp 12/22)

Vice-President: Arla Block, abblock@outlook.com, 715-454-6498 (1st year, 1st term, exp 12/21)

Secretary: Deb Rieck, driec2bze@yahoo.com, 715-881-0387 (elected annually, no term limit)

Treasurer: Peggy Emmel, pemmel06@gmail.com, 715-881-0858

Parish Life

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Fay Rosenow, plake@frontiernet.net, 715-793-4665 WELCA President

Peggy Hartleben, hartlebenpeggy@yahoo.com, 715-581-2339 Financial Secretary

Trustee Committee

Brad Zeinert, bzeinert65@gmail.com, 715-881-1788 Church Council (1st year, 1st term exp. 12/22)

Ryan Buntrock, beagle04@hotmail.com Church Council (2nd year, 1st term exp. 12/20)

Paul Pehlke, nppehlke@gmail.com, 715-326-3507 Church Council (1st year, 2nd term exp 12/21)

Deb Rieck Congregational Secretary (elected annually, no term limit)

Arla Block Congregational Vice President (1st year, 1st term exp 12/21)

Parish Education Committee

Shondel Hanson Church Council (1st year, 1st term exp. 12/22)

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Mary Peterson, norwaypetefm@aol.com, 715-454-6603 Church Council (1st year, 1st term exp 12/21)

Worship, Music and Arts Committee

Linda Evje Church Council (1st year, 1st term exp 12/22)

Maribeth Netzler, jmnetzler@gmail.com, 715-253-6290 Church Council (2nd year, 1st term exp. 12/20)

Peggy Emmel, pemmel06@gmail.com, Church Council (1st year, 1st term exp 12/21)

David Schmidt, shirleyndave@hotmail.com, 715-253-2217 Member at-large (choir)

Shirley Schmidt, shirleyndave@hotmail.com, 715-253-2217 Member at-large (choir)

Fay Rosenow, plake@frontiernet.net, 715-793-4665 Member at large

Miriam Nelson, mnelson@wolfrivermedia.com, 715-253-2737 Member at-large

Barb Nelson, bknbdwi@gmail.com, 715-449-3077 Organist

Linda Clough, alincl@hotmail.com 715-253-2789 Organist

Memorial Fund

The balance in the fund as of 12/31/2019 is \$5,942.43.

Undesignated memorial money received in 2019:

\$520.00 Rachel Jorgensen

\$ 40.00 Richard Gildseth

\$ 20.00 Evelyn Jacobson

Also:

\$ 59.10 interest received from monies invested

\$ 256.00 2 Easter Banners were purchased by the Evelyn Jacobson family

If you have suggestions for future purchases, please contact any Church Council Member.

February Worship Assistants

Date	Coffee Host	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Organist
Sunday February 2	Tom & Karen Kersten	Brad Block	Lois Anderson	Arla Block	Jenna Meisner	Barb Nelson
Sunday February 9		Jeff & Sandy Lang	Gary Clark	_____	Izzi Clark	Linda Clough
Sunday February 16	Peggy Emmel & Peggy Hartleben	Sunday School	Dan Weisensel	Karon Weisensel	MaKenna Dombeck	Lara Carlson
Sunday February 23		Kevin Rosenow	Fay Rosenow	_____	Stephanie Meisner	Barb Nelson

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 & December: Lori Hartleben & Fay Rosenow

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

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Thank you to all the newsletter sponsors:

- January, 2020 **Carleton & Jean Benz** – In honor of their 65th Wedding Anniversary and in memory of sons Larry and Brian
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
- June, 2020 **Lee & JoAnn Innerebner**
- August, 2020 **Carol Klinner and family** – In memory of Hilbert Klinner

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for 2019, please make a check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church for \$60.00 and write a note with your name and the month you would like to sponsor. Please include on the note in honor of or in memory of (if you wish).

This can be put in with the weekly offering or mailed to the church office.

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!



Anyone who was not in church to receive their 2019 giving statement and would like one, please call Peggy at 715-581-2339 and she will mail you one.

Family game night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th from 6-8. Ann Hawley bought 3 pizzas from the Zion pizza sale to use for that evening, so bring a dish to pass and a fun, competitive spirit!

As mentioned at the Annual Meeting, we will be looking at our heating/cooling needs at our church home. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Paul Pehlke at 715- 326-3507.

As you read over the Annual Report, please let Lois know of any corrections to addresses or phone numbers.



Greater Wausau Christian Services

Hebrews 13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

Psalm 69:33 For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.

Psalm 34:18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Greater Wausau Christian Services is a non-profit organization supported by ten area churches (mostly Lutheran). Its purpose is to bring the basic gospel message to those in need. Currently about two-hundred fifty people a month are ministered to through Bible studies at the Marathon County Jail, the Juvenile Delinquency Center, and major nursing homes in the Wausau area. Upon request, bibles are provided at no cost to the inmates at the County Jail and Delinquency Center. Each of the Life Recovery Bibles cost \$15 with about 30 given out monthly. Area pastors, lay pastors, and lay people volunteer to do the bible studies for Greater Wausau Christian Services, so the basic expenses are the salary for the director, Ray Slatton (who is also the county jail chaplain) and the cost of the bibles.

Greater Wausau Christian Services helped to found "Open Door" which provides donated interview clothes, family support group meetings, and educational services to those recently released from jail. It is located in the back of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, downtown Wausau.

Kid's Kount is another program supported by Greater Wausau Christian Services. Kid's Kount collects gifts for children of those incarcerated in the Marathon County Jail at Christmas time-over fifty this year.

My brother-in-law, Richard Hawley, is a lay pastor and the representative from Trinity Lutheran Church in Stettin (where Pastor Phil Bogen is the minister) for Greater Wausau Christian Services. He states, "I have done a bible study in the county jail for the last nine years. There are people in the jail looking for hope, a second chance and meaning in their lives. God's word provides that hope-an anchor in their lives when all seems lost. I hope that Redeemer Lutheran will join GWCS in our effort to bring God's love to those in need."

I know there are many worthwhile organizations that would appreciate our donations. This one is near to my heart because of the stories that my brother-in-law has told me about encounters with those incarcerated. They do so much for a forgotten segment of society. If you feel moved to make a donation, you can make a check out to Redeemer "for" Greater Wausau Christian Services. I will match any donations given in the month of February up to a total of \$125 (so the goal is \$250). If you have any questions, please ask me or check out their website (and their newsletter) at:

<https://www.gwcservices.org/>

Thank you for your consideration. *Ann Hawley*



Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

Ann Johnson	2-1
Mary Aton	2-4
Carleton Benz	2-6
Alan Clough	2-6
Peter Norrbom	2-6
Gary Clark	2-7
Tracy Dombeck	2-7
Chet Matz	2-9
Verna Tellock	2-9
Charlie Wilhelm	2-9
Austin Frederick	2-11
Paul Norrbom	2-12
Jeffrey Bowers	2-13
Jeff Lang	2-19
Amy Rogers	2-20
Jaxson Gatz	2-21
Joan Carlson	2-22
Karen Carlson	2-22
Jeffrey Hartleben	2-22
Levi Hull	2-24
Mary Ann Peters	2-24
Sharon Philipp	2-25
Darwin Zeinert	2-25
Robbie Dombeck	2-27

Brad & Kari Zeinert	2-3
Jerry & Andrea Nelson	2-3
Gordon & Agnes Schlender	2-28



FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School and Confirmation	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School and Confirmation	10	11	12 Family Game Night 6:00 – 8:00	13 Church Council Meets 6:00 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School and Confirmation	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School and Confirmation	24	25	26	27	28	29