



February, 2021 Newsletter  
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### **Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen**

How can it be February already with Lent around the corner? I hope that you will put Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and other Lenten services on your calendar. Easter is a wonder when you faithfully walk the way of the cross with Jesus. Note that the Wednesday worships will be split between our 2 churches with the hopes that you will attend any and all that fit your schedule.

Congratulations Redeemer and Zion on working cooperatively this past year so that we can become a two-point parish. I am excited to see what God is doing among us, how we will maintain our individual identities as well as make efforts to celebrate the gifts and talents of each congregation. It is my hope that we will support each other as we serve God in ways we love - some tried and true and some exciting new ways!

We are studying the Gospel of Mark this year and hearing a lot about the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom comes in Jesus. It is already here and yet always coming. You were one with Zion before you even realized it. We have always been on our way with Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit. Now we make it an official connection as we watch together and work together to unfold the surprises that God will surely bring to our joint parish. Keep praying and listening for how God is moving us to be a light that draws others to the good news of Gods love for all! Looking forward to serving with you. Here are some prayers that can lead us on our way

## New day

*Jesus said to them, "Follow me  
and I will make you fish for  
people."*

*And immediately they left their  
nets and followed him.*

—Mark 1.17-18

A people as one rise from fear and grief  
and choose hope and justice.

People do rise.

People get up from familiar nets  
and follow a leader into a future  
unknown but trusted,

a new day— a gift of God  
and the work of the people.

Every moment

we're invited to leave the familiar.

Clouds still hover, the dawn comes slow;  
but in the receding darkness

we bear no angry torches:

we raise candles of hope, the light of love.

We become the future we choose.

For a new day we give thanks  
and and follow in a new way,  
knowing for it to be a new day  
we must become new people.

We celebrate, getting up

from what we know

and walking step by step

into what we don't know

with the One

who knows us.

*God bless us and lead us, for we need it  
deeply.*

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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## Your Kingdom Come

The Kingdom of God is at hand –

You proclaimed it, Jesus;

But, it often feels like it's a million miles  
away.

You demonstrated its grace and showed its  
power,

but the signs often appear faded or absent in  
our world.

We need Your Kingdom to come, O God,  
in all its fullness, in all its glory;

This waiting, this "now and not yet"  
experience of Your reign

is hard and frustrating.

And so we pray for Your Kingdom to be  
revealed in our lives,

turning our sickness and sin,

our brokenness and fear into friendship and  
compassion, wholeness and joy.

***May Your Kingdom come to us now.***

We pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed  
in our neighbourhoods, turning our division  
and suspicion, our judgement and our  
competition into fellowship and care,  
compassion and service.

***May Your Kingdom come to us now.***

We pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed  
in our world, turning our war and our  
disparities, our consumption and our self-  
interest into peace and collaboration,  
stewardship and reverence.

***May Your Kingdom come to us now.***

Your Kingdom is here, and it is coming, O  
God. Make us faithful heralds of its message  
and tireless practitioners of its ways.

For Jesus sake. Amen.

From Sacradize

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Arla Block

Members present:

President: Arla Block

Secretary: Deb Rieck

Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel

Education: Mary Peterson, Shondel Hansen, Ann Hawley

Parish Life: Lois Anderson,

Worship, Music, & Arts: Maribeth Netzler, Linda Evje

Trustee: Ryan Buntrock, Paul Pehlke

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Mary Peterson

Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Linda Evje, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Lois Anderson, to approve the December 10, 2020 Council Minutes. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$82,245.24 as of December 31, 2020. Of that amount, \$44,800.40 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$37,444.84.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Linda Evje, to deposit the \$500 Monetary Donation from Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home into the Homme Residence Fund Line 205 of the budget. Carried.

Separation of financial responsibilities discussed. Two people are needed each Sunday to count the offerings. This was also a recommendation of the Auditing Committee.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Thank you for the Christmas gift card to Hankes.
- Working with Arla to put together a job description for Lois' replacement.
- Received her annual review from Parish Life.
- Christmas Eve worship went well. Lent services need to be planned.
- Hospitality Call Group has been put into place. Lori Hartleben is delivering bulletins to some of our members as well.
- 4 Baptisms in December and January. One 2021 wedding counselling started.
- Pastor thanked Arla for her help and extra hours spent on church business as well as Lois for her 2 years of service as church secretary.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Parish Life

- Council reviewed the Funeral Policy. Lois will update it and it will be brought to council again in February.

### Parish Education

- Children's Christmas program went well.
- Half of the students are coming to Sunday School in person.
- Virtual Sunday School is being offered by First English Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Families can find a link to this on our Website.
- 2 Students are still eligible for confirmation camp. These fees have already been paid.
- Confirmation will be sometime in May.

Worship/Music/Arts Next Meeting January 21 at 5:00

### Trustees

- New furnaces are in. Remote WIFI thermostat training tomorrow. Air conditioning will be installed in the spring.
- Question: What are we going to do with the safe?
- Future work needed: Sidewalk in front of the main entrance needs replacing as well as reline the parking lot. We need to consider hiring a professional cleaning company to service the upper regions of the church for such jobs as changing those light bulbs and cleaning or replacing the fans.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Two-point parish joint meeting Sunday January 17, 6:30 at Redeemer
- Church Cancellation due to weather- If Pastor feels it is unsafe to get to church, she will cancel services. Peggy will leave a voice mail message on the church answering machine that church is canceled. A message will also be posted on the churches Facebook account. Members are asked to use their own discretion when there is inclement weather and spread the word to other members when they hear a service is canceled.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Council reviewed the nominating committee's recommendations. 2 positions still need to be filled.
- A new job responsibility document is being developed for the Church Administrative Assistant position (Secretary.) Application and interview process has begun to fill this position in February.
- Greater Wausau Christian Service- Ann will put information in the Newsletter.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, February 11 at 6:00pm.  
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck  
Council Secretary

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Meeting  
January 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Council President Arla Block. After a determination that a quorum of 25 members was not present, motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Lois Anderson, to proceed with the annual meeting with 23 voting members. Carried.

Opening devotions led by Arla Block.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Gary Clark, to adopt the agenda. Carried.

Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Linda Evje, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting. Carried.

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Paul Pehlke, 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 Roland Hendrikson, seconded by Sandy Lang, that we accept the budget for 2021 as presented and approved by the church council. Carried.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to ratify the constitution that was accepted at the November 15, 2020 special meeting. Carried.

Private ballot held to have Redeemer join together with Zion Lutheran Church of Tigerton to form a new 2-Point Parish called Zion-Redeemer Parish. This unanimously passed.

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

President (1 year term)	Arla Block
Vice President (2 year term)	Paul Norrbom
Secretary (1 year term)	Deb Rieck
Parish Life (2 year term)	Gail Koehler
Education (3 year term)	Tracy Dombeck
Trustee (3 year term)	Clint Horne
Joint Parish Council	Lois Anderson

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to accept the nominees for new council as presented by the nominating committee and add Kimberly Timm as nominee for a 3 year term on Worship Music and Arts as well as cast a unanimous ballot for their election. Carried.

Positions still needing to be filled: Parish Life and Joint Parish Council member.

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

Gary and Laura Clark to serve as 2021 Synod Assembly Delegates.

Arla Block and Judy Boda to serve as 2021 Homme Home for the Aging Annual Meeting Delegates.

Ann Hawley and Miriam Nelson to serve as 2021 Crossways Ministries Annual Meeting Delegates.

Gary and Laura Clark to serve as 2021 Shawano Conference Meeting Delegates.

Ryan Buntrock, Lois Anderson, Mary Netzler, and Ann Hawley to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Lois Anderson, to accept the nominees as presented by the nominating committee and floor and cast a unanimous ballot for their election. Carried.

Arla extended the congregations appreciation to out-going council members, to our voting delegates who represented our congregation, Church Secretary Lois Anderson, 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 Church.

#### Unfinished Business

-Explore speaker system for those with difficulty hearing.

-Explore leaf guards for gutters as possible solution to water issue in basement.

#### New Business

-Parking lot to be relined this year.

-Kimberly Timm was hired as the new Church Secretary replacing Lois Anderson.

-Pastor Sharon requested that parish members keep her informed about needs of the church or personal needs of individuals. Roland Hendrikson suggested if phone calls do not work perhaps use of email would help.

-Lori Hartleben thanked Pastor for her contributions to Redeemer and inspirational services.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Dick Olsen, to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck  
Council Secretary



## Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Churches

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Place:</b>	<b>Alternate:</b>
Ash Wednesday February 17th	6:30	Redeemer	5:00 Zion
February 24th	5:30	Redeemer	
March 3rd	5:30	Redeemer	
March 10th	5:30	Zion	
March 17th	5:30	Zion	
March 24th	5:30	Zion	
Maundy Thursday April 1st	6:30	Redeemer	5:00 Zion
Good Friday April 2nd	6:30	Redeemer	
Easter Sunday April 4th	10:30	Redeemer	8:30 Zion



## 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 fourteen area churches (mostly Lutheran). Its purpose is to bring the basic gospel message to those in need. Usually 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 (though some of these Bible studies had to be discontinued for a while because of the pandemic). 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 15-30 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.

My brother-in-law, Richard Hawley, is a lay pastor and the representative from Trinity Lutheran Church in Stettin for Greater Wausau Christian Services. He is also their current vice president. He states, "I have done a bible study in the county jail for the last ten 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, especially during this pandemic. 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 \$100 (so the goal is \$200). 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*





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

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  
Paul Norrbom 2-12  
Jeffrey Bowers 2-13  
Jeff Lang 2-19  
Joan Carlson 2-22  
Karen Carlson 2-22  
Jeffrey Hartleben 2-22  
Levi Hull 2-24  
Sharon Philipp 2-25  
Robbie Dombeck 2-27



**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

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## February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion	8	9	10	11 5:00 Church Council	12	13
14 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday 5:00 pm Zion 6:30 pm Redeemer	18	19	20
21 9:30 Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion	22	23	24 5:30 pm Redeemer	25	26	27
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