



July 2020 Newsletter  
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From Pastor Sharon:

**Lost and Found**

Most of you know that we are in the process of moving from the NW side of Wausau to the opposite corner of the city which is nearer to Wittenberg and Tigerton. No one knows it as well as Phil and me. We do not want to carry one more box of anything up the steps of our parsonage and down the steps of our new home in Weston. Who needs all this stuff?

What you don't discover while moving! Phil found some "new" old pants. Oh, there's that sock I was missing; it snuck out the back side of the drawer. When did I ever wear this size? How did that dirt get in the back of our kitchen drawer? What in the world can we do with this? You are kidding - another plastic tote of beanie babies? Who bought all these picture frames and clothes and books? Receipts from 2000???

True confessions, we both gather up too many material things. It's a heavy load, this accumulating over a lifetime!

The burden follows us as we move on. We surely do not need it all. Yes, there were redeeming moments like reading our kids' thank you notes and drawings from ages 5-8. Looking over Grandma and Grampa Bogen's funeral cards and obituaries brought us smiles and loving memories. We will have plenty to give away in the coming months...

I write this to you because many of you have told me about your moves. We collect more than we need, don't we? One of the things I found and read today was my Lutheran magazine from April! I always enjoy the opening piece by Pastor Frank Honeycutt. This time it was about Palm Sunday....and how Jesus had need of a donkey. He points out how little Jesus had need of...he borrowed much of what he needed as he moved lightly through his life: a barn for his birth, countless meals and lodging, even a place to be buried.

Honeycutt claims, "His (Jesus') entire life was on loan from God, who would powerfully give it back to him after sacrificial use. We call this Easter. He held on to things loosely. He shared. He borrowed things he needed. Ownership was assigned ultimately to God, the divine giver of all that I mistakenly call 'mine'- my house, my retirement portfolio, my stuff, my money." The word "my" is not used much at all in the New Testament!

I needed to be reminded how little I need "things" in my life and how much I need Jesus to be central! "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (Phil 2:5) I confess that I am guilty of hoarding the things that I own! I want to live lighter, freer! God, forgive me and call me again to follow Jesus, to live a life of sacrificial giving. You, Lord, have gifted me with gifts to share - time, talents, and money - borrowed from the true "Owner". You have gifted each one of us so that we can relish in each other, so that we can share all the gifts of creation, so that we can join together in serving our neighbor! Move us to generosity and sacrificial giving and living. An Easter life!!! Embolden your church to keep our minds on Christ, the ultimate giver.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Arla Block

Members present:

Vice-President: Arla Block

Secretary: Deb Rieck

Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel

Education: Ann Hawley

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

Parish Life: Lois Anderson

Trustee: Paul Pehlke, Brad Zeinert

Worship, Music, & Arts: Linda Evje

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Pastor Sharon

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Peggy Emmel, to approve the agenda.

Carried.

Council visitors: None

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Lois Anderson, to approve the March 2020 Council Minutes. Carried.

Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Brad Zeinert, to approve the May 2020 Council Minutes. Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$51,870.79 as of May 31, 2020. Of that amount, \$42,200.14 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$9,670.65.

Motion by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Ann Hawley, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Conducted Virtual Worship with Rev. Phil Bogen from March 22 thru the month of May. Worship back at Redeemer at the start of June. Thanked Council for the careful planning and following sanitizing, physical distancing, no singing, and careful communion upon the return to in house services at church.
- Took 2 weeks of vacation May 20-June 3. Canceled her scheduled vacation July 8-15. Plans to be off on June 24 and 25 for her move but will work at Redeemer on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Is planning to take off October 1-8. This Sunday service will be covered by Redeemer's Lay People.
- Continues to provide Pastoral support and visitation via phone calls and online portals. Homme Home is still closed at this time.
- Will work with Laura Clark on a plan for Confirmation to resume in the fall, as well as Ann and Wanda regarding VBS this summer.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Parish Life

- Annual Bazaar is typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October. After discussion, council was in agreement that it would be best to take this year off.
- Funeral Leadership position needs to be filled.

### Parish Education

- Survey was sent to parents regarding VBS this year.
- Confirmation will resume this fall. Discussion on possibly combining with Zion students if schedules allow.

### Worship/Music/Arts

- Services with current precautions in place will continue but will go down to one communion table in the back.
- Communion will be offered every Sunday at least through July.

### Trustees

- Light in church still needs to be replaced.
- Gutter quote should be in by next meeting.
- Tree down in cemetery. Onesti's Lawn Care will take care of it.
- Linda asks that everyone make sure that the downspout in corner of church is always attached. She came to church and found the basement wet again after a heavy rain because it was off.
- Gutters were cleaned and some work and seeding was done in the cemetery. Thanks to all that pitched in to help.
- A contractor is scheduled to work on straightening stones on the Homme side of the cemetery the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Lois Anderson, to use money from Thrivent Choice Dollars to pay for this. Carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Window donor plaque still in question. Window committee will look into it.
- Furnace committee will be contacting Furnace installers for quotes.
- Pastor's laptop was purchased. Training needed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Dorothy Peterson Memorial: A man from Florida contacted Pastor regarding his mother's death in 1948. Upon his research, he found out she was buried here at Redeemer, Homme side. There is currently no marking for her grave nor do we have any record of her being buried here. He would like to place a flat stone in her memory on the Homme side. Arla will first contact Randy Thorsen to see if they have any record of her at Forest Home. She will then reconnect with this man to let him know what she found. Council had no objections with a memorial stone being placed on the Homme side of the cemetery.

Discussed and accepted the resignations of Dan and Karon Weisensel from church Council. We would like to thank them for their years of service on Redeemer Council.

The Council appointed Arla Block President of Redeemer Council for the remainder of this calendar year. A new President will be elected at the next Annual Meeting. Council will seek members to fill the vacant spots of Vice President and Parish Life.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, July 16 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Paul Pehlke, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck  
Council Secretary



From the Treasurer's Desk:

Hello all!

We give to say "Thank You" and to contribute to the work of the church, the ministry that happens through our local efforts, and also through the work of our Synod and our Church wide organization.

This comes with the appreciation of the entire Church Council for the continued generous giving of our congregation. Since the shutdown of church services (starting back in March) due to the pandemic and our "re-opening" on June 7, I am pleased to let everyone know that we have been able to meet our monthly budgetary obligations. This is good news, because unfortunately, the pandemic did not shutdown the need for basic utilities, maintenance and various office expenses, or the needs that exist within our community.

Again, to let you know, if you aren't able to join us at our Church service, but still want to support the Church with your offering, you can mail it to the attention of our Financial Secretary, Peggy Hartleben at:

Redeemer Lutheran Church PO Box 220 Wittenberg, WI 54499

## Our Monetary Discipleship for June, 2020

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
5/31		\$ 775			\$12 - Worker's Comp refund	<b>\$787</b>
6/7	30	\$6045			\$25 - mission	<b>\$6070</b>
6/14	20	\$815			\$150 - mission \$1000 - cemetery lots	<b>\$1965</b>
6/21	12	\$2515				<b>\$2515</b>
6/28	12	\$430				<b>\$430</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10,580</b>			<b>\$1,187</b>	<b>\$11,767</b>

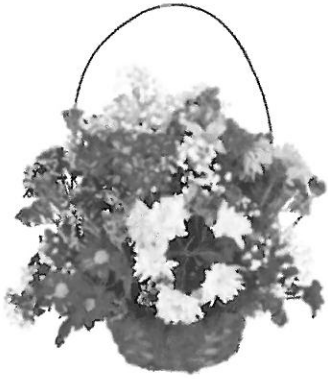
Offering envelopes are available in the wall rack near the main entrance door in the Gathering Space. Please use an envelope with your offering and **write your name and amount on the envelope** if you include cash. Using the envelopes insures you get credit for monies given to the church.

## July Worship Assistants

**Please sign up to assist with worship.**

**The sheets are on the bulletin board 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
<b>Sunday July 5</b>		Lois Anderson	Lois Anderson	
<b>Sunday July 12</b>				
<b>Sunday July 19</b>				
<b>Sunday July 26</b>				



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 & 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	<b>Carleton &amp; Jean Benz</b> – In honor of their 65 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and in memory of sons Larry and Brian
	<b>Arletta Crowell</b> – In memory of her husband, Elmer
February, 2020	<b>Roland &amp; Karen Hendrikson</b> – In memory of Roland's sisters Margaret, Carol and Karen
March, 2020	<b>June Norrbom</b> – In memory of Carl and Loren
May, 2020	<b>Bob &amp; Lorna Alberg</b>
June, 2020	<b>Lee &amp; JoAnn Innerebner</b>
July, 2020	<b>Vian Kersten</b> – In memory of her husband Milan
August, 2020	<b>Carol Klinner and family</b> – In memory of Hilbert Klinner
September, 2020	<b>Sharon Philipp</b> – In memory of her husband John Philipp
October, 2020	<b>Melana Schlueter</b> – In honor of her mother, Shirley Hartleben

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!



## **& Birthdays Anniversaries**

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 7-3 Lee Innerebner  
Sandra Lang
- 7-6 Robert Alberg  
Arletta Crowell
- 7-11 Linda Eyje
- 7-13 Kaylen Benson
- 7-15 Siri Zeinert
- 7-22 Vian Kersten
- 7-23 Gordon Schlender
- 7-23 Oliver Clark
- 7-24 Paisley Anderson
- 7-27 Ann Powers
- 7-30 Thor Anderson

### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7-1 Roland & Karen Hendrikson
- 7-18 Mike & Mary Mattes
- 7-24 Alan & Linda Clough



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# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
					Independence Day Holiday	Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 Worship with Holy Communion						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30 Worship with Holy Communion				Church Council 5:00 pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 Worship with Holy Communion						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
10:30 Worship with Holy Communion						

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