

July 2021 Newsletter

Sponsored by
Vian Kersten

In loving memory of her husband Milan



**Redeemer & Zion Lutheran Churches
Combined Worship at Zion
Sunday July 4th 511 Spaulding St, Tigerton
8:30am**

**Please mark your offering envelopes & communion cards
for Redeemer Lutheran
Bring your family and friends**

FREEDOM FROM? FREEDOM FOR?

I love the 4th of July! I love celebrating America with community parades and family gatherings - all ending up in fireworks lighting the night sky! I am proud of our flag and the USA! Independence Day we remember precious freedoms, all too often, take for granted: freedom of speech and religion, freedom to feel safe on our streets, to drink clean water, to travel easily across state borders. Tragically, not everyone in the world or in America has access to good education and health care, travel, electricity, postal service, and garbage pick-up. In 2014, our 16-year-old exchange student Izzeddin, from Palestine, taught us to appreciate the freedoms which we have, many of which his country does not have.

This past week Izzeddin called to share his joy of getting engaged. We saw pictures of Ruba and heard about their process of engagement and marriage. The families are very involved. But due to Covid numbers, with very few vaccinations available and increased political unrest, the two families were not free to travel safely to see each other and together give a customary approval. Finally, wedding plans are in the making and engagement dating can progress. Our phone conversation then turned to talk of the lack of freedoms for Palestinians, especially for males near Izzeddin's age 23. When he travels, he is stopped 2-3 times at check points where he is searched and regularly feels a gun pointed at his head. He often fears for his life, for his beautiful future as a husband, father, and musician! It was heartbreaking to hear. Throughout his life Izzeddin has seen too many of his people shot on the streets in random skirmishes. We felt his pain as he told the story of watching a 9-year-old girl being shot and killed for no apparent reason! Please keep the people of Palestine and Israel in prayer!

Freedom is messed up in his world, and if we are honest, in our America as well. Izzeddin does not live as freely as we do. Nor does every American citizen have every freedom promised, especially those people who have a faith or skin color like Izzeddin. Such discrepancy breaks my heart! I am a Christian living in a country that was built on Christianity, built on the concept of "freedom for all!". But too many Americans are afraid on our streets. Too many do not have clean water or the life privileges for which we all hope. Endangered lives in a "free" country. Maybe it's time for "Interdependence Day"!

The Bible has lots to say about freedom, so does Jesus, so does Martin Luther! Love your neighbor as yourself. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Walk humbly with God showing justice and mercy. In Christ there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. For freedom Christ has set us free! Martin Luther says, "**Freed from bondage to sin; freed for service to all!**" Beautiful instructions but so difficult to live out as individuals and as a country. Americans claim "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"; but not all find it to be true.

Thank God, Jesus died and rose for this very reason! On our own, we try too hard to make freedom our own to give. But Jesus challenges the ways of the world. It is not our great faith or our pious efforts that save ourselves or others. Jesus' death and resurrection point us to a new way of life... **freedom from** that weight of being the best person or the most powerful country who knows all the answers. This way of life separates us from God and from each other. But Jesus shows us that we are not alone, that the whole world is loved by God that God's abundance is meant for sharing. Thus, we are **freed for loving relationships, freed for** living with open hearts. There is more than enough of God's goodness to go around. As Christians, we are **freed for** generosity, honesty, respect, and forgiveness.

This is costly grace, paid at a great price so that all can live. Christians, we must not cheapen the cross!! Let this freedom ring, dear followers of Jesus, not only for fellow Americans, or for fellow Christians, but for all of creation!

As we lived with Izzeddin for 10 months, we learned a lot about each other. Cultural traditions and family habits define who we are, but they also are part of what made connecting with each other such hard work. Understanding came, but not without a lot of give and take. We regularly slipped up and offended the other person. Without forgiveness and fresh new starts we would not have grown, perhaps would never have loved!

What drove us beyond our own ways was the growing ability to take an interest in the other's ways. This often cost us our own pride and arrogance. We had to step out of our own needs and desires and put someone else first. There were numerous conversations to figure out why one of us was hurt and what we had to say "I'm sorry" for. Almost daily we had to start anew. Over time, love grew with these shared experiences.

Love grew out of allowing each other to be our real, unpredictable selves. We became gifts to each other by God's design...we were surprised by God's grace!

May the God of Jacob and Abraham, Sarah and Hagar continue to show us who we are: beloved children of God, meant to be in healthy and loving relationships. **Set free from the trap of being turned inward to the freedom for turning toward each other.** God be with you, dear Izzeddin, Ruba, your families, and your country. May God bless America and all the nations of the world! Trusting that God will bless each of us disciples at Redeemer/Zion Lutheran Parish! Ultimately freedom is a gift from God! It is for giving away!!!! For all to be free and come to know LOVE!

Pastor Sharon



Crossways Campers

Layla Horne and Ashley Awe had a great time at Waypost camp. Fun cabin mates and a cool counselor, wild and crazy boys cabin partnered with them for active Bible Study - "Even kids are called by God to make a difference in the world and in our towns" Initiative games which involved ropes course and lots of trust building, swimming, boating, crafts, lots of friendship bracelets, baking bread, tending a garden, oversize sweatshirts, and funky glasses, really good food, very fun songs and worship. All in all - a good time and lots of new friends. Who's going next summer????

See the girls to find out more....

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Zion Lutheran Church in Tigerton is inviting Redeemer Youth to ROAR with them at their

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 26-29 6:00pm-8:00pm

Ages 3 yrs - 6th Grade, Your friends are welcome too!

7th - 12th Grade Helpers Needed

Parents and volunteers are welcome to help supervise or bring a treat for one night.

Please register by notifying Wanda Minniecheske jwminniecheski@frontier.com or Pastor Sharon sfoxbogen@gmail.com

All are welcome on Thursday night July 29th for a final celebration of singing and viewing the crafts and games and of course a treat!!



YOUTH GAME DAYS

ALL 7th - 12th graders

Zion Lutheran Church Backyard

July 14th, August 18th & Sept 22nd - 3:30-5:30pm

Ballgames, Tag, Stunts, Initiative Games, etc

Bring your ideas and some equipment:

Friends welcome

Text pastor at 715-507-0618 to let me know you are coming.

Adult help welcome!

**Redeemer Family Game/Swim Day
In The Making For August
Stay Tuned For More Details**





THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers our homebound members...

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

Your calls and visits are greatly appreciated. Pastor Sharon tries to visit monthly. She would welcome a volunteer to help.

Please also include in your prayers the following:

- Jeannie & Debbie**
Curt Low
Becky
Surland

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.

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| 1) Lorna Alberg | 715-253-2721 | 5) Faith Kristof | 715-253-2637 |
| 2) Ida Brekke | 715-253-2734 | 6) Lee & JoAnn Innerebner | |
| 3) Audrey Hartleben | 715-253-2416 | | 715-253-2200 |
| 4) Gail Koehler | 715-253-6275 | 7) Mary Netzler | 715-253-6290 |

Our Monetary Discipleship for June 2021

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
6-6	25	\$2485.00	\$50.00				\$2535.00
6-13	18	\$675.00					\$675.00
6-20	23	\$1095.00	\$50.00				\$1145.00
Total	66	\$4255.00	\$100.00				\$4355.00



PIE IN THE PARK

Third Thursday of the Month - July 15, August 19
at the Tilleda Shelter, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Pie, Ice Cream & Music - \$2

Music will be provided.

Come and relax while the kids try out the playground.

Sponsored by Tilleda Advancement Assoc.

Adult Bible Study Breakfast
1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 9am
Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton
Bring your Bible



Eland Railroad Museum
Open June 13th – July 11th
1pm – 3:30pm
Free Admission

Looking for someone
to share the
Office Assistant Position
For Redeemer Lutheran
Please call 715-253-2590



ALTAR GUILD:

July: Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke

August: Miriam Nelson

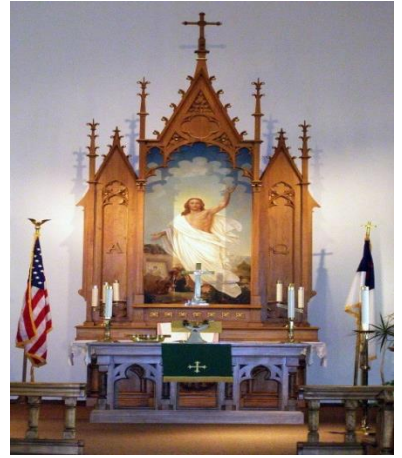
September: Peggy Hartleben & Peggy Emmel

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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7-3 Lee Innerebner
7-3 Sandra Lang
7-6 Arletta Crowell
7-11 Linda Evje
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

Happy 4th of July

Be safe to all as you enjoy the Holiday!

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day Combined Worship at Zion 8:30am	5	6	7 Adult Bible Study 9am Tigerton	8	9	10
11 Worship 8:30am	12	13	14 Youth Game Days at Zion in Tigerton 3:30-5:30	15 Pie Social at Tilleda Shelter 6pm-8pm	16 Corn Roast 7pm Washington Park	17
18 Worship 8:20am	19	20	21 Adult Bible Study 9am Tigerton	22	23	24
25 Worship 8:30am	26 Vacation Bible School At Zion 6pm-8pm	27 Vacation Bible School At Zion 6pm-8pm	28 Vacation Bible School At Zion 6pm-8pm	29 Vacation Bible School At Zion 6pm-8pm	30	31 St. Florian's Picnic Hatley

Pastor Sharon on Vacation - August 24-Sept. 8

**No Council Meeting in July
Next Meeting on August 12th**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES June 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Arla Block

Members present:

President: Arla Block

Vice President: Paul Norrbom

Secretary: Deb Rieck

Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel

Parish Life: Gail Koehler, Judy Boda

Education: Mary Peterson

Trustee: Paul Pehlke, Clint Horn Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

Worship, Music, & Arts: Linda Evje, Kim Timm

A quorum was present. Opening Devotions by Deb Rieck

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

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the May 13, 2021 minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$64,173.57 as of May 31, 2021. Of that amount, \$23,310.62 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$40,862.95.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor thanked and noted many individuals who have been giving of their time and service and congratulated Ann, Lois and Arla on their Lay School Graduation.
- Met via Zoom on May 15-16 with the Synod Assembly.
- Met for a Pastors' Lunch with Shawano Conference in June. These will continue as will the Pastor's Weekly Sermon Text Study via Zoom Tuesday afternoons with Oshkosh pastors.
- Adult Bible Study will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Schultz's Restaurant in Tigerton. All are encouraged and welcome to participate.
- Made many visits/phone calls to members at Homme, in the hospital, and in their homes.
- Reported on new membership changes and an upcoming baptism in August or September.
- Will be on vacation 2 weeks sometime in August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees

- Working on a bid for concrete. Paul N. has received one bid to date, another contractor he was working with did not supply a bid. He currently has a call out to another one.
- Paul N. and Clint are looking into what to do to keep the headstones in the Old Cemetery upright.
- Working on getting the equipment to clean the ceiling fans.
- Air Conditioning in the office is currently not working. They will make a call to get it looked at.

Parish Education

- Redeemer students will be joining Zion students at Zion's VBS July 26-29.
- Redeemer will be planning a family get-together prior to the start of Sunday School in place of our own VBS.
- McKenna D. is no longer able to attend Waypost Camp in June, so Ashley A. from Zion will be taking her place along with Layla H. Pastor will be joining them Tuesday-Thursday.

Worship/Music/Arts

- July 4 this year is on a Sunday. There will be a joint service that day at Zion at 8:30.
- Current Covid precautions based on the CDC guidelines and Synod office will remain in place.

Parish Life No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Live streaming equipment has been purchased. Arla will now sign up for the streaming license. Volunteers still needed to assist each week with the streaming and money counting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A/C in the church has been installed.
- List of memorial ideas was discussed.
- Kim Timm has given her notice as Office Assistant but will remain on to help train someone else.
- Kim had a great idea for a Community Days float, but we felt there was just not enough time, or man power, this year to put it all together.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, August 12th at 5:30pm. (No in person meeting in July.)

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Mary Peterson, to adjourn.

Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Rieck, Council Secretary

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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