



November 2019 Newsletter

Sponsored by Ann Block  
in memory of her husband, Ben

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Greetings,

As we head into the last two months of the year I would like to bring everyone up to date with some of our ongoing church business. As many of you know the congregation voted to sell our parsonage on Walker St. in the village. With the high likelihood of our parish not seeing another full-time Pastor, let alone even having a part-time Pastor who may live elsewhere, I believe this was a smart move. The current condition of the parsonage was in dire need of a number of costly repairs and upgrades which resulted in the majority vote to sell it "as is". Ann Schmidt undertook the task of showing the property and was entertained with a few offers that were certainly respectable compared to what the cost would have been to make the necessary repairs. With that said the Church Council accepted a written offer of \$85,000 "as is" and is looking to close the deal mid-December. I hope in the near future to hold another congregational meeting to discuss how best this money could possibly be spent within our building. I would like to note that the property at the parsonage with the exception of the appliances can be viewed and obtained by members of our church if desired. There are some tables, chairs, desks and other odds and ends that would serve no purpose or need at our building. Please feel free to contact myself, Ann Schmidt or Paul Pehlke to take a look. There is also a large safe that will need to be removed before closing as anything left behind will belong to the new owner after the closing date.

Finally, we are also moving forward with very positive talks of a two point parish between Redeemer and Zion in Tigerton. They seem very excited to discuss what the future would look like if we were to share a Pastor along with other functions like choir, bible study, women's club and youth education. A few of us attended a recent spaghetti dinner at Zion and were able to speak with a few of their members who seemed very optimistic and excited about joining forces. There is a lot to discuss and meetings to attend while also working with the ELCA Administrators. I would hope to have a better direction and more information to bring forward after the first of the year.

I am very pleased with our attendance lately and it is certainly heart felt by all when we come together on Sundays for service. I would also like to give a special shout out to Pastor Karen Rendall for providing some exceptional messages contained in her sermons. In addition a thank you to all who have provided a united effort to keep our church functions moving in the right direction!

*Dan Weisensel*

Minutes for the Congregational Meeting  
October 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dan Weisensel. A determination of a quorum was made (40 members present.)

Dan presented members with 3 possible options to pursue with the parsonage.

Option A: Sell it as is.

Option B: Repair it then sell it.

Option C: Repair it then rent it out.

Basic repairs to the parsonage for either Option B or C would run at least \$20,000.

Estimated value of the home as is: \$80,000-\$95,000

Comparable homes sold in the area \$112,000-\$120,000 (with repairs.)

Members present were given discussion and question opportunity.

Dan shared that he has also been in discussion with Pastor Sharon from Zion about possibly sharing pastoral resources/services. We will know more after she meets with Zion Council.

Parsonage Options were presented to members for a vote on a paper ballot. Results were tabulated and verified by Deb Rieck and Dan Weisensel.

Results:

30 Option A: Sell it as is.

4 Option B: Repair it then sell it.

6 Option C: Repair it then rent it out.

Option A won the congregational vote by more than a 2/3 margin. Council will pursue the sale of the parsonage as is.

A motion was made by Brad Block and seconded by Dave Luber to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Deb Rieck  
Council Secretary

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 13, 2019

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  
Parish Life: Joy Hartleben, Lois Anderson  
Trustee: Paul Pehlke, Brad Zeinert, Ryan Buntrock  
Worship, Music, & Arts: Maribeth Netzler, Faith Kristof  
A quorum was present.

Motion made by Mary Peterson, seconded by Brad Zeinert, to approve the October 13, 2019 Council Meeting Agenda. Carried.

Council visitors: Bazaar Customers who were browsing during the meeting.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the September 2019 Meeting Minutes. Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Peggy submitted the Treasurer's report showing an account balance of \$44,690.76 as of September 30, 2019. Of that amount, \$21,852.60 was budget funds and \$22,838.16 was non-budget funds.

Motion by Joy Hartleben, seconded by Maribeth Netzler, to approve the October bills as presented. Carried.

Peggy asked the Committees to have their budgets to her before November's council meeting so it is ready for review at that meeting. She gave each committee a worksheet to complete. A renewal notice from Associated Bank was received for a Cemetery CD for the amount of \$22,948.51.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to transfer the cemetery CD money from Associated Bank to the Mission Investment Fund where other cemetery money is kept where it will earn a higher interest rate. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parish Life**

-2019 Bazaar was successful.

### Parish Education

- Sunday School is going well.
- Ann Hawley will be taking Leslie Hill's place as Sunday School Teacher.
- Mary Mattes has agreed to be a substitute teacher on call when needed.

### Worship/Music/Arts

- Songs planned for next month.
- Will plan on booking Pastors to fill in services at least through January.
- Faith, Hope, and Harmony will be performing during service on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$400. A free will offering basket will be out to help cover this cost.
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday (Red)
- Linda Evje priced a new Christmas tree at Medards. 10ft pre-lit for \$349.

### Trustees

- Technology: Remote control software will be install so secretarial and treasury work can be accessed from home.
- Parsonage: When fired up a furnace issue was discovered. 2 old filters were caught up in the blower. The furnace functioned properly once they were removed.

### OLD BUSINESS

Parsonage: On October 6 after service the congregation voted to sell the parsonage as is.  
Chimney: It is proving difficult to find a mason this year to make the necessary repairs.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Zion Lutheran, Tigerton, is interested in exploring becoming a 2-point parish. Council will be designating an early Exploration Committee that will meet with a committee from Zion to discuss this further. The Synod has been notified. The first meeting will be a Wednesday night at the end of October or early November.
- Parsonage: There have been at least 4 showings so far, but no known offers at the time of this meeting. When it does come time to finalize a sale, per the Church Constitution the President and Secretary will be the legal signers for this real-estate transaction. As of this meeting those members will be Dan Weisensel and Deb Rieck. Discussion was had on what to do with the Bethany Mission Safe which is in the parsonage basement. This safe dates back to the late 1800's and is a historical piece with Native American interest.
- Funerals: Women of the Church will help organize funeral food arrangements, however, the question was raised whether there should be an usher/attendant available during a funeral service to help assist in church during the services.

Next Council meeting, Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00 service.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Mary Peterson, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Rieck  
Council Secretary

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 20, 2019

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: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson  
Parish Life: Karon Weisensel, Lois Anderson  
Worship, Music, & Arts: Maribeth Netzler, Faith Kristof  
Trustee: Paul Pehlke

A quorum was present.

Council Visitors: Rick Froom

Council met to discuss the offer made on the parsonage for \$85,000 as is. All closing costs will be incurred by the buyer. The realtor fees necessary for this transaction will be donated back to the church by Ann Schmidt. Redeemer will receive the full \$85,000 from this sale.

Discussion points:

- Winter: If we do not sell now we run the possibility of having to maintain the parsonage throughout the winter. This would include all utilities.
- Rick Froom questioned what will happen with the safe in the parsonage basement. It was brought to Lois' attention that old Bethany records may be in it. Dan and Paul did try to open it last week with the combination we have but were unsuccessful.
- There is additional property in the parsonage such as tables, chairs, and other furniture. An open house date will be set and given to the congregation for anyone interested in these items. Any items must be removed before a closing date.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Maribeth Netzler, to accept the offer of \$85,000 as is with the contingency that the safe in the basement remains the property of Redeemer Lutheran Church and will be removed either before or after the closing. Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Mary Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Rieck  
Council Secretary

### Our Monetary Discipleship for October 2019

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other
10/6	58	\$ 1,413		\$78.84	
10/13	45	\$ 2,492			Fall Bazaar- \$1,293 WELCA, funeral \$30
10/20	74	\$ 2,572	\$ 13	\$16.82	Bazaar \$181.95      Youth Confirmation \$12.00 Tellock Funeral \$498.36 Cemetery fund \$28.92 Music \$126
10/27	58	\$ 1004			Pancake Breakfast \$20.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,481</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>	<b>\$95.66</b>	<b>\$2190.23</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. Thank you for your cooperation.

# November Worship Assistants

Please sign up to assist with worship.  
The sheets on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

Date	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Coffee Hosts	Worship Leader
Sunday November 3	Dan & Karon Weisensel	Dan Weisensel	Karon Weisensel	Stephanie Meisner	Pancake Breakfast	Rev. Karen Rendall
Sunday November 10	Curt & Evie Low	Lois Anderson	—————	Owen Hanke	Mary Netzler	Gary Clark
Sunday November 17	Linda Evje	Ann Hawley	Deb Rieck	Robbie Dombeck	Clark Family	Rev. Karen Rendall
Sunday November 24	Sunday School	Sunday School	—————	Izzi Schmalpus- Clark	Rosenow	Miriam 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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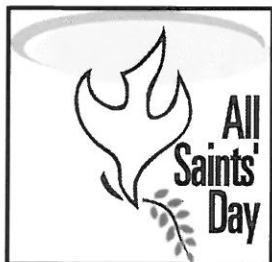
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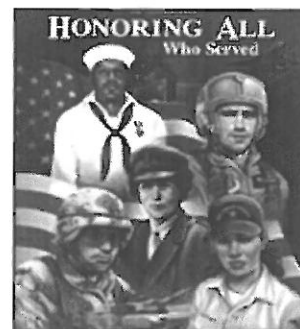
### For All the Saints ...

All Saints' Sunday is November 3. It's a day in the Church when we celebrate all the baptized and remember our loved ones and friends who have died and now experience the blessed rest of everlasting peace with our Lord and Savior.

We remember the saints in our Prayers of People and light candles in their memory. If you have a **memorial candle** from a loved one who died this year or in a previous year, please bring it to church on All Saints' Sunday to be lit during worship.

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**On Veteran's Day**, November 11, we express our heartfelt thanks to the members of Redeemer who served our country with honor. Whether their service in the military was for a few years or an entire career; during wartime or peace time; during battles remembered or forgotten, we are grateful for them and their service to us and our nation. Likewise, we give thanks to those currently protecting us and our nation's freedoms by serving in the military.



### **THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**

**Danielle Carlson**, daughter of Mark & Joan Carlson

**Mark Coxen**, son of Bob & Gail Coxen

**Nathan Daniels**, nephew of Bob & Lorna Alberg

**Betsy Gleesing**, niece of Leslie Hill

**Jordan Hartleben**, son of Lori Hartleben and Paul Hartleben

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The choir very much needs and welcomes new singers. Choir practices on Sundays following 10 am worship.

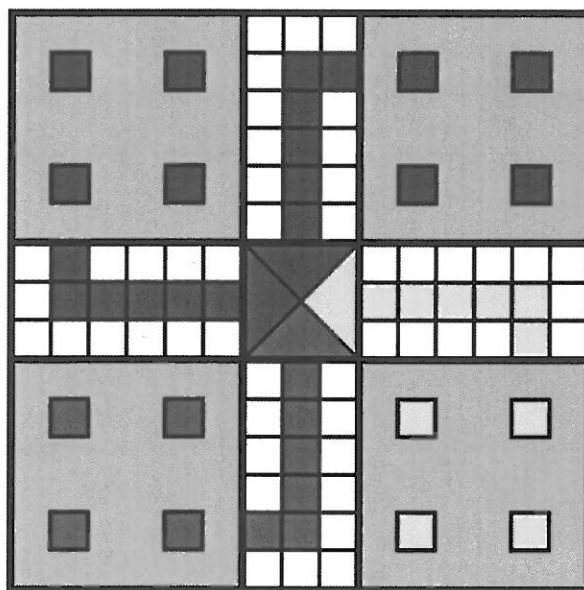


It's time to "Fall Back"  
Saturday, November 2.  
Don't forget to set your clocks  
back one hour!



## Family Game Night

Our quarterly family game night will be held at Redeemer on Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We will enjoy a pot luck meal first then play games. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the gathering space.





## November Birthdays

Rick Froom 11-3  
Karlyn Wormuth 11-6  
Emma Pecha 11-7  
Sue Levandoski 11-8  
Reed Mattes 11-9  
Marlis Mathison 11-10  
Ruth Bowers 11-14  
Nathaniel Horne 11-18  
Eric Nier 11-18  
Kaylee Benson 11-19  
Maxwell Czerwonka 11-20  
Laura Clark 11-21  
Bob Koehler 11-21  
JoAnn Innerebner 11-23  
Lindsey Peterson 11-26  
Arla Block 11-27  
Joel Hartleben 11-28  
Karon Weisenel 11-28



# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 8:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00 am Worship Holy Communion Pancake Brunch	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation 10:00 am Worship 11:00 Council	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 8:45 am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion	18	19	20 Family Game Night 6-8pm	21	22	23
24 8:45 am Sunday School and Confirmation 10:00 am Worship	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30