



November 2020 Newsletter

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Miriam Nelson in memory of her  
parents, Morris and Arlene Nelson's  
wedding anniversary and Gail Koehler, in memory of her  
husband Robert Koehler

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From Arla Block

November, 2020

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1*

What does it mean to have hope?

Hope is an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes.

Whatever you are hoping for there is a chance of it happening sometime in the future.

Faith, by definition, is belief or trust in something for which there is no proof. Faith says whatever you are hoping for is here and now.

What is the difference?

One cannot have hope without faith. When we hope we have faith because we hold a belief that "I believe the future will be better". While we have no grounds to "prove" the hopeful assumption, we have faith in it. Faith without hope is possible, hope without faith is not.

Exploring becoming a 2-point parish with Zion Lutheran, Tigerton, began at the October 13, 2019, council meeting. At a special meeting December 22, 2019, a contract agreement was passed with a unanimous vote to accept pastoral services of Pastor Sharon Fox Bogan. Several council members from each church have been meeting every other month. All feel things are going well and it is time to proceed in forming our joint parish. Each church will maintain its own identity and be responsible for their expenses. Pastoral expenses will be shared 50/50.

Why form a 2-point parish when things are going well? When Pastor Sharon retires it will be hard for either Zion or Redeemer to call a part-time Pastor. Just before Covid, lots of exciting ideas were being tossed about for joint events.

Prior to even forming a 2-point parish, both congregations need to add Chapter 20 of the model constitution to their constitution. Our constitution was last updated in 1991, so it was time to take a good look at it. So we did.

Sections of the model constitution marked by an asterisk (\*) are required when a congregation amends its governing documents. These sections must be used without alteration or amendment of the text in any manner.

I will highlight some of the changes.

#### Chapter 8. Membership

Five classifications for membership: baptized, confirmed, voting, associate, and seasonal. Our current constitution: baptized, confirmed, and voting. Note that voting members are confirmed members. Stating an age is in conflict with the Synod and ELCA constitution.

#### Chapter 10. Congregational Meeting

Ten percent of voting members constitute a quorum vs. 25 of the voting members. Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication.

#### Chapter 12. Congregation Council

The Council may enter into contracts of up to \$2,000.00 for items not included in the budget (not addressed in current constitution). The council and committees may hold meetings by remote communication.

By law provisions follow constitutional provisions and are not a separate document at the end of the constitution. The bylaws are in italic print.

Our proposed constitution has been sent to the synod and APPROVED.

I ask, if you are interested, to compare our current constitution to the proposed one. We will be voting to accept the proposed constitution November 15<sup>th</sup>. NO changes can be made at that meeting. Please call me with any questions/concerns so that changes can be made prior to that meeting. The constitution will be ratified at our annual meeting.

Have hope in the Lord. Have faith He will answer.

Arla (715-454-6498)

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 8, 2020

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

Parish Life: Lois Anderson, Miriam Nelson

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

Trustee: Brad Zeinert, Paul Pehlke, Ryan Buntrock

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Arla Block

Motion made by Brad Zeinert, seconded by Lois Anderson, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council visitors: None

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Linda Evje, to approve the September 10, 2020 Council Minutes. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$63,528.65 as of September 30, 2020. Of that amount, \$43,554.15 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$19,974.50.

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

The Investment Report was shared and reviewed by Council.

Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Linda Evje, to send the Sunday School Compassion International Child a Christmas gift of \$44. This money will come out of the Sunday School Budget. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** None: Pastor was on vacation.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Parish Life

- Meeting next week
- Budget is in and evaluation sheets need to get out.

#### Parish Education

- Sunday school started with 9 students in attendance.
- Bibles were given out on Rally Sunday

### Worship/Music/Arts

- The possible joint service with Zion is put on hold due to the increase in Covid numbers.
- Next meeting will be Oct. 22
- Piano tuning scheduled for Oct 27.

### Trustees

- The furnace committee met to discuss the bids received for new furnaces and air conditioner.
- The furnace committee presented their recommendation to the council.

A motion was made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Miriam Nelson, to accept the furnace committee's recommendation of the proposal submitted by CRP Heating & Cooling. Motion Carried.

- Items brought up for Trustee attention: Office door doesn't latch correctly. Archway spotlight is out as well as the light by the organ. Ceiling fans should also be cleaned. Scaffolding or a small rental lift will be needed to complete the high ceiling work.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Furnace committee recommendations: A special congregational meeting will be held on Oct. 18, 2020 to present the furnace recommendation for a vote.
- Two Point Parish Update: Next meeting with Zion is October 19, 2020.
- Constitution Update: A special congregational meeting will be held on Nov. 15, 2020 to present the new constitution.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Two upcoming Special Congregational meeting: Oct. 22 and Nov. 15.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, November 12 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Miriam Nelson, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck  
Council Secretary

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Special Congregational Meeting  
October 18, 2020

A quorum of 27 members were present.

Council President Arla Block presented to the congregation two furnace/air conditioning proposals given to council by the furnace committee.

The furnace committee recommendation was CRP Heating & Cooling. This would include 3 Rheem furnaces at \$14,999.00, one Rheem air conditioning unit at \$5,225, and 2 Vision Pro Red Link Thermostats w/Interface Modules for around \$750.

Arla made note that the church has money on hand to pay for these expenses.

Questions from members were asked and answered.

Motion made by Brad Block, seconded by Andy Peterson, to proceed with the furnace, air conditioning, and thermostat purchase and installation by accepting the bid from CRP Heating & Cooling. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck  
Council Secretary



It's time to "Fall Back" Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

## Our Monetary Discipleship for October, 2020

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
10/4	20	\$1010			\$60 Newsletter for November - Gail Koehler Missions \$50	<b>\$1120</b>
10/11	31	\$2827		\$200 Anna	\$25 Memorial from Betty Dawson family \$500 Church Endowment from Dorothy Pederson Family	<b>\$3552</b>
10/18	32	\$2102.08				<b>\$2102.08</b>
10/25	21	\$900			\$1,000 Cemetery Plots	<b>\$1900</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6839.08</b>		<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$1635</b>	<b>\$8674.08</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.

## November Worship Assistants

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

**The sheets are located 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	Organist/ Pianist
Sunday Nov. 1		Lois Anderson		Arla Block	Barb Nelson
Sunday Nov. 8			Deb Rieck		Linda Clough
Sunday Nov. 15			_____		Barb Nelson
Sunday Nov. 22					Linda Clough
Sunday, Nov. 29					Barb Nelson

From the Worship, Music and Arts Committee

*"Pandemic..... Crazy Unprecedented Times..... New Normal"*

The last 8 months have been, to say the least, a challenge with a lot of information to take in and digest and changes to our everyday lives. Recently, the local news has been reporting that Covid cases and deaths in our area have been, and continue to be, on the rise. The national news has called Wisconsin a "hot spot". So, what do we do to keep ourselves, our families and our congregation safe.

Two things that keep being repeated: **Wear masks and practice social distancing**

Now, more than ever, we are strongly encouraging wearing masks and practicing social distancing for the safety and health of all here at Redeemer. With the winter weather creeping in, it's getting harder to step outside for a conversation after church. If you need to talk to someone in the gathering space, please keep it brief and leave space for others to safely exit the church.

With the upcoming holidays, we certainly want everyone to be able to come to church and share this time with family and friends. We have and continue to strive to make it as safe as possible for everyone. There have been tough decisions to make on the best way to accomplish that goal and we welcome your comments and/or suggestions.



At our special congregational meeting on November 15th following worship, we will vote to accept the updated constitution and vote to form a 2-point parish with Zion Lutheran Church in Tigerton.





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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November, 2020 **Miriam Nelson** – In memory of her parents,  
Morris and Arlene Nelson's wedding anniversary  
**Gail Koehler** – In memory of her husband Robert  
December, 2020 **Deb Rieck** – In memory of her parents, Richard & Patricia Semrow  
February, 2021 **Fay Rosenow** – In memory of her husband Ron

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Thank you to all who sponsor the monthly newsletter!





## November Birthdays

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



## Thanksgiving Leading to Thanks - living

It is always good to give thanks! In November we set aside a day to say thanks. In a time when many of us cannot gather as usual, how about we all commit to a daily ritual of giving thanks this entire month— to God and to each other! You can post notes on your mirror; you can send a card; you can give someone a text or phone call or even send a good old-fashioned letter. In my unpacking boxes, I have reread cards that I have kept. What a lift in life to know that I am loved and appreciated. Who do you want to thank? Now is a good time!

Here are some thought provokers to put you in the Thanksgiving mood. Please take a little time with your family to do the Bible Study printed in this newsletter.

What or who in recent days has given you joy – Made your eyes twinkle? Made your heart sing? Caused your feet to dance? Drawn you to laugh or brought you to tears of joy? What or who gives you hope? Offer your thanks!

Could you bring some of your ideas to church so that we can offer our collective thanksgiving to God? Use a notecard from home or the space on this page so that we can do a huge shout out to God, come thanksgiving week. Drop off your note on Sundays or email Pastor Sharon at [sfoxbogen@gmail.com](mailto:sfoxbogen@gmail.com) or text me at 715-507-0618

Here are a few of my thank yous:

Thank you, God, for creating my two “kids” - for gifting Aaron with a love for music and a kind and sensitive concern for others, and for giving Adam the ability and will to climb mountains – rocky ones for sport and fitness and life’s boulders to bring justice to others.

Thank you, dear churches, for being faithful leaders who care about each one of our members. I appreciate how you go beyond your personal ideas to consider the needs of our whole congregation. Thank you, God, for the talents you have given us; we have all we need from you to be your church in this time!

Thank you to our homebound...you remind me that it is possible to adjust to whatever situation we find ourselves in. Your faith is amazing and gives me hope!

I am grateful for the times I get outside and smell the fresh air and notice the beauty around me. Thanks, Phil, for inviting me to bike and walk with you!

Thanks, God, for time to relax: a good book, prayer time, watching “Dancing with the Stars”, crawling into clean sheets, eating a good healthy meal, a good talk with family or friends.....

God, you give me joy as I baptize a baby, teach confirmation, go alongside of members who are sick and dying, lead worship, offer prayer, and grow to love our people more and more.

Thanks for some great belly laughs with Phil, with colleagues and with new friends...

**Looking forward to hearing your stories and sentences of thanksgiving!!!!**

# Thanksgiving Day— In All Circumstances



1 Thessalonians 5:18

## GOD'S WORD

*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

## FOR SHARING

1. St. Paul does not say to give thanks *for* all things, but to give thanks *in* all things. What is the difference?

2. Thanking God in all circumstances is a difficult thing to do. The Christian's joy, however, is not dependent on circumstances, but comes from what Christ has done at the cross. When we find ourselves in difficult and trying circumstances, how does Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" encourage us?

3. List circumstances in which you find it difficult to give thanks. Pray now that God "who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all" (Romans 8:12) would enable you to "give thanks in all circumstances."

## PRAYER

Lord God, we come to You to thank You for the gift of all gifts—the gift of Jesus. We also pause to thank You for all the other gifts of yesterday, the gifts of today, and the promised gifts of tomorrow, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



# Study 52

## Operation Christmas



The first Sunday of Advent is November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will again be helping Homme Youth & Family Programs make Christmas brighter for the youth there. We will be setting up a tree with 20 tags on that we would like to fill. We need the gifts no later than Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Until the Christmas tree is put up after Thanksgiving, you may put the gifts in the Gathering Space in gift bags or with wrapping paper (please leave unwrapped). Below is a list of gift giving ideas appropriate for the boys, ages 10 through 18.

Thank you in advance for sharing the love and joy of Jesus this Holy Season!

Population: Boys ages 10 thru 18

New Clothing sizes: M through XL

Athletic Shoes sizes: 8-11

Legos for ages 10+

Badger/Brewer/Bucks items

Winter Jackets/Snow Pants

Axe Gift Sets

Basketballs/Footballs

Origami Paper in Books

Fishing Gear

Teenage/Adult Coloring Bks

Children's & young adult books (*age appropriate books-no violence or sexual content*)

Remote Control Cars

Games

Snowboots sizes 8-11

Slippers

Watches

Art Supplies

Word Find/Crosswords

Mens/Teen Boys Necklaces

Wallets

DVD – G or PG movies

PS4 games rated “E”

Sweatshirts

McDonald's gift cards

Car Air Fresheners (for rooms)

Rubik's Cubes

Young Teen Cologne

Gift Bags are welcome; please leave gifts unwrapped.

**\* No Bathrobes, Food or Glass items, please.**

# November

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30 am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 am Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> Council 5:00	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation Following Worship: Congregational Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>