



October 2020 Newsletter
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Melana Schlueter in honor of her
mother, Shirley Hartleben

**From Pastor Sharon,
2020**

October,

Welcome to worship and Sunday School! It was a joy to see more young families last Sunday; you bring such energy to worship. Keep coming, Zion and Redeemer people of God!! Your councils have made it safe for all in the sanctuary and in the classrooms. Of course, your practice of distancing, handwashing, and wearing a mask, when near others, is appreciated. We do have beautiful music played by our musicians. Although not quite ready for full singing, soloists sing at Redeemer, and Zion softly sings the final hymn. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time when the virus seems to have found central Wisconsin. Please let us know your concerns and needs and encouragement!

Please remember that you make a good choice to stay home if you feel the least bit sick. We pray that you are all safe and well in these ever-changing days of pandemic! If you cannot make worship, please **feed your soul regularly by tuning in to a virtual service from one of our many ELCA congregations- some on our church Facebook pages or on YOU Tube.**

Redeemer is planning to eventually live stream our Sunday worship. We welcome any of you with tech savvy to help that happen. Contact Paul Pehlke, Ann Hawley, or Pastor Sharon.

How have you been doing with family faith conversations at home? Sharing our faith stories strengthens our minds, bodies, and souls. Your talks can lead to more questions, bring out emotions, draw you closer to each other and to God, or even surprise you. **Phil and I tried one of last month's suggestions: "One of the most important things I learned from God is"...** We were surprised that it was not as easy as we thought it would be. Two pastors were a little shy and found we depended a little too much on our churchy language. But we invited each other to be simple and honest and began to share simple ways that we talk to God and listen to God. How about you? Share how it went and try another idea from the Sept. newsletter or.....

Here's some new faith formation conversations. Your ideas may come from nature, talks with people in school or work, dreams, goals, worship, prayer life, Bible devotions or other books, a

still, small voice inside, a family trip, and various other ways. Pay attention to how God works! These ideas came from a Synod Epic workshop where we partnered up and picked one to share. In minutes we shared amazing stories one on one, surrounded by people who care about faith!

Tell about a time when you were frightened or afraid. How was God involved?

Tell about a time when you felt God very close to you...right there present with you.

Tell about a special time of prayer that you had with God.

Tell about a time you felt God was using a special talent of yours to help someone.

Tell about a time when you were really worried about someone or something. How did you feel God's presence?

Tell about a time of forgiveness or reconciliation. How was God involved?

Set some time aside to be in one or two of these conversations and see where God leads you!

Praying that you will enjoy growing deeper in your relationship with God and with each other!!!

Looking forward to seeing you at church and Sunday School!!!

Prayers of Praise 2020

Lord Jesus, in You we recognize what life can be:

Recklessly loving, abundantly forgiving, and limitlessly free.

Thank You for offering this life to us again, now.

Thank You for removing the barriers that would keep us from this life,
and for making us new again.

We praise You for the way You lived – opening doors of pain and guilt,
and releasing captives.

We praise You for the way You died – forgiving sinners,
and denying revenge.

We praise You for the way You returned from death – opening graves,
and re-awakening hopes and dreams.

And, we praise You for the way You come to us now –
stirring love in our hearts, and passion in our lives. Amen.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Arla Block

Members present:

President: Arla Block

Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen

Secretary: Deb Rieck

Treasurer/WMA: Peggy Emmel

Education:

Parish Life: Lois Anderson, Miriam Nelson, Joy Hartleben

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

Trustee: Brad Zeinert

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Pastor Sharon

Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Joy Hartleben, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council visitors: None

Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Lois Anderson, to approve the August 13, 2020 Council Minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$60,863.48 as of August 31, 2020. Of that amount, \$42,967.14 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$17,896.34.

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

Peggy gave out 2021 Committee budget worksheets and would like preliminary reports by the October meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Finalized plans for upcoming baptism and funeral
- Continues to meet with church committees to help plan worship and education events and continues to meet with area church leaders to share ideas.
- Continues to provide pastoral support via home and hospital visits, phone calls, and other online portals. Brought monthly communion to Rainbow Apt. residents and other Redeemer members.
- Will attend virtual Synod Assembly on 9/26/20 and will be on vacation Oct. 1-8

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

- Joy will begin Motion Tracking at council meetings to keep track of completion and progress made by council on motions made during meetings.
- Shared Thank You card received from Pastor Phil,
- Working on 2021 Guidelines and evaluations are coming up.

Parish Education No Report

Worship/Music/Arts

- Feedback on Services is encouraged and volunteers at services are needed.
- At their meeting, they discussed use of communion cards in the future and how more music could be incorporated during the service.
- October Services will offer communion every Sunday except the 1st Sunday, Oct. 4.
- October 25 is Reformation Sunday-Wear Red
- Christmas worship will be Christmas Eve at 4:00. None on Christmas Day.
- Discussed with Zion possible joint services in the future. Possibly Nov.15.
- Kicked around the idea of a caroling event and bonfire in December.

Trustees

- Some members of the furnace committee met on Sept. 1. It was decided we would try to get 2-3 furnace quotes.
- Brad met with PGA this week. They recommend 96% efficient furnaces. (We currently have 80%.) Some duct work will need to be done but not much. Brad will get quotes on 80% and 96% efficient units as well as quotes on cooling systems for the upper level of the church.
- Kevin Rosenow will contact Chad Popp and possibly the company that replaced the furnace at Zion.

OLD BUSINESS

- Furnace committee recommendations: See Trustee Report
- Redeemer and Zion Council met on August 25 to discuss the two-point parish requirements given to us by the synod office.
- Constitution committee has been making headway on updating our constitution to align with the required synod model. When complete a special congregational meeting will be held to present it.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Maribeth Netzler, to move the Larson Fund out of the Income Fund and to an American Balance Fund in order to separate it from the Christian Education Fund. Motion carried.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, October 8 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Linda Evja, seconded by Lois Anderson, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be a special congregational meeting October 18th at 9:30 a.m. to approve the purchase and installation of new furnaces for the sanctuary. We currently have two bids and a recommendation will be made by the committee and presented to the council at the October 8th meeting.

Our constitution and by-laws (1990) are being updated and will be available for your review by October 11th. Much of the work has already been done for us by following the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (2019). This update is necessary for us to proceed in forming a two point parish with Zion Lutheran Church, Tigerton.

Our current constitution is very similar in content, except the Model Constitution uses very legalistic language. Information on the update will be presented on Sundays in October and November. Any additions/changes to the “new constitution” must be made prior to the special meeting November 15th at 9:30 a.m. At the special meeting the “new constitution” will be approved (without change) by a majority vote and ratified without further change at the annual meeting (January) by a two-thirds vote. This procedure is in accordance with our current constitution.

If any questions/comments PLEASE don't hesitate to ask.

Arla Block 715-454-6498

Our Monetary Discipleship for September, 2020

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
8/30	17	\$765			\$60 Newsletter for November - Miriam Nelson	\$825
9/6	18	\$2095				\$2095
9/13	19	\$971	\$20		Missions \$50 Baptism \$50	\$1091
9/20	17	\$780			\$60 Newsletter for February 2021- Fay Rosenow \$25 Memorial \$100 Dawson Funeral	\$965
9/27	37	\$3216		\$10		\$3226
Total		\$7827	\$20	\$10	\$345	\$8202

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.

October Worship Assistants

Please sign up to assist with worship.
The sheets are located in the Gathering Space,

Date	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistant	Soloist	Organist/ Pianist
Sunday Oct. 4					Linda Clough
Sunday Oct. 11					Barb Nelson
Sunday Oct. 18					Barb Nelson
Sunday Oct. 25					Linda Clough

or call Linda Evje (715-454-6613), Peggy Emmel (881-0858),
or Mary Netzler (715-253-6290) Thank you.



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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March, 2020	June Norrbom – In memory of Carl and Loren
May, 2020	Bob & Lorna Alberg
June, 2020	Lee & JoAnn Innerebner
July, 2020	Vian Kersten – In memory of her husband Milan
August, 2020	Carol Klinner and family – In memory of Hilbert Klinner
September, 2020	Sharon Philipp – In memory of her husband John Philipp
October, 2020	Melana Schlueter – In honor of her mother, Shirley Hartleben
November, 2020	Miriam Nelson – in memory of her parents, Morris and Arlene Nelson's wedding anniversary
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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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!



October Birthdays

Kaylin Karcz 10-3
River Mattes 10-4
Nancy Pehlke 10-4
Shirley Schmidt 10-12
Ryan Buntrock 10-14
Carol Klinner 10-15
Annie Jo Czerwonka 10-18
Kay Carlson 10-18
Deb Rieck 10-21
Kari Zeinert 10-25
Judy Boda 10-27
Agnes Schlender 10-31

October Anniversaries

Brandon & Callie Hirsch 10-5
Tom & Karen Kersten 10-10
Curt & Evie Low 10-12
Kurt & Linda Evje 10-26
Alan & Kayla Hanke 10-27



October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Pastor Sharon: 715-507-0618 Redeemer: 715-253-2590	28	29	30	1 Pastor on vacation	2	3
4 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation	5	6	7	8 Pastor on vacation Council Meeting 5:00 pm	9	10
11 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation	12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17
18 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation 9:30 am Congregational Meeting - furnaces	19	20 Parish Life 4:00	21	22	23	24
25 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Pastor Lois Graper will be on call for us during the time Pastor Sharon is on vacation. Her number is **715-853-2549**.