

Youth News:



Thank you to all who participated in 2019 Vacation Bible School August 13-15. We only had four children- Oliver Clark, Robbie Dombeck, Izzy Smalfus, and Olivia Starr (plus Lexi Dombeck was our mascot!) Thank you to Makenna Dombeck and Owen Hanke for being helpers. Teachers were Mary Peterson, Tracy Dombeck, Laura Clark, Leslie Hill, Shondel Hansen, and Ann Hawley. The theme was "Friends of the Bible." We learned about friendship and the following Bible stories: David and Jonathon; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego; the four friends who lowered their

friend through the roof to be healed by Jesus; Tabitha who was raised from the dead by Peter because of her friends' prayers; Jesus and Peter; and also Naomi and Ruth-who wouldn't leave her mother-in-law. Be sure to check out pictures of VBS at our website: redeemerlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com/

Sunday School will start Sept. 8th from 8:45-9:45. Those going into grades 3-5 will be in Leslie Hill's class. Grades 1-2 will be with Mary Peterson. Younger students meet with Tracy Dombeck. Shondel Hansen and Ann Hawley will be substitute teachers. If anyone else is interested in helping, please contact one of the Sunday School teachers. It is important for students to attend Sunday School and church regularly so they learn the Bible stories, get prepared for confirmation, and most importantly, get a solid religious foundation that will carry them through the challenges of life.

Confirmation for grades 6-8 will now meet at 8:45-9:45 Sunday mornings in the Heritage Room starting Sept. 8th instead of Wednesday evenings. Thank you to Laura Clark for volunteering to teach confirmation classes. Students will need to complete at least two sermon notes per month and are expected to stay for church. Also confirmation students should complete service hours and help with acolyte duties during worship. Students will be confirmed the spring of their 8th grade year if they have satisfied all the requirements.

Starting in October, all students are needed to help with the fourth Sunday service (singing, ushering, reading) except for the month of December when we will have the Christmas program. Thank you parents for bringing your children to Sunday School, confirmation classes, and church services. We are glad that you are a part of our church family!

The Parish Education Committee

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 11, 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, Ryan Buntrock, Brad Zeinert
Worship, Music, & Arts: Faith Kristof, Maribeth Netzler
A quorum was present.

No Agenda

Council visitors: None

Motion made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Maribeth Netzler, to approve the July 2019 Meeting Minutes. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peggy submitted the Treasurer's report showing an account balance of \$34,106.86 as of July 31, 2019. Of that amount, \$12,487.68 was budget funds and \$21,619.18 was non-budget funds.

Motion by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Faith Kristof, to approve the August bills as presented. Carried.

Peggy noted we are currently operating under budget due to the temporary elimination of Pastor salary/expenses, however, the Substitute Pastor Budget will be over budget this year due to our unforeseen need of Substitute Pastors. Our regular offerings are lower than last year at this time.

PASTOR'S REPORT None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life

- Working on getting Bazaar set-up. This will be on October 12, 2019. It will once again be a joint event with Holy Family, St. Paul's and possibly Alpha House.
- Rally Day is September 8th. Services will be at 10:00 starting this day.

Parish Education

- Next meeting August 21
- VBS will be this week August 13-15. Everything is set.
- Sunday School begins September 8 at 8:45am
- Laura Clark will be doing confirmation classes.

Worship/Music/Arts

- Met last week to plan music for the next couple of months
- Faith spoke with Faith, Hope, and Harmony regarding providing special music during a service. They are booked out until the middle of October. Redeemer would be charged \$400 if we are interested in booking them.

A motion was made by Paul Pehlke, seconded by Joy Hartleben, to authorize Faith Kristof to book Faith, Hope, and Harmony for service on either October 20 or 27 at the cost of \$400. Motion Carried.

Discussion was had regarding putting out a Free Will Donation Basket to help cover this expense.

Trustees

- Elevator: Otis has switched leadership changing the maintenance schedule. Due to a conflict of interest Otis can no longer inspect and maintain the elevator, therefore, Mimi will be doing inspections and Otis will be doing any maintenance or repairs.
- Parsonage: Joel Hartleben cleaned the gutters and cleared some brush. Thank you Joel! Due to the water damage an Insurance Inspector came to assess any possible coverage. They noted repairs that needed to be done and now need contractor estimates for the roof work and drywall replacing in the living room, family room, and kitchen. Before going to the congregation to request any money to be put toward repair/updating the parsonage, council would like to get an estimate on the value of the property as it sits now. This will be needed before any decision is made on the future of the parsonage as well*. It was noted that someone has already approached one of our congregational members with interest in buying the parsonage as is.

*A future special congregational meeting will be held to determine the future of the parsonage once council has gathered information and options that can be presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Arise Campaign-Christian Education Fund Gift-Tabled

Parish Model Ministry: We are hoping to get more information during the meeting with the Bishop on Wednesday, August 14, as to options our church can explore.

NEW BUSINESS

There are 3 parishioners (Arla Block, Ann Hawley, and Lois Anderson) interested in pursuing continued education in Lay Ministry. This requires taking courses for 2 years for certification at a cost of \$525 per person per year. Classes begin in September.

Motion made by Peggy Emmel, seconded by Mary Peterson, for Redeemer to cover the cost of Lay Ministry Certification for the next two years for Arla Block, Ann Hawley, and Lois Anderson at a cost of \$1,575 per year. Motion carried.

Council feels that having certified Lay Members will be a huge benefit to our church. If there are any other members interested in Lay Ministry Certification in the future, please contact a council member.

The Synod Companion Relationship with the Moretele Circuit from South Africa is looking for housing hosts for members that will be coming to our area in June 2020. Information will be posted on the church bulletin board. They would like to find host families by September 15th. Please contact a council member if you are interested.

Next Council meeting, Sunday, September 8th after the 10:00 service.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Rieck
Council Secretary

Our Monetary Discipleship for August 2019

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other
8/4	30	\$ 742	\$		\$
8/11	32	\$ 3,640	\$		\$ 10 Missions \$ 60 Newsletter
8/18	30	\$ 1,005	\$		
8/25	30	\$ 640	\$		
Total		\$ 6,027	\$		\$ 70

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.

September Worship Assistants

Date	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Coffee Host
Sunday September 1	Bradley Block	Bradley Block	_____		
Sunday September 8	Linda Evje	Faye Rosenow	Deb Rieck		
Sunday September 15	Dan & Karon Weisensel	Dan Weisensel	_____		
Sunday September 22	Sunday School	Sunday School	Joy Hartelben		
Sunday, September 29	Dan & Karon Weisensel	Dan Weisensel	_____		

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

ALTAR GUILD:

January & February: Gail Koehler & Ruthie Olsen
 March & April: Dianne Long & Leslie Hill
 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.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Thank you to all the newsletter sponsors:

August 2019 – **Carol Klinner** – In memory of her husband, Hilbert
 September 2019 – **Mary Ann Peters** – In honor of her granddaughter, Delcie Peters' wedding
 October, 2019 – **Ruth Bowers** – In memory of her husband, Alan and son, John
 November 2019 – **Ann Block** – In memory of her husband, Ben
 December 2019 – **Carol Klinner** – Thankfulness for my family and friends
 January, 2020 – **Carlton & Jean Benz** ~ In honor of their 65th wedding anniversary &
 in memory of their sons Larry & Brian

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for 2020, 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.

Thank you to all who sponsor the monthly newsletter!

Our Sundaes on Sunday fellowship time on August 25th was lively with conversation and delicious sundaes. Thank you to all who provided food and service for this opportunity to spend time together.



Family Game Night

Our August Family Game Night was attended by 5 game players. We ate a meal together and played Skip-Bo. Four of us are not certain how Peggy Emmel won **both** games, but we agree a rematch is in order at some point.

Get ready, the Fall Bazaar is coming October 12th! It's not too soon to think about getting your craft items ready for sale or a basket together for the Basket Raffle!

Basket ideas include, but are not limited to: a Movie Basket which might include DVD's, microwave popcorn, a popcorn bowl, sparkling juice; a Coffee Lovers' Basket which might include coffee, creamer, mugs, cookies; a Packer Fan Basket or a Badgers Fan Basket including sports themed items; A basket with products from a local business. Ideas are endless!





WANTED:

We need your help to complete our Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

We are in need of 4 ounce bars of soap (any kind).

We also need donations toward purchases for the other kit items.

Please place soap or donations in the basket on the usher's table.

Have You Ever Wondered...

- *How are hymns selected?*
- *What is the origin of the hymns?*
- *Does the hymn have a history?*
- *What does this hymn say?*

These are a few of the questions that will be emphasized during our lay services in September.

Resources Include:

umcdiscipleship.org

reasonabletheology.org

sermoncentral.com (excerpt from "The Banquet" by Kevin Ruff

Christ In Our Home p. 66



Prayer Concerns

We will be updating our prayer concerns monthly. If you have a person or concern you would like added to our prayers, please note your prayer concern on the prayer bulletin board in the gathering space.



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July 31, 2019

Dear Members of the Shawano Conference

A companionship trip is being planned for the summer of 2020 for people from the Moretele Circuit to come to our conference. It is time to start making some plans with the following information.

1. Our congregations are being asked how many visitors that they would like to host.
2. The focus of their visit to us will not be as much to entertain our visitors, but to spend time together in daily life and build relationships.

Questions to be answered by each church (council or congregation) with response requested by September 15th:

1. Will this congregation be willing to host visitors from their companion parish in the Moretele Circuit in South Africa between June 17th to 30th, 2020, depending upon air flights?
2. If so, how many people? (It is suggested that congregations consider hosting from 2-6 visitors. More than six may create transportation challenges).
3. As soon as possible and before September 15 if possible, please complete the Letter of Invitation and return it to Pastor Lois Graper. Contact information: PO Box 123, Tilleda WI 54978 lgraper@tulp.org or call 715-853-2549.

Additional notes to consider in hosting:

1. Churches that agree to host will provide food, shelter and transportation while the visitors are here. Yet to be determined is how the cost of transportation from an airport to our conference will be arranged.
2. Churches that want to host visitors will be encouraged to have the overnight hosts attend at least one conference/synod orientation session.
3. It is recommended that visitors be able to stay with a host for three or more days before moving to another place. Constant change is confusing and wearing for anyone traveling. During the day the visitors may visit with groups or individuals around a meal or an event.
4. It would be helpful to develop intentional times of conversation with the visitors to host congregations. These conversations are to share insights on faith, worship, prayer, stewardship and other areas of faith and ministry with each other. The planning team will be preparing questions to prompt conversations around faith topics.
5. At the orientation such topics as gifts (from individuals and from congregations) will be discussed.
6. At the orientation there will be topics addressed that include assumptions that may be made both by our visitors and by ourselves.

Thank you for your consideration!

Pastor Lois Graper

Dean Shawano Conference

September Birthdays

- 9-5 Carla Hanke
9-10 Sara Horne
9-13 Grace Hartleben
Dianne Long
Cheryl Tellock
9-15 Chase Frigen
9-17 Bonnie Sparr
9-19 DonnaMae Rosenow
9-22 Clint Horne
9-23 Makenna Dombeck
Saul Hanke
9-26 Amanda Boge
Vivian Hartleben
Trey Yaeger
9-29 Bruce Hartleben
Paul Kristof
Courtney Rosenow



September Anniversaries

- 9-4 Paul & Kim Norrbom
9-11 John & Mary Anderson
9-20 Tim & Sharon Backes
9-23 Jordan & Amber Hull
9-24 Amy & David Rogers

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 9:00	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday School Confirmation 8:45 Worship 10:00 Communion Baptism	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday School & Confirmation 8:45 Worship 10:00	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Sunday School & Confirmation 8:45 Worship 10:00 Communion	23 Autumn Begins	24	25	26	27	28
29 Sunday School & Confirmation 8:45 Worship 10:00	30					

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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