



September 2020 Newsletter  
Sponsored by Sharon Philipp  
in memory of her husband John

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From Pastor Sharon

September, 2020 Newsletter

**Rally at Worship - Sunday Sept. 6 8:30am Redeemer 10:30am Zion**  
**Rally at Sunday School - Sunday Sept 27 (Following family worship for all)**

With fall just around the corner, we are gearing up at church for a fresh start in worship and in Sunday School. Worship has gone well this summer with many safety precautions becoming habit: there is room for your family to sit six or more feet apart from others, hand sanitizer and masks allow for even more protection. Communion is served safely at the end of the service. We listen to beautiful music played by our talented musicians and often sung by a soloist. At Redeemer we meet outside whenever possible and even stay to visit afterwards.

If you have not been able to make it back yet please come when you can. We miss you and your children. We certainly understand if you stay home for health concerns – your safety is most important. If you desire communion, let Pastor Sharon know. We hope to soon be set up with video capabilities to show you our own worship live. In the meantime, please watch one of the many great ELCA services on our FB page or on You Tube.

The Sunday School leaders are discussing creative and safe ways to help our children learn God's word through hearing the Bible stories and participating in worship. It would mean so much to have your help and support: Come, volunteer to sub, lead a game outside, or follow through at home by reading the Bible stories together. All ages can be involved in reading the Psalms, setting a story or verse to memory, or sharing your faith stories, your moments of blessings and your times of struggle. This is how we pass on the faith!

Here are some examples that can be easy to practice at home. You decide if your family could do one a day or two per week or several each month: 1. At bedtime read a story or tell your own about how you learned about God's love. 2. Share your highs and lows of the day and then pray for each other. 3. Draw a picture that shows what you are good at. 4. Draw a picture of the first time that you remember feeling really good about yourself...how old were you then? who recognized your giftedness? is that talent still true in you now? 5. List all the things you are thankful for and post them on the mirror. You get the idea... the church is called on to train the adults to lead their children, to bless them with precious time together. You may be surprised how many great children's sermons happen right at home...Encourage your family's faith

language! Soon recognizing God at work in your lives is a daily practice!

Our church libraries and my own office shelves are full of beautiful children's books. Feel free to borrow them. Here is a story about Martin Luther from "The Little Lutheran" by Elizabeth Hunter.

### **God Really Loves You**

As Martin Luther grew up, he worried a lot. "Can God really love me?" He worried about the mistakes he made. He had scary dreams. He felt so afraid. Martin grew bigger, but still felt small. Until he read in the Bible that God loves all. No one had ever quite told him before. He laughed with great joy, and then he read more.

God really loves me! He jumped up and down. I can never be perfect! He stamped on the ground. It's all about Jesus, whom God sent to us. Jesus says we're alright - in this we trust! When Martin told people, they asked, "Is this true?" He said, "Yes, you're forgiven. God really loves you!"

Such a simple message from our very own Martin Luther; but somehow one of the hardest for each one of us to believe. Isn't this what all of us want for each one of God's beloved children!! To come to the knowledge and the comfort of this Gospel truth!!! Set free from our worries, we can enjoy God's goodness and spread it to all. Have fun as you teach the faith at home....

**Let me or your SS teachers know how it goes this month....**I can provide more short lessons each month....Please, I hope everyone, tries this conversation from "Scripture Talk"

Matt 11:28 Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

One of the important things I have learned from God is.....

When I need rest, I.....

I talk to God about my problems when.....

Let the conversation go where it will. Share honestly and maybe more important, listen – to others and to God!!

(BTW, this works with children in your household or with any age child of God, even you!)

See you in worship and Sunday School. If you can't come, keep in touch via phone calls and social media and neighborly visits at a safe distance! Let us know how we can pray for you!!

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 13, 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: Ann Hawley, Mary Peterson, Shondel Hansen

Parish Life: Lois Anderson, Miriam Nelson

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

Trustee:

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions by Pastor Sharon

Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the agenda.  
Carried.

Council visitors: None

Motion made by Ann Hawley, seconded by Miriam Nelson, to approve the July 16, 2020  
Council Minutes. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$59,930.88 as of July 31, 2020. Of that amount, \$43,367.14 is non-budget, and the budget has a balance of \$16,563.74.

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

Peggy will give out 2021 Committee budget worksheets at the September meeting.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Thanked members for their help with funeral procedures, and WMA and other members for their efforts in leading our Covid Safe worships.
- Continues to provide pastoral support via home visits, phone calls, and other online portals.
- She wants members to know that she would be happy to provide communion to anyone who does not feel comfortable yet coming to church. They should call her to make arrangements.
- She asked committee leaders to get any newsletter info to Lois by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.
- Asked that we work with Zion and look at the possibility of changing service hours next summer in order to build up summer attendance.

- Met with Education Committee. Shared Zion's plans.
- Working on ideas to continue to offer virtual worship.
- Asked Council to discuss with Zion the possibilities of getting a work cell phone and of having an outdoor worship together at a park this fall.
- Upcoming Saturday Commitments: August 29 leading her nephew's funeral in Neenah, and in September she will be working 3 of 4 Saturdays: baptism, funeral, Synod Assembly.
- On Vacation October 1-8. Pastor Graper will be on call and worship at both churches will be led by a Lay leader.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Parish Life

- Lois shared a thank you card that was received from a member of the community.
- Next meeting September 2.

### Parish Education

- September 13 Rally Sunday when Children's Sermons will restart and Bibles will be presented to students in church.
- Sunday school will start on September 27. Mary Peterson, Tracy Dombeck, and Shondel Hansen will be teaching this year. They are looking for substitutes.
- Covid Safety plans are in place for Sunday school, but if Wittenberg School District goes to online virtual school then there will be no Sunday School.
- Confirmation plans are in place for our 2 members. Laura Clark will lead instruction here at Redeemer and at some point during the year they will join with the 8 participants at Zion.
- The committee is looking for ideas to get the children more involved during the Church Service since they cannot sing in church at this time or help with the offering plates.

### Worship/Music/Arts

- Still accepting artificial flower donations.
- In need of volunteer assistants in church.

### Trustees

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ann shared the window donor plaque. It will be displayed in the gathering space for a while then hung up in the heritage room.
- Furnace committee recommendations: None yet
- Office Computer: Redeemer was not selected for Tech Grant

- Current CD's of \$40,000 and \$85,000 recently came due. Interest rates are currently very low where they are at. A motion was made by Linda Evje, seconded by Shondel Hansen, to move \$100,000 to a 6 month Cloverbelt Credit Union CD with an interest rate of 0.5%. Motion Carried.
- Betty Schoepke Dawson Memorial service plans are in place for September 19.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Lois, Ann, and Arla will begin their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Lay Ministry classes on September 11 and 12.
- Arla shared a two-point parish requirement handout which was provided by Pastor Amy from the Synod office. This will require us to have a new constitution and will be further discussed at our meeting with Zion on August 25.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, September 10 at 5:00pm.

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

## Our Monetary Discipleship for August, 2020

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
8/2	17	\$1540				<b>\$1540</b>
8/9	21	\$1395				<b>\$1395</b>
8/16	20	\$1815				<b>\$1815</b>
8/23	22	\$1000				<b>\$1000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5750</b>				<b>\$5750</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.

## September Worship Assistants

Please sign up to assist with worship.  
The sheets are on the bulletin board 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 Sept. 6					Barb Nelson
Sunday Sept. 13					Linda Clough
Sunday Sept. 20					Barb Nelson
Sunday Sept. 27					Linda Clough

Your help is needed to assist with worship services, as a reader, communion assistant, or usher. Please contact one of the members of the Worship, Music and Arts committee if you are able to help.

Linda Evje 715-454-6613    Maribeth Netzler 715-253-6290

Peggy Emmel 715-881-0858



## Ushers

Fortunately at Redeemer, we are not passing the offering plates, so anyone can be an usher!

Following our current guidelines, there is a change to ushering duties.

- Ushers are asked to wear masks as they dismiss for communion.
- Ushers are asked to dismiss members for communion starting at the rear of the church and moving to the front. Please dismiss so that social distancing is followed.
- Please keep in mind this is still part of the service, and not a time for socializing.
- Please write down attendance number and place in offering plate.

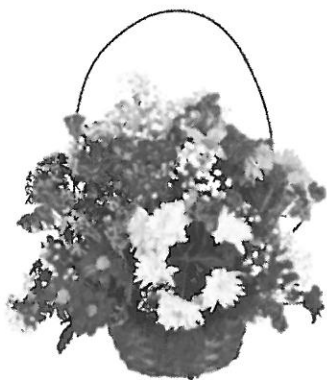
## Communion Servers

- Please wear a mask and gloves during the time you are assisting.
- Place a wafer and cup of wine or grape juice on a napkin. Have approximately 4 set-up at a time.

## Readers

- Read as usual from the lectern. You do not need to wear a mask.
- Monthly readings are in the mailboxes, in the slot marked lessons.





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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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!





# **Time For A Change**

**Beginning September 6<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the months of October, November, and December, our worship time will change to 8:30 am.**

**Communion will be held each Sunday in September.**

**Sunday School is scheduled to begin at 9:30 beginning September 27<sup>th</sup> as long as the public schools are also in session.**

## Redeemer Education News-Fall 2020

We welcome all of you back to worship and Sunday School! There will be three Sunday School classes this year: Tracy Dombeck: 3-4 year olds; Shondel Hansen: grades K-2 (though we only have first graders at this time); and Mary Peterson: grades 3-5. Starting in September, church will start at 8:30 in the morning at Redeemer. Sunday School starting on Sept. 27 will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School collections will continue to go to Ana Luis in Mexico-our Compassion International child who is now 16 years old.

- **Worship Rally Sunday will be Sept. 13.** Gather your family to spend time with God. Come to worship at **8:30 a.m.** Pastor will lead a children's sermon and our youngest children (with their parents) will be presented with a children's Bible if they didn't get one last year.
- **Rally Sunday for Sunday School** The first day of Sunday School will be **Sept. 27 at 9:30 a.m.** right after worship Meet your teacher and class. It will be face-to-face as long as the schools are meeting face-to-face. Bibles for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be presented at church on this Sunday.
- **Confirmation will start on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** with Laura Clark on Sundays at **9:30 a.m.** until the volleyball season is over. We are in the process of working with Zion Confirmation class to meet together so that youth and Pastor Sharon can get to know each other better. To do this we would need volunteer drivers to get our two girls to Zion on Wednesdays and sometimes to get the Zion class to Wittenberg. Let us know if you can help. As a volunteer driver you are welcome to stay and assist pastor, or you can leave, and parents or Pastor Sharon will drive them back to Redeemer.

Safety precautions include the following:

- No singing during Sunday School (or for the congregation).
- Masks are highly encouraged. Wear your own or we will have some here.
- We will do some activities outside-weather permitting.
- Tables will be arranged for social-distancing.
- Washing hands will be encouraged.
- Prepackaged snacks only.
- For those who don't feel comfortable attending Sunday School yet, we will soon have a virtual Sunday School link on our web site <http://redeemrlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com/> under "THIS MONTH at Redeemer" (where the virtual sermons are posted).

Sunday School students won't be helping with worship services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month with bulletins or collections until the pandemic is over, but if the older children would like to volunteer to be readers, that would be great! If anyone can volunteer to be a substitute Sunday School teacher, please let a Sunday School teacher or the church office know. Thank you!

The Education Committee



## September Birthdays

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



## September Anniversaries

- 9-4 Paul & Kim Norrbom  
9-11 John & Mary Anderson  
9-23 Jordan & Amber Hull

# September

2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2 4:00 pm Parish Life Meeting @ Redeemer	3	4	5
6 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 5:00 pm Church Council	11	12 10:00 am Private Family Baptism for Landon Lee Hull
13 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	14	15	16	17	18	19 2:00 pm Funeral for Betty (Schoepke) Dawson
20 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation	28	29	30	1	2	3

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