



# Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

August, 2022

## Pastor Ponderings

Pastor Jack Way

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(Continued from the July newsletter)

The call committee is expected to provide occasional feedback to the council about the way things are proceeding. As the committee proceeds in its work they will inform the congregation periodically yet, perhaps only infrequently, about the progress being made toward the proposed timeline they have established for things they will accomplish.

Since arriving here in April of 2020, Redeemer’s leaders and members have been mentioning their concerns regarding whether the congregation will be able to survive. I have sometimes replied to this question saying, “Only the Lord knows the answer to that question.” The specific issue of a congregation’s sustainability does not get analyzed thoroughly within the call process paperwork (MSP). Knowing of these two issues, I will request that the call committee spend time together in carefully examining, evaluating, discussing and then including in writing the various viewpoints about short and long term viability for the next called leader at Redeemer. I would think it could be quite beneficial to review and record the call committee’s best understanding of how the congregation and its leaders might initiate a way(s) for the congregation to sustain a future called pastor (rostered leader). In that review it will be of benefit to suggest decisions for how Redeemer could plan to adequately meet the next pastor’s compensation package, looking out for at least several years. Such an investigation needs to include a balanced perspective of the congregation’s various viewpoints for how the congregation and leaders perceive the kind of leader they will seek for the immediate future. Doing this analysis will be of benefit whether the next pastoral servant-leader is a part time, a shared pastor, or some other kind of pastoral relationship. A congregational sustainability assessment form is available to start an initial review.

Later, after completing the MSP, the time arrives to prepare to interview a candidate(s). One of the tasks of an interim pastor is to assist with arranging for at least one practice interview(s). This usually takes place by using a nearby ELCA pastor, who acts as a candidate, in being interviewed by the call committee. That “practice” pastor then offers advice, offers positive feedback, and offers cautions to the call committee, as necessary. This use of a practice interview(s) has shown to be quite beneficial to a call committee before an actual interview of a pastoral candidate takes place.

Remember that completing the 25 pages of paperwork (MSP) can take from several weeks to a few months. When the interviewing portion of the timeline arrives, the call committee will continue being extremely cautious about keeping confidentiality within the committee regarding any information about any potential candidates. The interviewing process for one, or more, candidate(s) can take several weeks, or even a couple of months.

(to be continued in September)

*With you a brother in Christ, for you a shepherd of Christ,*

**Pastor Jack**

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# School Kits

## for Lutheran World Relief

Once again, we will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. We are inviting you to donate any or all of the items listed below needed for each school kit by Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. A donation box will be placed in the north (covered) entrance. If you would prefer, cash donations can be made and we will do the shopping for you. Please indicate on your envelope or check that the donation is for "School Kits". To allow time for shopping, we would appreciate cash donations be made by Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> we will assemble the kits after church (approx.10:15 am). All are invited to help.

School supplies needed for each kit:

- Four 70-sheet 8"x10½" notebooks, wide or college rule
- One 30-centimeter ruler, can have both inches and centimeters
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½" eraser



## School Kits provide normalcy in times of crisis

In northern Iraq, many families were unable to buy school supplies for their children when returning to their homes after years of ISIS conflict. The students couldn't complete their schoolwork; some skipped school entirely because they lacked basic supplies.

Thanks to a shipment of more than 13,000 LWR School Kits, students of all ages received what they needed to continue their education and return to the normalcy of a regular school routine. As school absences decrease and schoolwork is completed, students are beginning to heal from the trauma of witnessing violence and conflict.

**Other Kits for Lutheran World Relief** — Lists of items for each kit are available at the north entrance. Completed kits must be at church by Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Baby Kit
- Fabric Kit
- Personal Care Kit

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just two weeks ago Columbia County was at the lowest level of Covid cases and we felt as if there was finally light at the end of the tunnel. We were able to gather again, drop the masking while singing and have a glorious outdoor event enjoying each other's company via the Campfire Fun Night. Sadly, now we are again experiencing higher levels of covid again so its back to safety measures to protect all of our parishioners and worship staff. Yes, this is daunting but we cling to hope. I am drawn to Romans 8:28-39, which the apostle Paul dictated to Tertius to encourage the gentiles of his day and give us encouragement today.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[i] have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”[j]

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[k] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Taking into account the above biblical verses in the short term, I am reflecting on the Campfire Fun Night, the first event Redeemer Lutheran has hosted since before the pandemic. While an event of this nature, tends to take three months to plan, the Campfire Fire Committee took on the challenge to create it one month! While the odds were stacked against us, we began planning and praying! God was faithful all the way!!

Contemplating if God was in our midst, consider the following:

1. The Campfire Committee: Steve Gilbert, Pastor Jack Way, Skyler Severson, Trish Mc Neill and Cindy Drehmel - met several times and planned our promotions, donations, decorations, etc. Thank you to all of you for your vision, diligence, teamwork, fortitude and encouragement in helping me (Cindy) make this event a reality.

2. Volunteers stepped up to help the day of the event; Joan Reiersen, Skyler and April Severson and sons, Austin and Stacy Dahnke and daughters, Steve and Melanie Gilbert, Trish and Scott Mc Neill, and Cindy Drehmel

- Skyler and family brought over all the pits they personally owned and set up the area ahead of time.
- Joan Reiersen, Skyler Severson, Emma, Austin and Stacy Dahnke lovingly teaching and participating with the kids and adults in all the wonderful games.
- Pit Masters, Steve Gilbert and Scott McNeill, conversed with all and helped each participant with their marshmallows . 🍡
- Melanie Gilbert and April Severson serving the s'mores and lemonade, engaging in conversations and encouraging participation.
- Trish McNeill, the photo bug, taking photos capturing fantastic moments in time in the Life of Redeemer Lutheran!
- A special thank you to my personal assistant Abby Dahnke, who helped with name tags and door prizes and kept me motivated and pointed out needs that I might have missed.

- Thank you to all of you for arriving early and staying after for clean up. You are all fantastic!! Austin, Stacy and family, thank you for bringing the games, Skyler, April and family thank you for bringing the pits and games! Steve and Melanie, thank you for wrangling the balloons.. 📍
- Trish and Scott, Thanks for helping with the shopping earlier, photography and decorating

All volunteers arrived on time at 5pm and worked so well together it was miraculous and all was ready to go at 7pm. Our volunteer participants were (and are) a wonderful reflection of a caring, Christian community, who gave back selflessly and created A TON OF JOY for those who participated on July 16<sup>th</sup>. A Big Thank You to all the Volunteers of the Campfire Fun Night. The event was sooo faith-filled! You all stepped up and answered God's call and were wonderful servants of God. Everywhere I looked someone was lending a helping hand.

3. Bob Skare created grand door prizes he skillfully crafted out of wood. A big thank you to Bob for his beautiful works of wood art.

4. Smaller door prizes for games and mini door prizes were purchased and given away with each containing a Christian message

5. The Rio Shopper offered us a 25% discount on a front-page ad

6. The Covid case count dropped from medium to low level for both Columbia and Dane Counties the week of the event

7. We had forgotten to create a rain date and the prediction at the beginning of the week predicted day long thunderstorms on Saturday. The weather prediction on Friday July 15, was that it supposed to be windy and swelteringly hot on Saturday, July 16. The weather cooled into the 70s at 7pm and by 8:00 had cooled to the 60s with little to no breeze. Making it perfect for the event.

8. At 7pm, we were concerned as there we stood, with no one but volunteers present, decorations donning the area... As if God was saying, "Look around you at what you have set up. Now let ME take over." At 7:05pm, the members and public came and stayed, enjoying games, gathering around campfires, eating marshmallows and s'mores, listening to Christian music, and enjoying fellowship.

9. Approximately 80 participants took part along with the 11 volunteers. That makes 91 people reached, encouraged, who enjoyed the love of Christ that night. All stated they were looking forward to our next Campfire event planned in September. It was encouraging to have a fair number of children and teens participating.

10 There were still 40 plus individuals present at 9pm who said they were enjoying themselves so much they hated to leave! . 😊

11. Liability insurance was forgotten until it was too late to add an insurance rider. This will need to be completed for future campfire events.

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A Big Thank you to Mark's Market, Thrivent and Walmart for donations for the campfire Event

THANK YOU ALL SOOO MUCH for a wonderful, safe, faith-filled fun Campfire Fun Night!! I am looking forward to touching the lives of our church and community in our September Fall Fest Campfire Event.

*Cindy Drehmel, Event Coordinator*

### **Covid 19 Protocols – July 23rd**

Unfortunately, Covid 19 numbers in Dane and Columbia County have now crept up to High Levels. The Council has voted to Highly recommended wearing masks indoors and social distancing for the protection of members and worship staff. The Council will revisit protocol when numbers within Columbia County decrease.

## General Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes

The Council agenda is posted approximately one day prior to each monthly general council meeting and will also be emailed to all parishioners who provide their email address.

All unapproved minutes are now being posted outside the church office door on the bulletin board approximately 1 week after each monthly council meeting.

Approved minutes for the prior Council meeting previous will be found in the monthly newsletter.

## Nomination

To date, the nomination envelopes have been opened and nominations have been tallied by Helen Risgaard. For safekeeping these are locked in a sealed envelope and will be opened at the same time to ensure transparency. The Council will review the nominations that were submitted and make recommendations taking into account gender, age, etc. to ensure there is a broad range representing each people group within our church. Upon council review, and recommendation, a slate of names will be brought before the general church membership during a special membership meeting called for a nominating committee vote.

After the vote, the Call Committee will begin the Call Process in search for the next pastor for Redeemer Lutheran Church

## Upcoming Event

Another Campfire Fall Fest Fun Night has been approved by the Council to take place in September.

Mark your calendars for another safe, fun eve of faith and fellowship.

***Your Council President, Cindy Drehmel***

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# **Sprouts Need You**

*Your help is needed to share God's love with the Sprouts.*

Sprouts meets on Wednesday nights from 6 to 6:45pm during the school year for children age 3 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. A typical night consists of sharing a bible story, doing a craft, and music time. Last year we had 9 children in 4k thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade attend.

We have some very dedicated members that have helped with Spouts since we started several years ago. While we still want to be involved, we would like some additional help. We especially need help planning and teaching the lesson each week. Beth Laufenberg has been the primary person doing this the last few years and would like help. Without additional assistance, we may not be able to provide Sprouts weekly during the school year.

*Anyone interested in helping or learning more is invited to attend the Sprouts planning meeting on **Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the lounge. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Beth Laufenberg at [bethlaufenberg@centurytel.net](mailto:bethlaufenberg@centurytel.net) or 608-572-2051.*

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Agenda Approval .....Amendments to Agenda; motion by Skyler, seconded Larry G - passed:

- a. Larry update on copier (will be under Property Committee report}
- b. New Business Council of Churches – COVID-19 update
- c. Correspondence from Church member – addressed after devotions

Devotions .....Cindy Drehmel Topic: “Great Commission”

Discussion on letter to council about council meeting being made available.

Resolution: Skyler S motioned to send a “Tentative Agenda” to council approximately 1 week before the council meeting for additions and amendments. After additions and amendments are submitted by the council members to the president, the president will send the church secretary the tentative agenda. Approximately one day prior to the council meeting, the Church Secretary will send the council’s agenda to all church members who receive e-mail communication (Monday morning). Additionally, the office secretary will tape it to the office entrance door so people can see the agenda if the church is not open. Motion seconded by Joan R, and passed.

6. Secretary’s Report (Lynn, Patti will report thereafter): Copies reviewed by council. Approved Minutes for May Council Meeting. Motion Pastor, second Steve; passed as accepted.

7. Treasurer's Report (Rick) Larry made motion to pay \$580.00 of Designated Benevolence money to Synod. Rick second, motion passed. Financial Reports reviewed after speaker

8 Invited Guest Speaker: Bob Risgaard Bob explained Thrivent Project requirements for churches to receive grant monies. Each member can submit a request for up to \$250 to be given by Thrivent for a project; examples of how we have used that in the past, along with fundraisers and matching.

10. Consent Agenda (below items approved in one motion) Pastor motion, Rick O second; motion passed as accepted.

Financial Reports for April

- a. General Fund.....
- b. Bennet Mutual Fund.....
- c. Memorial Fund.....

Standing Committee Reports for April

a. Property .....(Sound System Report)..... Larry gave a church copier report. Color copies cost 7 cents per sheet. Larry gave more specifics on usage. Discussion followed higher volumes of copies was due to many funerals, Easter, Holy Week, and annual meeting booklets, and they will continue under the current contract; Next copier contract starts July 2023.

b. Correction to May minutes: Bob Risgaard indeed did some recent painting himself as well as the other members mentioned.

c. Outreach (see old business).....

d. Finance ....Reviewed all financial reports. ....

e. Lay Ministry-Not Actively Meeting.....

f. Education-Sprouts (none until fall).....

g. Worship Team-no update

11. Pastor's Report .....Upcoming vacation: August 6th through August 13th and September 9th through 19th... Will be at Rio Park Service July 31st. Pastor announced 1st communion bibles for Sprouts participants. Volunteers for outdoors worship (setup and takedown are needed) A council discussion started on masking for worship, current resolution is to leave it as is during singing (that masks are worn); encourage after church visiting and socializing outside if possible. Will check with pianist if downstairs piano should be located near the door going out to the office wing.(that isn't used as much for people entering and leaving church) and possibly reserve the first 2 pews so choir can sing facing congregation without masks. Call Committee is getting nominations. A second call committee letter is being sent – will use large 14 point font and bright green color of paper. New deadline will be July 15. A cover letter will accompany the letter. Only two names on written form. Pastor showed differences in numbers with regular bulletin list and households US mail or e-mail. Will mail to 143 households; costing \$80.00

13.. Old Business

a. Outdoor worship once per month (2 volunteers thus far) Need lots of setup and takedown people because of storage difficulties (can't just toss stuff into empty unused church now).

b. Summer programs to enhance/increase church membership. Campfire Fun Night July 16, 7-9 pm Skyler S has a smokeless propane-fueled fire pit that he will drop off and two regular pits..Discussed additional ideas. Possible Christian Celtic Band from Marshfield with violins and singers? A goal is to have one outdoor event a month or alternating months of one to two hours. Have approval for fire pit use and City already. Approved from Rio Fire Chief and village. Other suggestions included: Show a Christian movie, eat popcorn? Maybe a Christian Rock Band? No fees to be charged to encourage all to attend.

Rio Outdoors Campfire night to be held Saturday 16, July 7-9 pm. Motion by Steve G, seconded Joan R, motion passed

Inclusive of: Redeemer to host, promote and provide festivities inclusive of music, games and food free of charge. The event is a fellowship and Outreach Project. The event includes Redeemer Lutheran Church, all Rio churches and the Rio Community. The goal is to organize this well, with the goal of having an event once per month or every other month outdoors. Cindy, Skyler & Steve volunteered to be on the planning committee. Out Reach Fund Purchase suggestions: Marshmallows, items to make S'mores, Lemonade and promotion. Suggestion for full-sized Hershey's chocolate bars for S'Mores, marshmallows, music and games. Suggested promotion in newsletter, bulletins, Shopper, local businesses and via RACA to all churches.

c. Thrivent funds to fund programs/projects (This was covered by Bob Risgaard above)

d. Lutherdale programs offered this summer, Free Day in June No nibbles from congregational membership to date.

e. Call Process: Selection letter for all parishioners, Call Letter, Nominating Committee Covered in Pastor's report.

f. Children's Summer Lunch Program at Library had enough volunteers for all days.

g. Research: Purchase of Computer Software for Office Administrator (Skyler) Skyler has gotten past the first issue. Another session will be needed with the computer not sure if Kristi F will be drawn in as well. Should look at external backup procedure. Motion by Skyler S for a backup hard drive not to exceed \$250.00; Larry G seconded; motion passed; store in elevator room since it is in a different part of the church. One other note on the office computer. It seems to be slow on starting up but after initial startup it functions ok; further investigation will need to be done to see what software is starting up on boot-up that could be slowing it down.

h. Review of General Responsibilities of Council Members for June meeting. (C 12.04 and C 12.05) (Please read this ahead of time) Motion to table by Steve due to late hour, seconded Skyler, motion passed.

i. Annual Meeting Minutes review. Will approve at next Annual Meeting, Council members are to review on own and come back with questions if needed at the July meeting.

14. New Business Info from Wisconsin Council of Churches re Covid-19 was sent today before our meeting.

Thanksgivings .....Kristi Fehrman for stitching 5 graduate blankets by herself at the last minute! And thank you anonymous office/education donor, wing siders and crew.

Adjourn/Closing Prayer... Motion to adjourn by Skyler S at 8:26 pm, seconded by Steve G.; passed.

Dates To Remember: Next Council Meeting: July 12, 2022, 6pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Skyler Severson and Steve Gilbert.

### August Birthdays

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Geri Gorman</b>              | <b>Aug. 10</b> |
| <b>David Pryse</b>              | <b>Aug. 11</b> |
| <b>Lori Lang</b>                | <b>Aug. 11</b> |
| <b>Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock</b> | <b>Aug. 15</b> |
| <b>Barbara Johnson</b>          | <b>Aug. 16</b> |
| <b>Michael Miles</b>            | <b>Aug. 17</b> |
| <b>Bailey Brewer</b>            | <b>Aug. 19</b> |
| <b>Daniel Bubolz</b>            | <b>Aug. 22</b> |
| <b>Craig Corning</b>            | <b>Aug. 23</b> |
| <b>Kacy Falk</b>                | <b>Aug. 26</b> |
| <b>Susan Brusveen</b>           | <b>Aug. 28</b> |
| <b>Savannah Baerwolf</b>        | <b>Aug. 28</b> |
| <b>Sally Hohlstein</b>          | <b>Aug. 30</b> |

### August Anniversaries

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Wayne &amp; Norma Nelson</b>    | <b>Aug. 3</b>  |
| <b>Dennis &amp; Susan Brusveen</b> | <b>Aug. 5</b>  |
| <b>Dale &amp; Bonne Paddock</b>    | <b>Aug. 20</b> |

## **Welcome to New Members Scott and Trish McNeill**

On Sunday, July 10, we welcomed Scott and Trish McNeill into Redeemer.



Originally from Sun Prairie. Scott and Trish recently built in the subdivision across Highway 16 from the church. They are neighbors with Chad Risgaard. Trish is active in Redeemer's senior choir and the recent quartet singing this summer. She and Scott volunteered for the recent Campfire event. Trish is helping with the current attempt at updating the Redeemer Web page. She will be participating in the upcoming Sprouts organizational meeting for the coming year. Scott and Trish volunteered for the July 31st RACA ecumenical worship in Fireman's Park. Both express a willingness to be part, along with any additional volunteers, of those who would help set up, assist with, and clean up, if Redeemer chooses to host future outdoor worship services. Scott is owner of a construction company. Trish works for Baker Tilly US, an accounting firm. They have an adult son, Chase who lives in Sun Prairie.

### **First Communion Class**

Class will be held August 17th, then is repeated on August 24th both from 6:00 – 6:45 PM

A first communion class is offered on Wednesday August 17th and the same class will be repeated on Wednesday August 24th. Pastor Jack is leading these classes for any elementary school aged students who, along with their parents agreement, want to participate in the class in order to begin receiving communion at Redeemer. The class is oriented toward fifth grade. Younger youth that are interested in receiving first communion can have their parents contact Pastor Jack to arrange for instruction.

The class will focus on the Lutheran perspective in the receiving of communion as a blessing and a gift of love from God. God's love comes to us, especially in and through Jesus, God's son. Communion both symbolizes how God is with us through the divine and human connection through Jesus. We will grapple with this mystery of God who has become flesh in Jesus for the salvation of creation. This union with Christ is what we receive in, with and under the bread and the wine of Jesus' Last Supper. We will use a small portion of a resource by Rev. Daniel Erlanger, reference the Scriptures and review a brief portion of the Small Catechism of Martin Luther.

Contact the church office **before noon on August 16th** to let pastor know if your youth will be participating in class, so that materials can be prepared.

A letter with this information will also be emailed to the parents of the families who had children participating in Sprouts at Redeemer in 2021-2022. Contact Pastor Jack Way at Redeemer if you have any questions, or if you know of any others that may want to participate.

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

During a portion of the worship service at Redeemer **on August 28th at 9:00 AM** there will be a blessing of backpacks for any student that wants to attend that morning. To get a blessing bring your school backpack to church with you on that day to receive a short blessing of God. That blessing will be for you and it will be for your school backpack and it will be a blessing for your school and it will be a blessing for you throughout your school year.

Parents, and teachers, and any other person that chooses to and who would like to receive a blessing for themselves, for their work/vocation, and for their year; just bring your tool or tools, or a laptop, or Chromebook, or briefcase, or cooking utensil(s), or gardening tools, or keys to a vehicle - tractor, truck, lawn mower, or something from your workspace, from your home, etc... Bring anything that has meaning for you in how you accomplish things for yourself and for others. Bring something that you have a desire to get blessed as you share about who God has created you to be.

The Lord honors and blesses us in our daily lives through and in the things that we are and that we do for the sake of others and for the benefit of the world.

### **RACA – Community Worship – aka: ecumenical worship**

On July 31, 2022 the Rio Fireman's Park was the location of the annual outdoor worship of the area congregations who participate in the Rio Area Clergy Association (RACA). A beautiful morning greeted the volunteers from Bonnet Prairie Lutheran Church, Family Life Church, Living Gospel Church, and Redeemer Lutheran Church as folding chairs were hauled in a trailer to be set up in the pavilion. Lawn chairs were welcomed and used by some present, too. The picnic tables were moved near the pavilion to be used for the potluck occurring after the 10:00 AM worship service. The old school house was used to set up the cold food items in the refrigerator. The oven there was used to heat a casserole or two. Many present brought a bounty of delicious food to share in Christian fellowship with one another. The music for worship was supplied by Family Life Church. They led the people of God in singing "This Is the Day". Their Pastor, Shaun Hardie, opened the service with a welcome, announcements, and then a call to worship from Psalm 100 and a gathering prayer. Then scripture from Galatians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, was read by Brigitte Buchmeier of Living Gospel Church. Pastor Karrie Landsverk then preached the Good News on the unity of the church in her sermon titled, "One in Christ". The song leaders led all in singing "Are You Washed in the Blood?". An offering was taken in two parts, one part was for those present to give their usual offerings toward their congregation. The second part of the offering was a "love" offering designated to the Rio Fire Department's making improvements at the park - **this** park, where we were worshipping that day and where this community of churches has worshipped together for several years. Two baseball hats were used for collection of the offerings. Prayers followed the offering and were led by Pastor Shaun

Hardie. He then led the gathered people in the sharing of the peace among one another, as each felt comfortable doing during these Covid times. Pastor Jack Way led the people in the Lord's Prayer. This was followed with him leading a Blessing and a Dismissal of the worshipping community. To close the service "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" was sung by all. Pastor's Shaun, Karrie and Jack posed as a picture was taken of all three together with their arms around one another showing that we area pastor's really do like one another. Directions about the potluck followed, then instructions for how the folding chairs are returned to the trailer were given. Almost everyone participated in doing that. A Mealttime Prayer was lifted by Pastor Jack Way.

Around half of those present for worship remained for the potluck fellowship in the wondrous beauty of God's creation. Plenty of excellent food was enjoyed. Redeemer and Living Gospel volunteers were responsible for the set-up, assisting with and cleaning up of the potluck. Thanks to all the volunteers, but especially from Redeemer, thank you's to: Skyler Severson, Scott and Trish McNeill, Valerie Way, Kristi Fehrman and Pastor Jack.

The offerings designated to the individual congregations were delivered to each of the churches on Monday August 1<sup>st</sup>. The offering from July 31<sup>st</sup> collected for the Fire Department totaled \$552.04. The offerings given for the Fire Department Park Improvements will be provided to the Fire Department through a check from RACA early next week following the RACA treasurer's return from a family trip.

# AUGUST

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|  | <b>1</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 9:30 - Noon                                 | <b>2</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 1:00 – 3:00  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>Pastor available<br>By appointment<br><br>7:00 pm–AA Meeting                                  | <b>5</b><br>Pastor's Sabbath Day   |
| <b>7</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>Facebook, YouTube<br>FM 101.7<br><br><b>Pastor - Vacation</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 9:30 - Noon<br><br><b>Pastor - Vacation</b> | <b>9</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 1:00 – 3:00<br><br>Council Meeting<br>6:00pm<br><br><b>Pastor - Vacation</b> | <b>10</b><br><br><br><b>Pastor - Vacation</b>          | <b>11</b><br>Pastor available<br>By appointment<br><br>7:00 pm–AA Meeting<br><br><b>Pastor - Vacation</b> | <b>12</b><br>Pastor's Sabbath Day<br><br><b>Pastor - Vacation</b>                    |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>Facebook, YouTube<br>FM 101.7                                 | <b>15</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 9:30 - Noon                                | <b>16</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 1:00 – 3:00<br><br>Worship Team<br>Meeting 9:15                             | <b>17</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Communion<br>Class 6-6:45 | <b>18</b><br>Pastor available<br>By appointment<br><br>6:00 Sprouts Meeting<br>7:00 pm–AA Meeting         | <b>19</b><br>Articles Due for<br>September<br>Newsletter<br><br>Pastor's Sabbath Day |
| <b>21</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>Facebook, YouTube<br>FM 101.7                                 | <b>22</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 9:30 - Noon                                | <b>23</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 1:00 – 3:00   | <b>24</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Communion<br>Class 6-6:45 | <b>25</b><br>Pastor available<br>By appointment<br><br>7:00 pm–AA Meeting                                 | <b>26</b><br>Pastor's Sabbath Day  |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>Facebook, YouTube<br>FM 101.7<br>Blessing of the<br>Backpacks | <b>29</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 9:30 - Noon                                | <b>30</b><br>Pastor's Office<br>Hours 1:00 – 3:00   | <b>31</b>  | <b>1</b><br>Pastor available<br>By appointment<br><br>7:00 pm–AA Meeting                                  | <b>2</b><br>Pastor's Sabbath Day   |

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