



## **Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter**

October, 2022

**Pastor Ponderings**

**Pastor Jack Way**

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Wow! There have been quite the changes in weather this past week or so, with more changes ahead. The fall colors are getting more gorgeous by the day as I travel between home and church. The Creator is doing an outstanding job with the wondrous hues, and the tones of a magnificent, wondrous palette. I love this time of year for the snap of the air, the aromas of harvest and the scent of humus from the turning of soils. There is something elemental and sacred in those fragrances.

Reformation Sunday approaches rapidly as we celebrate on October 30th. The red color, that we invite you to wear on that Sunday, is a reminder of the action of God's Holy Spirit as she constantly renews God's church in the world. Red represents fire and is the symbolic color the church has used for representing the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. The use of fire as Holy Spirit reminds us of when the disciples in Jerusalem were hearing and speaking in multiple languages while tongues of fire immerse them. Red is used in limited places during the church's liturgical year. Red is used as the color of the altar cloths, on the pulpit and the lectionary cloths, on the pastor's stole and is used in banners for the festival days. Pentecost, which is celebrated as the "birthday of the church when those tongues of fire were upon the disciples" takes place in late spring. Red is used on Reformation Sunday for the celebration of the birth of Protestantism, that includes us Lutherans and many, many more Protestants. It is on the last Sunday in October. Congregations often use red on confirmation Sunday, when young adults affirm their baptismal promises, and the Holy Spirit is present and active. The color of red is used on the days when a newly ordained pastor or deacon is consecrated by the universal church.

As I continue adding to the number of times I have traveled around the sun, and when, as I experience the amazing fall seasonal colors and as I think of the many colors of fire, I sometimes feel we limit the wide varieties of color included in fire. The multitude of ranges of those orange, yellow, brown, gold, purple, violet and more tints we have seen in fire, suggest to me that maybe we can wear more variety when we celebrate on Red Sundays. For when we celebrate the Holy Spirit, I feel we can at least consider wearing as many different shades as were in Joseph's coat of many colors. Just a thought you can ponder, for if you forget to wear red on Reformation Sunday, you are likely already clothed in one of the host of colors of the Holy Spirit.

You can read elsewhere in the newsletter, or you may have read it in your weekly bulletin, about remembering and honoring before God your loved ones who have finished their baptismal calling and entered through the gates of eternity into the sacred arms of Jesus. For those saints who were connected to Redeemer and who have entered God's kingdom between last All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2022, and this All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022, we will name each and every one, we will light a candle in their memory and ring a bell for them. For those saints from elsewhere that you want to remember, or from their deaths occurring during a time other than this past 12 months, you can come forward to light a candle in loving memory of them. You can light one candle for all of the saints you are honoring, or you can light a candle for each individual

saint you are remembering before God.

The call committee and the council will meet with Marie Leafblad, the Assistant with the Bishop for Leadership, from our Synod office. We are working to arrange a date and time in the near future for Marie to meet with both the council and call committee together. This can be complicated with so many individual calendars and schedules to correlate. Two dates are tentatively possible before the end of October.

November 13th will be a significant day for Lucy Agnew, who will be baptized during worship that Sunday! Lucy is the daughter of Samantha Jaynes and Adam Agnew. She is the little sister of Leslie Berndt. Because of my having Covid at the end of September and into October making me unavailable, we have rescheduled the first communion for Emily Laufenberg and Emma Dahnke and for their families to celebrate together on November 13th. Additionally, on that Sunday, 11/13, we will again offer communion at the rail for those that choose to do so. Pre-packaged communion will be offered, as well. You may choose having either grape juice with a wafer, or wine along with a wafer. Persons wanting to receive communion from their pews may use either of those pre-packaged options. We will also return to having ushers pass the offering plate to worshippers in the pews. Those that choose not to do that are welcome to drop their offerings into the offering plates before worship begins, or after worship.

Fall Festival information is in the newsletter, the quilters are requesting materials in the newsletter, the Women of the ELCA met today and the board will meet again in November to recruit and elect a couple of new officers, the bell choir played with their new recruits last Sunday, the senior choir has been singing since September, there is an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship in the newsletter, the kitchen is being worked on, plans are starting to form for Music Sunday before Christmas, ushers and communion assistants will soon be serving, Sprouts have started and will be lighting the Advent wreath candles in late November and into December. There is more than I can list here that gets done because of so many of you participating. Thanks to you, who are the many that serve because you love Jesus and you steward his church, the people the Lord loves and the world God adores.

Praise the Lord, this is a wonderful time to be the church. Thanks be to God.

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

*Pastor Jack*

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Financially speaking....**

As a member in the pew the last thing I wanted to hear was a sermon on money... But the apostle Paul did say we needed to support the disciples in their mission so here it goes.

The hard cold facts, recently our church has overextended its budget by \$2,250, beginning with the summer months and continuing through September. Sadly, we are moving funds from interest earned on various accounts to make ends meet.

Now how do we overcome this issue? We tighten our belts and get frugal? Well, sadly, we have done much of this already.

#### **Option 1:**

We fund raise, ie bake sales, craft sales, salad luncheons, pancake breakfasts, as we did in past

#### **Option 2:**

We ensure we are timely giving (many of us are, so this may not be an option).

### Option 3:

We continue to reach out to our community and invite them to church and let go and let God...and pray that with the wonderful message and services we provide many will be drawn to become a member and contribute to the church

### Option 4

We recruit volunteers to help throughout the church. Restart and rejuvenate our former committees and encourage participation of new, former and current members.

Note a contribution may simply be volunteering to help at church as many of you already do. And this is also a huge contribution more valuable than finance. Many of you quietly work long hours behind the scenes never asking for recognition. Just know we value you greatly!!!



Why have I brought up this difficult topic??? Many of you have voiced the need for a full-time pastor at our November 2 special membership meeting when approving our new call committee. Sadly, at present we will need to focus on all the above options in order to afford to hire a full-time pastor. Currently, Pastor Jack is a 1/2-time pastor

In the interest of ongoing transparency, the council has approved the re-introduction of including the previous week's giving and expenses for that week to be shown in the weekly budget. This is not a new idea, but rather a practice that was done for years at Redeemer Lutheran.

With the above in mind, I have been led to the following scripture, 1 John 5:11-15, with the theme of LET GO AND LET GOD.

The apostle John stated, "11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 The one who has the Son has the life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him

### Option 5: PRAY!

*LORD JESUS, PUT PEOPLE IN FRONT OF US SEEKING TO KNOW ABOUT YOU AT OUR WORKPLACE, AT THE GROCERY STORE, AT THE LOCAL COFFEE SHOP, PARK OR GAS STATION.*

*THROUGH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT GIVE US THE BOLDNESS TO REACH OUT, GIVE US THE WORDS TO SPEAK AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOU LORD AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH.*

*LORD JESUS, WE LOVE OUR CHURCH AND MANY OF US GREW UP HERE WITH CROWDED PEWS WITH MANY SEEKING TO KNOW YOU.*

*STIR UP IN THE HEARTS OF THE COMMUNITY OF RIO AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE DESIRE TO KNOW YOU.*

*LORD, WE PUT THIS IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS AS WE KNOW THAT WITH YOU NOTHING CAN STAND AGAINST US. AS WITH MAN NOTHING IS POSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE! AMEN*

## Your Call Committee

On October 2, the members unanimously voted on the Call Committee slate. They will begin the process of calling a pastor. Your Call Committee is Austin Dahnke, Bob Risgaard, Trish Mc Neill, Bob Skare, Judy Sandburg, Beth Laufenberg, Darlene Cutsforth, and alternate Pam Jaynes. The next step will be to meet with Council and Marie Leafblad, Assistant with the Bishop for leadership. Pastor has contacted her for a date and time to meet together.

## A Big Thank You



Braving the cold, wind and rain the volunteers of the Campfire Fun Night were real troopers. Lives were touched!

Thank you to Shoppers Pam Jaynes, and Austin and Stacy Dahnke for picking up decorations, door prizes, and apple cider.  
Thank you to Bob Skare for the donation of beautiful hand-crafted artwork for grand prizes.

Thank you to Pit Masters, Food Preparers, Decorators, Set Up/Take Down and Game Coordinators, Lynn Bubolz, Rick & Linda Olsen, Trish & Scott Mc Neill, Toni & Dean Roberts, Steve & Melanie Gilbert, Bob Risgaard, April & Skyler Severson and family.

We have at least two little girls from the community planning to attend Sprouts this Wednesday. One teenage boy who has been seeking the Lord with the encouragement of his three friends, inquired more about what it meant to be a Christian and how he and his friends might attend the church.

God works in mysterious ways and each of you had a part!  
Thanks again for toughing out the wind, rain and cold. You are appreciated!  
Cindy

## **Budget Committee and Council**

Thank you to the Council and Budget Committee for their ongoing diligence to seek God's wisdom and guidance via ongoing meetings to guide Redeemer on a bright future path!

## **Fund Raising Ideas**

Do you have a fund-raising idea you would like to help coordinate for the church? A craft fair, Christmas market, cookie swap, salad luncheon, etc.? We would love to hear your ideas!

*Faithfully submitted, Cindy Drehmel, Council President*

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As I write this article, I have written three articles, but my computer doesn't seem to be working just right, so here goes my fourth! When you have lemons make lemonade!

Redeemer has voted on a Call Committee. We will be moving forward in a positive manner to call a Pastor for our congregation.

Redeemer is working on putting committees back together! Two Circles are meeting monthly. It is wonderful to see things going in a positive direction!

Next month I will be sharing more about my friend with dementia.

I pray everyone has a chance to get out and enjoy the beauty that we been blessed with. When the author of

"For the Beauty of the Earth" wrote the hymn he had a finger on the pulse of everything that was good and beautiful.

Praise and Thanksgiving,  
*Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock*



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Approved Minutes for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM Church basement

Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 pm

Present: Lynn Bubolz Cindy Drehmel, Steve Gilbert, Larry Gorman, Rick Olson, and  
Skyler Serverson

Absent: Patti Walker, Joan Reiersen, and Pastor Jack Way

**Agenda Approval**

Added resignation Patti

update church website:

approval of agenda motion made by Rick and Lynn, passed

Devotions: Steve Gilbert

**Secretary’s Report** (Skyler, interim ):

Lynn moved to accept the minutes for the July Council meeting, Larry seconded , motion passed

**Treasurer's Report** (Rick) , discussion of short fall of approximately \$6,000 , motion made to accept treasurer reports by skyler, seconded by Larry, passed

Lynn made a motion that an awareness letter and email be sent out on the regarding current financial status, seconded by Steve, motion passed.

**Financial Reports for April**

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

**Standing Committee Reports for July, 2022**

- a. Property
- b. Outreach
- c. Finance { budget committee, start in September. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm (executive committee/treasurer/book keeper Beth Laufenberg) }
- f. Lay Ministry- (Not Actively Meeting)
- g. Education-Sprouts (next meeting will be in fall August 18. at 6 pm)
- h. Worship Team-, Silent Night. 1st Sunday in August. Seasons of the church year with hymns of each season
- i. Pastor’s Report

Skyler moved to accept committee reports submitted. Steve seconded. passed

**Old Business**

- 1. Campfire Fun Night July 16, 7-9 pm: Summary and Results (roughly 80 participants, plus 11 volunteers, dollar tree had a lot of nice Christian door prizes. Thanks to all of the volunteers:

Fall Fest, Campfire Fun Night, October 15th

2. update website and have the following people get access Trish, Pastor, Cindy, Kristi

Skyler made a motion to reset the password and give the above people, Lynn seconded, motion passed.

3. Christian Celtic Band for Christmas Concert called mpk. \$700 for 2 hours, Skyler made motion to postpone until next summer and see if we can use the pavilion at the train depot, Larry seconded.
4. Call Process: Selection letter for all parishioners, Call Letter, Nominating Committee planning for Wednesday, August 17th, 7pm; option 2 is Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - this will be a closed meeting
5. Research: Purchase of Computer Software for Office Administrator (Skyler) no action taken
6. Review of General Responsibilities of Council Members . (C 12.05-12.06) (Please read this ahead of time) Long-term Goal , tabled.

#### New Business

1. Covid 19 Protocol for Columbia County
2. Council member Patti Walker resignation: Steve moved to accept her resignation, Lynn seconded passed
3. Steve moved to proceed with the current council, Larry seconded, motion passed

Thanksgivings: camp fire committee, Bob Skare for making crosses for door prizes.

Prayers to members having health issues

Adjourn/Closing Prayer

Devotions for September: Larry Gorman Dates To Remember:

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 6pm

Meeting was adjourned

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL emergency Meeting:  
Tuesday, August 14 2022 at 10:50 am Church basement

Present: Lynn Bubolz Cindy Drehmel, Steve Gilbert, Larry Gorman, Rick Olson,  
Skyler Severson, Joan Reiersen, and Pastor Jack Way

10:50 am Lynn made a motion to develop a web committee and look for a new host, Steve seconded , motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting:  
Wednesday 8/31 council meeting on call committee

6:00pm – 6:30pm

Present: Lynn Bubolz Steve Gilbert, Larry Gorman, Rick Olson,

Skyler Severson and Pastor Jack Way  
present via phone: Cindy Drehmel and Joan Reiersen

Austin Dahnke ,  
Bob Risgaard,  
Judy Sandburg,  
Beth Laufenberg,  
Bob Skare,  
Trish McNeill,  
Darlene Cutsforth,  
Pam Jaynes(alternate)

Motion by steve to accept the above names, included in the newsletter, and at church, Lynn seconded, passed

Larry moved to adjourn, steve seconded, motion passed

Pastor lead us in prayer

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Approved Minutes for Special Congregational Meeting  
Sunday October 2<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Present: Council has attendance roster

Meeting Called to Order

The following call committee was presented to the congregation:

Austin Dahnke, Beth Laufenberg, Bob Risgaard, Bob Skare, Darlene Cutsforth, Judy Sandberg, and Trish McNeill. Alternate: Pam Jaynes.

Geri Gorman made a motion to approve the call committee, it was seconded by Deb Rierson.

The motion passed unanimously.

Some discussions and questions on what was next in the process

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

notes submitted by: Skyler Severson

### October Birthdays

<b>Julie Swiggum</b>	<b>Oct. 2</b>
<b>Renee Miles</b>	<b>Oct. 5</b>
<b>Ron Reiersen</b>	<b>Oct. 8</b>
<b>Kevin Falk</b>	<b>Oct. 10</b>
<b>Bob Lang</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b>
<b>Shirley Benzine</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b>
<b>Bob Skare</b>	<b>Oct. 12</b>
<b>Gayle Krueger</b>	<b>Oct. 13</b>
<b>Sherri Kranz</b>	<b>Oct. 21</b>
<b>Bryan Wittman</b>	<b>Oct. 21</b>
<b>Patti Borde</b>	<b>Oct. 22</b>
<b>Sarah Risgaard</b>	<b>Oct. 29</b>
<b>Gregory Pryse</b>	<b>Oct. 31</b>

### October Anniversaries

<b>David &amp; Dianna Pryse</b>	<b>Oct. 1</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Helen Risgaard</b>	<b>Oct. 9</b>
<b>Don &amp; Sally Hohlstein</b>	<b>Oct. 22</b>

### THE QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP!

The quilters are in need of materials that can be cut into squares for quilt tops. This includes sheets, tablecloths, sewing scraps big enough to cut into 11" squares, etc. These items can be dropped off at church on Monday afternoons or during office hours on Monday and Tuesday mornings (9 a.m. – Noon), or call the church office and we can set up a time to pick them up.

We are also in need of people to sew squares of material together to make quilt tops. All you need to be able to do is sew a straight seam at ½" seam allowance – and press the seams open. We would love to hear from anyone who would help us out.

*The Quilting Team*

### Lutheran World Relief Project

A big "Thank You" to the quilters for the 62 quilts that were put together and shipped out this year. Thank you to those who donated material, to those who showed up each Monday afternoon to tie knots, to Barb Nelson for sewing most of the tops together, and to Bev Hepler for hemming all of them.

Special thanks to Beth Laufenberg and family for all the work that went into coordinating the school kit project. 104 school kits were put together this year. WOW!! There are 8 different items in each kit. Just organizing the items for over 100 kits was very time-consuming. Sets of 5 pens and 5 pencils must each be rubber banded together and school kit bags have to be ordered. Beth had everything laid out in 8 piles on the table Sunday after church when we put the kits together. A lot of the items were donated, but Beth had to count and purchase through donated money – items that were needed to fill all the 104 kits. Everything worked out like clockwork. We were done in less than an hour. Amazing!!

Thanks to Lynn Bubolz and Lola Bortz for volunteering to haul the 20 boxes of kits and quilts to



Madison to be placed in box cars where they are sent to the east coast and eventually shipped to third world countries.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year a success!

*Redeemer WOC* (Women of the Church)

### **CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 6**

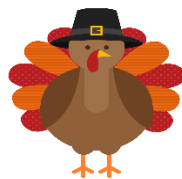
While remembering our Saints who have completed their baptismal promise since November, 2021, we would like to share photos of our departed saints. If you have a loved one who passed away within the past year, or who passed away and did not have a funeral due to Covid, we are offering to share their photo on November 6. If there are other dearly departed saints, from before 2021, whose photo(s) you would like to share, we can make a copy of their photo at the office then display the copy of the photo during our service on November 6. ***Please get your photos to Kristi Fehrman in the office no later than Sunday, October 23.***

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA BOARD MEETING**

The Board of the Women of the ELCA will meet on Monday, November 7, at 9:30 am to elect officers for the next 2 years. The meeting will be in the lounge at Redeemer.

### **TURKEY OR HAM GIVEAWAY**

On Sunday, November 13, Redeemer Lutheran Church and Thrivent Choice Dollars are sponsoring a Turkey Breast or Spiral-Cut Ham Giveaway. Anyone can receive a free turkey breast or ham. It can be picked up at the drive thru at Redeemer between 10:30 am and Noon. All are welcome!



# OCTOBER

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship Facebook/YouTube FM 101.7</p> <p>Congregational Meeting After Worship Fellowship</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-Noon</p> <p>1:-00 Quilting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 1:00-3:30</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Pastor available by appointment</p> <p>7:00 pm-AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath Day</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship Facebook/YouTube FM 101.7</p> <p>Fellowship</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-Noon</p> <p>1:00 Quilting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 1:00-3:30</p> <p>Council Meeting 6:00</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Sprouts 6:00 – 7:00</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Pastor available by appointment</p> <p>7:00 pm-AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath Day</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship Facebook/YouTube FM 101.7</p> <p>Fellowship</p> <p>Fall Festival 4-8pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-Noon</p> <p>1:00 Quilting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 1:00-3:30</p> <p>9:30 ELCW Executive Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Sprouts 6:00 – 7:00</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Pastor available by appointment</p> <p>10:30 Covenant House - Worship 7:00 pm – AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath Day</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship Facebook/YouTube FM 101.7</p> <p>Fellowship</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-Noon</p> <p>1:00 Quilting</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 1:00-3:30</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Pastor available by appointment</p> <p>7:00 pm – AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath Day</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship Facebook/YouTube FM 101.7</p> <p>Reformation Sunday Fellowship</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-Noon</p> <p>1:00 Quilting</p>				

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