



Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter
August, 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The summer is going by quickly. I have to register my daughter for school this week. It is hard to believe my youngest will be in 7th grade.

Things continue to move along at Redeemer as well.

After spending a couple months trying to find someone reasonably priced to repair our elevator, we are excited to share that it has been repaired and seems to be working well. Thank you to the Property Committee for their work to find someone to service the elevator.

Pastor Anne Wickland will be with us in August and has just agreed to also lead worship in September. I am very grateful for her as it is very difficult to find a supply pastor.

We continue to have conversations with Bonnet Prairie regarding sharing a pastor and what that might look like. Marie Leafblad from the synod will be attending our next meeting in August to help answer some questions we have. Conversations so far have been very positive.

During worship on August 4th, Faith Vangen shared information about the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) in Portage with us. Faith had contacted a member regarding an immediate need the PRC had for hygiene items. After learning of the need in July, the Council voted to provide \$200 from the Memorial Fund – Community Outreach monies to purchase requested hygiene items. Thank you to Lynn Bubolz for connecting us to the PRC and purchasing and delivering the hygiene items on behalf of the church. Please see additional information in the newsletter on how you can help the PRC.

We will again collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. My plan is to have the Confirmation students take the lead on this project with oversight from me. The Women of the Church have once again agreed to purchase the bags for the kits. See additional information in the newsletter.

Until next month...

God's Blessings,

Beth Laufenberg

Council President

FROM A MEMBER

The world today seems to be in a troubled spot. What is happening in our world seems to be contentious, after all there are always two sides to every situation, isn't there?

When Peter saw Jesus walk on the sea he thought he could do it too. However, after he stepped upon the water he began to sink. Peter yelled for help and who was there to help him but Jesus, who reached out His hand and kept him from sinking.

We may not be walking on physical water but as we are working to find a permanent Pastor at Redeemer to preach on Sundays, teach our young children, minister to our sick and dying, to be our counsel in times of trial and to celebrate with us our accomplishments, for which we are finding it difficult to come to a working solution.

When we become frightened of falling into the waters of life, we will find our way to the land of peace if we stretch our hand out to the One who gives us courage. That Hand is always there for us.

As we move forward on our journey to find a Pastor let us always remember that God is directing us because He is always there for us.

In Jesus' name,
Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

Approved Minutes – 7-16-2024

Present: **President**, Beth Laufenberg; **Vice President**, Barb VonAhsen; **Secretary**, Debbie Reiersen; **Treasurer**, Nancy Washington; Steve Gilbert, Kristi Fehrman, Renee Miles, Austin Dahnke.

Meeting was called to order by President Beth Laufenberg at 6:02 pm

Approve Agenda:

Motion was made by Nancy Washington to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Kristi Fehrman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Devotions were given by Nancy Washington. Beth Laufenberg will give July devotions.

Review/Approve Minutes from Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Nancy Washington to approve the May 21, 2024 council meeting minutes. Seconded by Kristi Fehrman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence and/or Guest Comments –

Comment was made by a member that we should have different kinds of music in church. More contemporary music for example.

Financial Reports – Review/Approve:

- a. **General Fund:** Nancy Washington - There was no shortfall.
 - b. **Bennett Mutual Fund:** Nancy Washington
 - c. **Memorial Fund:** Nancy Washington
- See individual financial reports.

Motion was made by Debbie Reiersen to approve financial reports. Seconded by Renee Miles. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports – Review/Approve:

- d. **Property:** see report. Blinds have been ordered.
- e. **WELCA:** Debbie Reiersen – No Report
- f. **Social Concerns:** Open – Not actively meeting
- g. **Outreach:** Steve Gilbert – Not actively meeting
- h. **Stewardship:** Nancy Washington – Not actively meeting
- i. **Lay Ministry:** Open – Not actively meeting
- j. **Education:** Open – Not actively meeting
- k. **Worship team:** Kristi Fehrman indicated that she invited supply Pastor Anne Wickland to come and help plan August services. She will not be ordering more communion/wine cups for now.
- l. **Policy Committee:** Steve Gilbert – No meeting since February.

Motion was made by Kristi Fehrman to accept standing committee reports. Seconded by Nancy Washington. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

a. Other Staff Members:

Kristi Fehrman and Bonnet Prairie members are planning the Lunch on the Rio Library lawn for July 15, 17 and 19, 2024. Planning for 50 children. Need help preparing food and getting it over to the library. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. No volunteers from Redeemer. Council will revisit whether we will continue to do this next year around March 2025.

Motion was made by Nancy Washington to accept staff reports. Seconded by Austin Dahnke. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Call Update

Beth Laufenberg reported that she, Barb VonAhsen and Nancy Washington met Monday, June 24, 2024 with Bonnet Prairie President, Owen Landsverk, Lori Larson and Doug Waterworth for an initial conversation to discuss the possibility of sharing a Pastor.

Call Committee Update

Call committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 to discuss how things went in regards to calling a new Pastor candidate and to review the ministry site profile.

Thanksgivings:

- Thankful for Supply Pastors – Pastors Peter Heide, Mark Teslik, Shelly Nelson through the end of June.
- Thankful for member who is coordinating the Rio Library lunches.
- Thank you to all who've been involved in keeping the church running.

Adjourn/Closing Prayer.

Motion was made by Steve Gilbert to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Seconded by Debbie Reiersen. All were in favor. Motion carried. Followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Dates To Remember:

- Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 16, 2024
- Ecumenical Park Service – Sunday, July 28, 2024

Debbie Reiersen
Council Secretary

August Birthdays

Geri Gorman	Aug. 10
David Pryse	Aug. 11
Lori Lang	Aug. 11
Scott McNeill	Aug. 14
Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock	Aug. 15
Barbara Johnson	Aug. 16
Michael Miles	Aug. 17
Bailey Brewer	Aug. 19
Daniel Bubolz	Aug. 22
Craig Corning	Aug. 23
Kacy Falk	Aug. 26
Susan Brusveen	Aug. 28
Savannah Baerwolf	Aug. 28

August Anniversaries

Wayne & Norma Nelson	Aug. 3
Dennis & Susan Brusveen	Aug. 5
Dale & Bonnie Paddock	Aug. 20

Call Committee Corner

The Call Committee is in a holding pattern until a candidate comes forward to interview. We ask that you continue to pray for everyone involved in this process.

Call Committee Members:

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

Submitted by Beth Laufenberg

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin in September. Historically, Confirmation classes have been held on Wednesday nights during the school year for students in 7th and 8th grade. We would welcome any older students to also participate. Please contact Beth Laufenberg to find out more information at 608-572-2051 or bethlaufenberg@centurytel.net.

If anyone would like to assist with Confirmation please contact Beth. Currently we are aware of two Confirmation students. We are also exploring having a joint Confirmation class with Bonnet Prairie if they have any Confirmation students this fall.



School Kits

for Lutheran World Relief

Once again, we will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. This year our Confirmation Students will be leading the collection efforts. We are inviting you to donate any or all of the items listed below needed for each school kit by Sunday, September 8th. A donation box will be placed in the narthex and 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 25th.**

On Sunday, September 8th 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



Other Kits for Lutheran World Relief – Lists of items for each kit are available in the narthex and north entrance. ***Completed kits must be at church by Sunday, September 8th.***

- Baby Care Kit
- Fabric Kit
- Personal Care Kit





Thank you to the Scholarship Committee and Redeemer for the Second Year Scholarship. I plan to use the money to continue my education at UW-Whitewater. I am currently studying Psychology. Once I am done with my undergraduate degree, I plan to go to graduate school to become a School Psychologist.

God Bless,
Ashley Laufenberg

Pregnancy Resource Center

Faith Vangen has reached out asking for donations to the Pregnancy Resource Center. Currently they are in need of "Mother Bags", which are supplies given to mothers for use during and after delivery. The items do not have to be brand name but regular size versus travel size is appreciated. I found all the items at the Dollar Tree.

I have the bags on hand and would be happy to stuff the bags with supplies as well as deliver them to Portage. If you wish to do the filling the purple bags can be found in the fellowship area at church.

Below is a list of the items found in each bag:

Shampoo and conditioner (or Two in one)
Soap bar or bottle of body wash
Shower Loofah net sponge
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Comb or brush
Fuzzy socks
Word search book, deck of cards etc.

Please have your items and/or monetary donations at Redeemer no later than Sunday, August 25. Checks can be made out to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Thank you for considering helping with this venture.

Lynn Bubolz

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 7:00 pm- AA Meeting	2
4 9:00 Worship Facebook, YouTube FM 101.7	5 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon	6 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon	7	8 7:00 pm- AA Meeting	9
11 9:00 Worship Facebook, YouTube FM 101.7	12 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon	13 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon	14	15 Worship at Covenant Place 10:00 am 7:00 pm- AA Meeting	16
18 9:00 Worship Facebook, YouTube FM 101.7	19 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon	20 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon Council Meeting 6:00 pm	21	22 <i>September Newsletter Articles Due</i> 7:00 pm- AA Meeting	23
25 9:00 Worship Facebook, YouTube FM 101.7	26 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon	27 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon	28	29 7:00 pm- AA Meeting	30

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Worship Music Provided by Multiple Musicians