



# April, 2023 Newsletter

What is this day all about?
Hiding eggs for kids to rout?
Cakes and cookies shaped like lambs?
Pink chapeaus on pink madams?
That's not what its all about!
Who got buried then got out?
Leaving no one any doubt,
"He Is Risen," hear them shout!
That's what this day is all about!

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few of years ago on Easter Sunday, this poem was part of the B.C. comic strip in the Sunday newspaper.

Easter is the culmination of everything that we believe as Christians. It is the celebration of the day when God accepted Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. It is the day when we are assured that everything in the Scriptures, everything that Jesus ever said was the truth. Jesus fulfilled them all. It is the day that we are assured that we have eternal life because Jesus conquered death. The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the greatest joy because it is the greatest good news for everyone who believes in Him.

Many people don't know or don't believe in this wonderfully good news, including many who claim to be members of Christian denominations. Some claim that it is just a myth, told for our learning and instruction, telling us that through our deeds on earth, we can leave a legacy that will make us eternal. This is not at all what the resurrection of Jesus tells us. The life that He gives us is real life, not a symbolic one. Paul addressed this same issue in his first letter to the Corinthians:

"But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death."

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Redeemer Lutheran Church 210 S. Oneida St Green Bay, WI 54303 920-499-1033 www.redeemerlutherangb.com redeemergreenbay@gmail.com Christ has been raised! We are freed from our sins! We have eternal life in His name! This is the message that we must proclaim to the world. People are perishing in their sins because they think that Easter is just about bunnies and chicks, eggs and bonnets, and nothing else.

That's not what its all about! Who got buried then got out? Leaving no one any doubt, "He Is Risen," hear them shout! That's what this days all about!

Take the extra time for all the Holy Week Worship Services, to hear, to remember, to give thanks for, and to worship Jesus Christ, our eternal Savior, Who did so much to love us and save us!

In Our Risen Savior's Love,

# **Executive Committee Meeting**

# Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Attendance: Robert Harris, Jim Wirch, Jean Borchardt, Ross Corey, Beth Wegener, Pastor Pett, Dennis Frye, Randy Pfister, Brittany Hyde

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Harris at 5:59 p.m. Pastor opened with a devotion.

A motion was made by Ross Corey to accept the February 2023 Executive Committee minutes as written; Beth Wegener seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor shared the following report for February.

Worship:

Date(s)	Wed. 4:00	Wed. 6:30	Sun. 9:15	Virtual	Total
2/1 & 2/5		67	116	315	498
2/8 & 2/12		52	99	303	454
2/15 & 2/19		47	117	339	503
2/22 & 2/26	39	Cancelled	135	562	736

### Teaching

- 3 Adult Bible Classes, 16 Online Noon Devotions, 1 Services at Marla Vista Assisted Living, 3 Confirmation Classes.
- Virtual Views of Online Devotions, 1/27-2/2= 208, 2/6-2/9=201, 2/14-2/16= 196, 2/20-2/23=272

#### **Pastoral Care**

2 Hospital visit, 11 shut in visits

#### **New Members**

- John Berry-By adult confirmation
- Seth Stueber-By adult confirmation
- Donna Vander Veren-By profession of faith

### Funerals/Deaths

• None

# **Executive Committee Meeting**

Weddings & Anniversary Services

None

Other Membership Changes

None

### Membership

- Current baptized membership 505
- Current communicant membership 393

#### Administrative

- Board of Property 2/27/23
- Circuit Pastors' Meeting 2/13/23
- Elders Meeting 2/6/23
- Board of Mission & Ministry Meeting 2/21/23
- Executive Committee Meeting 4/14/23

**Board of Elders' Report:** Jim Wirch shared the following report for February.

The Board of Elders met on Monday February 6, 2023.

- Reviewed Pastor Pett's report and member attendance reports.
- After reading the book We Will Not Be Silenced, the elders concluded lengthy discussions of the book.
- Discussed the position of "communion assistant," that is, members to assist Pastor Pett and the elders with distribution of the individual wine cups during Holy Communion. This will be pursued after Easter.
- We reviewed a letter and questionnaire that will go out to Inactive members who have not attended worship service in over one year. The purpose is to encourage inactive members to attend worship services. The questionnaire will allow members to express that they will return to worship or if they request, will be removed from membership. The letters will be mailed in the next week or two. Next Scheduled Meeting isfor 6:00 pm on Monday, April 3, 2023.

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**NEWLSA (Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran Schools Association) Report**: Jean Borchardt shared the following report for February.

- Building Committee will provide recommendation to board at March meeting
- Targeting a lower-than-expected Freshman class at NEWLHS
- Looking for teacher to fill new 6thgrade class recommendation provided
- Trinity Auction 2/25/2023
- Interviews conducted for Director and Teacher positions at Faith Christian Preschool
- Board meetings will be opened to allow the Principals and Athletic Director to attend—will use closed sessions, if necessary, discussions are required

**Board of Mission and Ministry Report:** Beth Wegener shared the following report for February.

- VBS is June 19 -22. Children can be drop off between 7:30 and 9:00. VBS will be from 9:00-11:00 and picked up between 11:00-11:30. We will serve a light breakfast before VBS and a snack during VBS. We talked about possible getting yard signs to help advertise VBS. We need 2 people to help with VBS currently we have one volunteer.
- We are still discussing outreach for this year and looking at different option.
- Mission and Ministry will host the Lenten meal on March 22nd. We will serve a spaghetti garlic bread.

**Board of Property Report:** Dennis Frye shared the following report for February.

**Old Business** 

List of projects:

- Storage Shed plan for new building option to replace the white shed.
- Additional Security cameras for church Doug L. is working on getting us 100% exterior coverage on our property, adding cameras to the front and sides of church and one or two at the school building.
- Install smoke detectors in church and school buildings.
- Reside school building. Spring 2023.

# **Executive Committee Meeting**

List of projects continued...

- Begin demolition for the Family/handicap accessible restroom in school building?
- Repairs to school building after storm damage insulation completed.
- Road work on Hudson St. in 2023.
- Full remodel replacing kitchen cabinets, countertops & more in the school building getting quotes.
- Hang marker board in church meeting room.
- Green Bay Water Department inspection.

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 -6:30 pm

### **Financial & Treasures Report:** Ross Corey shared the following report for February.

- Estimated year end Checking Account balance is \$59,874. Designated (Held in Savings) balance is \$138,465.
- February 2023 offerings were \$24,751, compared with \$20,427 in February 2022. Total February income was \$26,602 including offerings, other, and Thrivent Choice. Total expenses paid in February 2023 was \$34,617.
- The Lutheran Legacy Endowment balance is \$179,330.
- The balance for the Board of Property's account is \$16,685, as of February 28, 2023.

Memorials: No Report

#### **Old Business:**

Financial secretary position still open.

#### **New Business:**

- A committee will be formed to revise and update the constitution.
- Budgets need to be ready for the May voters meeting.
- Discussion on starting our fiscal year to go from Jan to Dec.
- Alex's replacement.

### **Adjournment and Closing Prayer:**

Ross Corey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Wegener seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The meeting closed with a prayer led by Pastor.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
 Tuesday, May 9, 2023
 6:00 PM Executive Meeting
 6:00 PM Executive Meeting

Respectfully submitted, Brittany Hyde Congregational Secretary

# **Church News**

### SPRING BOOYAH

Well, Spring seemed like it was coming early but winter is hanging around. To beat the winter blues our Spring Booyah is April 1st. We will be prepping for the booyah Thursday March 30th and Friday March 31st. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for volunteer times and ingredients. Preorder forms are also available in the bulletin and by the sign up sheets.

- Thank you, Redeemer Fellowship

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Palm Sunday Worship HC Maundy Thursday Worship HC	Apr 2nd Apr 6th	9:15am 4pm
Good Friday Worship	Apr 7th	6:30pm Noon 6:30pm
Easter Sunday Worship HC	Apr 9th	7am 9:15am

### **HOLY WEEK DECORATING**

We will be decorating the church for Good Friday services on Thursday, April 6 after the 6:30pm service. After the 6:30pm Good Friday service on April 7, we will be transforming the church for Easter morning. If you are able to assist us, we will see you then! Thank you ahead of time for your continued support and help. It is greatly appreciated!

### **ALLELUIA RINGERS**

The Alleluia Ringers from Concordia University Wisconsin, under the direction of Professor Mark Bloedow, will present a handbell concert as part of their spring tour at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 210 S. Oneida Street, Green Bay, on Thursday, April 13, at 7:00pm. The group was founded in 1986 as one of Concordia's auditioned touring ensembles. Comprised of 14 undergraduate students from various degree programs, the group rings 6 octaves, 72 handbells and 61 handchimes. Prof. Bloedow is an alumnus of Concordia and serves as Assistant Professor of Music; conducting the Alleluia Ringers, Chapel Ringers, and Concordia's community chorus, the Concordia Civic Chorale. He is presently a doctoral candidate in music education at Boston University, Boston, MA.

### **PICKLEBALL**

A fun exciting new way to get a little exercise for people of all ages from beginner to advanced players... We have a pickleball net and court laid out in our gym, as well as paddles, and people who can teach you. Join in the fun!

Pickle Ball Open Gym:

Friday Mornings 10am-1pm Friday Evenings 5-8pm

We would love to see regular groups getting together to play. Please call the Church Office, during office hours, to see if its available whenever you would like to play.

## **CONCERT AT ST PAUL, BONDUEL**

The Christus Chorus of Concordia University, St Paul, MN will be performing in concert at St Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:30pm. The award-winning chamber choir of 20 singers will present their Holy Week tour program, "God So Loved the World". The music ranges from classical choral literature to folk and spiritual arrangements. The 90 minute concert is free and open to the public.

### **HELP NEEDED**

We are asking for your help... We do not have any current or accurate contact info for the following list of people:

Paige Bogner
Paula Davis
James Delvoye Jr
Maralee Frush
Hannah Groh
Jordan Groh

Samantha Groh Briana Hill

Jaelyn House Jamie House Denzel Kiley

Hayden Kiley Tricia Kiley Lawson Nuske

Tim Radtke
Madeline Sisel
Alice Somers

Danielle Sternberg Morgan Westerfeld

Ryan Wozniak

If you have a current phone, email or address for anyone on this list, please share that info with the Church Office in order for their Elder to be able to reach out to them. Thank you!

# **Prayer List**

### **International & Local Concerns:**

Persecuted Christians

Natural Disaster Victims

Victims of Senseless Violence

David Frasier (In Ukraine) – cousin of Barry & Linda Brehmer

War in Ukraine

### Hospitalized:

Ruth Thyes-sister of Jean Palomino

### Hospice:

Greg Davies-brother of Jill Kern

### **Undergoing Treatment:**

Jill Baldwin -wife of Mark Baldwin

Jan Barkley

Taylor Brancefield-grandson of Keith Laux

Jeff Busarow

Bill Darnhaus – friend of Robert Harris

Brian Debski – father of Taylor Truskowski

Karen Hansen – mother of Jim Hansen

Cindi Heidke – friend of Steve & Linda Druckrey

Gracyn Johnson – friend of Travis & Taylor Truskowski

**Bud Jones** 

John Kiley – father of Ben Kiley

Carol Knapowski

Luther Kortbein-brother of Marge Kane

Pat Neerdaels-friend of Judy Moede

Roger Nowak

Jean Palomino

Payton Sanoval – granddaughter of Keith Laux

Geri Schwan – cousin of Janet Groh

Katie Vedeen – stepmother of Robert Harris

Allison Victoria

John Wirch-brother of Jim Wirch

Wendy Zittlow -daughter-in-law of Bob & Joan Zittlow

### Recovering:

Sand Alicea

**Delton Bongel** 

Bea Buchholz

Heidi Gazza-friend of Marge Kane

Brenda Gunder

Ruth Jobe –sister of Arlene Koivisto

Cathy Joslin

Marge Kane

Jill Kern

Chuck Rentmeester husband of Dianne Rentmeester

Patty Spielbaurer –daughter of Janet Groh

Ronny Wardecke-cousin of Janet Groh

### **School Ministry:**

N.E.W. Lutheran High School

Trinity Lutheran School

### **Ongoing Health Problems:**

**Neal Anderson** 

**Bob Barrette** 

Mark Baldwin

Bruce Burt - brother of Doreen Peterson

Louise Christofilis - mother of Chris Stewart

Nadine Craven -mother of Julie Craven

Bonnie & David Dobbe - sister & brother-in-law of

Tom Duffek

Elmer Dotz

Sharon Eichman

Ed Forel – father of Sheila Ferron

LouAnn Gerzmehle - sister of Ron Miller

Penny Grambihler

Janet Groh

Vi Howard

Ron Howard

Helen Kienitz – mother of Ann Anderson

Sue Kienitz - sister-in-law of Neal & Ann Anderson

Susan Kupsky

Michelle Larsen

Keith Laux

Tom Meath

Sheila Piotter – mother of Lorri Sternberg

Mary Pirlot - friend of Delton & Kathy Bongel

Sue Dautner- aunt of Jennifer Nehring

Marion Schmeling

Dawn Schroeder - fiancé of Michael Hekenberger

Harold Sisel

Phyllis Smeester - mother of Becki Larsen

Bill Wagner – friend of Pat Taylor

**Bob Zittlow** 

Laurie Zoellner

#### **All Caregivers**

#### Missionaries

Anne Davies - sister of Jill Kern

Ashley Lehr

### Military Personnel:

Malayna Brehmer- granddaughter of Barry & Linda Brehmer

Paige Bogner

Shaun & Tess (Bogner) LaRue

Steve Madaski -son-in-law of Sharon Staats

Roy & Esmeralda McDonough-grandson of Vi Howard

Maggie Noll - friend of Tess (Bogner) LaRue

Nathan Schroeder - nephew of Pat Taylor

Updated: 3-28-23

# **Happy Birthday!**

## **April**

- 1 Barry Brehmer, Dale Groh, Erick Knapowski
- 2 Ross Corey
- 3 Michael Hekenberger, Lavern Jones
- 4 Ann Anderson, Ben Borchardt, Sophie Truskowski
- 5 Jordan Groh
- 6 Landon Kern, Donna Strehlow, Kalie Usiak, Paul VanArk
- 7 Linda Druckrey
- 8 Ryan Curley
- 9 Jordan DeGrave
- 11 Delores Duffek, Anya Kahl, Llew Kramer, Keith Laux
- 12 Vi Howard
- 13 Roman Olivarez, Pam Siudak
- 14 Naomi Bahrke, Sara Dufek, Chuck Hyde
- 15 Helen Baldwin
- 16 Bev Jablonski, Cathy Joslin
- 18 Kathy DonLevy, Shawn Frush, Janet Groh, Irelynne Paul
- 20 Dennis Frye
- 21 Brad Swenty
- 23 Justin Mannisto, Madeline Sisel, Lorelie Swenty
- 24 Reggie Muhl, Brooklyn Pearson, Cindy Pfister
- 25 Beth Wegener
- 27 Dennis Jones
- 28 Lauren Prahl, Brendan Whipp
- 29 Paula Davis
- 30 Brenda Olson, Asher Truskowski

# **Happy Anniversary!**

### **April**

- 4 Llew & Julie Kramer
- 21 Jody & Mike Lehrkind
- 25 Ronald & Donna Strehlow
- 30 Dennis & Angelika Jones

# **Upcoming Events**

## Ruby's Pantry

Monday, May 22nd 4-6pm Monday, June 26th 4-6pm

**Vacation Bible School** 

June 19-22, 2023

# Official Acts

### **New Members:**

Donna VanderVeren Returning

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-2pm

Note: The Church office is located in the school building.

### Calendar

April 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30a Booyah Sale
Palm Sunday 9:15a Palm Sunday Worship HC 10:00a Sun Sch, Confirm 10:25a Bible Study	3 6:00p Hand Bells 6:00p Elder Mtg 7:00p Choir	4 7:00a Voting (gym) 6:30p Bd of Property Mtg	<b>5</b> 9:00a Quilting	6 Maundy Thursday 4:00p Maundy Thurs Worship HC 6:30p Maundy Thurs Worship HC	<b>7</b> Good Friday 9:00a Office Closed 12:00p Good Fri Worship 6:30p Good Fri Worship	<b>8</b> 8:00a Set Up Easter Breakfast
9 Easter 7:00a Easter Worship HC 8:00a Easter Breakfast 9:15a Easter Worship HC	6:00p Hand Bells 7:00p Choir	11 6:00p Exec Comm Mtg	12 6:30p Worship HC	7:00p Alleluia Ringers Concert	14 5:00p Trinity Overnight (gym)	8:00a Trinity Leaving (gym)
9:15a Worship HC 10:00a Sun School 10:25a Bible Study	17 6:00p Hand Bells 7:00p Choir	18 5:30p Miss & Min Mtg 6:30p Bellin Family (Sch Mtg Rm)	19 4:45p Confirmation 6:30p Worship HC	20	21	22
9:15a Worship HC 10:00a Sun Sch, Confirm 10:25a Bible Study	4:00p Ruby's Pantry 6:00p Hand Bells 7:00p Choir	25	26 4:45p Confirmation 6:30p Worship HC	27	28	29 9:00a TKD Testing (gym)
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