



April, 2024 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I found this little story that I wanted to share with you:

A little boy and his father were driving down a country road on a beautiful spring afternoon. Suddenly out of nowhere a bumblebee flew in the car window. Since the little boy was deathly allergic to bee stings, he became petrified. But the father quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand, and then released it. But as soon as he let it go, the young son became frantic once again as it buzzed by the little boy. His father saw his panic-stricken face. Once again the father reached out his hand, but this time he pointed to his hand. There still stuck in his skin was the stinger of the bee. "Do you see this?" he said. "You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you."

And this is the message of Easter. We do not need to be afraid of death anymore. Christ faced death for us. And by His victory, we are saved from sin. Christ has taken the sting! Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:53–57(ESV), 53 "For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

'Death is swallowed up in victory.'
55 'O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?'
56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Christ has taken the stinger for us. He has risen! Fear is gone. New life is ours. Christ is risen! He is Risen Indeed!...You finish the rest!

In the Love of our Risen Savior,

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Executive Committee

Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Meeting was called to order and the Pastor led us in a devotion and prayer. February Minutes were accepted.

In attendance: Jim Wirch, Randy Pfister, Robert Harris, Curt Moede, Wesley Pett, Marsha Gomoll, Julie Kramer, Jean Borchardt, Llewellyn Kramer, Ross Corey and Pastor Pett

Pastor's Report – March 4, 2024

WORSHIP

| Dates | Wed 4PM | Wed 6:30 PM | Sunday 9:15 AM | Virtual | Total |
|-----------|---------|-------------|----------------|---------|-------|
| 1/29-2/1 | | 67 | 110 | 284 | 461 |
| 2/5-2/8 | | 49 | 420 | 366 | 535 |
| 2/13-2/15 | 74 | 62 | 136 | 442 | 714 |
| 2/19-2/22 | 53 | 35 | 149 | 390 | 625 |

TEACHING: 2 Adult Bible Classes, 13 Online Noon Devotions, 2 Services @ Marla Vista Assisted Living, 1 Counseling Session, 1 Chapel Service @ Trinity, 1 Chapel Service @ NEWLHS

Virtual Views of Online Devotions – 1/29-2/1 = 328, 2/5 – 2/8 = 355, 2/13 – 2/15 = 207, 2/19 – 2/22 = 314

MEMBERSHIP: Current baptized membership - 368 and current communicant membership - 297

ADMINISTRATIVE: Board of Elders' Meeting – 2/5/24, Board of Property – 2/6/24, Circuit Pastor's Meeting – 2/12/24, Executive Committee Meeting – 2/13/24, Board of Mission & Ministry Meeting – 2/20/24, Orientation for Prison Visitation – 2/20/24, Ruby's Pantry – 2/26/24

Elders' Report – Jim Wirch reported that the Board of Elders met on Monday, March 4, 2024

- After reviewing Pastor Pett's monthly reports from February the May 2024 Worship Service Volunteer Schedule was completed.
- The Elders continue to study the book of Ephesians
- Earlier the Elders had decided to eliminate the early (4:00 pm) Advent worship service following suggestions in the survey with the goal of worshipping together instead of splitting into two groups. Since then, several members have expressed concerns that no 4:00PM service would eliminate the opportunity for some to worship and requested that the elders reconsider the decision. After discussion it was voted upon to reinstate the 4:00 pm Advent service.
- A suggestion in the Survey was to increase organ prelude music before worship services. Bob Rivers suggested ideas to blend different music styles in our services and different timings. Llew Kramer will approach the Praise Team and see what the consensus is from them regarding these suggestions and their availability.
- Doug Laatsch gave an update on our video system. Video cameras on our campus will soon number 18, which is total coverage for the church and school buildings.

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- The Trinity Auction had about 300 attendees
- A building committee is meeting to investigate options for a Trinity expansion.
- They are currently looking for another Preschool Director and/or one or more teachers at Faith Christian Preschool
- Chad Welch hired as a Guidance Counselor & History Teacher as well as managing the International Student program
- Jared Gosse (Athletic Director) has submitted his resignation, effective July 1, 2024
- All 3 schools are working on Accreditation— the paperwork has been submitted and they are waiting for the site visits in April
- Based on the results from the Strategic Study, a “Mission/Vision/Core Values” committee has been formed and has been meeting regularly to unify the 3 schools in these areas.

Upcoming NEWSLA events in April

4/1 - NO SCHOOL - EASTER MONDAY

4/2: Jessica Willis begins interim Director Duties, Jenny Smith steps down to the part time teacher role for her last month of employment.

4/8 - College and Career Night at NEWLHS

4/9 - Christian Estate Planning Dinner Presentation at Mackinaw's

4/10 - Finance Committee meeting at Trinity

4/14 - NEWLHS Sunday at Pilgrim

4/15 - Board of Directors Meeting with WPCP Open Forum

4/17-19 - NEWLHS Accreditation Site Visit

4/24-26 - Trinity & FCP Accreditation Site Visit

4/26: Jenny's last day of employment with NEWSLA

Mission & Ministry, Marsha Gomoll noted that:

- A VBS survey has been made and looking now for input & volunteers from congregation
- They are working on “Parables in the Park” — as an outreach idea
- Church Picnic—waiting for Packer's schedule to come out in order to set date & reserve the shelter at Colburn
- Tithe of Elmer Dotz monies: distributed to St. John's Homeless Shelter, Golden House, Freedom House — each received \$5000, but through the “Give Big Green Bay” Grant Program, the amounts given to each group were doubled. House of Hope received the last \$1400
- Have received thank you notes from the recipients

Board of Property -Wesley Pett reported:

- Storage shed — a little glitch came from the City of Green Bay and will need to re-design it as a steel building because of fire codes of a lumber building too close to our building
- Security Cameras —will have 18 , currently have 14 set up and running
- Handicapped bathroom for school – wall needs to be stabilized, getting more information and bids for this
- Sound Dampening Panels for the gym— still need an estimate
- New Cushions for the former stage wall — measurements have been taken and will be ordered
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Financial Report —Ross Corey and Randy Pfister reported that February total offerings were \$29,500, and total income came in at \$32,000. Our expenses were \$623 more than what we received, but Year To Date — income is up and expenses are stable (5.5% increase in pledged offerings). Overall we have about \$2,000 in the positive for the last 7 months.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dotz Estate funds— disbursements update for tithe amounts (see Mission & Ministry above)
- Congregational survey— will itemize things that can be done now, done later and the “don't do” list

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion about approval for future expenditures: some/all expenditures of a certain threshold amount? —if it is “x” \$ — it goes through the Executive Committee, if it is over “Y” the congregation gets involved... Ross made a motion and seconded by Marsha “Any project that is above \$25,000 must be brought before the executive Committee meeting for approval before starting and anything above \$100,000 must be brought before the congregation for approval at a Congregational Meeting
- Executive Committee meeting on April 16, 2024— to talk about survey and budget
- Next Congregational Meeting is May 5, 2024

Adjournment and Prayer: Ross Corey made the motion to adjourn, Wesley Pett seconded and Pastor Pett led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Kramer

Prayer List

International & Local Concerns:

Persecuted Christians
Natural Disaster Victims
Victims of Senseless Violence
Wars in Ukraine & Israel

Hospitalized:

Dale Fahs

In Hospice Care:

Jeff Busarow
Paul VanArk

Preparing for Surgery:

Sean Kane -husband of Marge Kane
Monica Morrison – daughter of Jean Palomino
Jean Palomino

Undergoing Treatment:

Jill Baldwin -wife of Mark Baldwin
Linda Baldwin– daughter-in-law of Helen Baldwin
Thea Beaudette – friend of Keanan Kern
Taylor Brancefield-grandson of Keith Laux
Brian Debski – father of Taylor Truskowski
Barbaralee DuMuth-cousin of Janet Groh
John Kiley-father of Ben Kiley
Tyler Kosmoski
Josua Moede
Roger Nowak
Terri Peters
Breana Pickard-friend of Jennifer Woller
Mark Pierquet (purr Key) – cousin of Cathy Joslin
Payton Sanoval– granddaughter of Keith Laux
Geri Schwan – cousin of Janet Groh
Kay Vanegeren- sister of Brenda Olson
Melodie Wardecke-cousin of Janet Groh
John Wirsch– brother of Jim Wirsch
Wendy Zittlow –daughter-in-law of Bob & Joan Zittlow

Recovering:

Helen Baldwin
Harleigh Bongle – granddaughter of Mike & Karen Klatt
Susie Druckrey
Zach Druckrey
Sharon Eichman
Shawn Jackson-friend of Perry Wegener
Jill Kern
Jack Koivisto
Roy Krouse-husband of Kathy Krouse
Kaydra Lee– friend of Marsha Gomoll
Sydney Miracle– niece of Brian & Robin Paul
Marissa Nehring
Chuck Rentmeester husband of Dianne Rentmeester

School Ministry:

N.E.W. Lutheran High School
Trinity Lutheran School

Ongoing Health Problems:

Sandy Alicia
Neal Anderson
Louise Christofilis – mother of Chris Stewart
Tom Duffek
Ed Forel – father of Sheila Ferron
LouAnn Gerzmehle – sister of Ron Miller
Penny Grambihler
Janet Groh
Michael Hekenberger
Vi Howard
Ron Howard
Bud Jones
Helen Kienitz – mother of Ann Anderson
Sue Kienitz - sister-in-law of Neal & Ann Anderson
Carol Knapowski
Susan Kupsky
Carol Kuske
Keith Laux
Mary Pirlot - friend of Delton & Kathy Bongel
Sue Sautner– aunt of Jennifer Nehring
Bill Wagner – friend of Pat Taylor
Bob Zittlow
BJ Zittlow-grandson of Joan Zittlow
Laurie Zoellner

All Caregivers

Missionaries

Ashley Lehr

Military Personnel:

Paige Bogner
Shaun & Tess (Bogner) LaRue
Roy & Esmeralda McDonough- grandson of Vi Howard
John Mangold-son of Lisa Kosmoski
Nathan Schroeder - nephew of Pat Taylor

Updated: 4-1-24

Church News

SPRING BOOYAH: APRIL 6th

Well Spring is here we hope! The weather may be up and down but any weather is good Booyah weather. There are preorder forms in the bulletin and on the table in the Narthex. There are sign up sheets for booyah ingredients and volunteer help also in the narthex. We look forward to another successful Booyah. See you April 6th. Thank you, Perry & Beth Wegener, Fellowship

FROM CHURCH OFFICERS

Please review the proposed amendments to the Redeemer Church constitution. Printed copies of the proposed amendments are available below the mailboxes in the Narthex. Amendments will be voted on at the May 2024 Congregational meeting

REDEEMER YOUTH CAMP ASSISTANCE

If your child is attending Camp Luther or Camp LuWiSoMo this summer, Fellowship would like to assist with reimbursing a portion of the fees. Please contact Fellowship co-treasurer Sheila Mannisto by April 30th for details. sheila.mannisto@gmail.com
920-619-1033.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

March Choice Dollars were directed to Redeemer by:

Bud & Mae Aprill

Naomi Bahrke

Bea Buchholz

Thomas & Delores Duffek

Jodie Ellingson

Karen Joski

Jacob & Arlene Koivisto

Roy Krouse

Kevin Matzke

Steve Nienow

Brenda Olson

Jean Palomino

Gerald & Joanne Pludeman

Dolores Schultz

Pat Taylor

If you have any questions on Thrivent Choice Dollars and designating them, please contact your Thrivent representative.

2024 TRAILBLAZER FOOTBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Sign up your middle school son today for the Trailblazer Football program. This program is a Christian, faith-based,

8 player tackle football program that runs from mid-August through mid-October. Registration is now open online at this link - <https://bit.ly/Trailblazers24>

For more information, please contact Trailblazer program coordinator, Chris Nelson at 920-471-5754 or via email at nelsonc@newlhs.com. All boys are welcome and we look forward to another great season of Trailblazer Football!

SHAKESPEARE LOVERS REJOICE

Come join us as NEWLHS presents HELGA, an adaptation of Shakespeare's beloved Hamlet on April 26th & 27th. Reserve your seats at <https://our.show/newlhsspring24> to ensure you have a seat for the show of the year!

TRINIY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

will be "hosting" a night at Pizza Ranch on Monday, April 8th---4pm-8pm Come on out and meet some of the students while supporting Green Bay Trinity! The funds will go to the school for bussing costs of field trips, classroom needs, etc.

Come on out and have some great food, no cooking night for you, and some great fellowship!!!!

j!LL's 3 Year Update

It's always an encouragement to hear how my prayers for others were answered. So, I want to encourage you all with an update...

Many of you met "Miss Peggy", my first prosthetic leg. There are 4 levels of technology/lifestyle. A Level 1 person will never walk; Level 4 is for elite athletes, "Para-Olympians", military users. My physicians classify me as Level 3. That qualifies me for a leg that has a microprocessor ankle, power knee and a couple other bells and whistles. The problem with Miss Peggy was that she would fall off due to poor fit and was painful to wear; last year I only wore the leg 6x, and that was to go in my basement to look for things. My new leg has an adjustable socket that adapts to change. "Arna" was made in Iceland, so needs an appropriate name: it means "Mountain of Strength" and "Power & Might". Once I put on my leg and the "Whole Armor of God", I'm ready for battle.

Last year, 2023, we had several setbacks, besides a leg that didn't fit. The first 3 months, I had pneumonia, while trying to care for my brother who lived with us while in hospice care. In February, exposure to toxic new-construction chemicals at my doctor's clinic knocked me out with severe obstructive asthma. Then last month, my therapists moved to the new Bellin clinic in Ashwaubenon...major setback with the asthma again, plus I can't see my therapists.

Since being 2 years cancer free, we go to the City of Hope (formerly Cancer Treatment Centers of America) every 6 months instead of every 3. I am independent and home alone most every day, though family members often check on me. Home therapy takes about 3 hours/day. I try to wear my leg 2-3x/week, when someone is here with me. No one trusts me to walk alone, even though today is 2 years since I last fell. I can walk alone in parallel bars or with a walker; I do best when Nate holds one hand and I have a cane in the other. I never get very far, due to ever-present exhaustion and lack of strength/stamina. I don't schedule more than one activity/day; leaving the house to shop, attend church or keep an appointment usually means resting the next 2 days.

My brain continues to heal. Focus is improving to the point where I am able to prepare meals and follow a complicated recipe. All last year, I didn't make anything with more than 5 ingredients and a short paragraph of instructions. I still get overwhelmed in large groups, especially with loud noise.

I give God all the credit that I rarely feel discouraged. I have no time for it, when I focus on gratitude. God bless you all for continued prayers, cards, gifts and so much love. I can't tell you how much it means to me and my family.

Jill Kern

Happy Birthday!

April

- 1 Erick Knapowski
- 2 Ross Corey
- 3 Michael Hekenberger, Lavern Jones
- 4 Ann Anderson, Ben Borchardt, Justin Farley,
Sophie Truskowski
- 6 Landon Kern, Donna Strehlow, Kalie Usiak,
Paul VanArk
- 7 Linda Druckrey
- 9 Jordan DeGrave
- 11 Delores Duffek, Anya Kahl, Llew Kramer,
Keith Laux
- 12 Violet Howard
- 13 Pam Siudak
- 14 Naomi Bahrke, Sara Dufek, Charles Hyde
- 15 Helen Baldwin
- 16 Bev Jablonski, Cathy Joslin
- 18 Kathleen DonLevy, Shawn Frush, Janet Groh,
Irelynne Paul
- 20 Dennis Frye
- 21 Brad Swenty
- 23 Justin Mannisto, Lorelei Swenty
- 24 Reggie Muhl, Brooklyn Pearson, Cindy Pfister
- 25 Beth Wegener
- 27 Dennis Jones
- 28 Lauren Prah, Brendan Whipp
- 30 Brenda Olson, Asher Truskowski

Happy Anniversary!

April

- 4 Llew & Julie Kramer
- 13 Janelle & Jason Walton
- 15 Jeff & Susan Herman
- 21 Jody & Mike Lehrkind
- 25 Ronald & Donna Strehlow
- 30 Dennis & Angelika Jones

Upcoming Events

Ruby's Pantry

Monday, May 20th, 4-6pm

*Note change in usual timing

Monday, June 24th, 4-6pm

Trinity Graduation at Redeemer

Thursday, May 23rd

Church Office Hours: Mon– Fri 9am-2pm

- The Church office is located in the school building.
- Fridays are Pastor Pett's day off. Please call the Church office if you need to leave him a message.

Redeemer Lutheran Calendar – April 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| | 1 | 2 7:00a Voting (gym) 6:30p Bd of Prop Mtg | 3 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC | 4 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 5:00p Confirmation 5:00p Booyah Prep 6:15p TKD (gym) | 5 8:00a Booyah Prep 10:00a Pickle Ball (gym) 6:00p Gym Rental | 6 9:30a Booyah Sale |
| 7 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study 12:30p Gym Rental | 8 6:00p Hand Bells 6:00p Elder Mtg 7:00p Choir | 9 2:00p TKD (gym) 5:30p Mission & Ministry Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym) | 10 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC | 11 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) | 12 10:00a Pickle Ball (gym) 6:00p Gym Rental | 13 |
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| 21 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study | 22 4:00p Ruby's Pantry 6:00p Hand Bells 7:00p Choir | 23 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) | 24 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC | 25 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) | 26 10:00a Pickle Ball (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) | 27 9:00a TKD Testing (gym) |
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