



## December, 2022 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'd like you to think about how you start your day: You get out of bed, put on a fresh set of clothes, and then you walk out the door to work, or to wherever you are going to begin your day. Did I leave anything out? Yes! I didn't include any washing or cleaning up before you put on that fresh set of clothes and I didn't include a breakfast, or brushing your teeth, or fixing your hair before you stepped out of the door. You may have fresh clothes on for appearances sake, but the rest of you is kind of a mess.

There are a lot of people who approach CHRISTmas in this way. They put up lots of pretty and bright decorations on the inside and outside of their homes, while they do nothing of any real substance to prepare what really matters – the preparation of the heart and soul. They are not prepared to receive the truly most important gift of CHRISTmas because many don't know who that is, and don't believe that they have any need for Him.

We have the need to prepare for Him by being cleansed, inside and out, with confession and absolution in worship services. We need to be fed with the comforting and strengthening message of the Word of God. And we need to be prepared to go out into our world, giving a faithful and beautiful witness of the love of the Savior, who came to live among us and give His life for us, the we would live through Him.

This is the reason that we provide extra services during the season of Advent. So that before all the external and superficial preparations for CHRISTmas, that we will take the extra time to prepare in the most important way of all – in our hearts, in our souls, and in our minds, to receive the King who came to save us.

So, how are you going to get ready for CHRISTmas?

In Christ's love,

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# Executive Committee Meeting

## Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 8, 2022

**Attendance:** Lorin Sternberg, Jim Wirch, Jean Borchardt, Ross Corey, Beth Wegener, Pastor Pett, Dennis Frye, Brittany Hyde

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lorin Sternberg at 6:01 p.m. Pastor opened with a devotion.

A motion was made by Ross Corey to accept the October 2022 Executive Committee minutes as written; Beth Wegener seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Date(s)	Wed. 6:30	Sunday 9:15	Virtual	Total
9/28 & 10/2	52	102	595	749
10/5 & 10/9	87	76	208	371
10/12 & 10/16	56	91	197	344
10/19 & 10/23	45	145	282	472
10/26 & 10/30	53	129	283	465

### Teaching

- 2 Adult Bible Classes, 13 Online Noon Devotions, 2 Services at Marla Vista Assisted Living, 3 Confirmation Classes.
- Virtual Views of Online Devotions, 9/26-9/29= 182, 10/5-10/6 = 105, 10/10-10/13 225, 10/17-10/19=179, 10/24-10/27= 164

### Pastoral Care

- 7 Hospital visit, 12 shut in visits

### New Members

- Nora Rae Sawyer-by Holy Baptism 10/2/22

### Funerals/Deaths

- Ron Waise-Died 9/27/22, Funeral 10/0/22
- Jerrilyn Forseth-Died 10/4/22, Funeral 10/13/22

### Weddings & Anniversary Services

- None

### Other Membership Changes

- None

### Membership

- Current baptized membership 498
- Current communicant membership 388

### Administrative

- District Pastors' Conference-10/3-10/4/22
- Board of Property- 10/4/22
- Board of Elders-10/10/22
- Executive Committee 10/11/22
- Board of Mission & Ministry 10/18/22
- Pastor Appreciation Chapel at Pilgrim-10/22/22
- Ruby's Pantry-10/24/22
- Pastor Appreciation Chapel & Circuit Pastors' Meeting at NEWLHS-10/25/22

# Executive Committee Meeting

## **Board of Elders' Report:** No Report

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

- Building Committee
  - Kerrick/Bill met with Redeemer to discuss options
  - Next steps: Survey of staff and families
- Capital Campaign Update
  - Packer event – 80 people attended, net \$1250-1300
  - NEWLHS Auction – Rock Garden 11/12
- Administrative Reports
  - NEWLHS Enrollment 147
  - Trinity Enrollment 125
  - Analyze possibility of Association Discount for Faith Christian Preschool
  - Possibility of looking towards rebranding and unification of association
  - Accreditation Prewrite
- Open Board Seat for Raized due to Chad Levanetz stepping down
  - Defer filling position until after discussions with Raized
- Open NEWLHS Teacher position to fill Rob Laird's vacancy at end of year
  - Extending call to Mr. Daniel Fosheim
- Pastor Nathan Spaulding Call Opportunity
  - Pastor Nathan reached out and indicated that he is not able to accept any position at this time due to a separate opportunity that he has taken.
- Music Teacher Call Update
  - Looking at students graduating soon from the Concordias
  - Call committee being formed
- Further work on Strategic Planning workshop including Principals.

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

- DCE-Alex went over the possible summer trips and local service opportunities for the youth. We will revisit the option in the January or February meeting. Alex also went over the Higher Things Conference July 18-21 2023 in Carbondale Illinois. Information will be put in the bulletin and on posted on the website.
- Outreach organization to receive the tithing offering are Habitat for Humanity and St John's Ministries New Women's Shelter. Each organization will receive a donation in the amount of \$2685.00. The checks have been mailed out.
- We had an out-reach opportunity to help St. Peter's church in Forestville. Beth and Sheila served a spaghetti dinner to people that were attending ESL (English second language) classes.
- Trunk or Treat was a success again this year. We had wonderful weather. We are guessing we had over 600 children attend the event.

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

- Storage Shed - Look for Metal Storage building option to replace shed
- Stage Renovation for new storage area – Work continues.
- 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 school.
- Randy will look for smoke detectors that work with our network and security cameras.
- Reside school building. Revisit in the spring.
- Family/handicap accessible restroom in school building to prepare for remodeling school restrooms. Working with NEWLSA Building Committee.
- Storm water drain on north side of church. Completed.
- Elevator to 3 stories. Checking with other companies. Tabled due to cost.
- Repairs to school building after storm damage – insulation

# Executive Committee Meeting

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

- Road work on Hudson St. in 2023
- Remove apple trees in front of church building. Completed
- Repair school kitchen garbage disposal. Completed.

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

- Estimated year end Checking Account balance is \$58,146. Designated (Held in Savings) balance is \$1374,052.
- October 2022 offerings were \$30,532, compared with \$28,442 in October 2021. Total October income was \$36,879 including offerings, other, and Thrivent Choice. Total expenses paid in October 2022 was \$51,733.
- The Lutheran Legacy Endowment balance is \$170,539.
- The balance for the Board of Property's account is \$14,662 as of October 31, 2022.

**Memorials:** No report

**Old Business:**

- WPS budget billing.
- Financial secretary position still open.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The meeting closed with a prayer led by Pastor.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

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|------------------------------|--|
| • Tuesday, December 13, 2022 | Executive Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m. |
| • Tuesday, January 10, 2023  | Executive Meeting                      |
| • Sunday, January 29, 2023   | Congregation Meeting                   |
| • Tuesday, February 14, 2023 | Executive Meeting                      |

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Hyde  
Congregational Secretary

# Congregational Meeting

## Redeemer Lutheran Church Congregation Meeting Sunday, October 30, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by Chairman Lorin Sternberg. Pastor opened with a prayer.

- Financial Update
- Board of Missions
- Board of Property
- Old Business
- New Business
- Elections

### Financial Update:

#### •Fiscal Year 2021-2021 (Aug 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022)

- Income
  - YTD - \$415,551
  - Budget - \$378,300
- Expenses
  - YTD - \$374,235
  - Budget - \$378,063

#### •Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 (Aug 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023)

- Income thru 9/30/2023
  - YTD - \$60,019
  - Budget - \$63,947
- Expenses
  - YTD - \$67,186
  - Budget - \$67,102

### Board of Missions:

•In Redeemer's Budget for Fiscal 2022-2023, an amount of \$5,370.00 (1.5% of our income from the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year) was approved for Community Outreach (budget line 66700). The Board of Mission & Ministry has elected to donate those monies as follows:

- \$2,685.00 to St. John's Ministries - Women's Shelter.
  - St. John's Women's Shelter is a seasonal, emergency, last resort shelter for adult women.
  - 700 E Walnut St., Green Bay, WI 54301
- \$2,685.00 to Habitat for Humanity – Green Bay.
  - Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.
  - 1967 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311

### Board of Property:

Dennis Frye presented the drawings & cost on what it would take to install an elevator at Redeemer for all 3 floors. The board decided it was not feasible at this time due to cost.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

# Congregational Meeting

## **Elections:**

Llewellyn Kramer made a motion to accept the elected officers as presented. Ben Borchardt seconded the motion and the motion pass with a unanimous voice vote.

The following were elected in the vote.

- Chairman Elect: Randy Pfister
- Treasurer: Ross Corey
- Board of Elders: Bob Rivers, Jim Wirch, Bryan Nehring, Jeff Goin, Perry Wegener, Llew Kramer, Tim Ahtonen, Chris Stewart, Doug Laatsch
- Board of Property: Wesley Pett
- Board of Mission & Ministry: Susan Frye, Joe Goin, Joy Goin, Randy Gomoll, Marsha Gomoll, Olivia Horney

## **Adjournment and Closing Prayer:**

Llewellyn Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross Corey seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Hyde  
Congregational Secretary

# Church News

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

October Choice dollars were directed to Redeemer by:

Neal and Ann Anderson

Jeffrey and Jill Janssen

Susan Kupsky

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

## \$CRIP

is available in the Church Library before and after church on the following dates. Stop in and pick some up!

Sunday December 11th

Wednesday December 14th

## HIGHER THINGS

The Higher Things conference from July 18-21 in Carbondale, Illinois! This is open to all ages but you must be at least 11 years old at the time of the conference to attend without a parent. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your faith, make friends with other Christians, have fun, and of course receive God's blessings through His Word and Sacraments.

The theme of the conference is - Beyond Reasonable Doubt. Have you ever struggled with doubts in your faith? What if all this isn't real? How could a flood cover the whole earth? Doesn't science disprove the faith? How do you know your religion is the correct one? Check out the website for a video and more information. <https://leader.higherthings.org/events/conferences/>  
Contact Alex if interested [flcgb.dce@gmail.com](mailto:flcgb.dce@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING:

### \*\*\*DATE UPDATED\*\*\*

It is time to start thinking about decorating the Lord's house for the upcoming Christmas season. If you are willing and able, please join us on Saturday, December 3. We will start at 8am. We have become very efficient at getting this done within a 3 hour time frame so, I anticipate us continuing that trend. We appreciate any help you are able to give us and thank you ahead of time for your assistance! Any questions, please reach out to Jen Berry.

## STAFF CHANGES AT NEW LHS

We recently received word from Mr. Robert Laird of his resignation at the end of the 2022-23 school year. He has been accepted to the Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis and will begin his Pastoral Education in the fall of

2023. He and his family will be moving this summer. We praise God for his short but meaningful ministry at Lutheran High.

Due to the timing of Mr. Laird's announcement, the Board of Directors quickly established a Call Committee to search for his replacement. The Call Committee submitted Mr. Daniel Forsheim of Shawano, WI for the Board's consideration and he was unanimously approved as the candidate to receive a Divine Call to serve at Lutheran High.

After prayerful consideration with his wife, and a day to visit the school, Mr. Fosheim has notified both St. James Lutheran Church and School in Shawano (where he currently serves) and NEWLHS of his decision to accept the Call to Lutheran High.

We praise and thank God for both Mr. Laird and Mr. Fosheim and their families and we look forward to Mr. Fosheim joining the staff at Lutheran High to begin the 2023-24 school year. To God be the glory!

Please join us in prayer as we lift up our friends in Christ at St. James as they seek a new teacher for their middle school and for the Laird family as they prepare for their transition to St. Louis. - Chris Nelson

## TRINITY'S OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

was a huge success this year! The school kids themselves filled 374 boxes, which was very close to our 400 goal. But with the help of Angels of Hope Preschool, Faith Christian Preschool, and Redeemer Lutheran Church Trinity was able to send off a total of 423 boxes which exceeded our goal. Wow! That is amazing! A BIG THANKS to all of the kids, volunteers, and families that donated money, items, and/or your time for this chapel mission. It is very much appreciated.

# 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

## **Undergoing Tests:**

Keith Larsen

## **Preparing for Surgery:**

Linda Brehmer  
Eric Knapowski  
Rich Verheyen-Ruby's Pantry Volunteer

## **Undergoing Treatment:**

Jan Barkley  
Brian Debski – father of Taylor Truskowski  
Karen Hansen – mother of Jim Hansen  
Cindi Heidke – friend of Steve & Linda Druckrey  
John Kiley – father of Ben Kiley  
Micah Koller – grandson of Dolores Schulz  
Jerry Kuschel  
Tianna Lange  
Roger Nowak  
Jean Palomino  
David Schmidt – cousin of Joanne Pludeman  
Geri Schwan – cousin of Janet Groh  
Katie Vedeon – stepmother of Robert Harris  
John Wirch – brother of Jim Wirch

## **Recovering:**

Bud Aprill  
Jill Baldwin  
Mark Baldwin  
Bob Barrette  
Little Doug Behl – Trinity Student  
Giles Bellin – brother of Randy Bellin  
Joan Berquist – NWD LWML President  
Elmber Dotz  
Jill Kern  
Mike Klatt  
Reggie Muhl  
Chuck Rentmeester husband of Dianne Rentmeester  
Patty Spielbauer – daughter of Janet Groh  
Ronny Wardecke – cousin of Janet Groh  
Neal & Ann Zastrow – friends of Howard & Leona Klug

## **School Ministry:**

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

## **Ongoing Health Problems:**

Neal Anderson  
Klaus Becker – brother of Laurie Zoellner  
Bruce Burt – brother of Doreen Peterson  
Louise Christofilis – mother of Chris Stewart  
Bonnie & David Dobbe – sister & brother-in-law of Tom Duffek  
Sharon Eichman  
Ed Forel – father of Sheila Ferron  
LouAnn Gerzmehle – sister of Ron Miller  
Penny Grambihler  
Brenda Gunder  
Vi Howard  
Ron Howard  
Helen Kienitz – mother of Ann Anderson  
Sue Kienitz – sister-in-law of Neal & Ann Anderson  
Michelle Larsen  
Keith Laux  
Tom Meath  
Marshall & Sheila Piotter – parents of Lorri Sternberg  
Mary Pirlot – friend of Delton & Kathy Bongel  
Marion Schmeling  
Dawn Schroeder – fiancé of Michael Hekenberger  
Phyllis Smeester – mother of Becki Larsen  
Bill Wagner – friend of Pat Taylor  
Bob Zittlow  
Laurie Zoellner

## **All Caregivers**

## **Child in Need of a Better Home:**

Analeigh – granddaughter of Dawn Auterman

## **Families in Crisis**

## **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: 11-30-22

# Happy Birthday!

## December

2 Delton Bongel, Robin Paul, Trenton Tucker  
3 Sue Druckrey  
5 Everleigh Farley  
6 Wendy Klatt  
9 Scott Westerfeld  
11 Katherine Bongel, Rachael Dufek,  
Frank Hekenberger, Rachel Strehlow  
12 Elmer Dotz  
13 David Fenner  
14 Jodie Ellingson, Emma Laatsch,  
Stephanie Whipp  
16 Holly Moede  
17 Chalsee Karnopp, Harold Sisel  
20 Travis Truskowski  
26 Thomas Duffek  
28 Richard Bogner  
29 Kayden VanNorman  
30 Evan Kern

# Happy Anniversary!

## December

1 Thomas & Christie Kloehn  
3 Thomas & Beverly Jablonski  
7 Amanda & Justin Farley  
9 Jim and Chong Cha Wirch  
17 Tyler & Rebecca Lohmiller  
30 Curtis & Julie Moede

## Official Acts

### Received Eternal Crown:

Margaret Ulrich  
November 7, 2022

Louis Wassenberg  
November 12, 2022

## Upcoming Events

### Ruby's Pantry

Monday, January 23, 2023 4-6pm  
Monday, February 27, 2023 4-6pm

### New Year Worship

New Year's Day HC 9:15am

### Pancake/Porkie Breakfast

February 5, 2023

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

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

11/30/2022  
03:17 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

## Calendar

December 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>2</b> 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>3</b> 8:00a Church Decorating 10:00a TKD Testing (gym)
<b>4</b> 9:15a Worship HC 10:00a Sun Sch, Conf 10:25a Bible Study 11:00a Rental (gym)	<b>5</b> 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 6:00p Hand Bells 7:00p Choir	<b>6</b> 2:00p TKD (gym) 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Bd of Property Mtg	<b>7</b> 9:00a Quilting 4:00p Advent Worship 5:00p Advent Meal 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Advent Worship	<b>8</b> 9:30a Bible Study 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:15a Worship HC 10:00a Sun Sch, Conf 10:25a Bible Study	<b>12</b> 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 6:00p Hand Bells 7:00p Choir	<b>13</b> 2:00p TKD (gym) 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 6:00p Exec Comm Christmas Party 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>14</b> 4:00p Advent Worship 5:00p Advent Meal 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Advent Worship	<b>15</b> 9:30a Bible Study 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00a Nienow Family (gym)
<b>18</b> 9:15a Worship HC 10:00a Sun School 10:25a Bible Study 7:00p NEW Band Concert	<b>19</b> 4:00p Trinity BB (gym)	<b>20</b> 2:00p TKD (gym) 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 5:30p Miss & Min Mtg 6:00p Hand Bells 6:15p TKD (gym) 7:00p Choir	<b>21</b> 4:00p Advent Worship 5:00p Advent Meal 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Advent Worship	<b>22</b> 9:30a Bible Study 4:00p Trinity BB (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve 4:00p Christmas Eve Worship 6:00p Christmas Eve Worship
<b>25</b> Christmas Day 10:00a Christmas Day Worship HC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30p Worship -HC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>