



March, 2024 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent has begun. During Lent many people think of the passage of Scripture where Jesus says, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me." Sometimes this is interpreted during Lent that we need to give something up. Some deny themselves of a pleasure that they most enjoy: a certain kind of food, a certain kind of drink, a certain dessert, watching television, going out to eat, etc. But is this truly what Jesus meant? Was He talking about "fasting and bodily preparation" as Luther would say? Or was He talking about some other kind of self-denial?

A story from the Choice Gleanings calendar illustrates the point. Drifting snow and bitter cold threatened the lives of Indian evangelist Sadhu Sundar Singh and his Tibetan companion as they crossed a Himalayan mountain pass. Fighting the "sleep of death", they stumbled over a mound in the trail. It was a man, half dead. The Tibetan refused to stop but continued on alone. The compassionate Sadhu, however, shouldered the burden the best he could. Through his struggling, he began to warm up, as did the unconscious man. But before reaching the village they found the Tibetan -- frozen to death. The principles that Jesus taught are still true: whoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it!

This kind of self-denial is one of the sinful nature to the spiritual nature. We need to deny the desires, cravings, and lusts of the sinful nature. Most importantly is the denial of using one's time all for one's self, using the time instead for the spiritual nature. Giving up the time of self-indulgence to watch TV, or sit at home, and going to church instead, hearing God's Word on Wednesday nights in addition to Sunday morning.

It will be in this time that God will give a gracious and wonderful gift. The gift is that He gives to us the message of salvation, the step by step walk with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the hill outside Jerusalem known as Calvary. We can come and receive again the message that tells us the extent of God's love, through the bitter suffering and death, that we are purchased and won from death and the power of the devil. Here we receive again the joy of knowing the love of our God and feeling the fullest measure of that love through Jesus Christ, in the salvation that He gives us as a gift, without work or price.

So in the truest sense, the time that we take away from the sinful nature isn't lost or given up, but filled even richer to the spiritual nature, the new man, born in Baptism, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, redeemed by Christ Himself. The greatest self-denial was on the part of Christ for our sake. During Lent, let us refresh the memory of His work in our minds and hearts, remembering the how God has found us through Christ, and has given us life.

In Christ's Love,

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Congregational Mtg

Redeemer Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting Minutes Sunday, February 11, 2024

The meeting was begun by Chairman Robert Harris. 60 members were in attendance.

Pastor led us in a devotion on Rev 1:14-16 and an opening prayer.

Pastor's Update: Feb 2023— Elders sent letters and questionnaires to members who had not attended Church for more than one year. Some of the common responses were that they were attending a different church or no longer attend— or they did not respond. As a result, some have started to come back and those that did not respond, those who asked to be removed and those that had not attended church since 2018 have been removed from the membership lists. 18 new members have joined and 8 members have passed away. Current baptized membership is 368, current communicant membership is 298.

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BIG News (includes Old and New Business): Elmer Dotz Estate totaled \$764,000. Redeemer will tithe 10%, then the remainder was put into somewhat conservative investments to use for long-term planning. This will result in yearly dividends about \$36k for the budget. Faith-based tithe recipients will be decided on at the March 2024 Executive Committee meeting. This meeting will now be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month instead of the 2nd Tuesday.

Financial Update: Income \$212,000 which is up about \$6600 from last year. Expenses are \$204,000 (down \$13,000 from last fiscal year) total: around + \$8500 (we were negative -11,000 at this time last year)

At the May congregational Budget meeting we requested a 3.2% increase in offerings and the congregation responded— we are currently up approximately 4.5%.

Memorial Committee: Ann & Neal Anderson: Judy Moede and Randy Pfister 2023: \$30k in funds were received from 5 Redeemer families. These were used to purchase the chairs in the back of the church and money was also transferred to the music and education accounts. There is about \$ 20k remaining. Several projects are being planned and the Memorial Committee is getting quotes. They will advise/update the families and congregation as things develop.

Congregation Survey Results: There were only 30 responses that had 4 areas of focus: Campus, People, Services, and Communication. The survey is still open, in case you would like to participate. Ben Borchardt and Jeff Goin shared some of the results: We NOW have an yearly printed church directory— please update Cathy in the church office if there are corrections. Parishioners love Pastor Pett's sermons, love Bible studies. In the communication area: near the guest book is listed the committees and the members that are serving on them. In the church directory—next to your name you will see PA (Pastoral Assistant) and the name of the Elder assigned to you. If you have any needs, comments, suggestions, or updates— please reach out to your elder and give these to him. Strategic team: Ben Borchardt, Jen Berry, Perry Wegener, Jeff Goin, Randy Pfister

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Board of Elders: Introduced the Elders (you can find yours in the Church Directory) Jim Wirch, Bryan Nehring, Jeff Goin, Tim Ahronen, Llew Kramer, Doug Laatsch, Perry Wegener and Bob Rivers. Beginning with Advent 2024, there will be a meal at 5:30PM with one service at 6:30 PM. The idea was to get members to attend one service to build new relationships. This will be an experiment to see how this service will serve people and will look for the responses from the congregation. There was a long discussion about this change.

NEWLSA: Jean Borchardt is our Executive Committee NEWLSA Representative. The NEWLHS auction had 162 in attendance with a profit estimated at \$50-55,000. The NEWLHS freshman class has 30 students. A new counselor was hired at NEWLHS. The Trinity Lutheran auction will be February 17, 2024. In December 2023 a call was issued for Mrs. Andrea Schultz as a 6th grade teacher at Trinity

Board of Mission and Ministry: is working on Elmer Dotz Estate and their annual events. Trunk or Treat, Swine and Dine and the Church Picnic. The Hygiene Drive starts February 11 and continues to March 1st. They are discussing and re-evaluating VBS — looking at doing "Parables in the Park"-- which would be a story time in the park as an alternative to VBS (this year there were only 3 children who attended). Members of this Board are Marsha and Randy Gomoll, Olivia Horney, Susan Frye, and Joe & Joy Goin.

Board of Property: Completed: stage renovation, kitchen renovation including sink, new range, countertops and cupboards. 2024: storage shed demolition and new structure, re-siding school building, noise damping panels for gym, cushions for stage wall, weeding in front of church and miscellaneous painting projects. An architect is drawing plans for a school bathroom remodel. Members of this Board are Wesley Pett, Curt Moede, Jerry Pludeman, Mark Sprague, Brian Paul and Ryan Pett.

Closing Prayer led by Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Kramer, Congregational Secretary

Executive Committee

Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Chairman Robert Harris called the meeting to order at 6PM. In attendance: Jim Wirch, Robert Harris, Wesley Pett, Marsha Gomoll, Julie Kramer, Ross Corey, Jean Borchardt, Pastor Pett

Pastor had a devotion on 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 and a prayer.

Ross made a motion to accept the January minutes as written and Marsha seconded it. Minutes approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor shared the numbers for worship attendance, on-line viewings of devotions, teaching opportunities and administrative meeting attendance.

In January he had 4 hospital visits & 11 shut-in visits

We gained 1 new member by baptism & 1 member was released.

Current baptized Membership 368, current communicant membership 297

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The Elders will provide soups for the March 6th Lenten Meal.

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NEWSLA

Jean Borchardt gave her report.

- A building committee was formed since there is a need for more space at Our Saviour Lutheran/Trinity School.
- Resignation after this school year was accepted for Jenny Smith, Faith Christian Preschool Director.
- Board is working through the results from the Strategic Study
- 2024-2025 Tuition Rates are approved
- NFL Draft has factored into the 2024-2025 School Calendar

MISSION AND MINISTRY

- Marsha Gomoll said that they will host the coffee bar on a rotating schedule
- They will host Lenten Meal on March 20th
- Election of Officers, took place: Marsha is Chair and Olivia Horney is Secretary
- Discussed Church picnic; they are looking at getting transportation from the parking lot at Colvin to the pavillion
- Discussed alternatives to VBS
- Mission and Ministry Events for 2024 include:
 - * Family Radio Help for Homeless Hygiene Drive (Feb 11- Mar 3)
 - * Lenten Meal
 - * Redeemer Family Campout
 - VBS (date to be determined)
 - * Church Picnic Aug/Sept
 - * Trunk or Treat
 - * Christmas Giving Tree

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BOARD OF PROPERTY

Old Business.

- Storage Shed They have received the plans to replace the white shed and have put down a deposit to hold the date to begin construction. White (old) shed has been emptied and is ready for demolition. No word on exact date yet. Re-siding the school building will be tied in with the storage building project in spring 2024.
- Additional security cameras for church —Doug has provided us with a quote to get us 100% exterior coverage on our property as well as updates for other security issues here at church. Some items have already been ordered.
- They have installed smoke detectors in church and school buildings
- An architect has a plan to stabilize the interior walls of the school bathrooms to be able to put grab bars for handicapped stalls
- School kitchen remodel complete
- An estimate is needed for sound dampening panels for the gym
- Will clean up weeds and scrub rooots in front of church in spring 2024

New Rusiness

- Discussing the remodel of the meeting room in the school
- Need to mount marker eraser tray under white board in church meeting room
- Discussing possible remodel of the church meeting room to give a little more space
- They found a metal cross in the storage shed this will be repaired and mounted on the outside of the carport
- Election of new chairman —Wesley Pett

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offerings for the last month —\$39, 738 -total income \$42,934 YTD income is about -\$366 (negative)

OLD BUSINESS

- Dotz Estate Funds Tithe amounts will be talked about and approved in the March meeting.
- Congregational Survey Results— will continue to review, discuss and implement in the next months.

NEW BUSINESS

• Discussion of what account will cover the shed repair costs. There are designated funds for this property improvement

NEXT Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Adjournment and Closing Prayer—- Ross Corey made the motion and Wesley Pett seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted Julie Kramer

Prayer List

International & Local Concerns:

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

Hospitalized:

Ben Borchardt

In Hospice Care:

Hermann John-brother of Fred John

Preparing for Surgery:

Susie Druckrey

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

Jeff Busarow

Brian Debski – father of Taylor Truskowski

Barbaralee DuMuth-cousin of Janet Groh

Tyler Kosmoski

Josua Moede

Monica Morrison-daughter of Jean Palomino

Roger Nowak

Jean Palomino

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

Paul VanArk

Kay Vanegeren-sister of Brenda Olson

Melodie Wardecke-cousin of Janet Groh

John Wirch-brother of Jim Wirch

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

Recovering:

Jennifer Berry

Harleigh Bongle – granddaughter of Mike & Karen Klatt

Shawn Jackson-friend of Perry Wegener

Helen Hazaert

Sean Kane –husband of Marge Kane

Jill Kern

Llew Kramer

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

Perry Wegener

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

Sharon Eichman

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: 2-28-24

Church News

ALTAR GUILD

The current Altar Guild members would like to invite you to join us! We set up communion each week. We also set out flowers when sponsored. Currently we are scheduled to serve 1 week per month. With a few more volunteers we could serve once every 6-8 weeks. Please talk to any one of us, whose name is listed in the bulletin each week. We'd welcome you to join us!

NEW LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment is now open for the class of 2028. Applications may be found at www.newlhs.com/admissions/apply.cfm. For more information about the enrollment process, tuition aid and free tuition vouchers through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program please contact Mr. Chris Nelson at 920-471-5754 or via email at nelsonc@newlhs.com. Enroll today to give your student the opportunity to blaze a new trail at Lutheran High!

FELLOWSHIP

would like to thank everyone for a successful 2024 Pancake and Porkie Breakfast. We served 231 guests and raised over \$2000 that will be shared with the youth group for outings and events. Thank you to everyone that participated through monetary donations, breakfast supplies, baked desserts, helped prep on Saturday, and served and worked on Sunday. We are looking forward to 2025!

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

for 2024 (no pictures) were emailed and/or placed in Church mailboxes. PLEASE Take a moment to look over your family info and send any corrections to Cathy in the Church office at redeemergreenbay@gmail.com or 920-499-1033. Also note that your Elder is listed to the left of phone number, example = PA: Jim Wirch

FAITH CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL - NOW HIRING FOR 2024-25

Faith Christian Preschool is now hiring for the 2024-25 school year. We are looking for a passionate person who loves early childhood education but more importantly, who loves the Lord! For more information, please contact Mr. Chris Nelson at 920-471-5754.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship HC - March 24th 9:15am

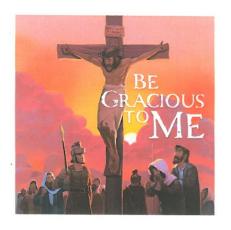
Maundy Thursday Worship HC - March 28th 4pm & 6:30pm

Good Friday Worship - March 29th 12pm & 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Worship HC - March 31st 7am & 9:15am

Easter Breakfast - March 31st at 8am.





Be Gracious to Me centers around Psalm 41 where God's grace wells up and King David exults God, tracing the flow of divine grace from the source to its believers...

Lenten Worship

February 14th

Be Gracious to Me...

February 21st

Sustained in Sickness...

February 28th

Vindication...

March 6th

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My Close Friend...

March 13th

Contradiction

March 20th

I Have Sinned...

Pastor Pett

Psalm 41:10

Vicar Dhuse

Pilgrim, Green Bay

Psalm 41:3

Deacon Johnson

St John, Pulaski

Psalm 41:7-8

Pastor VanPay

St John, Luxemberg

Psalm 41:9

Pastor Wangelin

Zion, Wayside

Psalm 41:11

Pastor Burg

Zion, Oneida

Psalm 41:4

Lent Meals Wednesdays 5pm

Week 1

February 14th

Hosted by:

RWCS/LWML

Menu:

Beef Tips & Noodles

Week 2

February 21st

Hosted by:

Music

Menu:

Chicken Noodle Soup

Week 3

February 28th

Hosted by:

: Trinity

Menu:

Pasta Bake

Week 4

March 6th

Hosted by: Menu: Elders TBD

Week 5

March 13th

Hosted by:

Fellowship

Menu:

Fried Chicken & Potatoes

Week 6

March 20th

Hosted by:

Mission & Ministry

Menu:

Spaghetti & Garlic Bread

The sign-up sheet for desserts or salads is in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday!

March

- 1 Kate DeGrave, Sandy Stevens
- 2 Keanen Kern, Melissa Kiley
- 3 Robert Dufek, Mark Sprague
- 6 Corrine Laatsch
- 7 Angela Truskowski
- 8 Gary Ferron
- 11 Bob Rivers
- 12 Naomi Hansen
- 13 Aubrey LeCleir
- 14 Archer Swenty
- 15 Pat Taylor
- 16 Bonnie Domke, Kyle VanLannen
- 18 Dianne Rentmeester
- 19 Dolores Schulz
- 25 Marion Eichman, Randy Pfister, Mallory Walton
- 26 Parker Thyes
- 28 Chloe Borchardt, Christie Kloehn, Rose Wassenberg
- 29 Christel Laatsch

Happy Anniversary!

March

- 3 Russell & Cheryl LaPlante
- 9 Jeff & Bonnie Domke
- 23 David 7 Sharon Eichman

Upcoming Events

Ruby's Pantry

Monday, April 22nd, 4-6pm Monday, May

Spring Booyah

Saturday, April 6th

Trinity Graduation at Redeemer

Thursday, May 23rd

Official Acts

REMOVED BY REQUEST:

Wesley Hockers
Justin Hockers

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

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

Redeemer Lutheran Calendar – March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					10:00a Pickle Ball (gym)	2
9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Sun Sch/Confirm 10:25a Bible Study 9:15p Worship HC	4 6:00p Hand Bells 6:00p Elder Mtg 7:00p Choir	5 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Bd of Prop Mtg	6 4:00p LENT Worship 5:00p Lent Meal 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p LENT Worship	7 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym)	8 10:00a Pickle Ball (gym)	9
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