



May, 2024 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

America's ambassador to Japan, Douglas MacArthur II, Served as Counselor of the State Department under John Foster Dulles. Like Dulles, MacArthur is a hard worker. Once, when Dulles telephoned the MacArthur home, asking for Doug, Mrs. MacArthur mistook him for an aide and snapped irately, "MacArthur is where MacArthur always is, weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and nights - in that office!" Within minutes, MacArthur got a telephone order from Dulles: "Go home at once, boy. Your home front is crumbling."

The way that life and the economy is today, there seem to be more and more demands placed on our time. This in turn requires us to spend more and more time away from our families, working hard to do well in our jobs and to get a head in the rat race. However, we never seem to get as far ahead as we would like to be, and we never seem to have as much as we would like to have.

In all of this, one thing is for certain: Time is a very precious commodity. Once it has been used, there is no way to get it back again, once it has passed, it's gone. This is why it is so important to take the time to spend with your families now, before all the time has passed away, and it becomes too late to do the things that you had always hoped to do. Take the time now to live with one another and love one another in your family. Don't let any precious moments slip by because there is too much work to get done, or because you're just too busy. God gave us our families as a gift, to appreciate, to enjoy, to love, and to care for. Let us appreciate this gift from God, spending the time on it that it needs for strong love and growth. Take the time, make the time for God's family - yours!

In Christ's love,

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Executive Committee

Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

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

Pastor's Report – April 2, 2024

WORSHIP

Dates	Wed 4PM	Wed 6:30 PM	Sunday 9:15 AM	Virtual	Total
2/28 & 3/3	47	20	151	385	603
3/6 & 3/10	60	38	147	427	672
3/13 & 3/17	71	24	116	755	966
3/20 & 3/24	61	22	177	394	654
3/28	70	54			124
3/29	101 (noon)	77			178
3/31		102 (7AM)	195	929	1226

TEACHING: 4 Adult Bible Classes, 10 Online Noon Devotions, 2 Services @ Marla Vista Assisted Living, 1 Counseling Session, 1 Holy Week Event @ Trinity

Virtual Views of Online Devotions 2/26-2/29=395, 3/4-3/7=241, 3/12-3/14=212, 3/18-3/21=121, 3/25-3/27=247

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

PASTORAL CARE: 13 Shut in visits, 9 Hospital visits

Funeral: Anne Yelle (former member)-3/5/24

ADMINISTRATIVE: Board of Elders' Meeting – 3/4/24, Board of Property – 3/5/24, Circuit Pastor's Meeting – 3/11/24, Executive Committee Meeting – 3/19/24, Board of Mission & Ministry Meeting – 3/12/24, Ruby's Pantry – 3/25/24

Elders' Report – Jim Wirch reported that the Board of Elders met on Monday, April 8, 2024

- After reviewing Pastor Pett's monthly reports from March, the May 2024 Worship Service Volunteer Schedule was completed.
- Worked on the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year budget.
- Pastor Pett has arranged for a substitute preacher for the following: Redeemer camping weekend in late June. Pastor Vacation from July 1st through July 8th.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00PM on Monday May 6, 2024.

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NEWSLA — Jean Borchardt reported that

- 5% Disbursement from the each of the endowments will be taken
- Discussing Non-Discrimination Language in Enrollment policy with District to determine what can and can't be said
- Trinity Building Committee— different quotes were received for multiple options; reviewing and looking to present information to the board—hoping to have a recommendation for May meeting
- 80-85% of NEWLHS Students participate in a Spring sport
- NEWLHS received 1 year extension on accreditation
- Incoming NEWLHS Freshmen class is 30-34 (100% of Trinity's class and some coming from Pilgrim as well)
- Offers extended to new director/teacher and assistant teacher at Faith Lutheran Preschool
- Review of Budget Draft and some additional changes need to be finished and accepted at the next meeting

Upcoming NEWSLA events in April/May

- 4/15-16-Spring Parent Teacher Conference Days at FCP (NO SCHOOL @ FCP on the 16th)
- 4/20-Retirement Celebration for Kris Schumacher at the Rock Garden 3-6pm.
- 4/21-NEWSLA Sunday at Redeemer
- 4/24-26-Trinity & FCP Accreditation Site Visit
- 4/26-Jenny Smith's last day of employment with NEWSLA
- 4/26-27-Spring Play "Helga" at NEWLHS
- 5/2-FCP "Muffins with Mom" and Spring Field Trip to Children's Museum
- 5/4-NEWLHS Junior Prom at Stonewood Event Center
- 5/15-Finance Committee Meeting
- 5/17-Elementary School Fun Olympics at NEWLHS
- 5/18-NEWLHS Spring Concert
- 5/20-FCP Last Day of school for 4K
- 5/20-Board of Directors Meeting
- 5/21-FCP Last Day of School for 3K
- 5/22-FCP 3K & 4K End of Year Celebration (Location TBD)
- 5/23-Trinity Graduation at Redeemer
- 5/25-NEWLHS Graduation on campus 10:30AM

Mission & Ministry: Marsha Gomoll noted that:

- VBS survey— only 6 were received, so due to the lack of interest, the Board agreed to not having VBS this year and will revisit next year.
- They are working on "Parables in the Park" — as an outreach idea for this summer.
- Church Picnic—waiting for Packer's schedule to come out in order to set date, reserve the shelter at Colburn, and to get golf carts reserved
- House of Hope received the last \$1400 on Monday (4/14) and were very grateful
- Inreach/outreach— discussed new ideas — gifts to women on Mother's Day, movie night for kids this summer
- Upcoming events: Campout June 20-23, Parables in the park, movie night, church picnic, Trunk or Treat, Christmas Giving Tree, organize Advent Meals, ESL in Forestville

Board of Property -Wesley Pett reported: that they were not able to meet because of voting.

- Storage shed — working on re-design
 - 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 — are here and need to be installed.
- Future projects include: painting, remodel meeting rooms in the school (first) and the church buildings, weeding and cleaning up the outside property

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Financial Report – Randy Pfister reported that March Total Offerings were \$30,200 (Note: Does not include 3/31 Easter), and Total Income came in at \$34,400. Our Expenses were at \$37,000. Year To Date — Income is at \$273,300, with Offerings up 3.8% over last year. Expenses were at \$274,900

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dotz Estate tithe funds— disbursements completed totalling \$76,400.
- Congregational survey— will itemize things that can be done now, done later and the “don’t do” list—Plan to go through it at the May Executive Committee Meeting—with extra representatives from each board

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2024-2025 Budget was discussed, adjusted and agreed upon
- Executive Committee meeting on May 21, 2024— to talk about survey
- **Next Congregational Meeting is May 5, 2024**

Adjournment and Prayer: Marsha Gomoll 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:

Amanda Leist –cousin of Ben Kiley

In Hospice Care:

Paul VanArk

Preparing for Surgery:

Sean Kane -husband of Marge Kane

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
Brenda Gunder
John Kiley-father of Ben Kiley
Tyler Kosmoski
Josua Moede
Roger Nowak
Terri Peters
Breana Pickard-friend of Jennifer Woller
Payton Sanoval– granddaughter of Keith Laux
Geri Schwan – cousin of Janet Groh
Kay Vanegeren- sister of Brenda Olson
Melodie Wardecke-cousin of Janet Groh
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
Michael Klatt
Jack Koivisto
Roy Krouse-husband of Kathy Krouse
Kaydra Lee– friend of Marsha Gomoll
Christine Maher– friend of Brenda Olson
Jane matthis– cousin of Randy Pfister
Sydney Miracle– niece of Brian & Robin Paul
Ron Miller

Monica Morrison – daughter of Jean Palomino
Jean Palomino
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: 4-29-24

Church News

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2, 2024

Following his midday devotion on Face Book Live and streaming on our website, www.redeemerlutherangb.com at noon, Pastor Pett will continue with the Litany for the National Day of Prayer. If you are unable to watch at noon, it will be available on Redeemer's website by scrolling down to the daily devotionals archive tab, after it is streamed live.

GIDEONS

The Gideons will be speaking during Church on Sunday, May 5th. A door offering will also be taken for the Gideons' purchasing of Bibles.

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

EASTER DECORATIONS

We will be removing the Easter decorations on Sunday, May 5th after the Congregational meeting. We will make this as quick as we possibly can! Thank you for your help decorating our church so beautifully each and every holiday. We appreciate all your continued support!!

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

April Choice Dollars were directed to Redeemer by:

Vernon Hartwig
Fred John
Llew & Julie Kramer
Thomas Landgraf
Gerald & Laurie Thyges
Raymond & Vicky Wozniak
Lyndon & Laurie Zoellner

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

VBS UPDATE

The Board of Mission & Ministry reviewed the survey results received regarding the interest in VBS this summer; only 6 surveys were returned. Considering the lack of interest, the amount of work involved, and volunteers needed to make VBS successful, the Board agreed to not having VBS this year. We will revisit again next year. We are looking into sponsoring a Movie Night for the children this summer. This is in the early planning stages and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

SPRING BOOYAH

We would like to thank everyone who donated, help prepare and serve the Booyah, We had a successful event. We raised \$2010.00. We will be doing some in-reach and helping to finish furnishing the school kitchen. Our next Booyah will be Saturday, October 5th so mark your calendars and bring your appetites. Thank you, Perry & Beth Wegener and Redeemer Fellowship

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers for our granddaughter, Harleigh Bongle. With the grace of God she is improving daily. She has a very long road ahead and we continue to pray she will conquer this. God bless all, Mike & Karen Klatt

EASTER BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend Easter Breakfast, volunteer their time and donate food. It was a wonderful morning. We made \$629.00. The proceeds will be shared with the Benevolent fund and Fellowship. Thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR GUILD REQUEST

Members of Redeemer Altar Guild are looking for helpers! As a Wednesday or Sunday attendee, if willing, please go up and help the assigned person listed in the Bulletin with communion after the service. You would not be on a schedule just be of assistance to the Altar Guild person scheduled. Even once a month would be great! Thank you for considering this in the upcoming months!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning May 6th, my office hours will change to Monday – Thursday from 8:30am-3pm. Thank you for your understanding! -Cathy

Happy Birthday!

May

- 1 Melanie Lanser, Susan Lutzow-Buss,
Alex Smith
- 2 Naomi Kosbab, Joshua Moede
- 6 Sophia Klatt
- 8 Madden Beavers, Wanda Hilke, Alaina Prah
- 9 Kelly DeGrave, Wendy Delvoye,
Kerrick Sawyer
- 11 Mae Aprill, Leo Farley
- 12 Laura Kahl
- 13 Kristina Hazen
- 14 Grayson VandeVyrer
- 16 Marie Alden
- 17 Jonathan Beavers, Verchelle Dehn,
Doug Lattsch, Sharon Staats
- 19 Robert Harris, Russell LaPlante, Keith Larsen
- 20 Patty Ahtonen, Jordan Jensen
- 21 Analisa Davis, Brady Paul, Mason Teske
- 22 Halston Beavers, Carol Juske
- 23 Thomas Jablonski
- 24 Brody Dahl, Steve Druckrey
- 25 Neal Anderson, Jeff Herman
- 29 Sharon eichman
- 31 Leona Klug

Happy Anniversary!

May

- 5 James & Wendy Delvoye
Richard & Ginny somers
- 11 Bud & Mae Aprill
Gary & Barbara Behnke
Lorin & Lorri Sternberg
- 12 Fred & Phyllis John
- 14 Bryan & Jennifer Nehring
- 15 Steve & Rose Wassenberg
- 16 Mark & Andrea Inman
- 25 Tim & Patty Ahtonen
- 27 Brian & Robin Paul
- 28 Rick & Pam Siudak
- 29 Chris & Abbie Charles

Official Acts

Upcoming Events

Ruby's Pantry

Monday, June 24th, 4-6pm

Monday, July 22nd, 4-6pm

Annual Redeemer Camp Out

June 20th-23rd

Received Their Eternal Crown:

Jeff Busarow

April 5, 2024

New Members:

Lillian Brott

Barb Gilsoul

Confirmation:

April 28, 2024

Isabelle Rose Boettcher

Daughter of Daniel & Lisa Boettcher

Meta Ann Elizabeth Woller

Daughter of Eric & Jennifer Woller

NEW Church Office Hours: Mon– Thurs 8:30am-3pm

The Church office is located in the school building.

Redeemer Lutheran Calendar – May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00a Quilting 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	2 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	3 6:00p Rental (gym)	4
5 9:15a Worship HC 10:00a Truskowski Family (gym) 10:25a Congregational Mtg	6 6:00p Elder Mtg	7 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Bd of Prop Mtg	8 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	9 Ascension Day 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	10 6:00p Rental (gym)	11
12 Mothers' Day 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study 11:00a Bongel Family (gym)	13	14 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 5:30p Mission & Ministry Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	15 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	16 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	17 2:00p Anderson Wedding 6:00p Rental (gym)	18
19 Pentecost 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study 12:00p RWCS/LWML Mtg	20 4:00p Ruby's Pantry	21 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:00p Exec Comm Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	22 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	23 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:00p Trinity Graduation 7:00p Trinity Grad Party	24 6:00p Rental (gym)	25
26 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study	27 Memorial Day	28 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	29 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	30 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	31 6:00p Rental (gym)	