

February 2019



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission Statement

Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

Our Staff:

Pastor	Darrel Cory (phone: 218-791-0141, e-mail: darrelcory@gmail.com)
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Unapproved Congregational Council Meeting Agenda

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Date: January 15, 2019

6:00pm

Council Members Present: Brooks Vigen, Chris Burnham, Dee Wollenzein, Jan Anderson, Brenda Poe, Brenda Russ, Tony Olson, LeeAnn Lund, Darrin Bakke, Linda Olson, Jeff Kezar, Stacy Davidson and Denice Nelson

Council Members Absent: Jan Anderson

Guests: Janet Fisher, Dean Dahlen, Chad Berg, and Vanessa VanDam

Agenda Item	Discussion/Conclusions/Recommendations	Actions
Call to Order:	Brenda Poe	
Devotions & Into:	Darrel Cory &	
Adoption of Agenda:	Chris B. motioned, LeeAnn L. 2 nd .	Motion passed.
Secretary's Report:	Brenda Russ motioned, Chris B. 2 nd .	Motion passed.
Treasurer's Report:	See attachment. Given by Brenda Russ.	Has been received.
Committee Reports and Assignments:		
	Faith Formation Committee: Denice. The end of this term for Blast and confirmation will be Feb. 27 th . The confirmation students will serve the Lenten Suppers. Megan Eickman will step forward to help with Kate Anderson's resignation as a volunteer, not a paid position. The Christmas Program was well received. We are waiting to hear from Pathways for the summer brochure.	
	Finance Committee: Stated in Brenda's report- see attached report.	
	Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee: we do not have a rep from the Council as of yet. Approx \$6500 for Good Gifts was raised. The church was able to provide a "family farm". The little banks brought in enough to buy another cow.	
	Property Committee: Stacy Davidson met last night. They are working on cleaning out of the library. The books need a new home. Call Stacy if you know someone who would take the books. Please take any stuff that you are responsible for out of the library. By Feb. 1 st . The Youth Director's Office will be next. The Messages boards are up and running. The lights are being replaced with new LED lights. We will need to use a lift to do this job. Jeremy Srnsky will be doing this job. Reid met with the Property committee to see if we can expand the choir room.	
	Stewardship Committee: They have been working on the Annual Pledge drive and the Estimating Giving Cards.	
	Worship and Music Committee: did not met	

	Family, Faith Fellowship Committee: Brenda P. said their last meal was fun with lots of laughs – it was a brunch. The next meal will be in March. Kylie Westling would like to plan a food drive for the Food Shelf on the 5 th Sunday of March. The committee is brainstorming ideas for this meal to be on a Wed.	
	Personnel Committee: Brenda R. said they worked on evaluations.	
	Altar Guild Committee: they did not meet, but they continue to be busy.	
Unfinished Business:		
New Business:	<p>Who will help set up the tables and chairs for the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Annual Meeting Agenda sample</p> <p>Plans for the meal to follow the Annual Meeting</p> <p>Wood Kiosk – what do we do with it?</p> <p>Leadership Retreat (Council members and all Chairs): Feb. 2nd, 8-12:00 (food will be provided)</p> <p>New Orientation –who will lead this for the new council members?</p> <p>Ballot for 2019 – see attachment pg. 7</p> <p>Streaming the Annual Meeting Live – Vanessa.</p> <p>WIC request – Vanessa. They would like to use the kitchen, basically for the use of the sink. They will bring in all their supplies. How much will we charge WIC either on a Tue. or a Thur.in March.</p>	<p>All council member may help with this.</p> <p>Baked potato bar, Stacy will make chili, Brenda will pick the toppings, each council member is asked to bring a pan of bars. Denice will ask the 8th graders to prep the potatoes.</p> <p>Denice will talk with Enid about continuing with the paper clippings, we will add them to the digital set up.</p> <p>Darrel and Brenda R. are preparing for this.</p> <p>Stacey and Brenda Poe will do this with Vanessa’s guidance.</p> <p>Brenda R made the motion. Brenda P 2nd. Motion passed. We will stream our next Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Stacy made motion to NOT charge WIC to use the kitchen for this one time. Dee 2nd. Motion passed.</p>

Congregational Questions and Concerns:	Has the Annual Meeting been announced?	Yes, it has been in the bulletins and will be verbally announced during church. It was suggested that we also post notes up at church. It is on the digital message boards.
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Pastor's Report:	Official Acts			Visitation			
	Darrel	Baptism	Funerals	Weddings	Hospital	Home	Counseling
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	Darrel will be gone on the following dates. Feb. 6-10 th . Teri C. (the 6 th) and Jon W (the 10 th) and will preach when Darrel is gone.						
	Other: 6 th grade confirmation class, Lesson for Martha Unit meeting, 2 in home communion's, sermons for all services in December, 3 Christmas eve services, serve communion at all services in December.						
Youth Director's Report	None given						
Next Meeting Date:	February 19, 2019 @ 6:00 RLC.						
Devotions:	Brenda Poe						
Offering Security: February 2019	Wednesday			Sunday			
	Brenda Russ			Denice Nelson			
Adjournment:	Jan Anderson adjourned at 7:15pm						

A Word from the Pastor

It is February. How can that be? It seems that just yesterday we were singing the carols of Christmas. Now it is February. It is cold, bleak, nothing special going on in the church calendar this year - in February. Early in March we will observe Ash Wednesday and enter into the season of Lent. So March will be kind of exciting. Along with Lent and our journey to the empty tomb, March holds the promise of spring and the return of something called warmth. February is just cold . . . bleak . . . plain . . . ordinary.

In February, it is a challenge to be Christian. It is not so in December, with all the beauty and expectation of Christmas, or in the month that holds Easter, or in the summer. February though presents a challenge. Maybe that is a good thing, though. Maybe what we need is to exercise our faith so that we can see that faith is not dependent on special events that can entertain us, but that faith is dependent only on the giver of faith and that is God.

So, in February, the decorations are gone and the hymns are ordinary. Really, though, how can any hymn that sings of the grace of God, the love of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit, or the communion of the saints ever be ordinary. You see even in February - or those times in our lives that feel like February - God and God's grace is always extraordinary.

Blessings to you this February

Darrel

A note from the Council President

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Annual Meeting. We consider the first attempt at live streaming a success! 4 members participated remotely, with one voting. Thank you, Vanessa and Reid, for all the technical help.

Thank you to the outgoing council members Brenda Russ and Jeff Kezar, Denice Nelson and Dee Wollenzein. Denice will join the council for this year as she completes Shelly Steva's term. Dee was also filling an unexpired term and are so happy she will be with us for three additional years.

Congratulations to the incoming council members, Chad Berg, Dean Dalen and Janet Fisher. Thank you for your willingness to serve Redeemer Luther Church.

A goal for next year is to have the annual reports ready the week before the meeting. This means we all need to get our information to the office in a timely manner. Thank you, Vanessa for your patience with us.

The Council Retreat is scheduled for February 2, 2019; 8 am to noon. Any church organizations, Committee chairs and members are strongly encouraged to be present. Any church member is welcome. The purpose is to improve communication and transparency. *Who does what, when, where and why?*

We are excited about the possibility of a shared Director of Youth and Family. The work is just beginning! If you are asked to be a part of this process, please say yes. Our kids are worth it! Your input is always welcome.

I am looking forward to serving in the role as Redeemer's president in 2019. I feel an excitement and urgency to keep moving forward to serve and hope you will join the journey. It is never too early or late to think about serving as officer or on one of the many active committees.

God's work, our hands and feet!

God's Blessings,

Jan Anderson



A message from the office

Happy February everybody!!

I just wanted to let everybody know that I will be going on vacation, I will be out of the office from Wednesday, February 20th –Friday, March 1st.

But not to worry Val Lingren has gracefully offered to be in the office while I am gone.

Val's hours will be 8:30am-1:30pm

Other dates to keep in mind :

February 15	March newsletter information due
February 25th-March 1	Meals on Wheels
March 6th	Ash Wednesday

Gratefully yours,

Vanessa Vandam



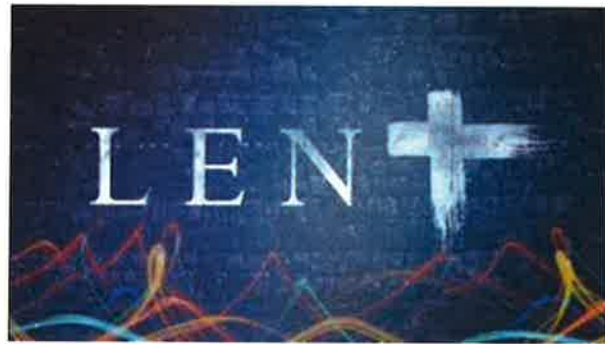


Many hands make light work.

The Quilt Kits are now available on a table in the Narthex! These quilts are gifts for Redeemer's 2019 graduating seniors. We are making two patterns this year, the jelly roll race and the disappearing nine patch. We will need about 26 quilts, so everyone's help is appreciated. There is a fund for donations to help finance this project. If you have questions or need help with the patterns, please talk to Pauline Helgeland or Christine Burnham (681-2412). Thank you! Many hands make light work.



Victoria Findlay Wolfe



Starting on March 6th (Ash Wednesday) the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students will be serving the Lenten Meals. If you would like to give donations towards the cost of the soup that would be greatly appreciated (if you would like to make soup for one of the meals contact Denice Nelson). Please put your soup money in an envelope marked "Soup Money". You can either drop this money off in the church office or put in the collection plate.

THANK YOU For helping!



Thief River Falls
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Kylie Westling will once again be doing a fundraiser for the local Food Shelf. The fundraiser will begin March 6th and will run through Easter. Please keep an eye out for more information closer to that time.



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SENIOR CHOIR SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

Sunday 2/3/19	8:15 a.m. Rehearse
Sunday 2/10/19	8:15 a.m. Rehearse; sing for the 9:30 service
Sunday 2/17/19	No choir
Sunday 2/24/19	8:15 a.m. Rehearse

MARCH

Sunday 3/3/19	8:15 a.m. Rehearse; sing for the 9:30 service
Wednesday 3/6/19	5:50 p.m. Warm-Up; sing for the Ash Wednesday service
Sunday 3/10/19	No choir
Sunday 3/17/19	8:15 a.m. Rehearse
Sunday 3/24/19	8:15 a.m. Rehearse; sing for the 9:30 service
Sunday 3/31/19	8:15 a.m. Rehearse

We will be singing for a Wednesday service in April, as well as all of the Holy Week services.

All are welcome to join the choir! Come to a rehearsal, or contact Reid for more information.



Martha Unit

Martha Unit is meeting on
Tuesday, February 5 at Valley Home at 10:00am

Hannah Unit

Hannah Unit is meeting at 7:00pm
Tuesday, February 12 at Redeemer Emmaus Room

Ruth Unit

Ruth Unit is meeting on Tuesday, February 12
at Betty Carlson home at 7:00pm



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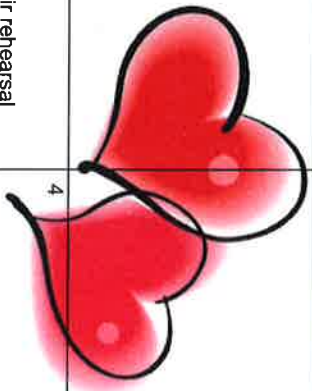


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February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>8:15am Choir rehearsal 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00AM Martha Unit at Valley Home</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:10pm Sing and Ring 5:30-6:25pm BLAST 5:40-6:15 6th Confirmation 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8am-12pm Council retreat</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8:15am Choir rehearse & sing 9:00am Sing and Ring 9:30amWorship</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00pm Hannah Unit at Redeemer 7:00pm Ruth Unit at Betty Carlson home</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:10pm Sing and Ring 5:30-6:25pm BLAST 5:40-6:15 6th Confirmation 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>March Newsletter information due!!</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Choir Off 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:10pm Sing and Ring 5:30-6:25pm BLAST 5:40-6:15 6th Confirmation 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:15am Choir rehearsal 9:00am Sing and Ring 9:30amWorship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Redeemer Meals 9am-12pm Quilting 6-8 pm Quilting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9am-12pm Quilting 6-8 pm Quilting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:10pm Sing and Ring 5:30-6:25pm BLAST 5:40-6:15 6th Confirmation 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1</p> <p>March</p>	<p>Redeemer Lutheran Church 1300 E. Nora St. Thief River Falls, MN 56701 Phone: 218-681-3390 Fax: 218-681-3397 redeemer@mmcable.net Office Hours: 8:30am-1:30pm Mon-Fri</p>