# July Newsletter 2021

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

## 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.

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## Our Staff

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| **Pastor** | Darrel Cory (phone: 218-791-0141, email: darrelcory@gmail.com) |
| **Youth Director** | Madison Crane (phone: 608-535-9151, email: rzyouthfam@gmail.com) |
| **Administrative Assistant** | Vanessa VanDam (phone: 218-681-3390, email: redeemer@mncable.net) |
| **Financial Secretary** | Marit Martell (email: mmartell@hpmaudit.com) |
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| **Choir Director/Organist** | Reid Froiland (phone: 218-681-3733, email: reid_froiland@hotmail.com) |
| **Custodian** | Mike Lundgren |
| **Church Council President** | Terri Cuppett (phone: 218-683-3420, email: pastortlc@mncable.net) |

# Redeemer Council Meeting

June 15, 2021
6:00pm

## Meeting Summary

**Council members present:** Terri Cuppett, Dean Dalen, Penny Harder, LeeAnn Lund, Jan Nordin, Wenda Sang, Dee Wollenzien,

**Council members excused:** Brianna Berg, Chad Berg, Gary Hintz, Brenda Poe, Mandy Schuster

**Council members absent:** Leona Bugge

**Call to Order:** The meeting was call to order by Terri Cuppett at 6:00 PM.

**Devotions:** Penny Harder presented devotions and a prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was reviewed and a motion was made to accept the minutes. It was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer/Finance Report:** Report was reviewed and a motion was made to accept the report. It was seconded and approved. After a request from the Finance Committee a motion was made to change from Sjoberg's to Garden Valley for services. It was seconded and approved. The Finance Committee was also looking at money from the Mission Endowment Fund to help in paying for the shingle project. At this point money cannot be used from that fund from what the Council investigated. The Council recommends using money from Capital Improvement Fund to pay balance of shingle project. Approximately $18,000.00 in donations have been given to shingle project balance due would come out of Capital Improvement Fund.

### Committee reports:

**Faith Formation Committee:** Did not meet.

**Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee:** Report Submitted. Blood Drive was a success. Foster Care bags being discussed. New schedule of committee projects also being looked at.

**Property Committee:** Report submitted. Shingling project is progressing. Light project to be completed. Choir room carpet complete. Tabled other projects until shingling project is done to see where Capitol Improvement Funds stand.

**Faith, Family Fellowship = Stewardship Committee:** Report submitted. June 23 will have supper on the grill before outdoor worship for the congregation. Expo plans in the works.

**Worship and Music Committee:** Report submitted. Live streaming of services will end September 5, 2021.

**Personnel Committee:** Did not meet.

**Altar Guild Committee:** Report Submitted. Communion following pandemic discussed.

**Call Committee:** Jan Nordin and Wenda Sang stated the need for one more member to the Call Committee so a meeting can be set up with the Synod.

**Preparedness Team Meeting:**

**Youth and Family Director:** Report submitted. VBS with Redeemer, Zion Trinity August 2 – August 5. Christmas in July scheduled for 28th.

**Unfinished business:**

**New business:** Offering for India was brought forward by Terri Cuppett. Will have education on this project to the congregation then will designate a couple weeks in July to collect for this project.

**Congregational Questions and Concerns:**

**Pastors Report:** Committee meetings, Worship every Sunday and Wednesday, Weekly meetings with Madison Crane, congregational phone calls every Monday and Tuesday, staff meetings.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday – July 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm

**Devotions for June:** LeeAnn Lund

**Adjournment:** Ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

**Minutes submitted by:** LeeAnn Lund

# A note from the pastor

I agree with 95% of this. Worth thinking about.....

Pastor Darrel Cory

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving the home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

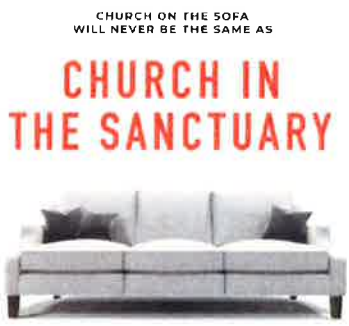
Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We do life together.

The church needs you.
And you need the church.

Wherever you are, find a local church where you and your family can be part of community and use your talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. To come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's absolutely not like being in the building. Never will be.

Yes, church on the sofa is nice.
But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary.

~ Jeff McNiell



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Upcoming Happenings:

| | Date | Time | Event | Ages | Location |
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| ★ | **7/7** | **7:30pm** | **S'mores & Snacks** | **6th-8th Grade** | **Redeemer's Fire Pit** |
| ★ | **7/15** | | **VBS Registration due** | **K-5th Grade** | **Submit online or in-person** |
| ★ | **7/25** | **6:45-7:45 pm** | **F.I.R.E** | **6th-8th Grade** | **Redeemer's Fire Pit** |
| ★ | **7/28** | **5:30pm** | **Christmas In July** | **All are welcome!** | **Redeemer back Patio** |
| ★ | 8/1 | 9:30am | Blessing & Sending | 2021 Graduates | Worship |
| ★ | 8/1 | 6:45-7:45 pm | F.I.R.E | 6th-8th Grade | Redeemer's Fire Pit |
| ★ | 8/2 | 5:30pm | Vacation Bible School | | |
| ★ | 8/3 | 5:30pm | Vacation Bible School | | |
| ★ | 8/4 | 5:30pm | Vacation Bible School | | |
| ★ | 8/5 | 5:30pm | Vacation Bible School | | |
| ★ | 8/22 | 6:45-7:45 pm | F.I.R.E | 6th-8th Grade | Redeemer's Fire Pit |
| ★ | 8/29 | 6:45-7:45 pm | F.I.R.E | 6th-8th Grade | Redeemer's Fire Pit |

There's some neat things happening this summer! Bonfires, Vacation Bible School, and getting together in other unique ways. I'm looking forward to the adventures this summer and planning ahead to the school year- so stay tuned or pop in and say hi!

Some new things are Vacation Bible School happening in the evenings for Redeemer, Trinity, Zion, and friends entering Kindergarten-5th grade. If you would like to help in any way- please let me know. We are looking forward to blessing and sending the recently graduated high school seniors and wrapping them up in love with a quilt. The middle school group of 6th-8th graders will dig into Fellowship Igniting Relationships (and of course) Eating some snacks along the way and around a bonfire.

We didn't quite get to celebrate Christmas in 2020 as we had hoped- so we are going to celebrate the spirit of Christmas on July 28th, starting at 5:30pm with fun, games, food(trucks), and a lot of other details still in the works- please stay tuned to our website, church Facebook page, and announcements for more details. Oh, Christmas/Hawaiin apparel would be pretty neat to wear that evening. Come for dinner, worship, and Christmas fun all evening!

Peace & take care,
~Madison Crane
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608-535-9151

Santa in Sandals

Christmas Caroling

## Yard Games

## *Wednesday, July 28*

**6:00pm Food trucks begin serving**

*****At own expense*****

**6:30pm Worship w/Holy Communion**

**7:30pm Games and activities for the whole family**

**After Sunset the movie "Elf" will be projected on a screen outdoors.**

We are excited to partner with Pennington County Social Services and are looking for brand new Kids birthday party supplies (1 y/o-5th gr) to provide for kids in foster care. Things that can be donated are: boxed cake mixes, table cloths, crepe paper, party decorations, plates, napkins, cups, forks, etc. Donations can be brought to the designated Christmas tree.

If you have any questions, please contact Madison (rzyouthfam@gmail.com)

OHANA SHAVED ICE

# THANK YOU, REDEEMER MEMBERS!

The Evangelism & Social Ministry Committee wants to extend a bountiful "thank you" to all who contributed socks to the "Sock-It-To-Me" drive in April and May. We received 348 pairs of new socks. Those socks were split into 2 groups and 122 pairs of women's and children's' socks were donated to the local Violence Intervention Project. The remaining 226 pairs of men's socks were donated to the Northlands Rescue Mission in Grand Forks. When the socks were dropped off, the director's comment was "SOCKS! Oh, we are so short of socks – this is great!"

Redeemer members make a difference in other's lives every day, and now you have done it again.

God's blessings to each of you!

**Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REDEEMER, TRINITY & ZION CHURCHES
WELCOME YOU TO ATTEND

**AUGUST 2ND-5TH** **5:30-7:30PM**

Redeemer Lutheran Church
**Students entering Kindergarten-5th grade**

Registration forms found: Church Website(s) & Facebook-
Registration due by July 15th

Contact Madison Crane with questions
(608-535-9151) or rzyouthfam@gmail.com

# JULY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Redeemer Lutheran Church**<br>**1300 E. Nora St.**<br>**Thief River Falls, MN 56701**<br>**Phone: 218-681-3390**<br>**Fax: 218-681-3397**<br>**redeemer@mncable.net**<br>**Office Hours: 8:30am-1:30pm Mon-Fri** | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4<br>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion<br> | 5<br>**Office Closed** | 6<br>4:30pm Evangelism & Social Ministry<br>6:40pm Worship & Music | 7<br>6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion<br>7:30pm S'mores & Snacks<br>6-8th grade | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11<br>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion | 12<br>5:30pm Property Committee | 13 | 14<br>6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion | 15<br>**VBS Registrations Due** | 16 | 17 |
| 18<br>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion | 19 | 20<br>6:00pm Council Meeting | 21<br>6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 **Outdoor Worship**<br>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion<br>10:30am Box brunches<br>6:45pm F.I.R.E.<br>6-7th grade | 26 | 27<br>6:30pm Altar Guild | 28<br>5:30pm Christmas In July Event, Redeemer patio<br>6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion | 29<br> | 30 | 31 |

| In memory of: | From: |
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## Quilting

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| Lowell Burkel | Dale and Jan Dillon |

## Roof Fund

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| Tom Kays 2 brothers | Denice Nelson |
| Lowell Burkel | Grace Jorde |
| | Mark and Pauline Helgeland |
| | John and Dee Wollenzien |
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## Altar Guild

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| Mark Kays | Dale and Jan Dillon |
| Ryan Bendickson | John and Dee Wollenzien |
| | Mark and Pauline Helgeland |

Note: All gifts given before the fifteenth of the month will be printed in this month's newsletter. All gifts received after the fifteenth will be recognized in the next month's newsletter.

*When you send in a memorial, please identify which account you want it credited to.*

**Some of the accounts are as follows:**

Altar Guild, Audio/Visual, Building, Campership, Capital Improvement, Choir, Library, Organ, Parish Nurse Fund, Women of the ELCA Bible Fund, Sunday School, Undesignated, Women of the ELCA, Flower Garden, Garage, CSI Fund, Quilters and Youth