



**June/July 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:**

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<b><i>Church Council President</i></b>	Jan Anderson (phone: 218-681-2641; email: <a href="mailto:randson@mncable.net">randson@mncable.net</a> )

## Meeting Summary

**Council members present:** Jan Anderson, Darrin Bakke, Chris Burnham, Dean Dalen, Pastor Darrel Cory, Stacy Davidson, Janet Fisher, Brooks Vigen, Tony Olson, Brenda Poe, Denice Nelson, Chad Berg and Dee Wollenzien.

### I. Committee reports

- a) **Treasurer/Finance report:** April was a much better month for Redeemer. Pathways was paid \$1000 and \$500 was paid to the Synod. Our giving was above our expenses for the month of April. We paid for the repair of the embosser for the Cuppetts, \$1,200. After Lenten soup suppers expenses were paid we made \$1,291.06. This money will go towards campership (as in years past). We were given a rebate (\$432 credit) from the city for the new LED bulbs that were installed, this will make our monthly bill lower.
- b) **Faith Formation Committee:** See Worship and Music report, next committee meeting is June 3 at 6:00pm.
- c) **Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee:** No report
- d) **Property Committee:** Stacy Davidson reported about their Spring cleanup day was a success, there were 23 people that volunteered. Any remaining items that were not removed from the old library are now in totes in the old nursery. Any committees putting totes in the old nursery must label what is in the totes. They will be purchasing a new 12 ft. step ladder. Blair Lund (local firefighter) has purchased and donated a up-to-code fire extinguisher for our church. This extinguisher is located in the furnace room. The cement bench was repaired and put back in its spot. Work will resume on the outside sign (weather permitting). The Youth Director's room will be cleaned soon. All are welcome to help come haul out stuff. We will label what items stay in the room and what can be taken away.
- e) **Stewardship Committee:** Committee is working on having a financial person to explain to members about donating funds. Jan is working on a project for the Stain Glass Windows. Maybe note cards or possibly a calendar? LaVonne must ok whatever we decide to follow through with. On June 26th Zion has been invited to worship with Redeemer. We have been invited to worship at Zion in July. Meals on Wheels went great. We had different volunteers this year. Many thanks to all who helped deliver meals.



f) **Worship and Music Committee:** Faith Formation's/Worship and Music's recommendation:

1. Follow the standard of the ELCA that allows for young children to receive communion at the time their parents desire for them to receive communion—done in conversation with the pastor. Follow the standard of the ELCA that allows for young children to receive communion at the time their parents desire for them to receive communion—done in conversation with the pastor.
2. Continue the practice of a “first communion” class and observance in the fifth grade, for both those who have not received communion before and those who have and are continuing in the practice.

g) **Family, Faith Fellowship Committee:** No report

h) **Personnel Committee:** Evaluation schedule was set. Personal Committee Policies were reviewed and then the policies were submitted to the task force for approval.

i) **Altar Guild Committee:** New albs were purchased. **Altar Guild is still in need of volunteers, not to join Altar Guild but to assist on worship days.**

j) **Youth and Family Director Process:** Search committee has met twice, next meeting is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Job will be posted soon.

## II. New business

- a) Approved a transfer to Trinity Lutheran Church
- b) Approved building use for Hospice of the Red River Valley

## III. Congregational Questions and Concerns

- a) A thank you was received from Pastor Teri and Cantor Chris Cuppett for the repair of their embosser. Note: the embosser lasted 15 years prior to getting repaired.

## IV. Meeting information for June

Date/Time: June 16 at 6:00pm



## *A Word from the Interim Pastor*

*A friend of mine was asked why he was so faithful in attending worship every Sunday. My friend's response was, "God has given us 168 hours in a week. It seems to me that we could take an hour or so to say 'thank you' after all, **all** the hours belong to God anyway."*

*My friend said it very well! The intent or motivation for being in worship is to say thank you to God. Intent – that thing that drives us to do something (in this case to be in worship) is important. If the motivation is obligation, then worship will be a dreary chore . . . something that we have to do and do and do . . . If the motivation is to get a personal need met – feeling happy, or peace, or loved, or entertained, etc. – sooner or later we will be disappointed and start looking for a new way to get those needs fulfilled.*

*If the intent, the motivation, is, like my friend says, thanksgiving, then the focus is on God and the grace God has so abundantly given us (you know those 168 hours in a week). If the intent is giving thanks to God, then every aspect of worship is filled with the possibility of our fullest participation in order to offer a perfect "thank you" and we take ourselves out of the picture. The most important change we can make as a community of faith is to move away from the question, "What do I want/need/like?" and embrace the proclamation "Thank you, God!"*

*See you in worship!*

*Peace be with you all*

*Darrel*

### *A note from the Council President*

May has been a busy month! I have been enjoying “playing in the dirt” as I clean out remains of last year’s plantings and get ready to put new plants in the ground. I love the many bird songs that entertain me while I work and seeing neighbors that have been inside during the winter months.

Thank you to the Ruth Unit for organizing, decorating and serving the May Salad Lunch. Redeemer has fantastic salad makers! This is such a festive event and appreciated by many.

Thank you, Pastor Mark, for sharing your wood making gift and talent. The processional cross is beautiful, made extra special by the story and explanation you included. Thank you, Reid, for the talented musicians that contributed to the dedication service.

And what about the Redeemer clean-up crew! The pictures illustrated that the work of cleaning up was fun! Thank you, property committee and everyone that joined in the clean-up efforts. The grounds and church look great!

Thank you to all who volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels: Beth Iliff, Jan & Dale Dillon, Carol Ihle, Jan Nordin, Chris Burnham, Marlys & Ken Kain, Ruth Tweet, Wendy Goddard, Pastor Darrel, Cory Gustafson and Jan Anderson. Redeemer’s next meal delivery week is October 7 – 11, 2019.

Thank you to everyone that helped with making the quilts for our graduating seniors. They are beautiful and will be appreciated by the students receiving them for years to come. A special thank you to the sixth-grade confirmation class for learning about and participating in the tying of the quilts.

Progress continues with the Youth and Family Director position. The committees from Zion and Redeemer are getting to know one another and determine the steps and processes for moving forward.

Please remember Redeemer as you leave for family reunions, wedding, cabins and vacations this summer. The work of the church continues and your support – time, talent, and contributions – are still needed. An easy way to continue financial support even if you are out of town is to sign up through Redeemer’s online giving site. Visit the Redeemer Church website at <https://redeemertrf.org/> to sign up. Church bulletins and monthly newsletters can also be easily accessed.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

God’s Blessings,

Jan Anderson

Happy Summer!

I wanted to take a quick moment to introduce myself. My name is Megan Eickman, and I am the new volunteer BLAST Coordinator at Redeemer. My husband, Mike, and I have been members of Redeemer since moving to Thief River Falls from Nebraska in 2011. We have three daughters: Emmy (9), Eva (7) and Elle (4, who you have probably seen or heard running around the church, with us sprinting behind her). I have helped Kate Anderson with BLAST since she implemented the program in 2014, and I am so excited to continue watching Redeemer children grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ.

I am also happy to answer questions regarding confirmation, and anything pertaining to the youth in our congregation. If I don't know the answer, I will lead you to someone that does, so don't hesitate to ask!

Friendly Reminders:

During the summer, there is no BLAST. It will resume in the fall and will follow the school calendar.

Pathways VBS is coming to Redeemer again this summer (August 5-8, 2019). I know the children have all really enjoyed the fun atmosphere, and also have a great time teaming up with Zion's youth for the week! We will need parent volunteers and confirmation students to make this happen for the kids, stay tuned for more details.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer full of fun, friends, bonfires ... and lots of sunscreen



Megan 😊



On Sunday April 28th the quilts were folded and packed and given to those in need.

20 quilts went to the Mission in Grand Forks.

10 quilts went to Pathfinders,

10 quilts were kept at the church to be given to local benefits, fires, etc. as they occur.

59 quilts went to Lutheran World Relief.

A total of 99 quilts were made in 2018-2019.

Thank you to everyone who donated fabric and sheets. Thank you to all who cut and sewed the fabrics, put it together and tied the knots and sewed the edges.

It is truly a group effort.

Sincerely,

Shirley Booth

# **WANTED**

***Volunteers to help the Altar Guild with  
monthly duties.***

***We are getting short of members due to  
moving, illness and resignations. You don't  
have to join AG – just someone that we can call  
when we need help.***

***You can contact Bev Thompson at 218-686-2994  
or speak to any of the AG members.***

***Thank you for your consideration.***



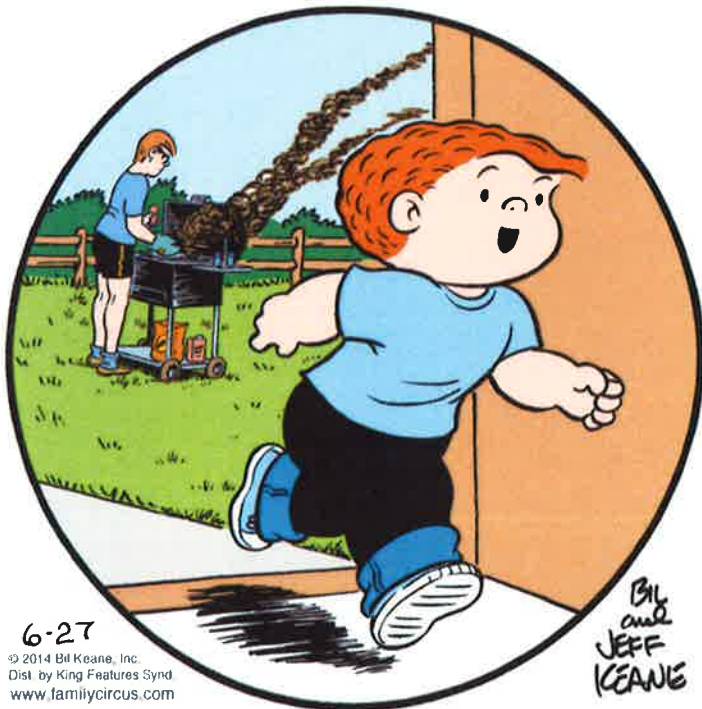
## Joint bible study

June 11th, 12:00pm Bible study at Zion Lutheran Church  
July Bible study at Zion Lutheran Church, date/time  
has not been set.



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## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

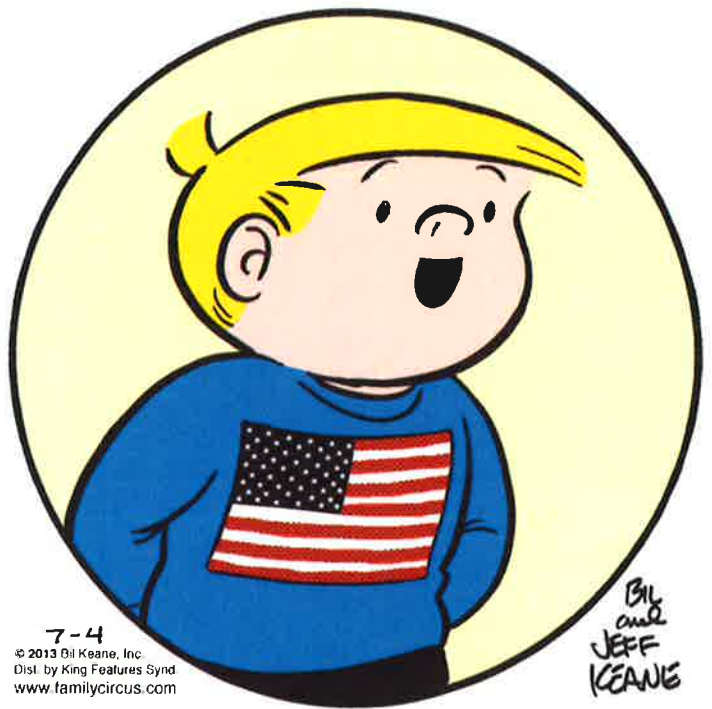


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**“Daddy lit the barbecue. Now it  
REALLY smells like summer!”**



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**“This is my favorite shirt 'cause  
it has our country's logo on it.”**

# MEMORIALS



In memory of :

From:

## Stained Glass Fund

Bob Dotson

Harlon Sunsdahl

Marlene Stroh

Terri Cuppett

Unknown

Mark and Pauline Helgeland

## Youth

Jovie Defrang

Tami Hanson

## Flower Garden

K.O. and Alyce Hegland

Doris Stromberg

## Quilters

Unknown

Brenda Booth

Florence Olson

Shirley Booth

**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.*


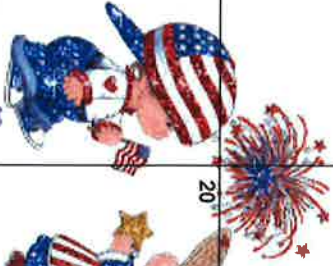


### **Some of the accounts are as follows:**

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

# June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>2 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	3	4	5 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion	6	7	8
<p>9 9:30am Worship</p>	10	11  Redeemer turns 132 years old!!	12 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion	13	14	15
<p>16 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	17	18	19 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion	20	21 Flag Day 	22
<p>23 9:30am Worship</p>	24	25 6:00 Council meeting	26 5:15pm Meal at Redeemer 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion	27	28	29
<p>30 9:30am Worship</p>						



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