

**May 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:**

<b><i>Pastor</i></b>	Darrel Cory (phone: 218-791-0141, e-mail: darrelcory@gmail.com)
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<b><i>Secretary/ Volunteer Coordinator</i></b>	Vanessa VanDam (phone: 218-681-3390, e-mail: redeeer@mncable.net)
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<b><i>Custodian</i></b>	Mike Lundgren
<b><i>Financial Secretary</i></b>	Marit Knutson (e-mail: mknutson@mncable.net)
<b><i>Church Council President</i></b>	Jan Anderson (phone: 218-681-2641; email: randson@mncable.net)

Approved Congregational Council Meeting Agenda

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Date: March 19, 2019

6:00pm

**Council Members Present:** Jan Anderson, Darrin Bakke, Chris Burnham, Dean Dalen, Pastor Darrel Cory, Stacy Davidson, Janet Fisher, LeeAnn Lund, Linda Olson, Tony Olson, Brenda Poe and Dee Wollenzien

**Council Members Excused:** Chad Berg, Denice Nelson and Brooks Vigen

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Vanessa VanDam

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Conclusions/Recommendations</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Call to Order:</b>	Jan Anderson@ 6pm	
<b>Devotions:</b>	Stacy Davidson	
<b>Adoption of Agenda:</b>	Motion to approve	Motion/Second/Passed
<b>Secretary's Report:</b>		Motion/Second/Passed
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	The bill for the monitors will be paid out of Capital Fund. Giving is down. Probably weather related.	Information
<b>Committee Reports and Assignments:</b>		
	<b>Faith Formation Committee:</b>	No report
	<b>Finance Committee:</b> See New Business.	Information received
	<b>Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee:</b>	No report
	<b>Property Committee:</b> The library has been cleaned out. Outdoor message board on hold until snow is gone and weather improves (Spring). The roof has been checked and supports have been added. The offices of the Associate Pastor & Youth Director need to be cleaned out. Shelves in the old Nursery will be added in April for the Altar Guild. The memorial bench on the East side of the building was damaged during the snow removal and will need to be totally replaced.	Information
	<b>Stewardship Committee:</b> Had a phone meeting. Reminder to participate in the 40 Acts of Giving project. Will be doing a volunteer recognition soon.	Information
	<b>Worship and Music Committee:</b> Recommendation to the Council to continue the Wednesday night Worship Services. Holy Communion will be offered at all services during the Easter season.	Recommendation passed

	<p><b>Family, Faith Fellowship Committee:</b> Will continue to provide a meal for the congregation on the 5th Sundays during the year. Kylie Westling will be doing the March meal as part of her Food Project. Committee offered their assistance to Vanessa to help with the directory.</p>	Information
	<p><b>Personnel Committee:</b></p>	No report
	<p><b>Altar Guild Committee:</b> They are still looking for new members.</p>	Information
	<p><b>Youth and Family Director Process:</b> Discussion on Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry position. The proposed Job Description for the position as amended by Pastors and Council Presidents from Redeemer and Zion was presented. Redeemer members on the search committee are: Megan Eickman, Cody Hempel, Cory Gustafson, Janet Fisher, David Ulrich, and one more needs to be selected. Zion will select their members also.</p>	Motion/Second/Passed
	<p><b>Procedure Task Force:</b> Pastor Cory and Brenda Russ will be meeting soon.</p>	Information
Unfinished Business:	<p>Discussion regarding Redeemer's several different bank checking accounts. We need to keep all of them separate as our software does not allow any mergers.</p>	Information
	<p>The Donald Erickson savings account of \$1200 was closed as there has been no activity for several years. It will be moved to the general checking account.</p>	Motion/Second/Passed
New Business:	<p>Matt and Laura Cota transfer to Bethany Lutheran Church, Red Lake Falls</p>	Transfer granted
	<p>Repair the embosser that Chris and Terri Cuppett use. The old embosser quit. This embosser is used mostly for their church needs. The executive committee recommends that we reimburse this bill. Amt. of <u>\$1,024.59</u>.</p>	Recommendation passed
	<p>Suzanne Browning has sent a letter and literature to communion – meaning the children. She would like to see all children welcome at the table.</p> <p>The executive committee recommends back pay to Reid for choir director position for the last six months (since July 2019). Amt. paid <u>\$1,050</u>.</p>	Referred to Worship & Music and Faith Formation committees  Recommendation passed

<b>Congregational Questions and Concerns:</b>	A request was received from a member regarding Communion for Children. Discussion followed. This request will be sent to the Worship/Music committee and the Faith Formation committee for further review. Their recommendations will be reported to the council.	Referred to Worship & Music and Faith Formation committees
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<b>Pastor's Report:</b>	<b>Official Acts</b>			<b>Visitation</b>			Greetings were shared from Shelley Steva and Pat & Dick Kruta.	
	Darrel	Baptism	Funerals	Weddings	Hospital	Home		Counseling
	2 confirmation classes, council annual retreat, vacation			3				2hrs
<b>Youth Director's Report</b>							No report	
<b>Next Meeting Date:</b> <b>Devotions for April:</b>	Tuesday, April 16, 2019 @ 6:00pm. Chris Burnham							
<b>Offering Security:</b> <b>April 2019</b>	Wednesday			Sunday				
			Chris Burnham					
<b>Adjournment:</b>	7:05 pm Minutes submitted by Dee Wollenzien for Denice Nelson						Motion/Second/Passed	

*Dear Redeemer Lutherans,*

*Alleluia, Christ is risen.*

*Christ is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!*

*Jesus is alive. This singularly unique life is present. Grace, mercy, peace, joy, compassion, hope, and love is alive. Jesus is alive in you. You are the hands, feet, eyes, ears, mouth, and heart of Jesus now. Jesus is alive. Believe this and make your life look like you do. (from the Easter morning sermon, April 21, 2019)*

*Grace and peace,*

*Pastor Darrel*

## ***A note from the Council President***

Thank you for participating in Redeemer's 40 Acts of Giving challenge. You may bring your challenge donation of coins, dollars or checks on April 28th or May 5<sup>th</sup>. A container will be located next to the ushers where all donations will be collected together. Donations will be divided between Kylie Westling's fundraising efforts and the ELCA World Hunger appeal.

Thank you, Kylie Westling, for your generous heart and effort in raising awareness and needed funds for the area food shelf over these last years. You are a special person and a great role model to all of us. You are stewardship in action!

Congratulations to Redeemer's graduating seniors as you move on to new and exciting adventures. The quilt you receive is made with love and a reminder that your Redeemer church family will always be here to welcome you home.

Thank you, Deidre Nordin, for organizing the "What-to-do"? dinner. Many suggestions were offered concerning updates to the kitchen involving every aspect of "kitchen". Many other suggestions were given for other areas as well. It was good to gather as a group of women to problem solve and lift each other up. It reminded me of an article in April's *Gather* magazine "I Keep finding Myself with the Women and in them I find Myself" by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller.

It was wonderful to observe the 5<sup>th</sup> graders receive their First Communion. Congratulations to all students and families. We look forward to you participating in worship as acolytes, ushers, readers, and involvement in all youth activities. Thank you, Pastor Cory, for reminding us about the importance of coming to the Lord's often to receive Holy Communion.

Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex for Meals on Wheels May 13-17. Three drivers are needed each day. Please volunteer as you are able.

Progress continues with the Youth and Family Director position. Redeemer and Zion have each selected five members to serve on a search team. We will be meeting soon for the committee to get to know one another and to determine a schedule that will work for everyone. Redeemer members on the search committee are Megan Eickman, Janet Fisher, Cory Gustafson, Cody Hempel, David Ulrich. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Thank you, Vanessa VanDam, for your cheerful self in the office. We appreciate all that you do! Thank you to Betty, Chris, Jan, and Darrel for the extra stapling and folding this month! Please mark your calendar for Redeemer Spring Cleanup May 13, 5:30 pm.

God's Blessings,

Jan Anderson

**Have you not read this scripture:  
'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;' - Mark 12: 10**

Years ago I was talking to a Lutheran missionary in Tanzania who recounted to me a conversation he had with a Muslim man who said to him, "You Christians would have a nice religion if it weren't for the cross. The cross is just stupid." That follower of Islam was closer to understanding the cross than he realized. St. Paul called the cross "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles," yet St. Paul also understood the cross to be central in the Christian faith. How can something so foolish, so opposed to the wisdom of daily life, so counterintuitive be central to our faith?

Many of you know my hobby is woodworking. Years ago when we were remodeling the church and made a big change to the chancel, John Anderson donated a large amount of walnut wood to the project. He had cut it and stored it for thirty years. This wood became the beautiful trim on the steps and walls of the chancel. There was, of course, some waste and some small pieces were thrown into the trash. Well, I am a frugal man and I couldn't tolerate beautiful walnut in the trash, so I took some of those pieces home. A few pieces of that walnut have already found their way back to Redeemer as the candle holders on the altar. Another piece that I salvaged had a terrible flaw – at two places in the 42" board the sapwood intruded into the heartwood making the board useless. (The heartwood of walnut is that deep brown color that everyone loves and admires, the sapwood of walnut is white.) Walnut sapwood is always considered a flaw – useless, and usually disposed of at the sawmill.

Even me, the frugal woodworker thought, "what am I going to do with that useless piece of wood?" A few months ago Pastor Corry asked me to make a processional cross and I immediately thought "walnut." Walnut would be a good contrast to the oak of the organ case. The only long piece that I had salvaged from the garbage at church was the one with that terrible flaw – two large sapwood intrusions into the heartwood. Then I thought, "if I cut that piece of wood just right I could glue them back together with the sapwood in the center of the stipe (the vertical part of a cross). I made two prototypes to make sure I knew exactly what I wanted to do before I let my saw touch that piece of walnut, and it turned out the way I wanted.

So, the new processional cross is literally made out of material that the builders rejected, not even fit to be walked on. The flaw that was the cause of the rejection is now the center and the focal point of the cross. The finish that I used turned the heartwood even darker brown but the sapwood, the flaw, has now become golden. The flawed, rejected piece of wood reminds us of the one crucified on a cross; rejected, dying, scandalized who is now risen from the dead, and is our glorious Lord and Savior.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – Philippians 2: 5-11

Pastor Mark Helgeland



## Redeemer WELCA "What To Do?" Dinner



**Thank you** to all of the women in attendance at the dinner on the blustery eve of April 11<sup>th</sup>! I think we can boldly say, "Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep the Redeemer Women of the ELCA from their appointed rounds."

After reviewing the survey provided that evening, the suggestions were as follows:

Overwhelmingly, the group endorsed having a planned "Kitchen Shower" to replace/replenish these items: kitchen utensils, bread baskets, dish towels & cloths, dining table runners/mats

Donate a designated amount (from our current fund balance or from our salad luncheon fundraiser proceeds) to the Good Gifts program/microloan for women. And perhaps select a different charity or cause to support each year.

Items to be purchased from WELCA funds:

Coffee Carafes – 25 (estimated expense = \$375-\$500)

Corelle plates, bowls, & cups – service for 250 (estimated expense = \$4,200-\$4,500)

Flatware – service for 250-300 (estimated expense = \$1,000-\$1,300)

2 new sewing machines for quilting, & have existing machines cleaned (cost unknown)

Request funding from the Mission Endowment Fund:

Emmaus Room furniture

Request funding from the Capitol Improvement Fund:

Dishwasher

Kitchen Ranges

Kitchen Refrigerator

Electrical update in kitchen

Other Ideas:

Ice maker

Couch for the bridal room

Remove wallpaper & paint kitchen

Kitchen countertops

Respectfully submitted,

Diedre Nordin



# **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.***



**The Property Committee is  
planning a work night at  
Redeemer, on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30pm.**

Yard cleanup, window washing and general all-around spring cleanup are in the works. Please join the Property Committee; many hands make light work. Please bring shovels, rakes or whatever you may want to roll up our sleeves and pitch in to make our church shine.

**Martha Unit**

Will meet at 10:00am on May 14th at

Valley Home

**Hannah Unit**

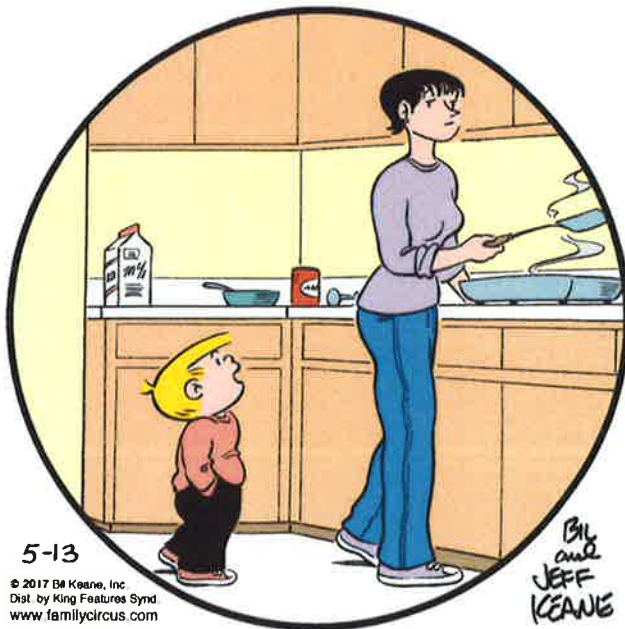
Will meet at 7:00pm on May 14 at

Elaine Gunderson's home.



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**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

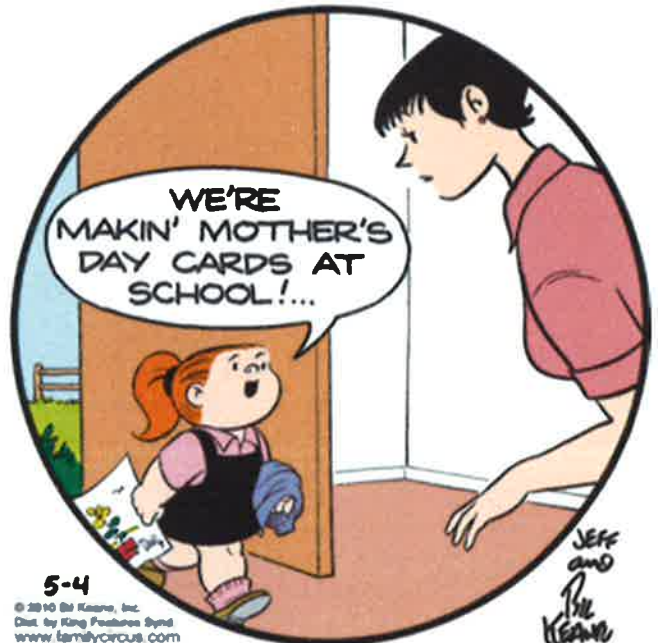


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**"Hope you've been good, Mommy.  
Tomorrow IS Mother's Day."**



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**"...But we're not to tell a soul, 'cause  
it's a secret!"**

# MEMORIALS



In memory of :

From:

## Stained Glass Fund

Irvin Larson

Ken and Marlys Kain

Shirley Booth

Darlene Kelley

Enid Sande

Mary Lou & Ron Antell

Rocky and Barb Ammerman

In honor of Enid Sande

Darlene Kelly

90th birthday

## Choir

In honor of Enid Sande 90th birthday

Mike and Sandy Parker

John and Dee Wollenzien

## Senior Quilts

Judi Helgeland

Pastor Terri Cuppett

## Undesignated

Irvin Larson

Raymond and Jeannie Nelson

**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.***



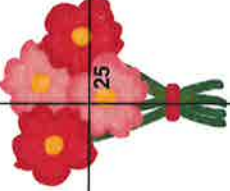

### **Some of the accounts are as follows:**

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



# MAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 Worship with Holy Communion	2	3	4
5 8:15 Choir rehearse & Sing 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion	6	7 11:00am-1:00pm May Salad Luncheon	8 6:30 Worship with Holy Communion 	9	10	11
12 No Choir 9:30 Worship	13 Redeemer Meals on Wheels 5:30 Spring Cleaning – All are welcome.	14	15 6:30 Worship with Holy Communion	16	17	18
19 8:15 Choir rehearse & Sing 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion	20 Mother's Day 	21	22 6:30 Worship with Holy Communion	23	24	25 
*Celebration of Seniors	27 	28 6:00pm Council meeting	29 6:30 Worship with Holy Communion	30	31	Redeemer Lutheran Church 1300 E. Nora St. Thief River Falls, MN 56701 Phone: 218-681-3390 Fax: 218-681-3397 redeemer@mncable.net www.redeemtrf.org Office Hours: 8:30am-1:30pm Mon-Fri