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Redeemer News

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"Sharing God's Love through Jesus Christ"

April Greetings to You!

Worship is an important part of the Christian's life. And equally important is our personal act of worship, the study of God's word. The study of God's word is a part of growing our faith and witness. I have said it before; "A growing congregation is a learning congregation." The same applies to us as individuals, we grow more like Jesus Christ when we study God's word. As we study His word, the more equipped we are to stand firm in our faith in our daily lives.

God's Word is our weapon in the face of the evils of this world. It is in God's word and in prayer we find the strength to endure the challenges of our lives. There is no better way to prepare ourselves, our families, our children than in learning more about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through the study of His word.

Bible study and Sunday School are and always will be an integral part of the life of a church. Since we have launched our Adult Bible study, our attendance has been good. But, I am convinced it could be much better. So, I would like to ask you a few questions.

- ✚ What would you like to see in a Bible study or devotional time?
- ✚ Would you like to see something offered other than Sunday morning? Perhaps on a week day or an evening?
- ✚ Would you like to see a small group started?

As we reach out into the community, Bible studies and devotional times are excellent ways to gather people and develop relationships. Growth of a congregation happens when people feel they are cared for and appreciated. This can begin with being part of a Bible study, small group or just two people getting together for a devotion.

We all need to study God's word more. What that looks like and how it gets done is the question we need to answer. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board for those interested in looking into how we can expand our Bible study or devotional options and have more people engaged in the study of God's word. I look forward to talking to you more about just that!

In His Grace!

Pastor Doug

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Worship Helpers ... April 2023



Linda Davis	1
Tammy Frohn	12
Marv Gorres	12
Julie Gorres	13
Jim Danielson	15
Dennis Gille	18
Kirsten Harn	20
Janelle Franklin	23

Happy Anniversary

Dennis and Kathy Nelson	8
Kelly and Jeri Cook	13

LAY MINISTER:

April 2	Jerry Langland
April 6	Jim Danielson
April 9	Dale Koehler
April 16	Dan Meyer
April 23	Tyler Kuhl
April 30	John Kuhl

READERS

April 2	Dennis Nelson
April 9	Linda Davis
April 16	Cathy Loverude
April 23	David Brown
April 30	Mike Sandell

USHERS:

Tyler Kuhl
Nick Lauterbach

GREETERS:

Allie Kuhl
Katie Lauterbach

VIDEO:

April 2	Dale Koehler
April 9	Randy Richter
April 16	Larry Loverude
April 23	Tom Cuper
April 30	Dale Koehler

COUNTERS:

Nancy Danielson
Kate Koehler

COMMUNION SET UP

Shirley Schulte

INSIDE CLEANERS:

April 3	Peg Kuhl
April 10	Peg Kuhl
April 17	Pam Humpal
April 24	Patty Kuhl



On Sunday, April 23rd, after our **Voter's meeting** we will **set up for the sale** with a **Potluck** and Chicken furnished by Ladies Aid. Please take time to help us get ready for this.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday , April 24-26 we will need help setting up for the sale, beginning at 9:00am each day.

Thursday, April 27th

Rummage Sale ~ 9 am– 7 pm
BBQs & Brownies
Drive Thru' only

Friday, April 28th

Rummage Sale ~ 9 am–4 pm
BBQ's and Brownies served.
Drive Thru' only.

***Clean up starts at 4:01 pm!**

Holy Week Schedule

April 2nd

9:30 am Palm Sunday Service

April 6th

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday
Service wH/C

April 7th

6:30 pm Good Friday Service

April 9th – Easter Sunday

8:00 am Easter Sunday Breakfast
Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Fruit,
Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Juice, Milk

9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship wH/C



Voter's Meeting

After Worship Service

Sunday, April 23rd

* Afterwards we will set up for the Rummage Sale with a Chicken Potluck Luncheon to follow.

REDEEMER LADIES AID MEETING

March 1, 2023

Members Present: 7

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy. Thank you to Cathy Loverude for the delicious treats. Readings were shared by several members.

The minutes of the February meeting were read. A motion was made by Shirley Schulte and seconded by Joanne Worden to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Janet gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for February is \$6,694.95. A motion was made by Debbie Raether and seconded by Shirley Schulte to approve the report. Motion carried. Thank you notes were received from Lutheran Counseling & Family Services and Camp Luther.

Old Business

Rummage Sale – The voters' meeting was changed to the Sunday before the rummage sale so we can set up after the meeting. Rummage sale items can be brought to the room upstairs now. No furniture until the week of the sale. We'll plan to use 30# of hamburger for the BBQs. BBQs and bars will be sold – take out. Joanne Stumo will apply for a Thrivent card to help cover expenses.

New Business

Bev Vetter needs yarn for prayer shawls. A motion was made by Debbie Raether and seconded by Shirley Schulte to buy the yarn that she needs. Motion carried. Cathy Loverude will buy it and take it to her.

Nancy will get some Easter cards to send out.

Patty will check around for some new Easter decorations for our fellowship hall tables.

Janet DeLong will serve at our next meeting, April 5.

A motion was made by Shirley Schulte and seconded by Janet DeLong to adjourn. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kuhl, Secretary

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

March 19, 2023

Vice President Dale Koehler called the meeting to order.

Pastor Doug Davis opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mike Sandell as head of church properties has worked many hours since the Viebrock rental property became available. The property is located at 619 Aspen Ave. and was built in the late 1960's. Mike explained that as the house was being cleaned out, a local contractor stopped in and we have a written offer to purchase the property, as is, for \$163,000 with no inspection required and minimal closing costs. Mike discussed the pros and cons of selling the Viebrock property.

A motion was made by Jeff Young and seconded by Nancy Danielson to accept the offer to purchase the Viebrock Property for \$163,000, as is with no inspections required and minimal closing costs. The motion was voted on by a written ballot. Results of the vote were 31 yes, 2 no, and 1 undecided.
Motion Carried.

Dale thanked Mike for all of his work on this project. A motion was made by Jim Danielson and seconded by Pam Humpal to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Patty Kuhl, Acting Congregational Secretary.

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL

March 14, 2023

Present: Larry Loverude, Dale Koehler, Jim Meyer, Jim Danielson, Mike Sandell, Pastor Doug Davis, Sandy Young, Debbie Raether, Kate Koehler

Larry Loverude called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Pastor Doug opened with prayer.

The minutes of the February Parish Planning meeting were read. A motion was made by Jim Danielson and seconded by Sandy Young to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Jim handed out the profit/loss statement for December and the balance sheet as of February 28, 2023. Our total balance in Checking/Savings on February 28, 2023 was \$99,623.15 A motion was made by Mike Sandell and seconded by Jim Danielson to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Currently designating \$1200 a month into the line item category named new pastor moving expenses however this money set aside includes expenses other than just moving. Dale Koehler made a motion, seconded by Jim Danielson, to continue funding the \$1200 for another six months and renaming it as future pastor expenses.

Social Ministry – No new requests. The Evangelism Items for the BackPack Program were purchased for \$105.75 from Social Ministry Funds.

Dialogue with Pastor Doug - Finished the Pastor's report for 2022. After updating the membership records, our communicant and baptized members have dropped. We still have 79 families. Average attendance increased in 2022. Discussed method of recording attendance, and ways to welcome visitors. Need a sign out front with Easter Sunday Service details. Thinking about making the food shelf donation basket a specific Sunday. Dave Anderson coming May 24th for a program. There has been some discussion about updating decorations and freshening things up a bit in the Fellowship Hall by painting and moving pictures and displays around. Will be looking for a project lead to help with the updates and changes.

Lay Ministry – April duties are assigned. Pastor gone March 22nd, Larry will run the Wednesday service that day. Pastor will be off two Sundays in April, 4/16 and 4/22. Lay ministers' meeting will be held on April 2nd instead of April 9th due to Easter.

Properties - Arrangements have been made to have Church receive the bill for the Electric and Gas for the Viebrock property. As a group Parish Planning discussed the Viebrock Property options before making a recommendation. A motion was made by Jim Meyer and seconded by Sandy Young to recommend the sale of the Viebrock property at Sunday's voters meeting, motion carried.

Fellowship - Working on Easter Breakfast. Still have a few Wednesday meals open for people to serve.

Evangelism - The committee purchased shampoo and toothpaste for the School Backpack Program for the months of January and February. The items have been delivered for distribution.

Education - Still have openings for teachers in the month of May. Sunday school ends the weekend before Memorial Day.

Current Business

Planning and prep for April elections. Working to finalize the descriptions for positions on each board so volunteers know what they are signing up for.

Call committee update. New list has been received. Waiting until after Easter to proceed with interviews from the list received. Committee members will get together tomorrow to talk about the new candidates

New Business

Norm Frietag gave the church a significant gift. Currently in the checkbook but they wrote a note with the check that the congregation should use it to help the church with a specific need or project. A decision will need to be made to move the money from checking to a specific account like the memorial fund.

Roundtable

Pastor Doug gave a sheet to all of us for thoughts regarding the future direction of the congregation.

A motion was made by Jim Danielson and seconded by Dale Koehler to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next parish planning meeting will be April 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Koehler, Congregational Secretary