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It is difficult to adequately express the deep gratitude that I have for all of you, the people of Renner Lutheran Church. It has been my privilege and honor to have been your pastor these past seven and a half years.

I thank you for the many times and ways that you have included me into your lives and into your homes. Thank you for the prayers and the ways that you have opened your hearts and lives to Colleen and me. We have shared our faith with one another and have served the Lord together in worship, Bible studies, and around the tables in fellowship with one another. We have worked in a wood shop together (either at Dick Sorum's or at Royce Reit's) making "faith chests" and we have stood around the kitchen counters together making lefse and or at the kitchen sink washing dishes from a fellowship meal. We have played "4-square" or "ultimate Frisbee" and stayed up late in an overnigher at the church. We have walked ditches together picking up trash and we have stood next to the casket of a loved-one and grieved and cried together over the loss of a loved-one. We have sung hymns in praise to God and we have remember and celebrated the love of God as we read scripture and gave thanks to God for the tremendous promises of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have been recipients together of God's grace as we celebrated the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. God has been in our midst and we have known the goodness of God's mercy and grace in countless ways. For these reasons and for other ways that are too numerous to mention, I am filled with deep gratitude to God for the ways that God has used you to be such a tremendous blessing to Colleen's and my life.

You all will be in my prayers for the rest of my life. My prayers for you will be that God will help you to always know how great and deep is the love and grace that God wants you to know all the days of your lives. I pray that you will continue to grow in your faith and know the presence of Christ, giving to you the peace and hope that can come only from our Lord Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul said to the congregations to which he wrote: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion (the fellowship) of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always."

July Birthdays:

- 2 - Mike Dieren Elijah Hjelman
- 3 - Dena Erickson Darcy Myrmoe Zeya Sorum
- 4 - Ed Powers
- 5 - Judy Claussen
- 6 - Michael Payton Cody Vosburg Mary Lei
- 7 - Amanda Dieren Ron Brandt
- 9 - Elaine Johnson
- 11 - Renee Hjelman Adam Pearson
- 14 - Hunter Wirkus Molly Jensen Andrew Tommeraasen
- 15 - Bruce Fowlds Sharon Wold Dustin Vosburg
- 17 - Jada McCann Kyle Brende Rachel Ahlers
- 19 - Bob Vosberg
- 22 - Ruthie Parker
- 25- Ty McCann
- 27 - Lori Claussen
- 28 - Shari Brende Lois Christenson
- 29 - Tamra Molinelli Tiffany Willert
- 30 - Jessica Siemonsma
- 31 - Jason Dykstra

If there are any mistakes on dates or any names omitted, please contact Mary Knudson 413-7404



Renner Lutheran Church Financials

SUMMARY MONTHLY FINANCIALS FOR MAY 2020

Total All Giving: \$ 10,182.90	Budget: \$ 17,000.90
YTD Total All Giving: \$112,933.01	Budget: \$ 80,223.93
Expenses: \$ 14,301.81	Budget: \$ 19,297.10
Expenses Year to Date: \$ 74,610.00	Budget: \$ 85,669.87

2020 Line of Credit Limit \$24,000.00

Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 5.50%) \$.00
Available: \$ 24,000.00

Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement): \$ 63,929.25

SBA Payroll Protection Plan Loan \$ 20,293.00

Uncleared Transactions \$ 510.00

Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit) \$107,712.25

Each month, 1.28% of our General Offerings are given to Benevolence.
May \$129.00

Each month, 1.28% of our General Offerings are given to a designated recipient (voted on by council but suggestions are always welcome!)

A detailed report of monthly financials is available for your review in the 3 ring binder located on the table outside the Pastor's office door.

Endowment Fund Balance: \$ 14,560.48

Important events coming up.....

Sunday, July 12th - Associate Bishop Renee reminded us of the importance of using this time with Pastor to say good-bye well. It is important to recognize his seven years of service to our church. Therefore, Council has decided to host a Farewell Reception for Pastor Steen and Colleen as our gift to them on Sunday, July 12th at 10:30, immediately after service. In order to continue with our social distancing efforts, this gathering will be held outside (or inside if inclement weather). We will celebrate with cake, donuts, coffee and juice. Our hope is to have as many as possible come to say their good-byes, if you are able. If you cannot make it, feel free to send a card to Pastor Jim and Colleen.

Wed, July 15th - Council is also planning to hold a congregational meeting on Wed, July 15th at 7pm at the church. We invite you to join us for this gathering as an opportunity to voice your hopes and concerns, learn what steps we've taken and what our next steps are. SD Synod Bishop Constanze Hagmaier and Associate Bishop Renee Splichal-Larson will both be present for questions. We are looking for six volunteers to participate in the Call Committee. Please prayerfully consider this if you feel the desire to be a part of seeking a new Pastoral candidate. You may contact myself or any council member to volunteer.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Minutes – June 2, 2020

Present (via ZOOM): Pastor Jim, Harold Ahlers, Wendy Madsen, Jon Hofstad, Jason Dykstra, Lorrie Merkwan, Faye Berghorst, Deb Park, Mary Lei, Deb Loe, Chris Snyder, Ronda Snyder, Stephanie Monroe, Deanne Kracht

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by President, Deb Loe

Mission statement read by Deb Loe

Devotions: Jason Dykstra “Maker of the Moon”

Council Secretary’s Report: Approved via email

Financial Secretary: Motion made by Stephanie, second by Wendy to approve and place on file, motion passed

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Mary, second by Chris to approve and place on file, motion passed

Pastor’s Report:

- Pastoral acts, May 2020

- o No Baptisms, Funerals or Weddings

- o Visitations postponed until further notice

- Adopt a Highway on June 7th at 2pm

- Motion made by Wendy, second by Faye to approve and place on file, motion passed

CHURCH COUNCIL

Committee Reports

Board of Ed:

- Purchased kit to engage kids over the summer. Will mail out packets to Sunday School kids.

- Motion made by Wendy, second by Lorrie to approve and place on file, motion passed

Board of Deacons:

- No Report

Board of Trustees:

- Working with insurance company to track down warranty information for siding

- Kevin Callies will complete financial audit – trustees will schedule

- Motion made by Wendy, second by Harold to approve and place on file, motion passed

Executive Board:

- No Report

Organizational Reports

WELCA: No Report

Men in Mission: No Report

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Resuming Worship Sunday, June 7th

- o Social distancing practices in place

- o Masks encouraged but not required

CHURCH COUNCIL

Other Giving Missions:

- 1.28% of May General Offering was \$129
- o \$129 to be given to Synod Mission Support
- o Motion made by Ronda, second by Wendy, to use \$129 other giving plus \$31 to donate VBS down payment to Lake Shetek and \$125 Confirmation Camp deposit to Lutheran Outdoors, motion passed

Devotions: Mary Lei

Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, July 7th

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Council Secretary Ronda Snyder

Women of the **ELCA** Renner Lutheran ELCW News


No meeting held in June

Mary Knudson for the ELCW



FOOD to YOU — Mobile Food Pantry **FOOD of the MONTH** for August is **Pasta, any kind**. Place *these* items in the grocery basket in the Gathering Area **through August 1**.

JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 
5 9:30am - Worship w/ Holy Communion	6	7 7:00pm - Full Council via zoom	8	9	10	11 9:00am- Men in Mission
12 9:30am - Worship 10:30am-Pastor & Colleen farewell	13	14	15 7:00pm-Congregational meeting @ RLC	16	17	18
19 9:30am-Worship w/ Holy Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am-Worship	27	28	29	30	31	