



Good News at Renner Lutheran

March 2022

Our Mission:

In sharing the Lord's Word, we: make disciples, love God and neighbor, grow in God's grace and knowledge, glorify God!

In this issue in the season of Epiphany you will find:

- * A special recipe,
- * Events calendar,
- * humor,
- * fellowship occasions,
- * people to wish happy birthday to,
- * brief history lesson and more.

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"And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20
As March begins, we begin the forty-day Lenten journey toward Easter. This year, Intern Pastor Adam Guthmiller of West Nidaros Lutheran Church has taken on a seminary project that will benefit all of us in the Nidaros churches: A season of remembering CHRIST WITH US. Pastor Adam shared, "The common identification of our generation today is that we live in an incredibly isolated moment in history. Many laments have been heard, and are felt, especially by the isolation caused by the pandemic. As the Christian church, we have the certainty of Christ's promises, that "behold, I am with you always to the end of the age," which delivers us from isolation into the hope of the gospel. This promise is one which delivers us from sin and unites us forever in the promise of the gospel."

May you be blessed by the words of promise you hear this season, the promise of CHRIST WITH YOU ALWAYS, as we once again will participate in midweek Lenten services. You will have opportunity to hear the proclamation of CHRIST WITH YOU from each of the Nidaros pastors, as well as have access to a devotional written by pastors and congregants (including our own Doug and Mary Knudson) to encourage you in these promises!

Praying this season of Lent may bring encouragement to you!
Peace, Pastor Laura

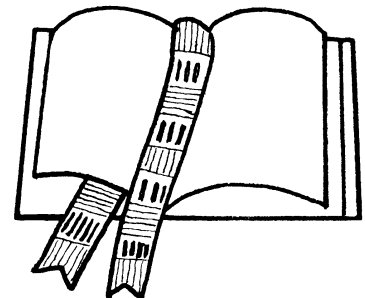
Gospel Readings for March

March 6 Luke 4:1-13

March 13 Luke 13:31-35

March 20 Luke 13:1-9

March 27 Luke 15:1-3,11b-32



Council Minutes – February 8, 2022

Present: Stephanie Marshall, Rahn Siemonsma, Tim Eggers, Harold Ahlers, Wendy Madsen, Pastor Laura Phillips, Natalie Lavender, Deanne Kracht, Nancy Houlihan, Mary Lei, David Atherton, Amanda Dieren, Lorie Grau, Mike Eggers

Absent: Lorrie Merkwan

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Rahn Siemonsma.

Mission statement read by all.

Devotions: Harold, The Three Most Important Things in Your Life

Council Secretary Report: Approved via email.

Financial Secretary Report: Strong financial month in January, compared with January 2021 giving is 25% higher. Several memorial gifts noted in January. Motion made by Tim, second by Harold to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: 2022 budget approved at annual meeting. January financials reviewed. Motion made by Mary, second by Mike to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Worship:

Learning Opportunities and Fellowship: Combined youth group meetings continue. The group is planning for trip to Montana this summer for youth. Fundraiser in progress for Super Bowl Sunday; projected cost (\$700/youth). 5 youth from RLC are planning to attend.

Other: Pastoral care schedule in January included several funeral services. Pastor Laura and Shawna will be meeting with web designer to review updates to new website. Expense projected at \$1,500 and included in budget for this year.

Motion made by Wendy, second by Deanne to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Committee Reports

Board of Ed:

Sunday school curriculum purchased for this semester.

Resurrection Egg Hunt or similar activity planned for families on Saturday, April 9th.

Projected expense to purchase kits for family activity is \$600. Chris Turnwall memorial will be utilized for this purpose.

Motion made by Mary, second by Wendy. Motion passed.

Board of Deacons:

Ash Wednesday service will be live streamed.

Suppers planned prior to Lenten services, 5:30 p.m. supper 6:30 p.m. service. Pastors from sister Nidaros churches will rotate services. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services planned.

Readers/Servers covered for services through March 6th.

Motion made by Harold, second by Lorie to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Board of Trustees:

A financial audit needs to be scheduled for this year.

Trustees will be reviewing current insurance policies with NorthStar for coverage and consider comparable policies.

Furnace maintenance will be scheduled.

Motion made by Harold, second by Tim to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Executive Board:

No report.

WELCA: Next meeting scheduled for February 12th at 9 am.

Men in Mission: Materials acquired for the construction of bulletin board. Plans discussed for potential for Little Free Library. Next meeting Saturday, February 12th at 9 am.

Suggestion Box:

None

Old Business:

Annual meeting held January 23rd. 40 members attended.

New Business:

Council member introductions, review of council member duties and roles.

Other Giving Missions:

1.28% of January General Offering was \$166 with additional \$50 for \$216.

First Lutheran African Ministry/Pastor Abraham c/o Peace Lutheran.

Motion made by Tim, second by Natalie, motion passed.

Devotions: Pastor Laura

Serving: Deanne

Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, March 8th.


Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Council Secretary: Stephanie Marshall



Renner Lutheran History

We have already read how the women of the congregation came together to fund and start the parish in Renner. Preceding that major project, the women of the church at the annual meeting December 1887, gained a voice. They had the idea for an addition of a room to be used for a variety of purposes such as where Pastor could meet with confirmation students, and a place to take fussy infants. Using their resources they were faithful in the pledge to provide the \$40 that was promised. This marks the beginning of an organization for the women in the congregation. One of the next purchases was the impressive chandelier, still in use today. (although since converted to electricity)



Monthly Financials Summary for January 2022

Total All Giving:	\$ 14,073.86	Budget:	\$ 11,483.04
YTD Total All Giving:	\$ 14,073.86	Budget:	\$ 11,483.04
Expenses:	\$ 14,515.87	Budget:	\$ 15,727.97
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 14,515.87	Budget:	\$ 15,727.97

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):		\$ 87,891.44
Uncleared Transactions		\$ 1,661.72
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)		\$110,229.72

Each month, 1.28% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support Jan \$166.00

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:	\$ 14,562.91
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February WELCA News

There were 8 members present for our February 12th meeting. Sandy Sorum led the meeting in the absence of Kathy. Pastor Laura led us in a Bible study from Acts including some background of Lydia. Minutes were read and Treasurer reported \$1576.58 in treasury. Serving Lenten meals starting March 9 have been filled with volunteers including Men in Mission. They will be served at 5:30 before services at 6:30. No coffee will be served after services this year. Tie blankets for graduates was discussed. Pastor Laura said confirmands could help. 2022-2023 WELCA booklets are available for those who need them. See Kathy Evenson. June 25 is the Shetek auction. There was discussion of items we might donate for the auction. The Crossroads Conference will be April 23 at First Lutheran this year. There was discussion of a Little Free Library to be installed on our church lawn. Men in Mission have agreed to build and install it. More information on this project to follow. We are asked to save our extra cards including Christmas cards for the Veteran's Auxiliary. The Humane Society can use empty prescription bottles for pills that might need to go home with a pet. There will be containers available for both these items. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Stephanie served. Our next meeting is March 12. Wendy will serve.

Mobile Food Pantry
 March Food of the Month
Hearty Soups

Confirmation

Worship Wednesdays at 6:30

Booklet to fill out

Men in Mission-next meeting Saturday March 12 at 9:00.

High School Youth Group, Thank you, Thank you, for your support of our trip coming up this Summer! We raised over \$1,600 towards our goal. We will meet again February 27 at 5:00 at Willow Creek and finalize the dates.

*Sunday School Sundays after
 Worship*

Crafters for Christ

Monday 1-3:30

Attendance

Jan 30	58
Feb 6	67
Feb 13	52
Feb 20	63

Nothing is work unless
 you'd rather be doing
 something else

Is there any interest in resurrecting or adding a quilters, or other group craft ideas? You are encouraged to speak with any WELCA member with your ideas.

Council meeting: Tuesday
 March 1 6:30 Committee meeting
 and Council at 7:00

Caramel Rolls

Margarine

1 loaf frozen bread dough, thawed
 brown sugar

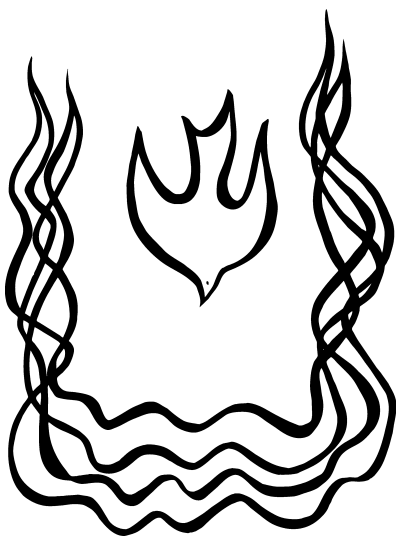
1 tsp. cinnamon

1 C. whipping cream, at room temp

Generously grease a 9x13" pan with margarine. Sprinkle 2/3 cup brown sugar in pan. Roll out dough until it was approximately 9x13" in size. Spread 2 tablespoons margarine on dough. Sprinkle with 1/2 cp brown sugar and cinnamon. Roll up into loaf again. Cut into 12 even slices. Place roll in pan (3 rows of four) Pour cream over top. Cover with plastic and let rise to 3/4 up the pans edge. Bake 350 for 30 minutes. Let set in pan for a few minutes: then turn our on a rack covered with wax paper.



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| 1- Ray Wold | 16-Kaishaad Diede |
| 2- Mindy Hammer Chris Obbink | 17-Mary Knudson |
| 3- Alan Machmiller | 19- Duane Verhey |
| 4-Chad Erickson | 20- Linda Berg Gabrielle Willert |
| 5- Rhonda Snyder Austin Pedde | 21- Thomas Siemonsma |
| 6 -Stuart Brende | 22-Lori Grau |
| 7 -Elli Wilson | 24-Jim McBreen |
| 8-Jan Jibben | 28-Tammy Powell |
| 9-Wendy Madsen | 29-Travis Willert Kira Christenson |
| 10- George Carlson | Laura Ask |
| 11-Mike Bangasser Nancy Houlihan | 31-Janice Peterson Logan Harkema |
| 13-Dennis Riswold | |
| 15-Sonja Hofstad | |



Do you want to fast this lent?

- *Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- *Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- *Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 Committee 7:00 Council	2 6:30 Ash Wednesday Pastor Laura	3	4	5
6 9:30 Worship w/Communion Sunday School	7 1:00-3:00 Crafters for Christ	8 3:30 Pastor's Text 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	9 5:30 Meal 6:30 Lent Service Pastor Adam Guthmiller	10	11	12 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00
13 9:30 Worship Pastor Eldon Thurow 10:30 Sunday School	14 1:00-3:00 Crafters for Christ	15 3:30 Pastor's Text	16 5:30 meal 6:30 Lent Service Pastor Randall Questad		18	19
20 9:30 Worship w/communion and Sunday School after	21 1:00-3:00 Crafters for Christ	22 3:30 Pastor's Text study	23 5:30 meal 6:30 Lent Service Pastor Tom Stadem	24 Deadline for Newsletter	25	26
27 9:30 Worship Sunday School	28 1:00-3:00 Crafters for Christ	29 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	30 5:30 meal 6:30 Lent Service Pastor Laura Phillips	31		

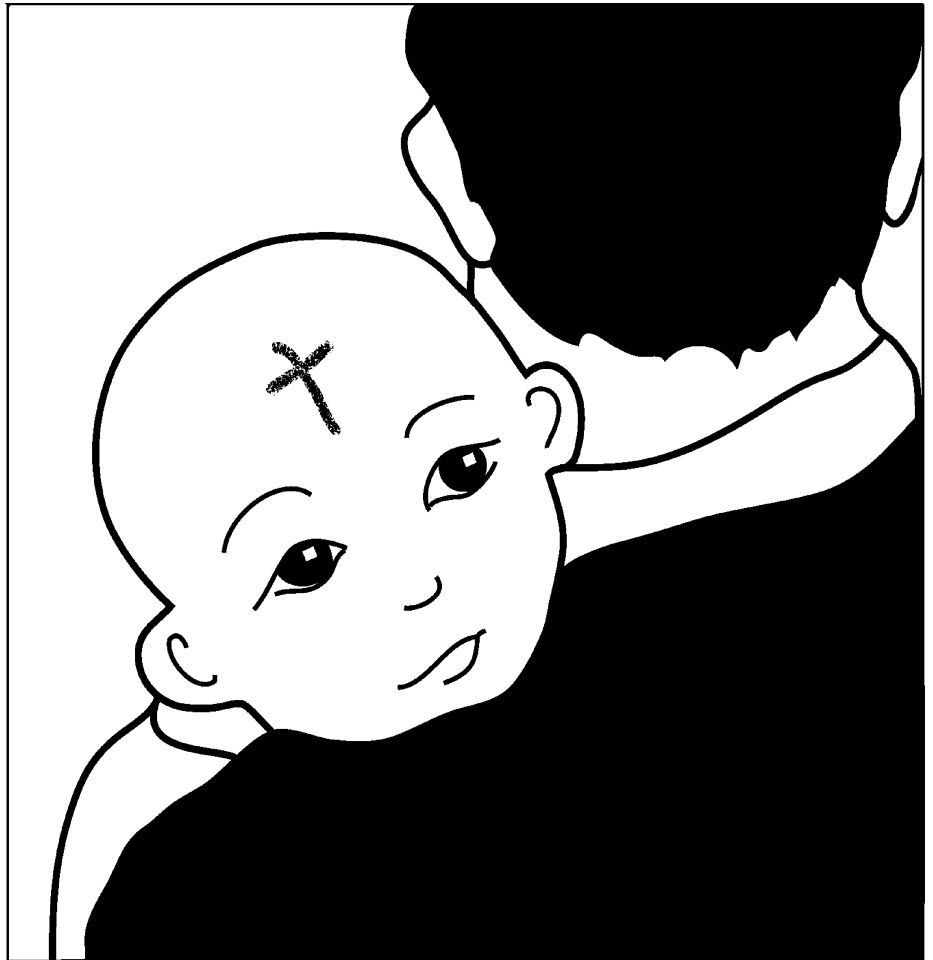
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Wednesday and Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday: 6:30 worship with Pastor Laura

Wednesday March 9: 5:30 meal, 6:30 Worship with Pastor Adam Guthmiller West Nidaros.

Wednesday March 16: meal 5:30, worship 6:30 with Pastor Randall Questad East/Baltic

Wednesday March 23: meal 5:30, worship 6:30 with Pastor Tom Stadem Benton and Willow Creek

Wednesday March 30: meal 5:30, worship 6:30 with Pastor Laura Phillips

Wednesday April 6: meal 5:30, worship 6:30 with Pastor Jared Rakness West Nidaros

Saturday April 9: Community Easter Egg hunt 10:00

Sunday April 10: Palm Sunday 9:30

April 14: Maundy Thursday 6:30

April 15: Good Friday 6:30

April 17: Easter Sunday



