



Good News at Renner Lutheran

April 2024

“We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.” 1 John 3:16

Our Mission:

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

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RLC Council President

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Although we celebrate the hope we have through Jesus’ death and resurrection every Sunday, this month we officially enter the Easter Season of the church year. During this time, we will hear some familiar texts from John’s gospel. One of the themes that is woven through each of these texts is that of belonging to God, being connected with Jesus as a shepherd to his sheep, as fruit to a vine, as one body in Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. In Christ Jesus, we always have a place to abide and belong, and as we take this to heart, we are encouraged to build this community of faith with others too.

Thank you, people of God, for the community of faith that we are building here at Renner Lutheran! Thank you for providing meals during the Lenten season and participating in those meals. Thank you for providing snacks for fellowship on Sunday morning and for the good conversations that happen during fellowship. Thank you for showing up at Adult Supper Club for even more fellowship! Thank you for serving your neighbors by supplying toilet paper and showing up to help at the Necessities for Neighbors distribution, and for filling the shopping cart each month with items for Food to You. Thank you for making mats for Church on the Street, for making baptismal boxes, and for teaching our children to love the Lord. Thank you for the eggs and candies, and all the help that made possible our Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for sharing your gifts of music. Thank you for work that makes our church more easily accessible. Thank you for helping with our audio/video equipment and thank you for patience when it doesn’t do what we would like! Thank you for being wonderfully welcoming and telling others about what a great place Renner Lutheran is to worship and grow in faith—this is how our community thrives!

This Easter season, may you be blessed in knowing that you do indeed belong in Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Peace, Pastor Laura

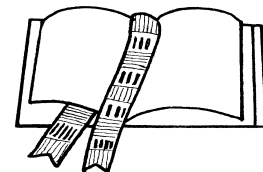
Gospel Readings for April 2024

April 7, John 20: 19-31

April 14, Luke 24: 36b-48

April 21, John 10: 11-18

April 28, John 15:1—15:47



RLC Church Council Minutes – March 5, 2024

In Attendance: Pastor Laura Phillips, Nancy Houlihan, Mary Lei, Tim Eggers, Jon Hofstad, Mike Eggers, Harold Ahlers, David Atherton, Deanne Kracht, Amanda Dieren, Amy Marsh, Faye Berghorst
Absent: Rahn Siemonsma, Wendy Madsen, Natalie Lavender

GENERAL COUNCIL

Call to Order – Nancy Houlihan

Mission Statement: Sharing our Lord's Word, we: Make disciples; love God and neighbor, grow in God's grace and knowledge; glorify God!

Devotions—Pastor Laura – Read excerpts from “Look Up” and “We Rise Higher” books that will be given as Confirmation gifts and High School Graduation gifts.

Council Secretary's Report—Approval via email.

Financial Secretary's Report—Mary presented her report, General offering \$12,760.34, Globe \$80.40, Youth \$40.00, Interest \$8.33, Wednesday Meals \$284.00 and Other Giving (Easter Lilies) \$39.00. Total Deposit \$13,232.07. Tim made a motion to approve the financial report, Harold seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – From Wendy's report, Total All Giving \$13,187.07 which is below the Budget of \$23,929.72. YTD Total All Giving: \$22,418.06, which is below the Budget of \$38,208.24. Expenses \$16,869.80 below the Budget of \$18,037.44. Expenses YTD \$32,167.51 which is lower than Budget of \$35,252.99. Looking ahead, our insurance will be increasing along with the cost of our garbage service. Tim made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, Deanne seconded, the motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Since our last Council Meeting:

Lenten Round Robins have been going very well and have been well received at all participating churches.

Visitations and prayers have continued for our members who are ill or have been hospitalized.

Pastor Laura offered a First Communion instruction class on Saturday, March 16th for 3 individuals who will receive First Communion at our Maundy Thursday Service on March 28th at 6:30.

Pastor Laura also presented to the Council a plan to have our next years Confirmation class of 2 individuals join with West Nidaros Confirmation class. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea.

Pastor Laura will be attending the Crossroads Conference in Brookings on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

The Confirmation Class will meet on April 24th from 7-8 pm to rehearse and turn in their projects and will be confirmed on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

We will honor our High School Graduates during our church service on May 5, 2024. Our graduates are: Rylan Aman, Gavin Johnson, Bailey Schipper and Chase Obbink. Mary made a motion to approve the Pastor's report and Amy seconded, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education

Renner Lutheran's Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held indoors here at RLC on March 23rd at 10am. There will be games and prizes along with the egg hunt! We need helpers on that day to assist in a number of different capacities. We also need plastic fillable eggs and small, wrapped candies to fill them. All donations and or helpers would be greatly appreciated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Board of Education Continued

The Sunday School class will be singing on Palm Sunday during our Church Service. The last day of Sunday School will be on May 5, 2024. The Sunday School children will be singing on that day during our church service and will be serving treats afterward. Tim made a motion to approve the report, Mike seconded, the motion carried.

Board of Deacons

All readers and communion servers are covered for most of March. Pastor again will announce that there is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Jon Hofstad reported on the cost of the hinges for the fire door at the back of the church and will get the numbers off the door to order new hinges so it can be propped open. The coat hanger has been removed in the meantime and does allow enough space to get around the door. Deanne made a motion to approve the report, Harold seconded, the motion carried.

Board of Trustees

Mike will check into the letter from the elevator company that suggests that we enhance our maintenance agreement to determine if it is necessary. Mike also purchased and installed a doorbell so that the door can remain locked when either Pastor or the secretary is at the church alone. Mary made a motion to approve the report, Jon seconded, motion carried.

Executive Board

Faye reported that a call was received from Amanda Ellison (A Precher's Daughter), regarding the possibility of a concert by her at our church in April. Council felt it would be something that would be well received and will investigate further with the possibility to incorporate a light meal afterward for fellowship. More details will follow. Deanne made a motion to approve the report, David seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business

New Doorbell has been installed.

Our Mission Statement has been updated and framed in the entrance hall.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

SUGGESTION BOX: No new suggestions

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

WELCA and Men in Mission—Meet Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Supper Club will meet at Carnaval Brazilian Grill on March 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Other Giving Missions—We will give \$ 166.72 will be donated to Necessities for Neighbors. Mike made a motion to approve this donation, Amy seconded, the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:30 Committees and 7:00 Full Council

Server: Mike Eggers

Devotions: Rahn Siemonsma

ADJOURNMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted by Faye Berghorst, Secretary.

MARCH WELCA

There were 9 present for our March 9 th meeting. Pastor Laura led an interesting discussion on a devotional by Kate Bowler while we enjoyed treats by Wendy. Wendy led the meeting in Kathy's absence. Minutes were read and accepted. The balance in treasury on March 1 was \$517.46 Pastor suggested that the Angel Fund Project for school lunches be postponed until summer. It can be a whole summer project and funds will be delivered when school starts next fall. Pastor will announce it at the end of May. This will be a congregational project. A tentative date of June 22 from 4-7 was set for the Ice Cream Social. The Preacher's daughter – Amanda Ellison- will be here to give a concert on April 27 th .. There will be a free-will offering with a meal to follow for the congregation. More discussion will follow at our April 13 th meeting. Birthday song was sung for Wendy and Mary. Offering was taken.. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be April 13.

Mary Knudson, Secretary

MARCH MEN IN MISSION

There were 9 men present for our March 9 th meeting. We enjoyed great fellowship along with coffee and rolls. For our business meeting we decided to begin making Faith Chests after Easter when Royce will be ready for this project. It was decided that men can help where needed for any church projects. There will be an Ice Cream Social in June. Our Bible Study was entitled Quiet Time . We discussed Jesus as a person of prayer and the importance of prayer in our lives. After a healthy and lively discussion we closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be April 13.

Doug Knudson



Special Music in March



"Lamb of God" Sung by Pastor Ron & Loretta Nichols.

Accompanied by Aleen Fisher



Sing Hosanna—Give Me Oil in My Lamp", I Might Be Small" and We Have a King Who Rides a Donkey " , Sung by our Sunday School Children on Palm Sunday. Led by Michelle Eggers.



"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)", Sung by RLC Praise Group. Accompanied by Aleen Fisher.

Monthly Financials for February 2024

Total All Giving: \$ 13,187.07 Budget \$ 23,929.72
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 Expenses: \$ 16,869.80 Budget: \$ 18,037.44
 Expenses Year to Date: \$ 32,167.51 Budget: \$ 35,252.99
 2024 Line of Credit Limit \$24,000.00
 Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 10.00%) \$.00 Available: \$ 24,000.00
 Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement): \$ 60,610.06
 Uncleared Transactions \$ 1,263.64
 Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit) \$ 83,346.42
 First National Bank COD-General Funds \$ 20,452.80
 Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/Feb \$ 161.00
 Each month, 1.26% 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: \$ 572.54
 Endowment COD \$ 14,328.10

Wendy Madsen, RLC Treasurer and Mary Lei, RLC Financial Secretary



March Attendance at RLC

Sunday, March 3: 82
 Wednesday, March 6: 62
 Sunday, March 10: 65
 Wednesday, March 13: 41
 Sunday, March 17: 82
 Wednesday, March 20: 50
 Sunday, March 24: 90
 Thursday, March 28: 64
 Good Friday, March 29: 58
 Easter Sunday, March 31: 120

HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the following:
Vayda Dieren, Quinton Glenn-Heater, Cynthia Thompson and Adalynn Thompson for achieving another milestone in their lives when they received their First Holy Communion.

Upcoming Events to Keep in April!

Dream Weavers: Meets every Monday at 1:00 pm at RLC. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday through Thursday, April 2-4: Pastor Laura will be attending the Spring Theological Conference in Brookings, SD,

Tuesday, April 9th: Church Council Meeting; Committee's @ 6:30 and all Council @ 7:00.

Saturday, April 13th: Men in Mission and WELCA meet at 9:00.

Saturday, April 20th: WELCA Crossroads Conference at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 8:30-3:30.

Wednesday, April 24th: Confirmation Practice 7-8:00.

Sunday, April 28th: Confirmation Sunday for Brooklyn Bangasser, Tenley Black, Elli Wilson and Nikki Thompson.



Saturday, April 27th: Amanda Ellison, the Preacher's Daughter, will present a concert at 4:00 pm here at Renner Lutheran Church. Amanda will be singing some of the greatest and most treasured hymns of faith. Amanda will share her testimony in song and stories of growing up as a Preacher's Daughter. Don't miss this special evening! There will be a free will offering and a light meal following the concert at 5:30. This event is also open to the public! Please plan to join us for a great evening of song, fellowship and food!



Happy
Birthday

- 1 - Randy Sorum
- 2 - Austin Machmiller
- 4 - Myrna Bos, Loretta Nichols, David Wilson
- 8 - Kathy Evenson
- 9 - Paul Schloe
- 12 – Rahn Siemonsma
- 13 – Harold Ahlers
- 14 – Abby Wilson
- 17 – Jeff Spargur
- 19 - Dianne Muth
- 24 – Kevin Brende, D’One Riswold
- 30—Emily Anderson, Doris Brandt

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Pastor Laura attending the Spring Theological Conference in Brookings	3 Pastor Laura attending the Spring Theological Conference in Brookings	4 Pastor Laura attending the Spring Theological Conference in Brookings	5	6
7 9:30 Worship with Communion, 10:30 Sunday School	8 1:00 Dream Weavers	9 3:30 Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Council Committees Meet, 7:00 Full Council 3:30	10	11	12	13 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00
14 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Sunday School	15 1:00 Dream Weavers	16 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	17	18	19	20 WELCA Crossroads Conference at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church - 8:30-3:30
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28 Confirmation Sunday — 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Sunday School	29 1:00 Dream Weavers	30 3:30 Pastor's Text Study				

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Sunday School at 10:30 am

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