



Good News at Renner Lutheran

December 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 Pentecost you will find:

- * A special recipe,
- * Events calendar,
- * humor,
- * fellowship occasions,
- * people to wish happy birthday to

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If you are in need of some great gifts we are once again selling our famous Renner Lutheran Church Cookbooks with some wonderful ideas like these;

Eggless Chocolate Cake

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3 C Flour	3/4 C Oil	2 C Sugar	2 C Water
1 tsp salt	1 tsp vanilla	2 tsp soda	
2 tsp vinegar	1/2 C cocoa		

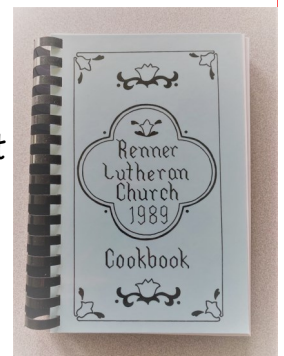
Mix all ingredients. Bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes

Easy Penuche Icing

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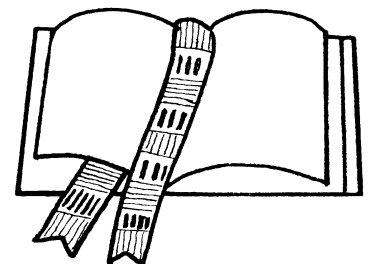
1/2 C butter	1 C brown sugar	1/4 C milk
1 3/4-2 C confectioners' sugar		

Melt butter. Add brown sugar, boil over low heat for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in milk. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Cool to lukewarm, gradually add confectioners' sugar. Beat until thick enough to spread. If it becomes too thick, add a little hot water.



Gospel Readings for December 2022

Dec 4	Matthew	3:1-12
Dec 11	Matthew	11:2-11
Dec 18	Matthew	1:18-25
Dec 25	Luke	2:[1-14] 15-20



Council Minutes – November 8, 2022

Present: Rahn Siemonsma, Harold Ahlers, David Atherton, Tim Eggers, Natalie Lavender, Nancy Houlihan, Deanne Kracht, Lorie Grau, Amanda Deiren, Pastor Laura Phillips

Absent: Stephanie Marshall, Mary Lei, Wendy Madsen, Mike Eggers, Lorrie Merkwan

Shelly Eggers visited the council with a message from **Charis Ministries**. Healthy Rides is not going to be an active ministry through Charis anymore. 211 Helpline for Project Car is active for ride ministry. Director Cindy is willing to come to Renner to talk about Charis Ministries. Food costs currently are higher, and food is harder to get. Dates RLC is signed up for 2023—March 21 at First Lutheran for Necessities for Neighbors, June 22—Food to You at Garfield Elementary, October 1—Necessities for Neighbors at Peace, November 16—Food to You at Augustana Lutheran.

Meeting was **called to order** at 7:20 by President – Rahn Siemonsma

The Mission Statement was read by all.

Pastor Laura led a **devotion**.

Council Secretary Report: Approved via email.

Financial Secretary Report: Motion made by Tim, second by Deanne to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Natalie, second by Harold to approve, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Since our October meeting we have had one funeral (Janice Peterson), five kids were confirmed, 1 child received a Bible in worship, and 6 kids went to confirmation camp at Shetek with Pastor.

Pastor Laura informed the council of a confirmation situation that occurred requiring help from our President Rahn and President Elect Harold. The situation was handled successfully.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education

November 20th, Sunday School will sing (No Sunday School on the 20th or 27th)
December 18th, Sunday School Program

Board of Deacons—filled spots for readers and communion servers.

Board of Trustees – Carpet cleaning was discussed, no decisions made.

Executive Board – Met to go through budget (will discuss in Old Business).

Harold made a motion to approve pastor's and all committee reports, Nancy seconded the motion, all reports were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Review of Budget for 2023—Rahn went over the draft of the 2023 budget that the Budget Team put together. He will be sending it via email to all the council members for their further review. Discussion and approval of the budget will happen in December.

Open Positions for next year's board include Secretary and President Elect. Please pray about who could fill those positions.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

SUGGESTION BOX—There was nothing in the suggestion box.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS COMING UP

WELCA—Meets Nov. 12, 9:00

Men in Mission—Meets Nov. 12, 9:00

OTHER GIVING MISSIONS: 1.26% of General Offering for October will go to Charis Ministries.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 6:30 Committees and 7:00 Full Council

Server: Pastor Laura Devotions: Mary Lei Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Pastor Laura Phillips.

NOVEMBER MEN IN MISSION- Men in Mission met on November 12 with 7 men present. During our coffee and roll fellowship we decided to forgo our regular Bible study and rather reflect on the recent tragic loss of Harold's son Scott Ahlers. We found some comfort in the Bible verse Romans 8:37-39 which discusses the fact that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. The second verse that we shared was II Corinthians 1:3-4 which is titled the God of all comfort. We discussed that God will comfort us in all our troubles so that we can be of comfort to others who have troubles. We prayed for Harold's entire family that they find comfort at these difficult times. We will resume our regular Bible study next month on December 10 studying Mark 15:1-15. Doug Knudson



Monthly Financials Summary for October 2022

Total All Giving:	\$ 9059.00	Budget:	\$ 10,719.28
YTD Total All Giving:	\$117,747.89	Budget:	\$ 127,706.52
Expenses:	\$ 18,436.24	Budget:	\$ 15,141.76
Expenses Year to Date:	\$137,759.51	Budget:	\$ 132,944.52

_ 2022 Line of Credit Limit	\$24,000.00		
Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 7.75%)	\$.00	Available:	\$ 24,000.00
Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement):			\$ 70,374.74
Uncleared Transactions			\$ 1,189.25
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$102,262.89

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/August \$113.00
 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: \$ 14,563.9

No regular service or Sunday School on Christmas morning. We will have instead on Sunday January 1st an invitation to share your leftover cookies.

If you have been considering becoming more involved there are 2 openings on council, secretary and President Elect.

Adult supper club this month is a potluck here at the church at 7:00 on Saturday December 17th

Thank you to all who joined us for the Potluck, Pie and Praise. We appreciate all who donated their time and talent to the event it was a huge success!



Mobile Food Pantry
Food of the month for
December
Tuna and Tuna Helper

**No Confirmation in December
due to Advent Worship.
Resumes January 4, 2024**

Dream Weavers Mondays 1:00

WELCA NEWS FOR November

There were 11 present for our November 12 meeting. Jan Jibben served treats. Our bible study was led by Pastor Laura. Kathy led our meeting. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported that we have a balance at the end of Oct. of \$1,964.31. Potluck, Pie and Praise is Sunday, November 20 following worship service. Busy bags for our young people were refreshed following our meeting today. Pastor Laura reported that she could get Sympathy cards from her source for \$5.99/12 free shipping. She will order 10 boxed. On Monday November 28 at 1:00 we will stuff stockings again this year to go to St. Francis House. On Saturday November 26 at 9:00 we will decorate the church for Christmas. Grace suggested we consider lefse for a fundraiser maybe next year. It was discussed and tabled for a future event. We also tabled filling the hygiene kits until after the new year. It was decided that we bring monetary donation instead of ornaments to our next meeting. This money will be given to organizations of our choice. Offering was taken and meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Mary Knudson, secretary



2- Kyann Havlovic
 3-Demi Erickson
 4- Doug Knudson Caiden Bult
 6-Carol Eggers Hope Farsdale
 7-Carl Hjelman
 9- Bailey Schipper
 12-Shane Aman
 13-Jane Linder Lowell Claussen
 14-Tim Eggers Jeff James
 15- Caleb Farsdale Jocelyn Doan
 17-Natalie Lavander
 18-Brad Hammerr Caleb Peterson
 19-A J Peterson James Sorum

21-Sandy Sorum
 23-Don Muth
 25-Ariyanna Schloe
 27-Dan Steele
 30-Richard Hjelman Clarence Bos
 Adalynn Thompson

If there are any mistakes or any omissions please contact Mary Knudson
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Sheepdog to Farmer: Your 30 sheep are here.
 Farmer: I count 28 sheep
 Sheepdog: I rounded them up.

Northern Rim Youth Group Monday Dec.
 19th the youth is serving at the Banquet
 West 5:15-8

We are serving a light meal 5:30 before Wednesday Advent worship services. Free will donation December 7th and 14th followed by Bible study about Angles

Reminder

Annual Meeting documents
 are due in December.

Council meeting: Dec. 6
 6:30 Committee meeting
 followed by full council at
 7:00

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship W/ Communion Sunday School 10:30	5 1:00-Dream Weavers	6 3:30 Pastor's Text 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	7 5:30-6:30 light meal, Advent Ser- vice, 7:00-8:00 Bible Study	8	9	10 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00
11 9:30 Worship Sunday School begins at 10:30	12 1:00-Dream Weavers	13 3:30 Pastor's Text Study Wedding rehearsal	14 5:30-6:30 light meal, Advent Ser- vice, 7:00-8:00 Bible Study	15 Wedding	16	17 Adult Supper Club potluck here 7:00
18 9:30 Sunday School program	19 1:00-Dream Weavers 5:15-8:00 youth group serve at the Banquet West	20 3:30 Pastor's Text study	21 Longest night Candlelight Service worship 6:30	22	23	24 5:00 Christmas Eve Service
25 No worship or Sunday School Christmas	26 Deadline for newsletter	27 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	28	29	30	New Years Eve
January 1 at 9:30 bring your leftover Christmas cookies to share at fellowship						

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Lift up
your
Hearts
in
Praise!



Attendance at a Glance

Oct 30	110
Nov 6	62
Nov 13	72
Nov 20	80

