



# Good News at Renner Lutheran

February 2024

## **Our Mission:**

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

*"Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."*  
*Hebrews 13:20-21*

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Church Custodians:  
Mike Eggers  
Tim Eggers

Church Musicians:  
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Aleen Fisher  
Pat Steele

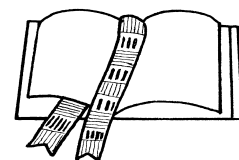
RLC Council President  
Rahn Siemonsma

With Ash Wednesday on February 14th, the Lenten season begins. Throughout history, the church has set aside time in this season before Easter for prayer and fasting as a way to partake in the suffering of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Once again, Renner Lutheran will partner with area churches to offer a round robin of Midweek Lenten Services. Our theme of these services will focus on Jesus, Our Good Shepherd, and the very familiar verses of Psalm 23. Each pastor partaking in the round robin has chosen a scripture passage according to this theme of how God is now, and has always been, the "great shepherd of the sheep." Beginning on February 21, Renner Lutheran will have a weekly time of fellowship with a light meal beginning at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:30. May you be blessed in this season of Lent as you hear again these area preachers sharing the good news that Jesus is indeed your Great Shepherd!

Peace be with you, Pastor Laura

## **Gospel Readings for February 2024**

February 4, Mark 1: 29-29  
February 11, Mark 9: 2-9  
February 18, Mark 1: 9-15  
February 25, Mark 8: 31-38



# Council Minutes – January 2, 2024

**In Attendance:** Pastor Laura Phillips, Harold Ahlers, Rahn Siemonsma, Mary Lei, Tim Eggers, Nancy Houlihan, Natalie Lavender, Mike Eggers, , David Atherton, Faye Berghorst

**Absent:** Amanda Dieren, Deanne Kracht, Lorie Grau, Wendy Madsen

## GENERAL COUNCIL

**Call to Order** – Harold Ahlers

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

**Devotions**—Tim Eggers, “Leadership example from Nehemiah”

**Council Secretary’s Report**—Approval via email.

**Financial Secretary’s Report**—Mary presented her report, General offering \$16,544.00, Globe \$297.17, Youth \$45.00, Interest \$8.79. Total Deposit \$16,894.96. Tim made a motion to approve the financial reports, Nancy seconded, the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** – From Wendy’s report, Total All Giving \$16,894.96 which is above the Budget of \$13,010.30. YTD Total All Giving \$195,441.01, which is above the Budget of \$154,345.31. Expenses \$13,168.27 less than Budget of \$14,626.56, Expenses YTD \$178,934.45 which is lower than Budget of \$182,405.02. Rahn made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, Nancy seconded, the motion carried.

**Pastor’s Report** – Since our last Council Meeting:

Pastor attended a Boundaries Workshop.

Visitations have continued for our shut ins as well as those who are ill and in need of prayer.

Pastor Laura provided feedback regarding all of our Christmas Services; Our service on The Longest night was well attended, not just by our congregation, but Pastors and members from our neighboring churches as well. Both services on Christmas Eve were well attended and Pastor suggested that we consider having two services on Christmas Eve going forward. Mary made a motion to approve the Pastor’s report, David seconded, the motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Board of Education**

Sunday School will resume on January 7, 2024, and it will be a very exciting day for the teachers and children! They will be deciding how best to spend the Globe Offering funds of \$1066.70 as this amount will not only allow them to purchase the farm, but will allow them to decide what additional animals they should buy to complete the farm. Natalie made a motion to approve the report, Mike seconded, the motion carried.

### **Board of Deacons**

All readers and communion servers are covered for January and Time asked if there could be an announcement on our overhead presentation to encourage our congregation to sign up to assist with these obligations going forward. David made a motion to approve the report, Harold seconded, the motion carried.

### **Board of Trustees**

A file cabinet was purchased by Mike and assembled by David for the secretary's office upstairs. Everything else is in good working order. Mary made a motion to approve the report, Tim seconded, motion carried.

### **Executive Board**

New members will be welcomed on January 14, 2024.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

All open Council Positions now have delegates, they are: Nancy Houlihan for Vice President, Harold Ahlers for Trustee, Amy Marsh for Board of Education and Jon Hofstad for Deacon.

Our finalized Budget proposal was completed by Rahn and there will be copies for the congregation to review on the table in our fellowship area prior to our Annual meeting. A discussion followed. Tim made the motion to approve and Harold seconded, the motion carried.

The church secretary position has been filled.

Committee Reports are needed for our Annual Report for our Annual Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

RLC Annual Meeting and Potluck has been scheduled for January 21, 2024 with a make up date of January 31, 2024 in the event of inclement weather.

We have supplies that have been collected for Renberg Elementary School along with a cash donation that will be added to our Other Giving Missions amount of \$208.00 for a total of \$308.00 that will to be delivered this month.

**SUGGESTION BOX:** No suggestions.

WELCA and Men in Mission—Meet Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Supper Club Potluck will be at Renner Lutheran Church on January 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**OTHER GIVING MISSIONS –**

We will give \$ 208.00 to the Renberg School for any additional needs they may have. Motion ade by Tim approve this donation, Rahn second, motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 6:30 Committees and 7:00 Full Council

Server: Nancy Houlihan Devotions: Rahn Siemonsma

**ADJOURNMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Respectfully submitted by Faye Berghorst, Secretary.

**January Men In Mission and WELCA - No Meeting due to the weather.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**RLC Adult Supper Club**

This month we will be meeting right here at Renner Lutheran Church!

Potluck Dinner and a Movie-- bring your favorite dish to share!

Saturday, February 10th at 5:30p.m.

RSVP to Cindy McBreen

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF RENNER LUTHERAN



Ron and Loretta Nichols



Don Earley



Daniel, Mindy, George and Elliot Foster

## Renner Financials for December 2023

Total All Giving:	\$ 16,894.96	Budget:	\$ 13,010.30
YTD Total All Giving:	\$ 195,441.01	Budget:	\$ 154,345.31
Expenses:	\$ 13,168.27	Budget:	\$ 14,626.56
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 178,934.45	Budget:	\$ 182,405.02

### 2023 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):			\$ 68,326.60

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>			\$ +736.26*
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$ 93,062.86

**First National Bank COD-General Funds** \$ 20,000.00

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/Nov \$ 208.00  
 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:	\$ 572.38
<b>Endowment COD</b>	\$ 14,000.00

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

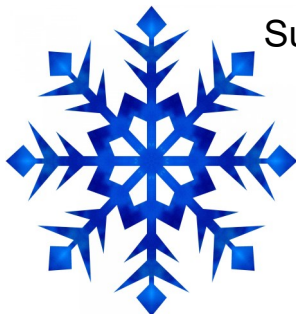
## January Attendance at RLC

Sunday, January 7: 64

Sunday, January 14: 0 - Cancelled due to weather

Sunday, January 21: 72

Sunday, January 28: 62



## *Thank you for your Kindness!!*

A Thank you letter was received from the Sioux Falls School District on behalf of Renberg Elementary staff and students for our generous gift of money and the large variety of classroom supplies. To quote them, "Wonderful people like you make our schools and community a better place and your donation will help us to fulfill our mission, which is to educate and prepare each student to succeed in a changing world."

### AND

Charis Ministries also sent a Thank you note for our donation and support for the "Food to You" program. The note expressed how our participation and support of this ministry is valued in helping provide assistance to our neighbors who are food insecure and is a blessing to so many!

### Upcoming Events to Keep in Mind!

February 21: **Renner Lutheran Lenten services** will have a weekly time of fellowship with a light meal beginning at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:30. Please plan to join us!

Tuesday, March 19: We will be sponsoring **Necessities for Neighbors** at First Lutheran Church and we will be collecting **Toilet Tissue** beforehand if you would like to drop off a package of large rolls, that would be much appreciated!

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!



### February Birthdays

- 1 - Leland Jibben
- 2 - Cailyn Ganter, Dean Sorum
- 6 - Rose McGaha
- 7 - Adam Eggers
- 10 - Kennan Aman
- 11 - Mike Eggers, Steve Lei
- 14 - Dee Harris
- 16 - Roger Nustad
- 18 - Marlene Mekvold, Amber Kern
- 20 - Linda Clauson, Stew Turnwall
- 21 - Val Meland
- 22 - Chris Verhey
- 24 - Cindy Knudson, Sandy Brende

If there are any mistakes or omissions please contact Mary Knudson, 605-413-7404.



# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship with Communion, 10:30 Sunday School	5 1:00 Dream Weavers	6 6:30 Council Committees Meet, 7:00 Full Council 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	7 7:00 Confirmation	8	9	10 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00 Adult Supper Club 5:30
11 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Sunday School	12 1:00 Dream Weavers	13 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	14 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship	15	16	17
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**RENNER LUTHERAN  
CHURCH, ELCA**

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 am  
Sunday School at 10:30 am

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