



Good News at Renner Lutheran

January 2023

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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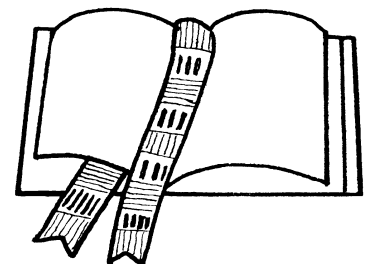
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As we see off 2022 can't help but reflect on our last 100 years. From the basement beginnings to the wonderful sanctuary we continue to worship at. We overcame the pandemic and a century that included turbulence with the help of our Lord. That will not overshadow all the blessings we have. In the last year we added new members, confirmed students, sent some youth to Flathead Lake Lutheran Bible camp, and continued our efforts in helping with Charis Ministry. We are in good company as we share our centennial with The Lincoln Memorial, Gummy Bears, skywriting, and waterskiing.

2 Corinthians for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Gospel Readings for January 2023

Jan 1	Luke	2:15-21
Jan 8	Matthew	3:13-17
Jan 15	John	1:29-42
Jan 22	Matthew	4:12-23
Jan 29	Matthew	5:1-12



Council Minutes – November 8, 2022

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

Absent:, Lorie Grau,

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

Mission statement read by all.

Devotions: Mary, Jesus Calling

Council Secretary Report: Approved via email.

Financial Secretary Report:

Janice Peterson memorial designated for Sunday school. Globe offering total for the year is \$857.27.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses for November slightly above budget. Year to date revenue close to \$11,000 less than budget. Discussion regarding exploring options for earning increased interest on endowment.

Mike to approve, Mary second. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral care continues during the holiday season to support church members.

Worship: Advent services started in November. Three services to include soup suppers prior. Christmas Eve service planning; one service planned for 5pm with communion. Blue Christmas service planned for Wednesday, December 21.

Learning Opportunities and Fellowship: Bible study opportunities ongoing; offered through Sioux Falls Seminary, second Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8 pm. All are welcome. Luther House of Study to offer Proclamation on the Prairie opportunity in January. More information forthcoming.

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

Committee Reports

Board of Ed:

- Sunday School program scheduled for December 18th , 17 children participating. A birthday party for Jesus will be held following the program.
- No Sunday school December 25th or January 1st , Sunday school will resume on Jan 8th.
- Globe offering will support sponsoring a farm, children will determine to how allocate the remaining funds. Sunday school material will be ordered after the first of the year when classes resume.
- Motion made by Dave, second by Mary. Motion passed.

Board of Deacons:

- Increase number of ushers for Christmas Eve candle light service. Communion servers, ushers covered.
- Lay leaders covered through first Sunday in January.
- Motion made by Deanne, second by Harold to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Board of Trustees:

- Carpet cleaning will be scheduled for January by Intek.
- Organ tuned recently, service recommended upgrading parts to stainless steel which would eliminate the need for tuning service in the future. Additional parts need to be replaced for an estimate of \$2,500-\$3,000. Formal bid will be acquired prior to making final decision. Council recommended making the updates and asking congregation for special offering to cover cost. The bid to fully replace exceeds \$100,000, consensus to repair the existing instrument. Consider in January 2023.
- Advent offerings for December 7th and 14th will support Charis Ministries, Motion made Tim, Natalie second. Motion passed. Motion by Wendy, Amanda second. Motion passed.

Executive Board:

- Explore opportunities to bundle insurance with other Nidaros churches to decrease cost.
- Motion Deanne, second Lorrie. Motion passed.

Organizational Reports**WELCA & Men in Mission:****Suggestion Box:**

- No suggestions noted.

Old Business:

- Review 2023 proposed budget for expenses and revenue with associated adjustments. Tim motion to approve, Nancy, second. Motion passed.
- Continuing search for new council secretary and president elect.

New Business:

- Annual Meeting dates: January 22nd , January 29th alternate.

Other Giving Missions:

- 1.26% of General Offering for \$135.
- o Charis Ministries.
- o Motion made by Natalie, second by Amanda, motion passed.

Devotions: Deanne**Serving: Nancy**

Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, January 3rd.

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Council Secretary: Stephanie Marshall

NOVEMBER MEN IN MISSION-

Men in Mission met on December 10 with 6 men present. Thanks Fran for serving treats and coffee for the morning fellowship. Discussion

was held about starting to build Faith Chests in January. The design is in development for the Free Little Library to be located near Renner Church. Thanks men for serving the second Wednesday Advent supper. Bible study was led by Royce with a great discussion Doug Knudson



Monthly Financials Summary for November 2022

Total All Giving:	\$ 11,886.63	Budget:	\$ 12,796.01
YTD Total All Giving:	\$142,287.20	Budget:	\$ 153,119.78
Expenses:	\$ 13,295.53	Budget:	\$ 13,288.02
Expenses Year to Date:	\$162,710.00	Budget:	\$ 156,210.06

2022 Line of Credit Limit \$24,000.00

Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 8.50%)	\$.00	Available:	\$ 24,000.00
Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement):			\$ 70,443.16

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>			\$ 1,069.80
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$ 93,373.36

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/Nov \$135.00
\$149.00

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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: \$ 14,564.87

SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST WE ARE HAVING A SPECIAL SERVICE COOKIES AND CAROLS AT 9:30, BRING YOUR LEFTOVER COOKIES FOR FELLOWSHIP. WORSHIP WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL COLLECTION OF CAROLS.

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

Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 22nd with the 29th as an alternative snow make up day if needed. In the Renner Lutheran tradition, bring a dish to share for a potluck.

Adult supper club this month is a potluck here at the church estimated to be on Sat. January 21st at 7

Mobile Food Pantry
Food of the month for
January
Mac & Cheese

Confirmation resumes

January 4, 2023

7:00-7:45

Dream Weavers Mondays 1:00

WELCA NEWS FOR December

There were 7 members present at our December 10 meeting. We had 3 women officers from the Crossroads Conferences as our guests: Anita Gaspar, Cheryl Lundeen and Linda Jensen. Kathy led devotions. Pastor was not there to lead Bible study because of illness. Linda K. served very nice Christmas treats. Very festive. Kathy called meeting to order. Guests introduced themselves. Secretary's report approved as read. Treasurer's report was given showing a balance of \$1698.70. Several were present on Nov. 28 to stuff the 25 stockings for St. Francis House which were delivered that day. 15 men's and 10 women's stockings. Pastor has ordered 10 boxes of sympathy cards to arrive soon for sale. It was noted that there is a family in our community that is really in need of help. Motion was made to give the money we collect today for donation and our offering in form of a gift card to Walmart for this family. Dee is donating a ham. Grace took the 5-20's to the Salvation Army red kettle today. Those twenties will become \$100 each due to a matching gift today. Birthday song was sung for Sandy, Natalie and our guest Linda Jensen. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

This is the list of organizations we will donate to this year. Banquet \$50.00, KNWC \$50.00, Union Gospel Mission \$50.00, Salvation Army \$100.00 (given in 5 20's for kettle), Baltic Food Pantry \$100.00, First Lutheran Media Ministry \$50.00, Bishop Dudley House \$50.00, Veteran's Outreach \$100.00, McCrossan's Boys Ranch \$50.00, St. Francis House \$100.00, Feeding SD \$200.00, Church on the Street \$100.00, Family Connection \$100.00, Tim and Mike \$100.00 each.

Mary Knudson, secretary



1– Amy Evenson
 2-Chloe Christenson
 4– Aaron Knudson Shannon Myran
 6-JJ Hjelman
 7-Penny Alexander
 8-Gene Parker Mike Grau
 9– Jared Kracht
 11–Steve Lei
 12-John-Michael Thompson
 13-Shelly Eggers
 16– Vernice Verhey Emma Willert
 17-Richard Pedde Royce Reit
 18-Marian Reit

19-Mason Machmiller Nicole Mohr
 25-Shanna Brende
 26-LeRoy Ask
 30-Cynthia Thompson
 31 Memphis Prins

If there are any mistakes or any omissions please contact Mary Knudson
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Norwegian Meatballs

2 Lbs ground beef 3/4 C. milk 1/2 lb pork sausage
 1 small onion grated 2 slices of bread 2 tsp. salt

Gravy: 3 1/2 C water 2 tsp salt
 pepper to taste 1/2 C flour

Soak bread in milk (old is best); mix thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients. Form into balls and brown in skillet. For gravy, the water, salt, flour and pepper. Thicken with scant tsp Kitchen Bouquet. Pour over meatballs and bake in oven about an hour at 350 degrees.

How do you greet a snowman?
 Ice to meet you.

Northern Rim Youth Group Sunday
 January 22nd 5:00-6:30 at Renner
 Lutheran Church

Council meeting: Jan
 3rd at 6:30 Committee
 meeting followed by full
 council at 7:00

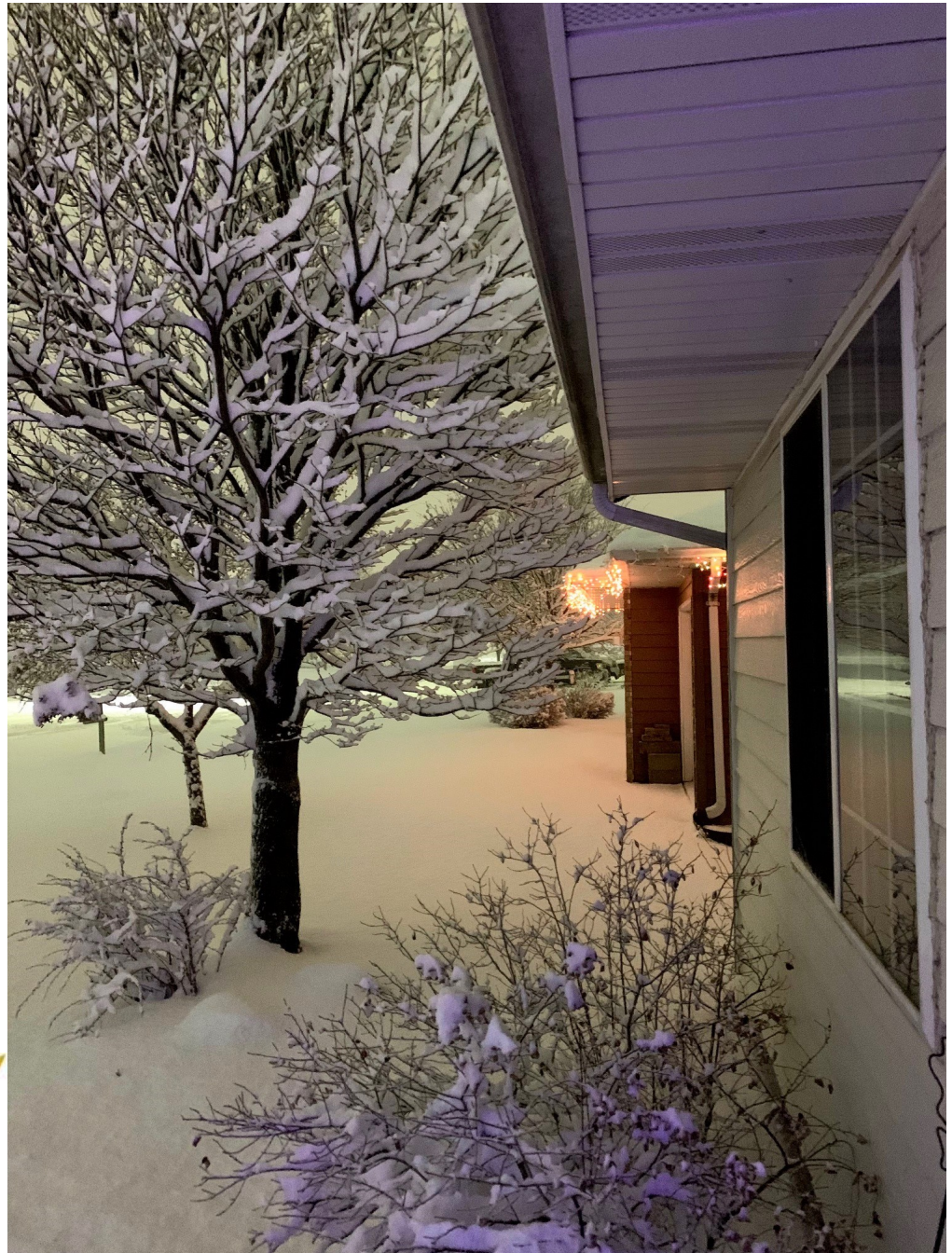
January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 bring your leftover Christmas cookies to share at fellowship	2 1:00-Dream Weavers	3 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	4 Confirmation 7:00-7:45	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship W/ Communion Sunday School 10:30	9 1:00-Dream Weavers	10 3:30 Pastor's Text 6:30-8 pm Bible Study through Sioux Falls Seminary	11 Confirmation 7:00-7:45	12	13	14 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00
15 9:30 Worship Sunday School at 10:30	16 1:00-Dream Weavers	17 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	18 Confirmation 7:00-7:45	19	20	21 estimated date Adult Supper Club potluck at RLC 7:00
22 9:30 Worship followed by Ann Meeting potluck 5:00-6:30 youth group at RLC	23 1:00-Dream Weavers Deadline for newsletter	24 3:30 Pastor's Text study	25 Confirmation 7:00-7:45	26	27	28
29 9:30 Worship w/ Sunday School (Annual meeting snow day)	30 1:00 Dream Weavers	31 3:30 Pastor's Text Study				

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Attendance at a Glance

Nov 27	53	Nov 30	22
Dec 4	50	Dec 7	30
Dec 11	79	Dec 14	snow day
Dec 18	63	Dec 21	26

