



Good News at Renner Lutheran

January 2024

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

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
Harold Ahlers

Many make New Year’s resolutions, but I have found it difficult to do something so ambitious! Many years ago, I began instead the practice of choosing ONE WORD for the year. I pray about what the word will be, and have seen God work in me through this practice in meaningful ways. 2021, the year I began at RLC, my word was LEAD, as in Psalm 23:3, “He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.” God led me here to you, and continually leads my work for you! For 2022 my word was TRUE, as in Philippians 4:8, “...beloved, whatever is true...think about these things.” This one was life-changing! I have learned to stop my stinking-thinking (do you ever have that?) and say to myself, “What is actually true right now?” Often, the truth is not nearly as troublesome as I make it in my mind. For 2023 my word was HEART, as in Matthew 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” This one caused me to evaluate: What do I treasure? Where am I spending my time and resources? As 2024 is upon us, I’ve got the word PEACE on my heart, and I can’t wait to see what God will teach me!

What are you thinking about, hoping for, or dreaming of for the coming New Year?
Peace be with you, Pastor Laura

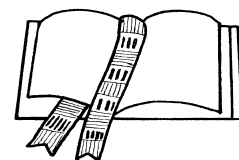
Gospel Readings for January 2024

January 7, Matthew 2:1-12

January 14, John 1:43-51

January 21, Mark 1:14-20

January 28, Mark 1:21-28



Council Minutes – December 5, 2023

In Attendance: Pastor Laura Phillips, Harold Ahlers, Rahn Siemonsma, Mary Lei, Tim Eggers, Natalie Lavender, Mike Eggers, Deanne Kracht, Lorie Grau, Wendy Madsen, David Atherton, Faye Berghorst

Absent: Amanda Dieren, Nancy Houlihan

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—Deanne Kracht, “Follow His Star”

Council Secretary’s Report—Approval via email.

Financial Secretary’s Report—Mary presented her report, General offering \$9,745.00,

Globe \$215.50, Youth \$50.00, Interest \$9.51, Memorial \$500.00. Total Deposit \$10,520.01. Rahn made a motion to approve the financial reports, Tim seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Wendy presented her report, Total All Giving \$10,520.01 which is below the Budget of \$12,304.38. YTD Total All Giving \$178,546.05, which is above the Budget of \$141,754.70. Expenses \$14,940.51 less than Budget of \$16,643.23, Expenses YTD \$165,766.18 which is lower than Budget of \$168,250.29. Tim made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, Lorie seconded, the motion carried.

Pastor’s Report – Since our last Council Meeting:

- o We served at Food to You at Augustana Lutheran
- o Visitations have continued for our shut ins as well as those who are ill and in need of prayer.
- o Pastor Laura and Fran were out of town December 7th thru the 10th and Pastor provided coverage for our Sunday Service. Faye made a motion to approve the Pastor’s report, Mary seconded, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education

- o Our Children's Christmas Program was held on December 17, 2023 during our Sunday Morning Service and a party for the children was held after the service.
- o There will be no Sunday School on December 24 th or December 31 st and will resume on January 7, 2024. Wendy made a motion to approve the report, Mike seconded, the motion carried.

Board of Deacons – All readers are covered, as well as communion servers. Wendy RL

Board of Trustees – Everything is in order and mice are under control. Dee made a motion to approve the report, Lorie seconded, motion carried.

Executive Board – New members will be welcomed in January.

OLD BUSINESS

- Open Council Position of Vice President and a Trustee are still needed.
- Nordley Organ Update - nothing new as yet.
- We have a list of supplies that are needed for Renberg Elementary School and will be collecting items to be delivered in January 2024.
- 2024 Budget Overview. The new Budget was presented by Rahn with a full explanation of the necessary adjustments that were made. A discussion followed. Tim made the motion to approve and Harold seconded, the motion carried.
- Committee Reports are needed for our Annual Report for our Annual Meeting.
- RLC Annual Meeting and Potluck has been scheduled for January 21, 2024 with a make up date of January 28, 2024 in the event of inclement weather.

NEW BUSINESS.

- Church Secretary – Since Shawna Martin submitted her resignation, we are in need of a new secretary.
- Faye Berghorst, who had interviewed for the position previously, stated that she is now in a position to have a part-time position and would be more than happy to step into the position so as not to leave Pastor Laura short-handed at this time of the year. The council took a vote and approved her for the position.

SUGGESTION BOX: No suggestions.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

- WELCA and Men in Mission—Meet Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
- Adult Supper Club is being organized by Cindy McBreen and will meet at the

Monarch

on Saturday, December 12, 2023 at 5pm.

OTHER GIVING MISSIONS – We will give \$ 123.00 to the Globe Offering to help our Sunday

School reach their goal of “Buying a Farm” again this year. Motion made by Rahn approve this

donation, Wendy second, motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, **January 2, 2024, 6:30 Committees and 7:00 Full Council**

Server: Wendy Madsen Devotions: Tim Eggers

ADJOURNMENT AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted by Faye Berghorst, Secretary.



December Men In Mission

The Men in Mission met on Dec. 9 with 8 men present. Rolls, coffee and fellowship were enjoyed before the business meeting. The big news is that the Little Free Library that was completed has been installed just below the front steps on the west side of the sidewalk. Thanks to all the men in mission and especially Royce Reit for all the hours spent on this project. The ladies will be in charge of supplying the books. The men have decided to wait until after the New Year to start the next Faith Chests. Men will be helping clean up after the soup supper at 5:30 on Dec. 16 before the church service. The Bible study followed the business meeting. We adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer. Our next meeting will be January 13, 2024.

Doug Knudson

December WELCA

There were 8 present for our December 9 meeting. Linda Krumbach served a lovely brunch before our business meeting. Kathy led the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer reported \$1866.38 at end of November. Thank offering gifts so far total \$181.92. This will go to the National WELCA to be used as needed. Year's end donations will be made by Sandy. \$100.00 will be given to a Salvation Army kettle on Dec. 16 to be matched to make \$500.00. We will wait until January to collect the special monetary gift usually done in Dec. This will go to an organization or cause to be determined. The whole congregation is being asked to help with the collection of supplies for Renberg Elementary School.

Lefse supplies are mostly gone. The money went to the church. David Atherton donated one of his lovely trees to the church. It was assembled in the gathering room with his help following our meeting.

Poinsettias are here. December 21, the Longest Night of the Year, soup supper at 5:30 will be served by Pastor Laura, Wendy Madsen, and Linda Krumbach followed by 6:30 service and coffee afterwards. Men in Mission will help serve. Soup and Dessert Supper will be February 10, 4:30 – 7:00. There will be a free will offering.

Officers will meet to update the WELCA booklet.

Birthday song was sung for Natalie and Sandy.

Offering was taken and meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mary Knudson, WELCA Secretary

Renner Financials for November 2023

Total All Giving:	\$ 10,520.01	Budget:	\$ 12,304.38
YTD Total All Giving:	\$178,546.05	Budget:	\$ 141,754.70
Expenses:	\$ 14,940.51	Budget:	\$ 16,643.23
Expenses Year to Date:	\$165,766.18	Budget:	\$ 168,250.29
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):			\$ 65,986.74

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>	\$ 650.52
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)	\$ 89,336.22

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

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/Nov \$ 123.00
 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
Endowment COD	\$ 14,000.00

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



Royce Reit and Our Men in Mission have been very busy in making a dream come true! Our new Lending Library is now completed and is filled with books.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to look at it more closely. The design, the steeple, even the shingles that our men used for the roof are actually the old shingles from our church which had to be soaked and flattened, the color of the door matches our door and make this a miniature replica of our cherished church!

Please feel free to take a book or donate a book of your choice.

Thank you Men In Mission for a job well done!

Renner Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Sunday, January 21

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Meeting and Potluck Brunch will be held at 10:30 on January 21, 2024.

Please plan to attend....Your presence will definitely make a difference because we need your voice and votes!

If there is something that you would like included in the RLC Annual Report, please have it submitted to info@rennerlutheran.com, no later than January 5, 2024.

Our make-up date is January 28, 2024 in the event of inclement weather.

RLC Adult Supper Club

All adults are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship of the Renner Lutheran Church Adult Supper Club! We will be meeting on January 15th at Renner Lutheran for a POTLUCK meal at 5:00. For further information, please contact Cindy McBreen at 605.338.3269.



December Attendance at RLC

Sunday, December 3: 75

Sunday, December 10: 65

Sunday, December 17: 110

Thursday, December 21, The Longest Night of the Year: 46

Sunday, December 24, 9:30 am: 77

Sunday, December 24, 4:30 pm: 128



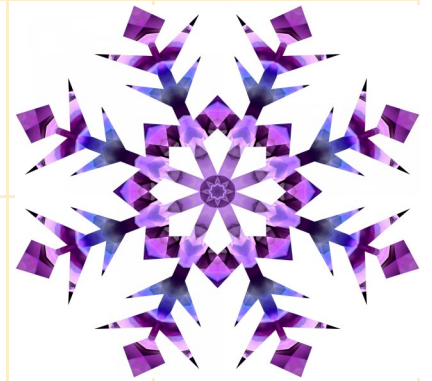
January Birthdays

- 1 – Amy Evenson
- 2 — Chloe Christenson
- 4 – Aaron Knudson, Shannon Myran
- 6 – J J Hjelman
- 7 - Penny Alexander
- 8 - 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
- 25 – Shanna Brende
- 26 – LeRoy Ask
- 30 – Cynthia Thompson
- 31 - Memphis Prins

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

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2 6:30 Council Committees Meet, 7:00 Full Council	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship with Communion, 10:30 Sunday School	8 1:00 Dream Weavers	9 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	10 7:00 Confirmation	11	12	13 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00 Adult Supper Club 5:00
14 9:30 Worship and Welcome New Members, 10:30 Sunday School	15 1:00 Dream Weavers	16 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	17 7:00 Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Potluck and Annual Meeting!	22 1:00 Dream Weavers	23 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	24 7:00 Confirmation	25	26	27
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<p>***In the event of inclement weather, the RLC Annual Meeting and Potluck will take place on Sunday, January 28!</p>						



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CHURCH, ELCA**

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

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