



# Good News at Renner Lutheran

July 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 Pentecost you will find:

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

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A thread that runs throughout the scriptures, beginning with Genesis, is that we are blessed to be a blessing. God has blessed us, and we bless others. As Jesus says in Matthew 7:17-18, "... every good tree bears good fruit... A good tree cannot bear bad fruit..." You, child of God, are a good tree! This past month I saw your gifts of time, treasure, and talent working outside of the walls of Renner Lutheran in powerful ways! Thank you for your generosity!

Two of our middle school girls, Brooklyn and Tenly, headed over to Shetek for a week of camp. Their theme for the week was "Holy Trinity, Wholly Love" and the girls dove into learning about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who loves them and all of creation from beginning to end. Thanks to your generosity, the girls camp fees were taken care of by Renner Lutheran!

We were blessed to be a blessing to our neighbors as many of our partners and friends shared their time in serving Food To You the Mobile Food Pantry! Our work and financial donation led to

giving away 88 boxes of food, feeding

several hundred people. Thank you for working together and making this happen!

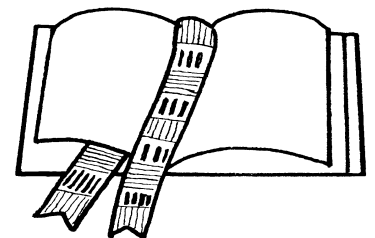
20 youth from Willow Creek Lutheran, Benton Lutheran, and Renner Lutheran enjoyed a day at Wild Water West thanks to one partner's generosity! Swimming, slides and lots of gocart rides made for a great day! Thank you, Renner Lutheran Church, for your generosity! You have blessed many!



Peace,  
Pastor Laura

## Gospel Readings for July 2023

July 2	Matt	10:40-42
July 9	Matt	11:16-19
July 16	Matt	13:1-9, 18-23
July 23	Matt	13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	Matt	13:31, 44-52



# Council Minutes – June 5, 2023

**Present:** Pastor Laura, Harold Ahlers, Rahn Siemonsma, Deanne Kracht, Amanda Dieren, Mike Eggers, Mary Lei, Natalie Lavender, , Tim Eggers, Nancy Houlihan, Wendy Madson and Faye Berghorst.

**Absent:** Lorie Grau and David Atherton.

**Call to Order:** - Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Harold Ahlers.

**Devotions:** Harold Ahlers – Servanthood.

**Council Secretary Report:** Approved via email.

## Financial Secretary Report:

General offering - \$8846.00, Globe - \$20.00, Interest \$16.63, Memorial \$370.00, Sunday School - \$24.00, Youth – \$40.00, Other Giving \$0, Total Deposit for May \$9316.63.

Motion made by Rahn, second by Mike to approve and place on file, motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report:

Total All Giving for May was \$9316.63, which was lower than Budget of \$10,071.50.

YTD Total All Giving: \$99,388.68, which is higher than Budget of \$65,862.13.

Expenses for May were \$21,695.27, which was higher than Budget of \$14,671.45.

YTD Expenses: \$82,419.94, which is higher than Budget of \$76,788.40.

Wendy presented COD Options. Rahn proposed that we take the \$14,000.00 in our Endowment fund and put it in a 6 month COD at 4.1% to help grow that fund, and also Rahn proposed that we take \$20,000.00 from our General Checking account and invest in a 3-month COD at 4% interest in an effort to grow our funds so that the interest earned could be utilized for either other giving or unexpected expenses in the future. If at the end of the terms, interest is still the same amounts or higher, we can evaluate and possibly reinvest as Council sees fit.

Motion made by Rahn, second by Harold to move forward with a vote by the other Council members. After discussion, the Motion passed to move said funds to COD's at amounts noted above.

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

## Pastor's Report:

Pastor Laura attended the Festival of Homiletics in May and attended Synod Assemble with Sandy Sorum.

Pastor Laura covered services at St. Dymas for that attending Pastor's vacation.

Pastor Laura has had regular visits with folks from our congregation who have been hospitalized or are shut in.

Wednesday Boost Services will begin this week. A Bible Study will be offered after the Wednesday Boost services starting on June 14, and will continue on June 21 and 28,2023.

Pastor Laura will be attending Camp at Lake Shetek with Brook, Tenley and Nikki this week but will drive back for the Wednesday Boost Service.

Pastor Laura had three(3) Funerals in the past month, one for Joann Morgan, Mable (Person)Johanson and Helen Lewin.

Adult Supper Club will meet on June 10,2023 at Roam in Sioux Falls, SD and for those interested in attending, please meet at the church at 5:00 pm.

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Board of Education:

Vacation Bible School will be August 1 to 3, 2023 from 5:30-8:00 and a light meal will be served. The theme is still being worked on.

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

### Board of Deacons:

Readers and Communion servers are covered through June. A sign-up sheet will placed on the table where coffee is served each Sunday for sign-ups for July and August.

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

**Board of Trustees:**

Since phase 1 has been completed for our Organ repairs, we are still waiting on the complete upgrade.

Work has been completed on the elevator issue and is now working properly.

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

**Executive Board:**

Met with Shawna with suggestions for our Newsletter and also for our Website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Open council positions:

Trustee position: is still open! If there is anyone that would like to fill that position, please contact Harold Ahlers or Pastor Laura.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

We are looking for suggestions for Church logo items, ie, insulated cups, sweatshirts, t-shirts as items to either purchase or gift to visitors. A list will be made for further discussion at our next meeting.

We need ideas for various outreach programs or teams to help increase our church attendance and membership.

We will have a tent at Renner Days for the Church and as well as a convertible for our Sunday School children to ride in during the parade at Renner Days.

**SUGGESTION BOX:** No suggestions

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS**

**WELCA and Men in Mission: Next meeting on June 10, 2023.**

**Other Giving Missions:**

\$111.00 will be given to the Food to You.

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

**Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023.**

**Devotions: Rahn Siemonsma Serving: Mary Lei**

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer Submitted by Council Secretary: Faye Berghorst

**MEN IN MISSION— June**

There were 4 men present for the June 10 meeting. After coffee, rolls and fellowship, Royce showed what has been done so far on the Little



Free Library that the men have been building. Plans are being made to have this project completed in the near future. Doug shared an interesting article about the beginning of Men in Mission one hundred years ago. It began in North Carolina with 10 men who contributed \$100 each (equivalent to \$1750 today) to develop an outreach program for future churches. Thanks Pastor Laura for sharing this article with us. We also discussed our own outreach program in the Renner community. Ideas were shared such as helping with a booth at the Renner Days in August. Maybe there will be pamphlets to hand out explaining the Renner Lutheran church ministry as well as shirts with the Renner Church logo to wear and sell during that event and future events. Men will be available to help at the Ice Cream Social on July 30 as needed. Doug led the Bible study which was a study of God's gift of grace from Ephesians 2:1-10. We had a very lively and fruitful discussion. Our next meeting will be July 8. There will be no meeting in August. Doug Knudson

# Summary Monthly Financials Summary for May 2023

Total All Giving:	\$ 9,316.63	Budget:	\$ 10,071.50
YTD Total All Giving:	\$ 99,388.68	Budget:	\$ 65,862.13
Expenses:	\$ 21,695.27	Budget:	\$ 14,671.45
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 82,419.94	Budget:	\$ 76,788.40
<b>2023 Line of Credit Limit \$24,000.00</b>			
Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 9.50%)	\$ .00	Available:	\$ 24,000.00
Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement):			\$ 87,757.88

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>	\$
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)	\$111,757.88

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/May \$ 111.00  
 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: \$ 14,571.44

## Cream Puff Dessert

1 stick **real** butter      3.5 C. cold milk      1 tub whipped cream  
 1 C. flour      1 C. chopped nuts      1 C. water  
 4 eggs      1-8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
 2 small boxes **instant** chocolate pudding      chocolate and caramel sauce  
 In a saucepan, melt butter in water. Dump in flour all at once; mix well. Let the dough sit for 5-7 minutes to cool down. All one egg at a time, mixing well after each one. Spread dough in 9x13” pan and bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes until crust is golden brown. Let cool. Mix together cream cheese, milk and pudding mix; pout into cooled crust. Top with whipped cream. Drizzle chocolate sauce and caramel sauce on top. Add chopped nuts, if desired.



**Adult  
 Supper Club  
 is our ice  
 cream social!  
 See you all  
 July 30th**

## Attendance at a Glance

June 4	67	June 7	15
June 11	48	June 14	25
June 18	48	June 21	16
June 25	53	June 28	28

Online for May 67 views



Mobile Food Pantry  
Food of the month for  
July is Mac and Cheese

*Prey for the high school  
youth heading to camp at  
Okoboji this month*  
**Council is suspended for  
the month of July**

*Dream Weavers*

*1:00 Mondays All are welcome*

*Visit our Website and  
like us on Facebook!*

### WELCA NEWS FOR JUNE

There were 6 members present for our June 10 meeting. In the absence of Pastor Laura and others who had commitments, we decided to not have Bible study. Wendy led the meeting due to the absence of Kathy. Secretary's report was read. The treasurer reported \$1255.04 balance at the end of May. Royce Reit and Doug brought the Little Free library that the Men in Mission have been building to show the progress. They plan to be finished soon. Plans were reviewed for the July 30 Ice Cream Social. There was a discussion about having a booth at Renner Days in August. There were some ideas including water bottles with Renner Church stickers to be available and T-shirts with the Renner Church logo to be for sale. This is part of an outreach to promote Renner Lutheran. Plans are still being finalized. There were no birthdays. Lori Turner furnished treats. Offering was taken and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting is July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Knudson, secretary



2-Mike Dieren    Elijah Hjelman  
 3-Dena Erickson    Traci Obbink  
 4-Ed Powers  
 5-Judy Claussen  
 6-Cody Vosburg    Mary Lei  
 7-Amanda Dieren    Ron Brandt  
 9- Elaine Johnson  
 11-Renee Hjelman  
 14-Andrew Tommeraasen  
 15-Sharon Wold    Dustin Vosburg  
 16-Vada Dieren  
 17-Jada McCann    Kyle Brende  
 Rylan Aman

19- Bob Vosberg  
 23-Izabael Hammer  
 25-Ty McCann  
 27-Lori Claussen  
 28-Shari Brende    Lois Christenson  
 29-Tiffany Willert    Frankie Dieren  
 30-Jessica Siemonsma

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

### VBS Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Age and grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship with communion	3 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	No Council 	5 No Boost	6	7	8 9:00 Men in Mission & WELCA
9 9:30 Worship	10 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	11 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	12 6:30 Boost	13	14	15
16 9:30 Worship w/ communion	17 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	18 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	19 6:30 Boost	20 Deadline for newsletter	21	22
High School Youth camp at Okoboji July 16-21						
23 9:30 Worship	24 1:00 Dream Weavers Ministry	25 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	26 6:30 Boost	27	28	2
30 9:30 Worship Adult Supper Club meeting at Renner Lutherans Ice Cream Social	31	August 1-3 VBS 5:30-8:00				Building and Ark? I Noah guy.

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CHURCH, ELCA**

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**VBS**

**Renner Lutheran Church**

***GOD IS SO BIG***

Aug 1-3 2023

Ages 3 years—6<sup>th</sup> grade

Meal served at 5:30

Fun times 6-8

