



Good News at Renner Lutheran

June 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,
- * humor,
- * fellowship occasions,
- * people to wish happy birthday to

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“I will make you a great nation, and will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” Genesis 12:2

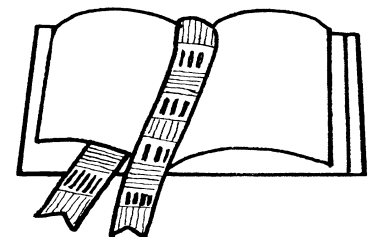
Blessed to be a blessing is a theme that runs through the entirety of scripture. It starts at the very beginning, in Genesis, as God chooses Abram to build a family—a great nation—that will bless all the earth. This summer, our Old Testament readings walk us through Genesis and the lives of imperfect, messy, chosen people of God. In the beginning, the Holy Trinity already was, and for one short chapter, all was good... But alas, sin immediately enters the perfection, and humanity begins to question God's promises to them, for them...and things aren't quite as perfect as they once were.

Throughout this month, both in preaching and Bible study, we will hear about the imperfect, messy, chosen people of God and how God never leaves them how they are. God is always pursuing God's people and going about the work of forgiving their sin and reconciling them to Godself. In hearing how God uses imperfect, messy people to accomplish God's plan of salvation, we will be encouraged with hope in the midst of our own imperfection, messiness, and sin. God is always moving toward us, to forgive us and to reconcile us back to Godself and to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Laura

Gospel Readings for June 2023

June 4	Matt	28:16-20
June 11	Matt	9:9-13,18-26
June 18	Matt	9:35-10:8[9-23]
June 25	Matt	10:24-39



Council Minutes – May 2, 2023

Present: Pastor Laura, Harold Ahlers, Rahn Siemonsma, Deanne Kracht, Mary Lei, Natalie Lavender, Mike Eggers, David Atherton, Tim Eggers, Lorie Grau, Wendy Madson and Faye Berghorst.

Absent: Amanda Dieren, Nancy Houlihan

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Harold Ahlers.

Devotions: Pastor Laura – Good Shepherd’s.

Council Secretary Report: Approved via email.

Financial Secretary Report:

General offering - \$39,701.00, Globe - \$81.07, Sunday School - \$0, Youth – \$0, Other Giving \$297.00, Total Deposit for March \$39,813.06.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

Expenses for April were \$15,946.59 ,which was slightly higher than Budget of \$15,646.32. Total All Giving for April was about \$39,813.06, which was higher than Budget of \$12,922.50.

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

Pastor’s Report:

There were 2 that were Confirmed on April 23, 2023.

There were 2 Baptisms in April.

Pastor attended 3 different conferences the week following Easter.

There was a wedding for Lorrie Merkwand and Randy on April 15, 2023.

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

The WELCA Conference featuring many workshops and speakers, was held at Renner Lutheran for this area on April 15, 2023, with approximately 80 ladies from various churches in attendance.

Adult Supper Club will meet on May 13,2023 at The Feather’s Nest in Ward, SD and for those interested in attending, please meet at the church at 4:00 pm to car pool there.

Committee Reports

Board of Ed:

Last Day of Sunday School will be on Mother’s Day and the Sunday School classes will sing at the church service, and following the service, will serve “Muffins for Mom’s” at the coffee hour.

Vacation Bible School will be July 31 to August 3, 2023.

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

Board of Deacons:

Readers and Communion servers are covered through May.

Motion made by Lorie, second by Deanne to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Board of Trustees:

Pastor Laura and Nick did meet with the organ repair people and phase 1 has been completed, however there is still an upgrade that needs to be completed.

There is work being done on the elevator issues that have occurred recently and still more to be done to ensure it works properly. Mike has been in communication with the elevator repair company and we will be receiving an estimate soon.

May 13, 2023 has been set for clean-up of the outside grounds, Men in Mission will be working on that project and anyone interested in assisting is welcome to assist!

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

Executive Board:

Annual review of the church secretary is scheduled.

WELCA and Men in Mission: Next meeting on May 13, 2023.

Suggestion Box: No suggestions

Old Business:

Open council positions:

Trustee position: is still open.

Harold will make some phone calls to recruit someone new for this position.

New Business:

Our youth will be attending a camp at Lake Okoboji, rather than Klein Ranch in the Black Hills.

A letter was received from the South Dakota Synod that they are grossly underbudget and asked that we consider a one time donation to help fund the various projects they support in their budget.

There was a gift given to Renner Lutheran Church from Duane and Marilyn Schreurs of \$25,000.00. After a discussion, it was decided to donate \$1000.00 to Renner Fire Department, \$1000.00 to Renner American Legion, \$1000.00 to Charis Ministry and \$500.00 to South Dakota Synod. Some of the remaining funds will be used to update the elevator, complete the organ updates and other projects in need in our church.

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

Other Giving Missions:

\$500.00 will be given to the South Dakota Synod.

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

Devotions: Harold

Serving: Faye

Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Council Secretary: Faye Berghorst

MEN IN MISSION—

We met on May 13 with 9 men present. Thanks Fran for furnishing Fly Boy donuts for treats that we enjoyed with

our coffee and fellowship time. Paul led us in Bible Study which was shortened because some of the men were involved with the Spring cleanup of the grounds and application of fertilizer. The Little Free library is still in the process of being completed. Our sympathies to Dave Atherton in the loss of his father. Our next meeting will be June 10 at 9 am.

Doug Knudson reporting



Summary Monthly Financials Summary for April 2023

Total All Giving:	\$ 39,813.06	Budget:	\$ 12,922.50
YTD Total All Giving:	\$ 90,072.05	Budget:	\$ 55,790.63
Expenses:	\$ 15,946.59	Budget:	\$ 15,646.32
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 60,724.67	Budget:	\$ 62,116.95

2023 Line of Credit Limit \$24,000.00

Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 9.50%)	\$.00	Available:	\$ 24,000.00
Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement):			\$ 98,056.47

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>		(+) \$	1,728.00
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$123,784.47

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/April \$ 497.00
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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: \$ 14,569.86

This month for Supper club we are going to Roam. It is located off 49th St on the Empire Mall campus to the West of where the former Royal Fork was located. We would like to know if you intend to go to get a more accurate number for our reservations. Contact info@rennerlutheran.com or Judy Claussen.

Chili Stuffed Peppers

4 sweet peppers cored
 1 can petite diced stewed tomatoes
 1 lb hamburger
 1 pkt chili mix
 1 can chili beans
 1 small can tomato paste
 1 can tomato sauce
 shredded cheese Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown and drain meat. After removing tops and cores of peppers, boil for 3 minutes in water until they are tender. Drain peppers and place right side up in a lightly greased baking dish. Add tomato sauce, paste, chili packet, stewed tomatoes and beans to hamburger. Ladle chili in the peppers and in between the peppers to keep upright. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 1 hour. Sprinkle with cheese



Mobile Food Pantry
Food of the month for
June is Tuna and
Tuna Helper

Food to You

will be distributing at Garfield
Elementary 2421 W 15th st Sioux
Falls SD 57104 on June 22.
Sign up will be in the fellowship

Dream Weavers

1:00 Mondays All are welcome

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WELCA NEWS FOR

There were 9 women present for our meeting. Lorie Grau served treats while we had a good discussion about Change led by Pastor Laura. Kathy led the meeting. Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer reported \$1019.89 balance at end of April. Kathy thanked everyone who worked to make the Crossroads Conference a success. Service group leaders will be asked to get cakes and furnish workers for JoAnn Morgan's funeral on Monday, May. 15. July 30 has been set as date for the Ice Cream Social. More discussion for this event will be discussed at future meetings. Sandy noted that the shrubs and landscaping on the west side of the front steps are not doing well and something should be done. Pastor Laura will talk to Rahn S. for suggestions. Offering was taken and we closed with the Lord's Prayer

Mary Knudson, secretary



1-Tammy Doan
 2-McKenzie Taylor
 4-Charlie Moe
 5-Michelle Harkema
 6-Nicole Wirkus Sierra Sorum
 7-Danielle Diede
 8- Tia Taylor
 9-Lori Mohr
 10- Christoph Payton
 13-Wade Peterson
 14-Nathan Reit
 21-Saige Wirkus
 22- Stephanie Marshall

25-Ryan Farsdale
 26-Lanette Diede
 27-Jake Waldner
 29-Duane Myrmoe
 30-Lisa Sorum Diep Doan
 Parker Schloe

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

Pastor boarded a plane and was struggling to get her carry-on into the overhead compartment. Finally, a man grabbed the bags and maneuvered them into the compartment. He asked Pastor "Will that get me into heaven?" Pastor replied, "I hope not on this flight"

Council meeting: June 6th at 6:30 Committee meeting followed by full council at 7:00

Thanks to your generosity, on June 11th three of our confirmation students (Brooklyn, Tenley, and Nikki) will head over to Shetek Lutheran Ministries for a week of camp! The girls will be diving deeper into the Holy Trinity to learn more about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The scriptures that they will hear each day will guide them into God's story of love for them and for all of creation! Please pray for our campers during the week of June 11.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					SD Synod Assembly at Our Savior's Lutheran	
4 9:30 Worship with communion	5 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	6 3:30 Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	7 6:30 Boost	8	9	10 9:00 Men in Mission & WELCA Adult Supper Club at Room 5:00
11 9:30 Worship	12 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	13 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	14 6:30 Boost 7:00 Bible Study on Joseph	15 Deadline for newsletter	16	17
June 11 through June 16th 2023 Confirmation students at Shetek						
18 9:30 Worship w/ communion Doughnuts for Dads	19 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	20 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	21 6:30 Boost 7:00 Bible Study on Joseph	22 Food to You distribution at Garfield Elementary	23	24
Office Manager taking time off June 19th through June 22nd 2023						
25 9:30 Worship	26 1:00 Dream Weavers	27 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	28 6:30 Boost 7:00 Bible Study on Joseph	29	30	

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Join us on Wednesday evenings in June for Bible Study

Joseph, yes, that one with the amazing-colored coat! Considered to be one of the patriarchs of Israel along with Abraham, Isaac, and his father Jacob, Joseph had a colorful life that teaches us about family, integrity, “living the dream,” and most importantly, about the firm belief that God is with us and for us. Join us for fun conversation and a few juicy Bible stories! You can read ahead: Joseph’s story is found in.

Genesis 37-50.

Wednesdays, June 14, 21, and 28 at 7:00

Attendance at a Glance

April 30	67
May 5	75
May 14	80
May 21	42
May 28	52

