



Good News at Renner Lutheran

March 2024

“The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.” Psalm 23:1, NLT

Our Mission:

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

We began this season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service on a cold, dark, blustery winter evening. On that night we remembered that we are dust and to dust we shall return, and it seemed fitting that it would be cold, dark, and blustery for such a service. Yet even within that service of naming our sins and sitting with the gravity of them for a moment, we cling to the hope that promises new, abundant life at the cross and resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning—the very thing we celebrate each Sunday morning!

Rev. Laura Phillips
Pastor

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For our midweek services this year, we have immersed ourselves in learning what it is for us to say, “The Lord is my shepherd (Psalm 23),” and what Jesus means for us when he says, “I am the good shepherd” (see John 10). Knowing Jesus as our good Shepherd, we too declare the words that David did so very long ago and claim them as promises for us. Jesus is my Shepherd, and as such, Jesus protects, provides, restores, comforts, leads, is ever-present and faithful to me, a sheep of his own flock, a sinner of his own redeeming.

Faye Berghorst

Church Secretary

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As we began the Lenten season, I encouraged you to spend time these 40 days with Psalm 23. In doing so, how has the Holy Spirit encouraged you, strengthened your faith, given you hope to cling to through this season and beyond?

Church Custodians:

Mike Eggers

Tim Eggers

May the God of peace... the great Shepherd of the sheep... equip you with all you need for doing his will... All glory to him forever and ever! Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21).

In Christ, Pastor Laura

Church Musicians:

Crystal Aman

Aleen Fisher

Pat Steele

Gospel Readings for March 2024

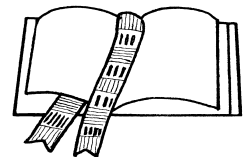
March 3, John 2: 13-22

March 10, John 3: 14-21

March 17, John 12: 20-33

March 24, Mark 14:1—15:47

March 31, Mark 16:1-8



RLC Council President

Rahn Siemonsma

Council Minutes – February 6, 2024

In Attendance: Pastor Laura Phillips, Nancy Houlihan, Mary Lei, Wendy Madsen, Tim Eggers, Jon Hofstad, Natalie Lavender, Mike Eggers, Harold Ahlers, David Atherton, Deanne Kracht, Amy Marsh, Faye Berghorst
Absent: Rahn Siemonsma, Amanda Dieren

GENERAL COUNCIL

- Call to Order – Nancy Houlihan
- Mission Statement: Sharing our Lord’s Word, we: Make disciples; love God and neighbor, grow in God’s grace and knowledge; glorify God!
- Devotions—Harold Ahlers, “Perspective when faced with Challenges beyond our Control”. Discussion followed.
- Council Secretary’s Report—Approval via email.
- Financial Secretary’s Report—Mary presented her report, General offering \$9,112.00, Globe \$34.00, Youth \$0, Interest \$9.99. Total Deposit \$9,230.99. Wendy made a motion to approve the financial report, Harold seconded, the motion carried.
- Treasurer’s Report – From Wendy’s report, Total All Giving \$9,230.99 which is below the Budget of \$14,278.52. YTD Total All Giving: \$9,230.99, which is below the Budget of \$14,278.52. This can be attributed to the missed Sunday, January 14th, due to the weather. Expenses \$15,297.71 same as the Budget of \$15,297.71, Expenses YTD \$15,297.71 which is lower than Budget of \$17,215.55. Tim made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, Mike seconded, the motion carried.
- Pastor’s Report – Since our last Council Meeting:
 - ◊ Confirmation will end on February 7th and four will be confirmed at a future date that has not yet been determined.
 - ◊ Visitations and prayers have continued for our members who are ill or have been hospitalized.
 - ◊ Pastor Laura performed the funeral service for Jay Lavender, son of John and Natalie Lavender on Monday, January 22.
 - ◊ Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th will be held here at Renner Lutheran at 6:30.
 - ◊ Our Church will once again participate in the Round Robin Lenten Services with several of our neighboring churches. Beginning on February 21st and ending on March 20th, we will serve a light supper at 5:30 and worship will follow at 6:30 each Wednesday evening. There will be a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to sign up to bring a meal on one of those evenings.
 - ◊ The Hope of Easter Booklets have been ordered and will be placed on the tables in each entryway and given to each family at our Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board of Education
 - ◊ Sunday School resumed on January 7, 2024, and attendance has been somewhat lower, which is typical at this time of year.
 - ◊ Renner Lutheran’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held indoors on March 23rd. Deanne ordered Nesting Eggs along with the story book and those along with the Hope of Easter Booklets will be given to each family who attends the Easter Egg Hunt. The whole committee is also planning games and prizes for the event as well. Wendy made a motion to approve the report, Natalie seconded, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued

- Board of Deacons
 - ◇ All readers and communion servers are covered for most of February. Pastor again will announce that there is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Jon Hofstad will investigate hinges for the fire door at the back of the church to see if we can prop it open further to enable those with walkers to leave by that door with ease. The coat hanger has been removed in the meantime to allow for more space to get around the door. Wendy made a motion to approve the report, Harold seconded, the motion carried.
- Board of Trustees
 - ◇ Mike was contacted by our Property Insurance Company to see if there are any changes to the property. He anticipates that there may be a price increase for the upcoming year. Tim made a motion to approve the report, Natalie seconded, motion carried.
- Executive Board
 - ◇ Request was made to change our Mission Statement that is framed and in the entrance hall. Mary made a motion to approve the report, Wendy seconded, the motion carried.
- OLD BUSINESS
 - ◇ We welcomed and installed new and existing Church Council Members during Worship on February 4th.
- NEW BUSINESS.
 - ◇ No New Business
- SUGGESTION BOX:
 - ◇ Faye presented a verbal suggestion that had been made to her to have a doorbell installed since the door remains locked when the secretary or Pastor Laura are at the church alone. Mike Eggers look at the cost of pursuing this and present at the next meeting in March.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

WELCA and Men in Mission—Meet Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Supper Club Potluck Dinner and a Movie will be at Renner Lutheran Church on February 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

OTHER GIVING MISSIONS – We will give \$ 115.00 to CASA. Wendy made a motion to approve this donation, Tim seconded, the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6:30 Committees and 7:00 Full Council

Server: Faye Berghorst

Devotions: Rahn Siemonsma

ADJOURNMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted by Faye Berghorst, Secretary.

FEBRUARY WELCA

There were 8 present for our February 10th meeting. We had treats served by Kathy while Pastor Laura led the Bible study. Kathy led the meeting. Secretary's report was read and Treasurer reported \$463.60 balance at end of January. Several thank you notes were read from organizations that received Christmas donations. The Soup Supper scheduled for February was cancelled.. Officers met and updated the new WELCA books. Nancy H and Lori B's Fellowship group was dissolved and their members were added to the other groups. Kathy talked to the principal at Hawthorne. She suggested the Child Nutrition Service Angel Fund as an organization that could use monetary help. Pastor Laura is going to announce this project to the congregation. WELCA will be in charge of getting funds to that Service. Meals for Lenten suppers were discussed. There will be a sign -up sheet for anyone who wants to help. Kathy announced that the Crossroads Spring Conference will be April 20 at Spirit of Joy. Kathy presented a plaque to Pastor Laura from our group which was actually her Christmas gift. There were no birthdays. Offering was taken and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mary Knudson, Secretary

FEBRUARY MEN IN MISSION

There were 8 men present for the February 10 th meeting. We enjoyed coffee and rolls during fellowship time. This was followed by a brief business meeting. We will be serving the first Lenten supper on this following Wednesday at 5:30 We had a lot of men volunteer for furnishing and helping with the supper. After that Bible study led by Doug . We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Doug Knudson





Church Council Installation on February 4, 2024

Members from left to right: Michael Eggers, Mary Lei, David Atherton, Michelle Eggers, Wendy Madsen, Jon Hofstad, Natalie Lavender, Tim Eggers, Amanda Dieren, Deanne Kracht, Faye Berghorst and Rahn Siemonsma. Absent: Nancy Houihan, Amy Marsh and Harold Ahlers.

Communion Milestone

For those in second grade and up desiring to take First Communion, we will offer instruction for this important milestone on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00-11:00. If you would like to participate in this event, please let Pastor Laura know by March 12. We will celebrate First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28, in our 6:30 worship service.



Monthly Financials for January 2024

Total All Giving: \$ 9,230.99 Budget: \$ 14,278.52
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 Expenses: \$ 15,297.71 Budget: \$ 15,297.71
 Expenses Year to Date: \$ 15,297.71 Budget: \$ 17,215.55
 2024 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): \$ 63,012.64
 Uncleared Transactions \$
 Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit) \$ 87,012.64
 First National Bank COD-General Funds \$ 20,452.80
 Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/Jan
 \$ 115.00
 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: \$ 572.49
 Endowment COD \$ 14,328.10

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

February Attendance at RLC

Sunday, February 4: 73

Sunday, February 11: 52

Wednesday, February 14: 54

Sunday, February 18: 64

Wednesday, February 21: 45

Sunday, February 25: 74

Wednesday, February 28: 42



Upcoming Events to Keep in Mind!

We Need Your Help! Three persons are needed for a dramatic reading of The Passion According to Mark at our Good Friday service on March 29 at 6:30 pm. Please let Pastor Laura know if you would like to be part of this important service! We will meet prior to Good Friday for practice.

Dream Weavers meets every Monday at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday, March 5th: Church Council Meeting; Committee's @ 6:30 and all Council @ 7:00.

Wednesdays, March 6th, 13th & 20th: Renner Lutheran Lenten services continue each week. A time of fellowship with a light meal beginning at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:30. Please plan to join us!

Saturday, March 9th: Men in Mission and WELCA meet at 9:00.

Saturday, March 9th: Adult Supper Club will meet at Carnaval Brazilian Grill at 5:00, please RSVP to Cindy McBreen.

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!



Saturday, March 23rd: Renner Lutheran's Easter Egg Hunt will be held indoors. There will be many games and prizes for each participant! Please plan to attend and be sure to tell your family and friends!

Palm Sunday March 24th: Worship at 9:30, Sunday School at 10:30.

Maundy Thursday Service March 28th: Worship at 6:30.

Good Friday Service March 29th: Worship at 6:30.

Easter Sunday March 31: Worship at 9:30



March Birthdays

- 1 - Ray Wold
- 2 - Chris Obbink
- 3—Alan Machmiller
- 4—Chad Erickson
- 5 - Austin Pedde
- 7 - Elli Wilson
- 8 - Jan Jibben
- 9 - Wendy Madsen
- 10 - George Carlson
- 11 – Mike Bangasser, Nancy Houlihan
- 15 - Sonja Hofstad
- 16 – Kaishaad Diede
- 18 - Mary Knudson
- 19 - Duane Verhey
- 20 - Linda Berg
- 22 – Lori Grau, Thomas Siemonsma
- 24 - Jim McBreen
- 29– Kira Christenson, Laura Ask
- 31– Logan Harkema

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Worship with Communion, 10:30 Sunday School	4 1:00 Dream Weavers	5 6:30 Council Committees Meet, 7:00 Full Council 3:30 Pastor's Text	6 5:30 Supper 6:30 Lent Worship—Pastor Laura Phillips	7	8	9 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00 Adult Supper Club 5:00
10 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Sunday School	11 1:00 Dream Weavers	12 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	13 5:30 Supper 6:30 Lent Worship—Pastor Randall Questad	14	15	16 10-11:00 First Communion Class, 2nd Grade and up!
17 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Sunday School	18 1:00 Dream Weavers	19 3:30 Pastor's Text Study Necessities 4 Neighbors 5:00	20 5:30 Supper 6:30 Lent Worship—Pastor Elias Johnson-Youngquist	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Sunday School 	25 1:00 Dream Weavers	26 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	27	28 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30	29 Good Friday Service 6:30	30
31 Easter Service 9:30 						

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Sunday School at 10:30 am

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