



# Good News at Renner Lutheran

March 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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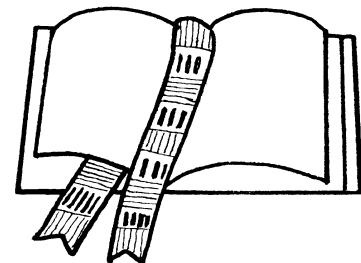
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We have organically committed ourselves, our time and talents to mission and outreach. As I look at all RLC does we are significantly touching others with our ministry. Example, Dream Weavers taking time to gather with members and non members alike, Mondays to construct mats for strangers in need. As well as our monthly donations of food, and necessities for Charis Ministries. We are boots on the ground each quarter with distribution. Our WELCA members regularly donate funds to non profits, along with helping Sunday School put together over 3 dozen backpacks for school kids in need. Speaking of the youngest members, they have 2 years in a row raised enough money for a farm! Plus we sponsor a neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. Our Men in Mission make Baptismal chests for newly baptized and are constructing a Little Free Library to be installed in front of the sanctuary for our community. Our Northern Rim youth spent half a day cleaning brush in the woods and served at the Banquet. We are hoping to expand our Food Truck day for additional community involvement. What else are we doing? Well, we collect greeting cards for the Legion and used pill bottles for the Humane Society. Not only have we been generous with Church supported outreach, some members are saving lives and property by volunteering with local fire departments. When we leave the red doors here, some are parking cars at the hospitals, we are volunteering at concession stands, cleaning ditches, fostering pets and more! Considering all that is done, if there any ideas on stewardship you want to incorporate lets start a conversation.

## **Gospel Readings for March 2023**

March 5	John	3:1-17
March 12	John	4:5-42
March 19	John	9:1-41
March 26	John	11:1-45



# Council Minutes – February 7, 2023

**Present:** Harold Ahlers, Rahn Siemonsma, Natalie Lavender, Mary Lei, Mike Eggers, David Atherton, Wendy Madsen, Pastor Laura, Nancy Houlihan, Lorrie Merkwon, Lorie Grau, Deanne Kracht, Faye Berghorst

**Absent:** Amanda Dieren, Tim Eggers

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

**Devotions:** Harold Ahlers “Always Allow Others Enough Room to Turn Around”.

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

Annual Meeting Minutes

## **Financial Secretary Report:**

Memorial gifts \$1500.00 for Scott Ahlers and \$120.00 from Jennifer Knutson. \$30.00 given for the youth. General offering \$12,696.43.

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

## **Treasurer’s Report:**

Expenses for December slightly higher for gas, otherwise it is still within the budget. Revenue for the month on track. January giving was almost a match to budget, however the numbers included the gift memorials so the numbers are slightly higher than true. Year to date financials indicate deficit of \$1000.00.

Motion made by Mary to approve, Mike second. Motion passed.

## **Pastor’s Report:**

Pastoral care continues to support church members. There will be 2 baptisms in February, both for the Muth family.

Only 2 more weeks of Confirmation and 2 will be confirmed. High School youth will be going to Klein Ranch in the Black Hills. And many fundraising events will be taking place.

Pastor will be taking vacation in March from the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Worship:*

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

## **Committee Reports**

### **Board of Ed:**

Date for Easter Egg hunt will be on April 1, 2023 at 10 am. Looking for give away items and plastic eggs will be filled with candy.

Sunday school will sing on Palm Sunday.

Royce and Marian requested different curriculum going forward for their class.

Family Farm along with flock of chicks, a couple of goats, honeybees and a vegetable garden and school supplies will be ordered by Wendy,

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

### **Board of Deacons**

Lay leaders covered through February and March.

Planning for Lenten meals and will be provided by several groups. The first Wednesday, March 1, the meal will be provided by a Ladies Group, March 8 will be the Confirmation Class, March 15 will be Men in Mission, March 22 will be the Youth Group and March 29 will be the Church Council.

### **Board of Trustees:**

Mike is getting new bids for insurance for the church from 2 different companies.

Organ repair will take place and the cost will be covered by endowments.

Street light committee is looking for a new member.

Renner Legion had to replace the furnace and is looking for donations. Elevator maintenance agreement covers \$750.00 and the company has recommended that we have this. At this time since the elevator is not heavily used.

Request was made by Doug Knutson to use the church on March 18 for Mary's 80th Birthday party. Make sure that all lights are off and doors are locked when leaving on Sunday mornings

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

#### **Executive Board:**

Nothing New.

Motion to approve all board reports Harold, second Nancy. Motion passed

#### **Organizational Reports**

**WELCA & Men in Mission:** Next meeting February 11, 2023.

#### **Suggestion Box:**

No suggestions noted.

#### **Old Business:**

Open council positions:

Trustee position: April 2023

**New Business: No new business.**

**Other Giving Missions:** \$200.00 will be donated to Renner Legion.

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

1.26% of General Offering for \$200.

Donation to be made to Renner Legion.

Motion made by Rahn, second by Nancy, motion passed.

**Devotions:** Deanne

**Serving:** Lori

**Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, March 7.**

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Council Secretary: Faye Berghorst

## **MEN IN MISSION— February 2023**

There were 7 men present for our February 11 meeting. We enjoyed

fellowship with coffee and rolls before our Bible Study on Zacchaeus led by Doug. For our agenda we discussed completing the 9 Faith Chests. Men in Mission will be serving the March 15th Lenten supper. Five men went to Royce's to work on the Faith Chests after meeting.

Submitted by Doug Knudson



# Monthly Financials Summary for January 2023

## SUMMARY MONTHLY FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY 2023

Total All Giving:	\$ 14,422.52	Budget: \$ 14,074.50
YTD Total All Giving:	\$ 14,422.52	Budget: \$ 14,074.50
Expenses:	\$ 13,766.29	Budget: \$14,684.58
<u>Expenses Year to Date:</u>	<u>\$ 13,766.29</u>	<u>Budget: \$ 14,684.58</u>
2022 Line of Credit Limit		\$24,000.00
Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 9.00%)	\$ .00	Available: \$24,000.00
Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement):		\$70,760.36

Uncleared Transactions	\$ 824.18
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)	\$93,936.18

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/Dec \$160.00  
 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: \$14,566.11

## What is a horse's favorite condiment? Mayo-neighs

### Irish Beef Stew

1 lb stew meat      1/4 C Worcestershire sauce      3 stalks of celery  
 1 tsp pepper      3 large carrots      1/2 tsp salt  
 1 medium onion      4 medium potatoes

Cut meat into bite size pieces. Add onion, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and salt; brown. Add 2 quarts water, celery and carrots. Boil 1/2 hour; then add potatoes and boil until done. Add salt and pepper.

## **Don't forget Sunday March 12th is daylight savings time**

2nd Annual Northern Rim Youth Group fundraising Banquet, Sunday April 30th. We have secured Coach Stieggelmeyer as our featured speaker. Again we are planning a catered free will donation meal with silent auction and raffle items. If you have anything you think would make a good addition to the line up, you can contact Shawna, leave a message or email at [info@rennerlutheran.com](mailto:info@rennerlutheran.com). We are hoping to once again raise enough money to cover the transportation costs to Klein Ranch that is a part of Lutheran Outdoors of South Dakota. Thank you for your support.

Mobile Food Pantry  
Food of the month for  
March is Hearty Soup

Community Easter Egg Hunt  
April 1 at 10:00



*Dream Weavers Mondays 1:00*

Help **George Carlson** celebrate his **80th birthday** party at Renner Lutheran with an **Open House 2:00-4:00 Saturday March 11th**

### WELCA NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

There were 7 members present for our February 11 meeting. Pastor Laura led the Bible study while we had treats furnished by Sandy. Wendy led the meeting in Kathy's absence. Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer reported \$831.22 balance at the end of January. There was some discussion about having guest speakers from other church denominations speak. This will be discussed more at future meetings. Plans for the upcoming Crossroads Conference on April 17th which Renner is hosting will be finalized at our next meeting when more details are available. There were no birthdays this month. After offering our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mary Knudson, secretary





1-Ray Wold  
 2-Mindy Hammer Chris Obbink  
 3- Alan Machmiller  
 4-Chad Erickson  
 5-Austin Pedde  
 6-Stewart Brende  
 7- Eli Wilson  
 8-Jan Jibben  
 9-Wendy Madsen  
 10- George Carlson 80th birthday  
 11-Mike Bangasser Nancy Houlihan  
 15-Sonja Hofstad  
 16-Kaishaad Diede

17- Mary Knudson 80th birthday  
 19-Duane Verhey  
 20-Linda Berg Gabrielle Willert  
 21-Thomas Siemonsma  
 22-Lori Grau  
 24-Jim McBreen  
 29-Travis Willert Kira Christenson  
 Laura Ask  
 31- Logan Harkema

**Northern Rim Youth Group** met in February and are planning another summer trip, this time expecting to stay in South Dakota. We had another Super Bowl fundraiser and plan another banquet on April 30 with speaker John Stiegelmeier. Next meeting is March 19 at 5:00-6:30 with free meal at Willow Creek, bring a friend!

*Sunday School after worship on Sundays.*

### Attendance at a Glance

January 29 58 February 5 58

Attendance will be reported next month due to the blizzard

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

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 light meal 6:30 worship with student Pastor Kendra Kappler meal sponsored by Ladies Group	2  Pastor off March 2-10	3	4
5 9:30 Worship W/ Communion Sunday School 10:30	6 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	7 3:30 Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	8 5:30 light meal 6:30 worship with Pastor Herb Wounded Head III meal sponsored by confirmation kids	9	10	11 9:00 Men in Mission & WELCA  <b>Open House for George Carlson 2-4</b>
12 9:30 Worship Sunday School at 10:30 Daylight Savings time	13 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	14 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	15 5:30 light meal 6:30 worship with Pastor Ekuas Youngquest meal sponsored by Men in Mission	16		18 Church rented afternoon Adult Supper Club
19 9:30 Worship w/ communion 10:30 Sunday School 5:00-6:30 youth group at Willow Creek	20 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	21 3:30 Pastor's Text study Newsletter items due	22 5:30 light meal 6:30 worship with Pastor Corey Scott Meal by High School Youth	23	24	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	27 1:00 Dream Weavers all welcome	28 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	29 5:30 light meal 6:30 worship with Pastor Randall Questad meal sponsored by Council	30	31	April 1 Community Easter Egg Hunt 10:00
April 2 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship featuring Sunday School Kids						

## RENNER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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This year once again Renner Lutheran will be partnering with the Nidaros churches along with others in our area including Colton, Garretson and Hartford. We have worked together using “A Life of Faith” series that was inspired by Pastor Greg Johnson’s study of John 15, and six lessons that focus on six important parts of our lives of faith: We are claimed, we are fed, we are united, we are taught, we are saved, we are sent. Our Wednesday evening worship services will focus on these themes, and you will get to hear the voices of five different area pastors all while following along with the beloved Holden Evening Prayer service! Please plan to join us for this special time of worship each Wednesday evening during the season of Lent at 6:30.

Our Midweek Lenten Schedule:

Wednesday, March 1: We are Saved, with student preacher Kendra Kappler  
Wednesday, March 8, We are United, with Pastor Herb Wounded Head III  
Wednesday, March 15: We are Taught, with Pastor Elias Youngquist  
Wednesday, March 22: We are Fed, with Pastor Corey Scott  
Wednesday, March 29: We are Sent, with Pastor Randall Questad



