



# Good News at Renner Lutheran

May 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 after Easter you will find:

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

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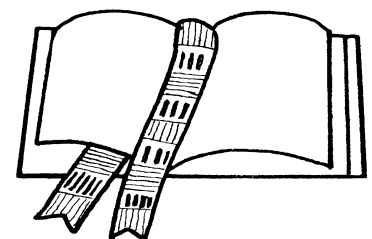
*One of our favorite outreach missions is our Dream Weavers organization. This project means more to some people than we know. The mats are*

*made out of recycled plastic grocery bags, woven together that offer a sleeping cushion that is a lighter load to carry and does not retain moisture like cloth options. Realize that having a dry hand-made mat to sleep on could make a difficult situation more meaningful. The completed mats are then donated to Church on the Street for distribution. There is no sign up or commitment, the bags and all the supplies are provided, you can bring a friend or 2 or just join in, fellowship is free to all volunteers. Meet at RLC basement Mondays 1.*



## **Gospel Readings for May 2023**

May 7	John	14:1-14
May 14	John	14:15-21
May 21	John	17:1-11
May 28	John	20:19-23



# Council Minutes – April 7, 2023

**Present:** Pastor Laura, Harold Ahlers, Natalie Lavender, Mike Eggers, David Atherton, Tim Eggers, Lorie Grau, Wendy Madson, Nancy Houlihan, Faye Berghorst

**Absent:** Rahn Siemonsma, Deanne Kracht, Mary Lei, Lorrie Merkwán, Amanda Dieren

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

**Devotions:** Tim Eggers – Words of Anger, Words of Truth.

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

## Financial Secretary Report:

General offering - \$11232.00, Globe - \$39.08, Sunday School - \$131.00, Youth – \$1036.00, Other Giving \$247.00, Total Deposit for March \$12,695.85.

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

## Treasurer's Report:

Expenses for March were \$15,531.64 which was slightly lower than Budget of \$15,996.27. Total All Giving for February was about \$12,695.85, which was slightly higher than Budget of \$12,515.39.

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

## Pastor's Report:

There will be 2 that will be Confirmed on April 23, 2023.

Pastor will be attending 2 different conferences the week following Easter.

There will be a wedding for Lorrie Merkwán and Randy on April 15, 2023.

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

The WELCA Conference featuring many workshops and speakers, will be held at Renner Lutheran for this area on April 15, 2023.

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

## Committee Reports

### Board of Ed:

Easter Egg Hunt was held indoors due to the weather and was a total success! Very positive feedback was received and plans are to hold it indoors next year as well and will be adding even more activities.

Sunday school on performed on Palm Sunday.

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.

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

### Board of Deacons:

Readers and Communion servers are covered through April.

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

### Board of Trustees:

Pastor Laura and Nick will meet with the organ repair people and will report at the next meeting the outcome.

Mike did receive bids from the second insurance company and found that bid to be significantly higher so a motion was made by Tim and second by Harold to stay with our current insurance company.

A date will be set in May for clean-up of the outside grounds.

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

**Executive Board:**

Nothing new.

**WELCA and Men in Mission: Next meeting on April 8,2023.**

**Suggestion Box:** No suggestions

**Old Business:**

Open council positions:

Trustee position: April 2023 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.

**Other Giving Missions:**

\$141.52 will be given to The Church on the Street.

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

**Devotions:** Pastor Laura

**Serving:** David Atherton

**Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2023.**

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Council Secretary: Faye Berghorst

**MEN IN MISSION—**

There were 9 men present for our April 8 meeting

We enjoyed good fellowship with coffee and rolls followed by a short

business meeting. We discussed plans and beginning phase of the Little Free Library project . Several men volunteered to help in the kitchen for the upcoming WELCA Crossroads Conference luncheon on April 15. Thanks for doing that. Meeting was followed by our Bible study led by Doug. We had an interesting discussion. Our next meeting will be May 13. Royce has volunteered to lead Bible study. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Doug Knudson reporting

# Summary Monthly Financials Summary for March

Total All Giving:	\$ 12,695.85	Budget:	\$ 12,515.39
YTD Total All Giving:	\$ 50,258.99	Budget:	\$ 42,868.13
Expenses:	\$ 15,531.64	Budget:	\$ 15,996.27
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 44,778.08	Budget:	\$ 46,470.63

## 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):			\$ 75,723.19

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>			\$ 157.48
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$ 99,565.71

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/Dec \$ 141.52  
 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: \$ 14,568.52

What kind of person was Boraz before he got married? ....Ruthless!

## Asparagus Cheese Hot Dish

1-8 oz pkg egg noodles	3/4 C. slivered almonds
1-6 oz. can tuna	1 medium green pepper chopped
1 16 oz can asparagus tips, (or cooked fresh)	
1 can cream of mushroom soup	1/2 can cream of celery soup
3/4 C. milk	2 C American cheese, grated

Cook noodles and place half in bottom of greased 2-quart baking dish. Mix together tuna, asparagus, nuts, pepper, soups and cheese. Place half of mixture on top noodles. Then add second layer of noodles. Put milk in rest of mixture and blend. Put on top of second layer of noodles. Top cheese. Bake in 350 degrees for an hour

## Congratulations to our 2023 graduates

Hayden Ask	from BVHS	Daniel Bangasser	from BVHS
Kaishaad Diede	from LHS	Andrew Tommerassen	from Baltic
McKenzie Taylor	from JHS	Ashley Ask	from Auggie
Chris Verhey	from Auggie		

Bless these and all graduates



Mobile Food Pantry  
Food of the month for  
May is Peanut Butter

### Attendance at a Glance

March 26	68	Palm Sunday	69
Maundy Thursday	35	Good Friday	45
Easter Sunday	96	April 16	60
April 23	87		

*Dream Weavers*

*off Memorial Day*

**Last day of Sunday  
School May 14th with  
children performing  
during worship**

**WELCA NEWS FOR April-**There were 8 present for our April 8 meeting. Pastor Laura led us in a devotional. Secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported \$809.39 balance at the end of March. Serving coffee after church was discussed, Reminder was given for service leaders to let people who are serving notify Sandy if they will be furnishing treats. This is important, otherwise Sandy buys treats. Sunday School will be serving Muffins for Moms on May 14. More details were discussed for the Crossroads Conference hosted by Renner Lutheran on April 8. West Nidaros ladies will serve morning coffee. Service leaders will be asking for kitchen help and bars for afternoon coffee. Lunch menu, table decorations and supplies for breakout sessions are completed. Sandy and Kathy have been very busy making arrangements for this day. At our next meeting on May 13 we will be discussing plans for an Ice Cream Social. Birthday song was sung for Kathy E She also served treats for our coffee. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



1-Allen Busmann

2-Deb Busmann, Jace Doan Gracie Wilson

3- David Atherton

4-Lisa Seimonsma Nicole Lawrence

5-Dee Christenson Kayla Turner

7-Dorothy Pedde, Jay Peterson

8- Bill Reimnitz

12-Mark Loe

13- Mark Christenson

15-Trinity Willert

16-Daniel Bangasser Philip Eggers

17-Richie Christenson

19- Robin Willhoit

20-Bonnie Aesoph,

21-Kelle Eggers

23-June Dieren

28-Jon Siemonsma

29-Julia Ask, Christi Reit

Crystal Aman

30-Bill Peterson, Duane Krumbach, Fay Berghorst

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

Mothers day we will celebrate the end of another wonderful Sunday School season with the students

performing during worship followed by muffins after worship.

We would like to thank all the Sunday School Teachers and administrators for helping our little ones to learn about Jesus.

We also want to thank parents for bringing your children and upholding the promise made at baptism.

### **Council meeting: May**

2nd at 6:30 Committee meeting followed by full council at 7:00

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 3:30 Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship with communion Blessing of the Graduates Sunday School	8 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	9 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	10	11	12	13 9:00 Men in Mission & WELCA Adult Supper Club <b>5:30 Feathers Nest Ward SD</b>
14 9:30 Worship featuring Sunday School kids <i>Mothers Day</i>	15 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	16 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	17	18 Ascension of Our Lord	19	20
21 9:30 Worship w/ communion	22 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	23 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	24	25 Deadline for newsletter	26	27
28 9:30 Worship	29 No Dream Weavers <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	31			

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As WELCA President I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who made the Crossroads Conference WELCA Spring Gathering a success. There were ladies that made the table centerpieces, set up the fellowship room for the luncheon, made bars, served the meal and served the coffee to approximately 80 ladies. A big thank you to Mike and Renner Corner for making the roast beef and ordering the other food items. Thank you Pastor Laura for your participation in the program. It was a great day!  
Kathy Evenson WELCA President

**SPRING 2023**

**Thank you for all who attended the Northern Rim Banquet. We appreciate all your support.**

