



Good News at Renner Lutheran

November 2022

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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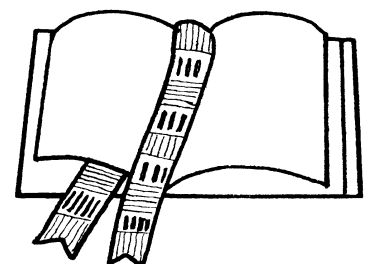
With autumn setting in we have a lot to praise the Lord for. We welcomed new members, and we are so blessed to have them. Expect second graders to receive a Bible the 20th. The Sunday School children are half way to reaching their goal to help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty—for good! Included in this gift are a cow, goats, chicks, pigs, farming tools and seeds. On



November 17th Renner Lutheran volunteer for the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry Ministry. There are 2 shifts on that afternoon beginning at either 4:15 or 5:10 ending around 7:30 in the evening.

Gospel Readings for November 2022

All Saints	Luke	6:20-31
Nov 13	Luke	21:5-19
Christ the King	Luke	3:33-43
Nov 27	Luke	18:9-14



Council Minutes – October 4, 2022

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Present: Stephanie Marshall, Rahn Siemonsma, Natalie Lavender, Deanne Kracht, Mary Lei, Mike Eggers, Lorie Grau, Harold Ahlers, Lorrie Merkwon, David Atherton, Wendy Madsen, Pastor Laura

Absent: Tim Eggers, Amanda Dieren, Nancy Houlihan

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Rahn Siemonsma.

Mission statement read by all.

Devotions: Lorrie, Joyce Meyer, Joy of Believing Prayer

Council Secretary Report: Approved via email.

Financial Secretary Report:

Globe offering increased last month, offerings will be designated for Sunday School student project sponsorship.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Total giving for September lower than projected, year to date financials show larger deficit than projected due to increased building expenses (air conditioner repair and pastoral compensation. Year to date deficit \$15,000 more than budgeted for the year.

Natalie to approve, Dave second. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Worship: Advent services start in November. Three services to include soup suppers prior. Crystal will play for Advent. Christmas Eve service planning; one service planned for 5 pm. Blue Christmas service planned for Wednesday, December 21st.

Learning Opportunities and Fellowship: Fall theological conference in Pierre, Pastor had the opportunity to lead worship.

Other: Youth group meetings resumed, new members have joined the congregation and transferred membership. 5 students confirmed at the end of October. Pastor Laura is planning vacation for the end of October and has arranged pulpit supply.

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

Committee Reports

Board of Ed:

Sunday school attendance at 14.

Pumpkin Painting activity planned for Oct 23rd.

No Sunday school on Oct. 30th. Plans underway to present bible to 2nd grade student in November.

Motion made by Lorie, second by Wendy. Motion passed.

Board of Deacons:

Most lay leader service activities are covered for October.

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

Board of Trustees:

Intek carpet cleaning quote \$430 for two large rooms in basement, \$545 upstairs. Will consider a second bid. Discussion that downstairs rooms should be prioritized first to prevent any mold or health issues. Motion by Lori to approve trustees to move forward with carpet cleaning once all bids received. Deanne second. Motion passed.

Executive Board:

Portico Health Benefits selection entered for the year. Life, Disability and. Pastor Laura waives health insurance coverage.

Review of recommendations for 2023 include cost of \$10K (look up)

\$880 monthly health stipend, need to confirm this amount is still adequate.

Executive Board recommends 8% increase in base salary increase for Pastor Laura. The increase is within the recommended years of service by the SD Synod guidelines. SD Synod guidelines are recommendations not requirements for congregations however, is best practice to review.

Social Security offset (allowance) is provided to Pastor as separate line item.

Motion by Deanne to increase Pastoral Compensation by 8% to include in budget for 2023, second by Dave. Discussion included recognition that there is value in being able to consider an increase. motion passed.

Budget planning for 2023 will begin for draft review at November meeting.

Musician compensation review recommendation for 2023. Motion made by Rahn to increase musician compensation for 6.25% increase. Deanne second. No discussion, motion passed.

Organizational Reports

WELCA: No report.

Men in Mission: Planning and materials in process for making new faith chests for baptisms.

Suggestion Box:

No suggestions noted.

Old Business:

Service projects Weaving and cleaning ditches (9/29) and Necessities for Neighbors (10/2) Good attendance at both events.

Wedding Policy: Still in review. No action.

New Business:

Review of open council positions for 2023.

Open positions for Secretary, President Elect.

Other Giving Missions:

1.26% of General Offering for September \$113.

St Dysmas.

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

Devotions: Mary **Serving:** Dave

Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, November 8th.

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Council Secretary: Stephanie Marshall

MEN IN MISSION NEWS – OCTOBER

There were 7 men present for our October meeting. Paul Schloe led us in Bible study after which we had fellowship time enjoying coffee and rolls. We will continue to work on Faith chests as well as the Little Library project. We will be serving the December 7 Advent supper prior to worship service. Next meeting November 12th. Doug Knudson



Monthly Financials Summary for September 2022

Total All Giving:	\$ 9059.00 Budget:	\$ 10,719.28
YTD Total All Giving:	\$117,747.89 Budget:	\$ 127,706.52
Expenses:	\$ 18,436.24 Budget:	\$ 15,141.76
Expenses Year to Date:	\$137,759.51 Budget:	\$ 132,944.52

2022 Line of Credit Limit **\$24,000.00**

Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 7.75%)	\$.00	Available:	\$ 24,000.00
Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement):			\$ 70,374.74
Uncleared Transactions			\$ 1,189.25
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$102,262.89

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/August \$113.00

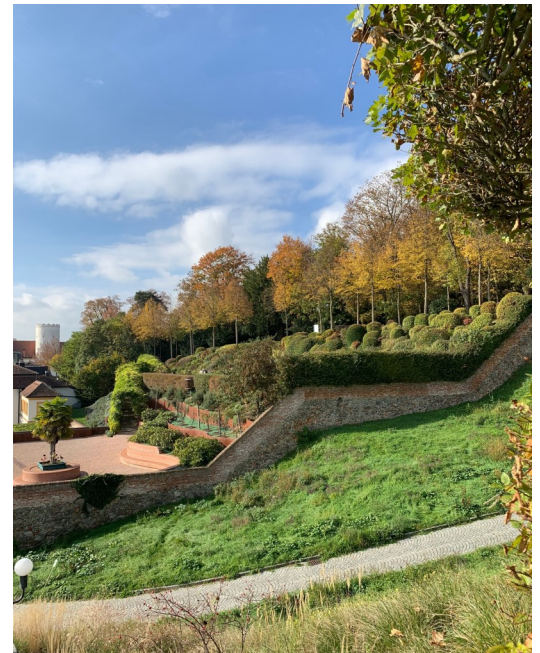
Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to a designated recipient (voted on by council but suggestions are always welcome!)

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: \$ 14,563.9

Czechoslovakian Cookies

6 hard-boiled egg yolks	3C flour
1C sugar	1 Tbl brandy
1C butter	2 eggs
1/2 lb finely chopped almonds	
(4 Tbl sugar 1 tsp cinnamon)	

Mash egg yolks in bowl until smooth. Add sugar and butter cream together. Add beaten 2 whole eggs, brandy, flour and half of the nuts. (Reserve rest for topping): toss half dough on floured board and roll out fairly thin. Cut with cookie cutters or into oblong strips. Place on buttered cookie sheet. Brush with beaten eggs and sprinkle with chopped almonds mixed with 4 Tbl sugar and 1 tsp cinnamon. Bake approx. 10 min until light pink-brown color. Do not over bake.



Mobile Food Pantry
Food of the month for
November
Peanut Butter

Confirmation
7:00 Wednesday

Dream Weavers Mondays 1:00

WELCA NEWS FOR OCTOBER

There were 8 present for our October meeting. Pastor Laura led us in a Bible study about the ten lepers. Sandy led our meeting in Kathy's absence. Minutes were read. Treasurer reported \$1915. 24 in treasury. It was decided that the Potluck, Pie and Praise event would be November 20, immediately following worship service. Pastor Laura and Fran will furnish the pies. There will be a sign-up sheet for kitchen workers. Mary will send thankyou to the De-Greef family for the donation of 2 30-cup coffee makers. Pastor Laura will check her source for sympathy cards to see if we can find them more reasonably. During the November meeting it was decided that we could work on refreshing our Busy Bags for kids at the church. Charis ministry project of filling hygiene bags was discussed. All members of the church would be included. There will be a list of what is needed for each 1 gallon bag. Birthday song was sung for Lori Turner. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Natalie furnished treats that we had with coffee during Bible study. Our next meeting will be November 12.
Mary Knudson, secretary



1– Jan Reimnitz Lynette Raaen
 2-Phil Eggum
 7– Rick Powell
 8-Cory Turner Tiffany Lavander
 9-Brandon Havlovic
 13– Sherry Peterson
 14–Daryn Thompson
 15-Dominique Thompson
 16-Sophia Reit
 17– Del Nordstrom
 18-Paula Fowlds Walter Ahlers
 19-Mindy Farsdale Cleo Havlovic
 Brooklyn Bangasser

20-Lori Bangasser
 21-Abby Underland
 22-Amanda Peterson
 23-Landon Harkema
 24-Lela Nordstrom
 25-Rose Thompson
 28-Gavin Johnson Sophia Siemonsma

If there are any mistakes or any omissions please contact Mary Knudson
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What's a ghost's favorite dinner?
 Spook-etti.

Northern Rim Youth Group meets Sunday
 November 20th 5-6:30.

We are serving a light meal before Wednesday
 Advent worship services. November 30,
 December 7th and 14th followed by Bible study
 about Angles

Pie and Praise

November 20th

Come for Potluck, Pie and
 an Praise at 9:30

Council meeting: Nov 1
 6:30 Committee meeting
 followed by full council
 at 7:00

November 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Confirmation retreat at Shetek	5 Confirmation retreat at Shetek
6 9:30 Worship W/ Communion Sunday School 10:30	7 1:00-Dream Weavers	8 3:30 Pastor's Text 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	9 7:00 7th & 8th grade Confirmation	10	11	12 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00
13 9:30 Worship Sunday School begins at 10:30	14 1:00-Dream Weavers	15 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	16 7:00 7th & 8th grade Confirmation	17 Mobile food to y0u service project at Auggie Lutheran	18	19
20 9:30 Praise Potluck & Pie 5-6:30 Youth Grp at East Nidaros featuring our young members	21 1:00-Dream Weavers	22 3:30 Pastor's Text study	23	Thanksgiving Church being utilized	25	26
27 9:30 Worship Advent begins	28 1:00-Dream Weavers Deadline for newsletter	29 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	30 5:30 light supper Free will then 6:30 Advent service 7:00 Bible Study			

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Attendance at a Glance

Sept 25	64
Oct 2	74
Oct 9	65
Oct 16	70
Oct 23	60

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

