



Good News at Renner Lutheran

November 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 you will find:

- * A special recipe
- * Events calendar
- * fellowship occasions
- * people to wish happy birthday to
- * Humor

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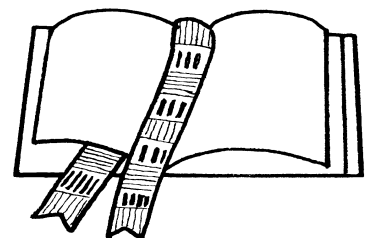
We will welcome new partners to Renner Lutheran Church, Sunday November 26! Please let Pastor Laura Know if you would like to consider joining Renner Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday, which we will celebrate this year on November 5th, is a time to remember those who have died in faith, particularly those who have been dear to us or have influenced us in our own lives of faith. All Saints is not just a day to remember those beloved companions in faith, but to also celebrate that death is NOT the end for those who are in Christ Jesus. For when we were baptized in Christ, we were baptized into his death—and as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too live a new life through him (see Romans 6)! We believe and trust this truth—that those who have died are kept in the merciful care of our Lord Jesus. Yet sometimes, it is just plain hard to continue to walk by faith when we are on the tough journey of learning a new way to live and be without our loved one here with us. Grief is challenging, and sometimes it feels as if it has robbed us of the joy and peace we have in Jesus. We are promised in scripture: “We do not live to ourselves and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living” (Romans 14:7-9). God who keeps those who have died in faith is also your Lord, never ceasing to watch over you, sustaining you and keeping you as you grieve. Remember your neighbors who are grieving this holiday season. Remember them in prayer and consider reaching out with a call or a note.

Peace, Pastor Laura

Gospel Readings for November 2023

Nov 5	Matthew	5:1-12
Nov 12	Matthew	23:1-13
Nov 19	Matthew	25:14-30
Nov 26	Matthew	25:31-46



Council Minutes – October 3, 2023

In Attendance: Harold Ahlers, Mary Lei, Tim Eggers, Natalie Lavender, Nancy Houlihan, Mike Eggers, Deanne Kracht, Lori Grau, Amanda Dieren, Wendy Madsen, Faye Berghorst, David Atherton Pastor Laura Phillips

Absent: Rahn Siemonsma,

GENERAL COUNCIL

Call to Order – Harold Ahlers

Mission Statement: Sharing our Lord's Word, we: Make disciples; love God and neighbor, grow in God's grace and knowledge; glorify God!

Devotions—Pastor Laura, “Do you remember when someone Prayed for you?” Discussion followed.

Council Secretary's Report—Was approved via email.

Financial Secretary's Report—Mary presented her report, General offering \$9531.00, Globe \$79.85, Youth \$45.00, Interest \$8.06, Total Deposit \$9663.91. Tim made a motion to approve the financial reports, Nancy seconded, the motion carried. .

Treasurer's Report – Wendy presented her report, Total All Giving \$9663.91 slightly above Budget of \$9059.50, YTD Total All Giving \$144,015.45 above Budget of \$116,797.82, Expenses \$ 13,427.08 less than Budget of \$15,008.28, Expenses YTD \$138,533.77 which is higher than Budget of \$136,560.81. Mike made a motion to approve the financial reports, Nancy seconded the motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Our new to us copier has arrived.

Four new musicians have been hired and will begin a regular rotation.

Pastor attended a Fall Theological conference.

Looking ahead, on Christmas Eve, there will be a service at 9:30 and 4:30.

Tim made a motion to approve the pastor's report, Lori seconded, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education –New Sunday School materials have arrived and there has been a great start to the Sunday School year! One new student began attending this year. October 29th the second grade class will receive their Bibles and also on the 29th there will be Pumpkin Painting with a light meal served to all. Wendy made the motion to approve and Nancy seconded, the motion carried.

Board of Decons – Sign up is going well for readers and communion servers. Mary made the motion to approve and Lori seconded, the motion carried.

Board of Trustees – Mike reported that the paint is letting loose on the west side of the steeple, however, we will wait until spring to paint it. Window washing has been completed. Continue to work of getting the sign on the corner refurbished. Wendy made the motion to approve and Amanda seconded, the motion carried.

Executive Board – Nothing new

OLD BUSINESS

Open Council Position: Trustee is still needed.

NEW BUSINESS – We will need a new VP next year.

SUGGESTION BOX: No suggestions.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

WELCA and Men in Mission—Meet Saturday, October 14, at 9:00. There is a Praise Potluck and Pie that is being planned after Church on November 19th. Adult Supper Club is being organized by Cindy McBreen and will meet at Grille 26

OTHER GIVING MISSIONS – We gave \$350.00 to Necessities for Neighbors as we were sponsors. Motion made by Tim, second by Mike, motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 6:30 Committees and 7:00 Full Council

Server: Deanne Kracht Devotions: Mary Lei

ADJOURNMENT AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted by Faye Berghorst, Secretary

**MEN IN MISSION—
October**

Men in Mission met Saturday, October 14 with 6 men present. Thank you Fran for serving donuts, coffee and orange juice during the fellowship time.

There was a brief business meeting with Royce updating the progress of the Renner Little Free Library. He has ordered walnut wood for the next Faith chests production. John Lavender led the Bible study from Hebrews 11 and Phillipians 4 . There was a lively discussion. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Next meeting will be November 11.

Doug Knudson



Monthly Financials Summary for September 2023

Total All Giving:	\$ 9,663.91	Budget:	\$ 9,059.50
YTD Total All Giving:	\$144,015.45	Budget:	\$ 116,797.82
Expenses:	\$ 13,427.08	Budget:	\$ 15,008.28
Expenses Year to Date:	\$138,533.77	Budget:	\$ 136,560.81
2023 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):			\$ 58,217.41

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>			\$ 532.89
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$ 81,684.52

First National Bank COD-General Funds \$ 20,000.00

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/Sept \$ 120.00
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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:	\$ 572.26
Endowment COD	\$ 14,000.00

Spiced Pumpkin Bread

3/4 C. Margarine, softened	1 tsp. soda
2 C, sugar	1 1/4 tsp. salt
4 eggs	1 tsp. cinnamon
2 T. molasses	1 tsp. cloves
2/3 C. Orange juice	1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
3 1/3 C. flour	1 C. Chopped nuts
16 oz. can pumpkin	1 C. raisins
1 tsp. baking powder	

Cream margarine and sugar. Add beaten eggs, one at a time. Add molasses, orange juice and pumpkin. Beat well. Sift together, flour, baking powder, soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves. Add to the creamed mixture, stirring just until blended. Stir in vanilla, raisins, and chopped nuts. Spoon batter into four greased and floured loaf pans. Bake in 350 degrees oven for 50 to 55 minutes or until done.

Why did the Vampire go to the Doctor? It was coffin

“The RLC council committees will meet at 6:30, and the full council meeting will begin at 7:00 on Tuesday, November 7th .”

Food to You Mobile Food Pantry we will be collecting TUNA and TUNA HELPER for the month of November. Thank you for your generosity!

Potluck, Pie, and Praise-Bring your favorite brunch item to share for potluck following worship on Sunday, November 19th !”

Adult Supper Club will meet at the Safari at 5:00 on Saturday, November 11 th . RSVP to Cindy McBreen.

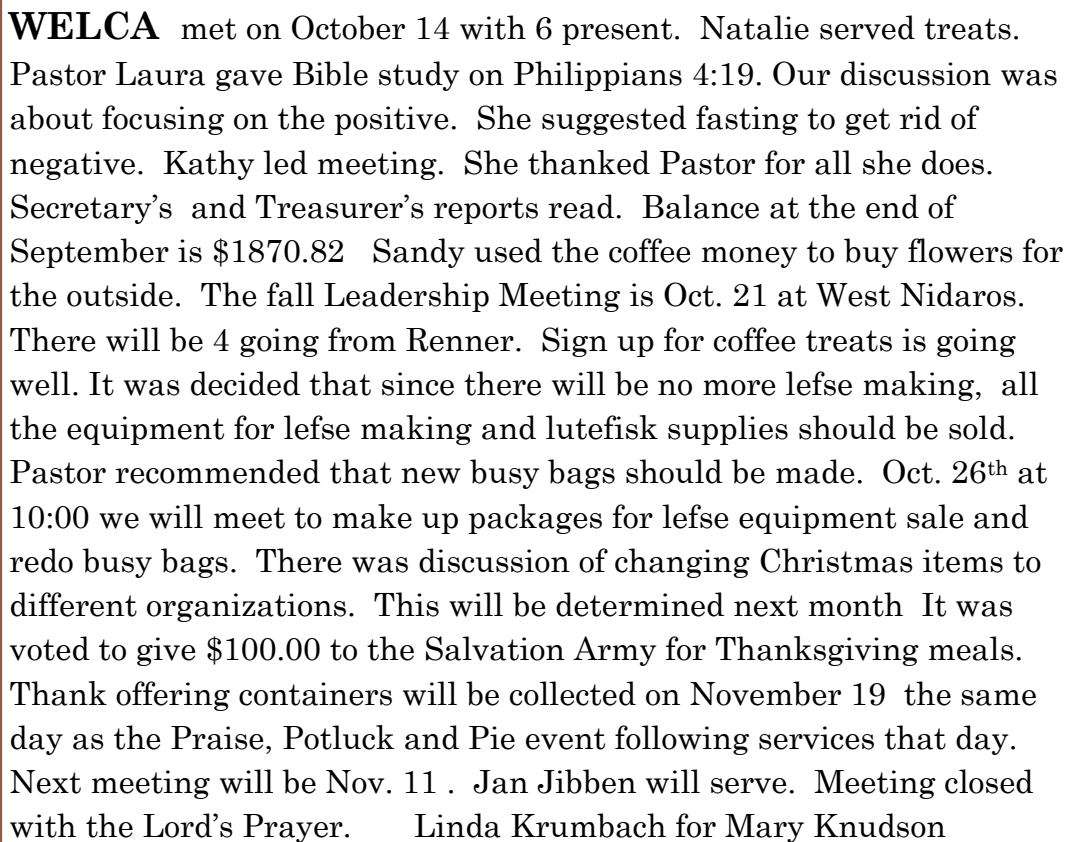
Join us for Sunday School after worship each week, 10:30-11:30, for three-year-olds – 6 th grade.

Men in Mission

Monthly meeting on Saturday, November 11 th , at 9:00. All men are welcome!

WELCA

Monthly meeting on Saturday, November 11 th , at 9:00. All women are welcome!



WELCA met on October 14 with 6 present. Natalie served treats. Pastor Laura gave Bible study on Philippians 4:19. Our discussion was about focusing on the positive. She suggested fasting to get rid of negative. Kathy led meeting. She thanked Pastor for all she does. Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports read. Balance at the end of September is \$1870.82 Sandy used the coffee money to buy flowers for the outside. The fall Leadership Meeting is Oct. 21 at West Nidaros. There will be 4 going from Renner. Sign up for coffee treats is going well. It was decided that since there will be no more lefse making, all the equipment for lefse making and lutefisk supplies should be sold. Pastor recommended that new busy bags should be made. Oct. 26th at 10:00 we will meet to make up packages for lefse equipment sale and redo busy bags. There was discussion of changing Christmas items to different organizations. This will be determined next month It was voted to give \$100.00 to the Salvation Army for Thanksgiving meals. Thank offering containers will be collected on November 19 the same day as the Praise, Potluck and Pie event following services that day. Next meeting will be Nov. 11 . Jan Jibben will serve. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Linda Krumbach for Mary Knudson



1-Jan Reimnitz Lynette Raaen
2-Phil Eggum
6-Mike Turner
7-Rick Powell
8-Cory Turner Tony Lavander
9-Brandon Havlovic
13-Sherry Peterson
14-Daryn Thompson
15- Doninique Thompson
16-Sophia Reit
17-Del Nordstrom
18-Paula Fowlds
19-Mindy Farsdale Cleo Havlovic
Brooklyn Bangasser
20 -Lori Bangasser
21-Abby Underland
22- Amanda Peterson
23-Landon Harkema Amy Marsh
24-Lela Nordstrom
25-Rose Thompson
28-Gavin Johnson Sophia Siemonsma

If there are any mistakes or omissions
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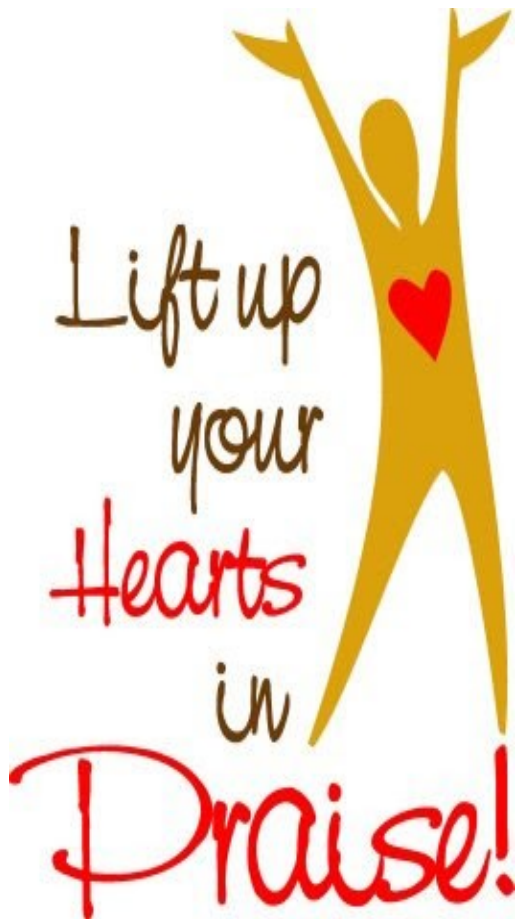
November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Confirmation	2	3	4
					Confirmation retreat	
5 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 SS Daylight Savings time	6 1:00-Dream Weavers Ministry	7 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	8 7:00 Confirmation	9	10	11 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00 Adult Supper Club 5:00 at Safari
12 9:30 Worship Sunday School 10:30	13 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	14 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	15 7-8 Confirmation	16 Food to You at Augustana Lutheran	17	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 Potluck, Pie and Praise!	20 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	21 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 9:30 Worship Welcome new Partners	27 1:00 Dream Weavers Ministry	28 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	29 Confirmation 7-8:00	30		

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Attendance at a Glance

Oct 1 62
Oct 8 80
Oct 15 77
Oct 22 82
Online views 76
1387 minutes watched

