



Good News at Renner Lutheran

October 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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Adult meal club this month will be a potluck lunch at Lowell and Judy's new place in Freeman SD at 1:00 October 14th. RSVP with Cindy & arrange for carpooling.

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100:1-3

People of God,

It is with great gratitude that I get to introduce to you our new Renner Lutheran Music Team! We are blessed to have four talented women who will be working together to bring you excellent music each week.

You all know Crystal Aman, who has been with us as Renner Lutheran along with her family for many years. In the past, Crystal has served as our main musician for our Lenten services (along with her son, Rylan, on cello!) as well as filling in as needed. Talented in both piano and organ, Crystal will now be leading us on a regular rotation!

Aleen Fisher, nudged by the Holy Spirit one Sunday to visit Renner Lutheran, will also be on regular rotation. Aleen is a member of Gloria Dei in Sioux Falls and has played in one of their praise bands for several years. She also plays both piano and organ, and she loves to sing! Those of you who have desired to restart choir (or even special music opportunities), Aleen is the one to talk to! She would like to be part of this!

Pat Steele comes to us from Peace Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Pat has served many years as a musician for Peace and has now retired from doing that full time... but, of course, she couldn't just stop playing! She is joining us regularly as one who will fill in when Crystal or Aleen are not available, and she also is available for special occasions, such as funeral services and weddings (and the Crossroads Conference Pastor's Meeting which will be held at RLC in October). We are delighted to welcome her!

Shiloh Oorlog will play for us as needed and is willing also to play or sing for weddings and funerals (she served as the musician for AJ and Brittany's wedding!). When she is not making music, Shiloh can be found working as the Finance Manager at The Banquet.

When you see these ladies, please do introduce yourself and welcome them to our church family!

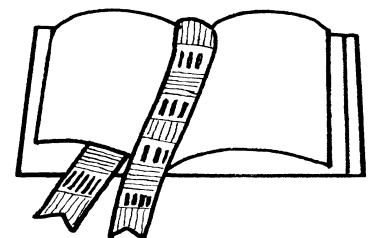
Praise God for bringing this talented team together!

Peace,

Pastor Laura

Gospel Readings for October 2023

Oct	1	Matt	21:23-32
Oct	8	Matt	21:33-46
Oct	15	Matt	22:1-14
Oct	22	Matt	22:15-22
Oct	29	John	8:31-36



RENNER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - September 5, 2023

In Attendance: Harold Ahlers, Mary Lei, Tim Eggers, Natalie Lavender, Nancy Houlihan, Mike

Eggers, Deanne Kracht, Lori Grau, Amanda Dieren, Pastor Laura Phillips

Absent: Rahn Siemonsma, Wendy Madsen, Faye Berghorst, David Atherton

GENERAL COUNCIL

- Call to Order – Harold**
- 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, Passion = joyful zeal that is contagious.**
- Council Secretary’s Report—Was approved via email.**
- Financial Secretary’s Report—Mary presented her report, highlighting memorial gifts in honor of Tanya Vollan and Jon Clausen.**
- Treasurer’s Report – Wendy absent, report looked over. Nancy made motion to approve the financial reports, Natalie seconded, the motion carried.**
- Pastor’s Report**
 - o Summer worship update with Bible study (Joseph, The Exodus, King David, and Why is there suffering?).**
 - o New musicians have been secured—Crystal Aman and Aleen Fisher will serve as our main musicians. Shiloh Oorlog and Pat Steele will also serve as needed and for special services! Pastor will be meeting with the musicians on September 10.**
 - o Webinars attended this month: Leaders for Our Future Church, Stewardship When Economics Are Uncertain, Ministry Coaching – You Are Already Enough.**
 - o We will try a new curriculum for confirmation (beginning next week) which we received at no cost from the SD Synod Office! Confirmands in November to Shetek for retreat.**
 - o AJ Peterson and Brittany Jackson married on 9/2. Well over 200 hygiene kits dropped off to Food to You!**
 - o Tim made a motion to approve the pastor’s report, Mike seconded, the motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board of Education – Sunday School materials have been ordered. Carnival for Rally Sunday on September 10! Lori motion to approve, Mary seconded, motion passed.**
 - Board of Deacons – People have been signing up as helpers for worship—clipboard to sign up is located in the fellowship area. Mary motion to approve, Harold seconded, the motion carried.**
 - Board of Trustees—still waiting for the painter who will paint the yellow stripe for handicap area in front of church. Wasps in soffit—Tim killed the wasps and Mike and Tim will fix the soffit in which they lived. Our new-to-us copier needs to be moved from St. Dysmas to RLC! September 27, 6:00, clean ditches. Deanne motion to approve, Nancy seconded the motion, the motion carried.**
- Executive Board – Thank you letter from the Veterans (received our monthly donations).**

OLD BUSINESS

□ Open Council Position: Trustee

NEW BUSINESS – No New Business.

SUGGESTION BOX: No suggestions.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

□ WELCA and Men in Mission—Meet Saturday, September 9, at 9:00. WELCA has a special event on September 13—Parker WELCA is visiting RLC.

□ Adult Supper Club is being organized by Cindy McBreen. This month folks are invited to meet at the Sometime Café in Baltic on September 16 th at 5:00.

OTHER GIVING MISSIONS – Necessities for Neighbors. Mike, Tim, motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 6:30 Committees and 7:00 Full Council

Server: Lori Grau Devotions: Mary Lei

ADJOURNMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted by Pastor Laura.

On Reformation Sunday the Northern Rim Youth group will get together for Root beer, German Pretzels and a bonfire—weather permitting— at Zion in Hartford inspired by our beloved Martin Luther.



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**MEN IN MISSION—
 September**

Men in Mission met on
 September 9 with 7

members present. We enjoyed coffee, rolls and good fellowship and discussed our work projects. The RLC Little Free Library is nearing completion. Then we will begin building more Faith Chests. Thanks Paul Schloe for leading us in the Bible Study from the book of Acts.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 14.

Submitted by Doug Knudson

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Summary Monthly Financials Summary for August 2023

Total All Giving:	\$ 11,603.02	Budget:	\$ 15,596.50
YTD Total All Giving:	\$134,351.54	Budget:	\$ 107,738.32
Expenses:	\$ 14,250.05	Budget:	\$ 15,071.32
Expenses Year to Date:	\$125,106.69	Budget:	\$ 121,552.53
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):			\$ 61,308.63

Uncleared Transactions \$ 214.52
 Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit) \$ 85,094.11

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

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/August \$ 130.57
 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: \$ 572.21
Endowment COD \$ 14,000.00

Norwegian Apple Cake

1/2 C. shortening	1 tsp. salt
1 C, sugar	2 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs	1 C. milk
1 tsp. vanilla	peeled cored apples
2 1/2 C. flour	Cinnamon/sugar topping

Cream shortening and sugar. Add beaten eggs and vanilla. Add dry ingredients alternately with the milk. Spread in large greased and floured pan. Top with apple slices, placed in rows. Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons cinnamon mixed with 1 cup sugar; more or less of this topping to taste. Bake 340 degrees for 45 minutes

When does a Dad Joke become a Dad joke? When it becomes apparent.

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

**Council @ 6:30 committee
& 7:00 Council October 3**

Dream Weavers
1:00 Mondays All are welcome

**Baltic WELCA will be hosting
HARVEST FESTIVAL**
Sunday October 22, 11-1 at the Baltic
High School with Swedish Meatballs,
mashed potatoes, and gravy, corn,
coleslaw, dinner roll, and bars. \$10
adults, \$5 kids 6-12, 5 and under free.

WELCA – September meeting

WELCA met September 9 with 8 present. Pastor Laura led an interesting Bible Study about conflict resolution. Mary served treats. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read. There is a balance in treasury at end of August of \$1723.80. Sandy reported that proceeds from the Ice Cream Social given to the church was \$1553.00. The Claussen auction went well in spite of the heat. Thank you to all who helped and donated. A thank you was read from Linda Clauson and the girls for the prayer shawl she received. It was made by Jan Jibben. The Crossroads Connection will meet on October 21 at West Nidaros. This is a leadership conference from 8:30 -2:00 with lunch served. Anyone is welcome. On September 13 a WELCA group from Parker will be here to visit and tour the church. Sandy and Kathy will have a little program. There was a discussion about coffee servers after church. It was decided that beginning Oct. 1 there will be coffee and treats served by volunteers using a sign -up sheet. Sandy will no longer be getting treats for those who serve. A Soup Supper will be served in February but there will be no lefse. The date is to be determined. Birthday song was sung for Pastor Laura. Offering taken and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mary Knudson, secretary



1-Bryan Hjelman Lori Turner
 2-Nathan Ganter
 6-Mike Turner
 7-Jan Siemonsma
 9-Karol Wallner Sharol Hill
 Isaiah Peterson
 12-Julie Erickson Barb Pedde
 Kim Linder
 14-Nick Verhey

16- Hannah Waldner
 17-Chase Obbink

**Crossroads Connection is at West
 Nidaros October 21st. All
 Welcome 8:30-2:00 with lunch**

Progress in Joy and Faith— we are hosting a project of bringing awareness of stewardship. There will be **BIBLE** (played like Bingo) cards in the fellowship area. They contain obtainable goals to help you progress in joy and faith, such as **attend a worship service**, or **pray before a meal**. If you invite a friend to worship, they can play as well! These are family friendly activities with a purpose of creating or solidifying peace in our lives and our neighbors. P.S. there will be some prizes as well. All ages are encouraged to participate. Turn back in to RLC 10/31

18-Rob Wallner
 19-Doug Melland
 23 -Amy Anderson
 25- Scott Brende
 26-Gloria Hanson
 27-Ryan Martin
 31-Bryce Bangasser Abigail Turner

If there are any mistakes or omissions

WELCA Next meeting will be
 Saturday October 14th at 9:00

SUNDAY SCHOOL

AFTER WORSHIP
Confirmation

Wednesdays at 7:00



MEN IN MISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
SATURDAY OCTOBER
14TH AT 9:00

October 2023

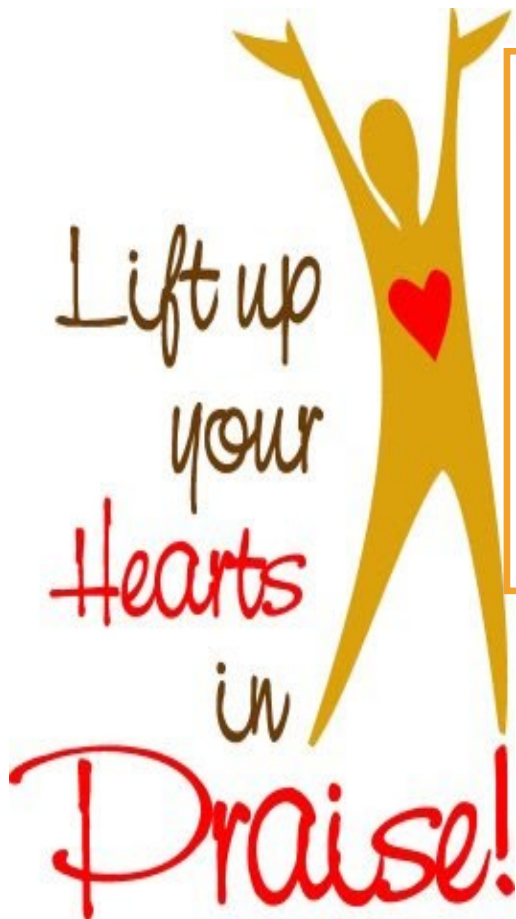
Clergy appreciation month!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship/ Communion 10:30 Sunday School Peace Lutheran Distribution	2 1:00-Dream Weavers Ministry	3 3:30 Pastor's Text Study 6:30 Committee 7:00 Council	4 7:00 Confirmation	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship	9 1:00-Dream Weavers Minis- try	10 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	11 7:00 Confirmation	12	13	14 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00 1;00 Adult Supper Club Potluck at Claassens
15 9:30 Worship with communion Sunday School 10:30	16 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	17 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	18 7-8 Confirmation	19	20	21 Crossroads Conference at West Nidaros
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School Baltic Harvest Fest 11-1	23 1:00-Dream Weavers all welcome	24 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	25 7:00 Confirmation	26 Deadline for newsletter	27	28 Wedding Cholie Jellis and Jonathan Harmon
29 9:30 Worship 10:30 SS Reformation Sunday Youth Group meet at Zion Lutheran 6:00	30 1:00 Dream Weavers Ministry	31 3:30 Pastor's Text Study 				

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We will serve Necessities for Neighbors at Peace Lutheran Church. Many are needed to help at this event from 1:30-4:00. We are asked to collect 2000 large or mega rolls of toilet paper for distribution to our neighbors in need at this event October 1st. Sing-up to help is located on a clipboard in the fellowship area, or show up there, and we'll put you to work. Friends are welcome.

Attendance at a Glance

Sept 3	62
Sept 10	70
Sept 17	62
Sept 24	67

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