



# Good News at Renner Lutheran

September 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 after Easter you will find:

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

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We have many blessings to count entering the fall season. In the middle of summer we had a food truck cruise night for the community. Renner Lutheran Church celebrated 100 years in said community with an indoor picnic. A custom plaque was presented by the Men in Mission to Pastor Laura Phillips to thank her for all her work keeping our precious parish together. We were grateful to send youth to the wilderness for 4 days, (not 40), and they came back with joy in their hearts having witnessed God's creation from on top a mountain. Finally the favorite part of summer is planting seeds of God's love to our youngest members with VBS. Kids went "camping" and enjoyed painting, songs, a fun meal each day, including the fire department making an appearance. Over three dozen backpacks were filled. Many people spent their time and talent this summer to recognize how important our community, parish, youth, history and future are. Thank you to everyone involved, and looking forward to Rally Sunday September 11th.

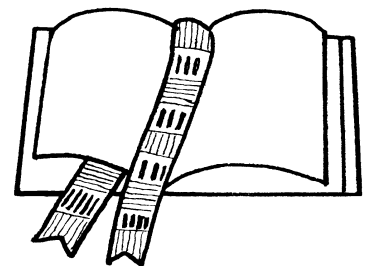
## **Gospel Readings for September**

Sept 4 Luke 14:25-33

Sept 11 Luke 15:1-10

Sept 18 Luke 16:1-13

Sept 25 Luke 16:19-31



# Council Minutes – Aug 9, 2022

**Present:** Stephanie Marshall, Rahn Siemonsma, Natalie Lavender, Deanne Kracht, Nancy Houlihan, Mary Lei, Mike Eggers, Lorie Grau, Tim Eggers, Pastor Laura

**Absent:** Lorrie Merkwan, Harold Ahlers, David Atherton, Wendy Madsen, Amanda Dieren

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

Mission statement read by all.

**Devotions:** Pastor Laura, Psalm 82:3.

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

**Financial Secretary Report:** Memorial gifts in June and July for Ruthie Parker, Welca designation in June. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary \$1406. Motion made by Tim, second by Natalie to approve and place on file, motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** \$2500 additional funds from general offering and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will carry over into August. Total giving slightly below budget; building expenses higher in July for air conditioner maintenance and repair. VBS expenses covered by Chris Turnwall and youth group expenses covered by fundraising. Motion made by Mike, second by Natalie to approve and place on file, motion passed.

## **Pastor's Report:**

Worship: Theological conference scheduled for September in Pierre.

Learning Opportunities and Fellowship: St Dismiss scheduled with sister Nidaros congregations in October. Attendance limited to 20, see Pastor Laura for required background checks by September. Food truck night held in July, positive feedback from those who attended.

Other: Pastor Laura attended Pastoral Imagination class online hosted by Luther Seminary. Youth trip very successful. Youth group will continue to meet. Adding Colton to Northern Rim group for a total of 8 churches participating. Upcoming confirmation classes includes 7 students; 5 will be confirmed in October.

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

## **Committee Reports**

### **Board of Ed:**

Vacation Bible School considered a success. 22 students attended.

Positive feedback from artist that provided activities, will likely be included next year.

Class size adequate for the number of helpers available. To expand in the future would need additional support.

School supplies collected; backpacks donated. Estimated to support up to 50 students, suggested to mail to Crow Creek.

New Sunday school material in development, first day of Sunday school 9.11.

Motion made by Natalie, second by Mary. Motion passed.

### **Board of Deacons:**

Readers and communion coverage for service in August. Having sign ups in fellowship hall and in announcements has increased engagement.

Motion made by Mary, second by Lorie to approve and place on file, motion passed.

### **Board of Trustees:**

Air conditioning units inspected and maintenance completed. One unit needs replaced as too costly to repair. Estimated cost of \$4600, not included in budget.

Motion to use net proceeds from 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (approximately \$1,200), and special offering to cover expense.

Members discussed the need to keep building in good repair.

Rahn will share with congregation at upcoming services.

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

Motion to approve, Mary and second by Natalie. Approve and place on file.

### **Executive Board:**

Budget planning for 2023 will commence in coming months.

**WELCA: No report or meeting in August.**

**Men in Mission/WELCA:**

**Suggestion Box:** No suggestions noted.

**Old Business:**

Youth Mission Trip

July 23<sup>rd</sup>- July 30<sup>th</sup>.

6 in attendance from RLC, total of 30 attendees including other area participating churches.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. Indoor picnic, Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Well attended; estimated 200 in attendance

Renner Corner donated 45 lbs of hamburger, Mike and Shelly donated salads, Wild Water West (Fran) donated pies, John and Lisa donated ice cream.

Free will donation (\$1400 collected)

Synod Guidelines for Salaries

In review, will have recommendation for consideration at next meeting

**New Business:** New Confirmation Schedule

September start, break for Advent, confirmation packets provided, Resume in January and close in February. Confirmation in April when students finish rather than October. Shetek retreat in November will provide opportunity for 6 lessons for a total of 24 total. Bible year curriculum. Classes will continue to be held on Wednesdays.

Motion to adopted newly suggested schedule, Deanne, Tim second, motion passed.

Council secretary will be reimbursed mileage for travel for purchasing office supplies for church.

**Other Giving Missions:**

1.26% of General Offering for June and July (\$138.60) was \$315.\*

Crow Creek School District.

Motion made by Tim, second by Deanne, motion passed.

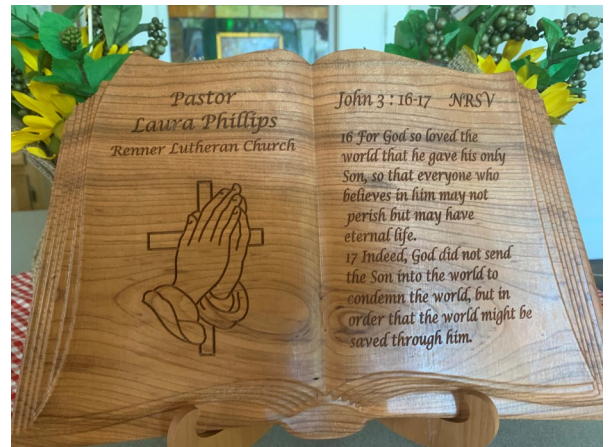
\* calculation for June verification by Financial Secretary prior to dispersal

**Devotions: Tim Serving: Deanne Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th.**

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer Submitted by Council Secretary: Stephanie Marshall

## Men in Mission

*Men in mission took a month off in August. This is one of their projects presented to Pastor Laura Phillips on the 100th anniversary of worship at this location. In addition the display cabinet was finished in time of the celebration. Many hours were spent and a special thank you to Royce Reit for the design and use of his shop and equipment and everyone who was a part of the project. Supplies were purchased in part with a Thrivent Action gift card. All are welcome to post announcements and flyers, push pins are in the drawers. Next meeting will be Sept 10 at 9:00.*



# Monthly Financials Summary for July 2022

Total All Giving:	\$ 11,700.44	Budget:	\$ 14,505.51
YTD Total All Giving:	\$ 92,093.03	Budget:	\$ 100,646.92
Expenses:	\$ 19,498.60	Budget:	\$ 13,588.66
Expenses Year to Date:	\$106,045.34	Budget:	\$ 103,739.45

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

Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 6.25%)	\$ .00	Available:	\$ 24,000.00
Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement):			\$ 79,603.09

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>			\$ 4,958.00
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$ 98,645.09

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/July \$138.60

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: \$ 14,563.83

*Dream Weavers Mondays 1-3:00*  
*\*Not meeting Labor Day*

WELCA took the month off .  
 Next meeting will be Saturday  
 September 10th at 9:00

## Chocolate Zucchini Bread

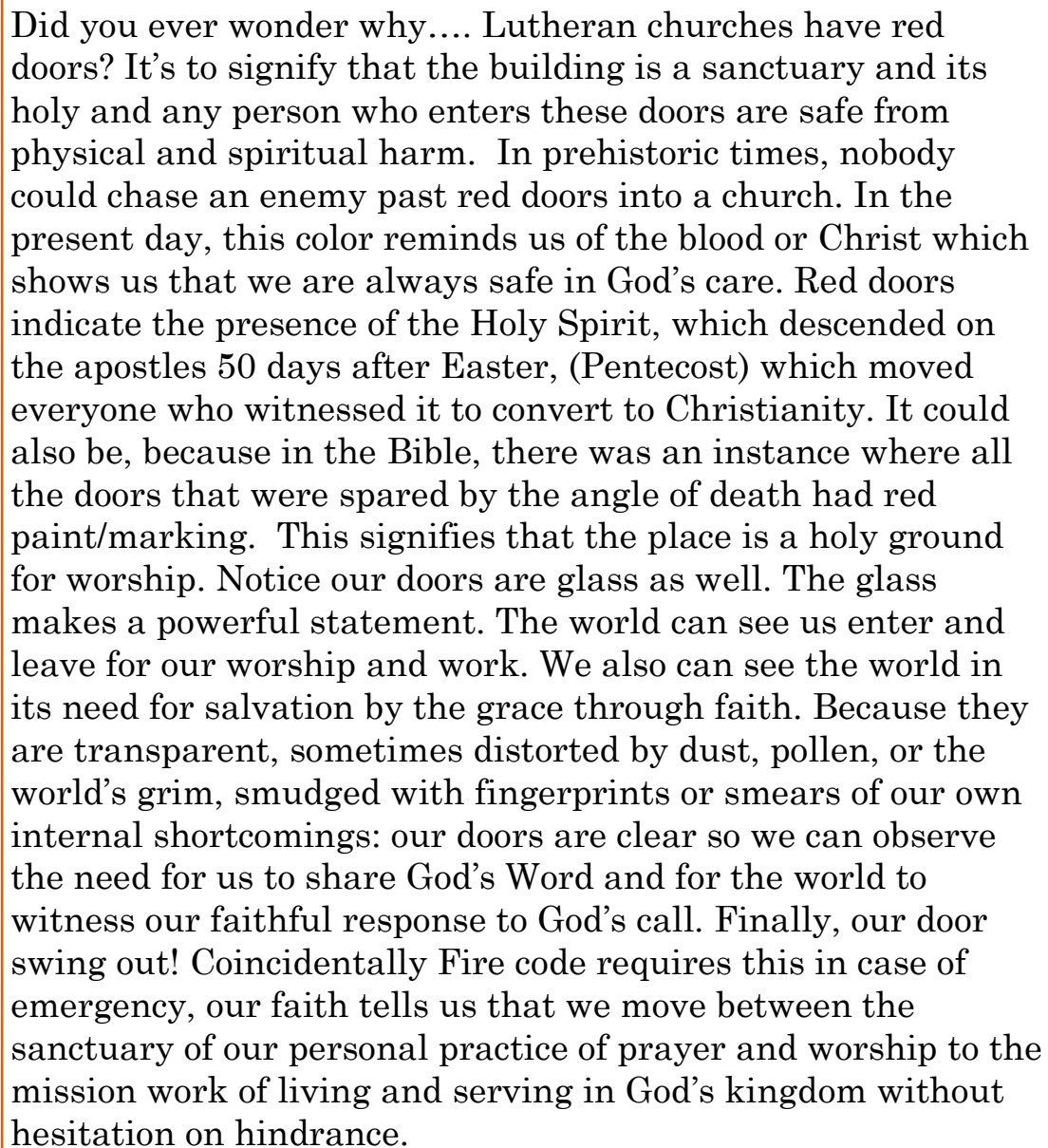
3 eggs	2C flour
2C Sugar	1 tsp soda
1C Oil	1 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla	1 tsp cinnamon
2C. Grated zucchini	3/4 C chocolate chips
2oz. unsweetened choc	3/4 C chopped nuts



Combine eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla. Beat with electric mixer on low speed about 1.5 minutes, until well blended. Add zucchini and melted, cooled chocolate; stir to blend. Mix flour, soda, salt and cinnamon. Add dry ingredients, chocolate chips, melted unsweetened chocolate and nuts to egg mixture. Stir just enough to blend in dry ingredients. Pour batter into a greased 9x5" loaf pan. Bake in 350 degrees oven for 60-70 minutes. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes; turn out of pan

Mobile Food Pantry  
Food of the month for  
September  
Hearty Soup

**Starting Sept 7th at  
7:00 Wednesday  
Confirmation**



Did you ever wonder why.... Lutheran churches have red doors? It's to signify that the building is a sanctuary and its holy and any person who enters these doors are safe from physical and spiritual harm. In prehistoric times, nobody could chase an enemy past red doors into a church. In the present day, this color reminds us of the blood of Christ which shows us that we are always safe in God's care. Red doors indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit, which descended on the apostles 50 days after Easter, (Pentecost) which moved everyone who witnessed it to convert to Christianity. It could also be, because in the Bible, there was an instance where all the doors that were spared by the angle of death had red paint/markings. This signifies that the place is a holy ground for worship. Notice our doors are glass as well. The glass makes a powerful statement. The world can see us enter and leave for our worship and work. We also can see the world in its need for salvation by the grace through faith. Because they are transparent, sometimes distorted by dust, pollen, or the world's grim, smudged with fingerprints or smears of our own internal shortcomings: our doors are clear so we can observe the need for us to share God's Word and for the world to witness our faithful response to God's call. Finally, our door swing out! Coincidentally Fire code requires this in case of emergency, our faith tells us that we move between the sanctuary of our personal practice of prayer and worship to the mission work of living and serving in God's kingdom without hesitation or hindrance.



2- Fran Phillips  
 3-Gaylene Powers  
 4- Staci Schloe Tyler Anderson  
 5-Anne Ruppert Kate Waldner  
 6- Elizabeth Waldner Scott Harkema  
 7-Deanne Kracht Paul Evenson  
 8-Shilo Anderson  
 9-Ryker Pedde  
 10-Pastor Laura Phillips  
 11-Hayden Ask  
 14- Blake Myrmoe  
 17-Jeff Lindner Baya Waldner  
 19-Jon Hofstad Shelly Ahlers

21-McKenzie Raaen  
 24-Grace Bass  
 25 -Casey Machmiller  
 26-Jeff Christenson  
 29-Anita Engle  
 30- Julie Ganter

If there are any mistakes or any omissions please contact Mary Knudson

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "Because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today." After a little bit, the girl looks up at her Mom and questions "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

### **Rally Sunday**

September 11 Sunday School  
 beginning 10:30

**Council meeting:** Tuesday  
 September 6. 6:30 Committee  
 meeting followed by full  
 council at 7:00

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship W/ Communion Sunday School begins at 10:30	<b>5 Labor Day</b>	6 3:30 Pastor's Text 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	7 7:00 Confirmation begins	8	9	10 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00
11 9:30 Worship Rally Sunday Sunday School begins at 10:30	12 1:00-Dream Weavers	13 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	14 7:00 Confirmation	15	16 Deadline for turning in back- ground check documents	17
18 9:30 Worship W/ Communion 10:30 Sunday School	19 1:00-Dream Weavers	20 3:30 Pastor's Text study Deadline for newsletter	21 7:00 Confirmation	22	23	24 West Nidaros Harvest Festival 4:30-6:30 pm Adult \$15 kids 6-10 \$5 under 5 are free
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	26 1:00-Dream Weavers	27 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	28 7:00 Confirmation	29	30	

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***We are collecting toilet paper  
for distribution on October 2***



**Attendance at a Glance**

July 24	39	July 27	Youth Group Trip
July 31	52	Aug 3	VBS
Aug 7	47	Aug 10	12
Aug 14	48	Aug 17	23



