



Good News at Renner Lutheran

April 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 Easter you will find:

- * A special recipe,
- * Events calendar,
- * humor,
- * fellowship occasions,
- * people to wish happy birthday to,
- * brief history lesson and more.

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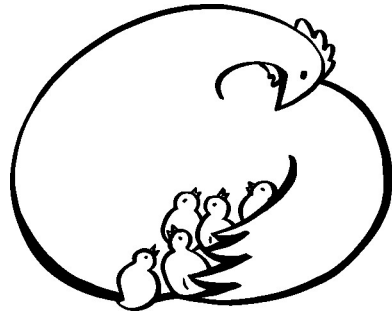
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Renner Lutheran Church Community Easter Egg Hunt

*Come join us for a fun and
Christ centered Easter egg hunt!
Saturday April 9th at 10 am*

All are welcome!!!

*The church will be open for viewing
And an Easter themed family picture.*

We hope you can join us!

Gospel Readings for April

April 3 John 12:1-8

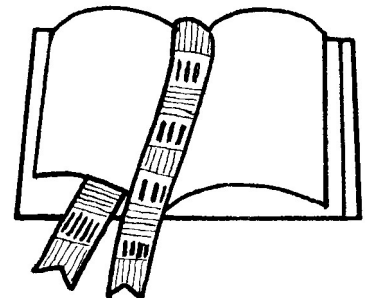
April 10 Luke 22:14-23:56

Maundy Thursday John 13:1-17

Good Friday John 18:1-19:42

Easter Sunday Luke 24:1-12

April 24 John 20:19-31



Council Minutes – March 8, 2022

Present: Stephanie Marshall, Rahn Siemonsma, Tim Eggers, Harold Ahlers, Wendy Madsen, Pastor Laura Phillips, Natalie Lavender, Deanne Kracht, Nancy Houlihan, Mary Lei, David Atherton, Amanda Dieren, Lorrie Merkwon, Mike Eggers

Absent: Lorie Grau

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

Mission statement read by all.

Devotions: Pastor Laura, Christ with Us, 2022 Lenten Devotional

Council Secretary Report: Approved via email.

Financial Secretary Report: Strong financial month, general offering slightly above budget. Several memorial gifts and donations to youth mission trip recognized during the month. Motion made by Tim, second by Natalie to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Profit and Loss review compared to budget; several line items noted with several months into new fiscal year. Phone/Internet slightly over budget for Phone/Internet, Electricity/Fuel costs slightly higher due to colder temperatures. Overall financials continue to reflect positive revenue in general offering and Motion made by Mike, second by Harold to approve and place on file, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Worship: Services covered by pulpit supply during Pastor Laura vacation, pastoral care, bible study and Lenten services continue. Church on the Street, Chris Matson will be covering for Pastor Laura on April 3rd. Motion by Nancy to create special offering on that Sunday for Church on the Street, second Wendy. Motion passed.

Learning Opportunities and Fellowship: Educational opportunity

Other: Cross Roads Conference Assembly, Trinity Lutheran, Tea. March 20th, 2 p.m. Congregants are welcome to attend with Pastor Laura if interested.

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

Committee Reports

Board of Ed:

Community Easter Egg Hunt April 9th 10 am. Flyers to be distributed through out the community.

Donations needed for plastic eggs and wrapped candy for the event.

Vacation Bible School planning underway. Tuesday through Thursday, mid-July, 6p-8p with meal served prior.

Sunday School students to lead in the Lord's Prayer and Apostles Creed and sing during Palm Sunday service. Last day of Sunday school Sunday, May 22nd.

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

Board of Deacons:

Reader and communion service covered through April 3rd.

Additional volunteers are training in power point operation for services.

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

Board of Trustees:

Review of comparable insurance policies in process. Annual insurance premiums are paid for the year.

Council should review Child Abuse Neglect Policy in course of reviewing insurance.

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

Executive Board:

No report.

WELCA: February meeting had 10 in attendance. Next meeting scheduled for March 12th at 9 am. Meeting for April will be moved as not to conflict with Easter Egg Event.

Men in Mission: Bulletin board construction continues. \$250 from Thrivent Financial to go toward that project. Little Library construction will be next project. Next meeting March 12th at 9 am.

Suggestion Box: None

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Youth Mission Trip to Flathead July 2022.

Planning in process for summer trip. 5 RLC youth committed, 19 total committed from sister churches.

Expenses projected to be \$1,000/person. Total expense \$30,000 for all churches and chaperons. RLC estimated cost \$7,000. \$2,500 secured to date.

Motion to designate Lenten Meal offering to youth mission trip if meal servers do not utilize reimbursement.

Motion by Tim, second by Deanne, motion passed.

Offering Count Procedure. Procedure reviewed and updated to clarify wording for documenting offering count. Motion to approve Nancy, Second Harold. Revised Procedure adopted.

Other Giving Missions:

1.26% of February General Offering was \$148.

Church on the Street.

Motion made by Natalie, second by Lorrie, motion passed.

Devotions: Tim

Serving: Nancy

Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, April 5th. Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer Submitted by Council Secretary: Stephanie Marshall



Renner Lutheran History

Our youth have always been an important part of our congregation. All the baptisms, first communions, and confirmations that shaped us through out our past has made our congregation what it is today. When we look around the pews each week we see our story, some newer, and many with a lot of experience going back generations. We know the strength of our reach beyond the walls, towns and states, by in the faces and service of our members, both current and former students of the Renner Lutheran Church ministry.



Monthly Financials Summary for February 2022

Total All Giving:	\$ 16,277.53	Budget:	\$ 10,881.32
YTD Total All Giving:	\$ 30,351.39	Budget:	\$ 22,364.36
Expenses:	\$ 14,745.16	Budget:	\$ 15,691.83
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 29,261.03	Budget:	\$ 31,419.80

2022 Line of Credit Limit \$24,000.00

Line of Credit Balance (Interest Rate 5.50%)	\$.00	Available:	\$ 24,000.00
Checking Account Balance (per Bank statement):			\$ 88,883.46

<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>			\$ 695.09
Funds Available (includes remaining Line of Credit)			\$112,188.37

Each month, 1.26% of our General Offerings are given to Mission Support/February \$148.00
 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: \$ 14,563.02

WELCA NOTES – MARCH

Ten members were present for our March 12 meeting. Kathy E. led us in Bible study from Philippians. It was a good study. Kathy called meeting to order. money for after Secretary's report was read and accepted. Treasurer reported an ending balance for February of \$1669.58. Old Business: Kathy reviewed servers for the remaining Lenten suppers. It was agreed that what WELCA furnishes for coffee after church is working well. Sandy uses the donations that are received for coffee to buy treats. New Business: The Easter flower order was explained. There is a sign-up sheet for several different sizes and prices of spring flowers including Easter lilies. They will be ordered from Hy-Vee. Saturday April 23 from 8:30-3:30 is the Crossroads Conference. It will be at First Lutheran in Sioux Falls. We will decide by next meeting how many will attend. We need to be thinking of what kind of baskets we might donate for the Shetek auction on June 25. We were reminded to bring pill bottles for the Humane Society and cards including Christmas for the Veterans Auxiliary. Linda will be in charge of both bottles and cards. Birthday song was sung for Jan Jibben, Wendy Madsen and Mary Knudson. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Wendy served treats. Our next meeting will be April 2 because of the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9. Kathy E. will be our host.
 Mary Knudson, secretary

Mobile Food Pantry
Food of the month for April
Cereal

Confirmation
Resuming Wednesdays after
Easter

Crafters for Christ
Mondays 1-3:00

VBS this year is planned for
August 2-4 5:30 meal, 6-8 p.m.

Easter Story Cookies

To be made the evening before Easter Sunday

1 cp whole pecans pinch of salt wooden spoon
1 tsp vinegar 1 cp sugar tape

Preheat oven to 300 (this is important)

Place pecans in a zipper baggie and let children beat them with wooden spoon to break into small pieces -After Jesus was arrested, he was beaten by the Roman soldiers (John 19:1-3)

Let the children smell the vinegar then put 1 tsp vinegar into the mixing bowl. When Jesus was thirsty on the cross, he was given vinegar to drink (John 19:28-30)

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Jesus gave His life to give us life-(John 10:10-11)

Sprinkle salt into the children's hands, and let them taste it. Brush rest into bowl. This represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin-(Luke 13-27)

Add 1 cup sugar. The sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us-(Psalm 33:8, John 3:16 and more passages.)

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 13-15 minuets until stiff peaks formed. The color white represents the purity of God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus-(Isaiah 1:18 & John 3:1-3)

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons into wax paper covered cookie sheet. Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid-(Matthew 27:57-60.)

Put the cookie sheet into the oven and close the door and turn the oven OFF. Have the children tape the oven door. Jesus' tomb was sealed-(Matthew 27-65-66)

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed-(John 16-20 and 22)

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. See the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty-(Matthew 28:1-9)



- 1– Randy Sorum
- 2– Austin Machmiller
- 4– Myrna Bos David Wilson
- 6-Cheryl Christopherson
- 8– Kathy Evenson
- 9– Paul Schloe
- Elijah Havlovic
- 10 –Madelyn Reit Nikkole Thompson
- 11-Madison Gereats
- 12 –Rahn Siemonsma
- 14-Abby Wilson
- 15-Jordan Brende
- 16– Chris James Brett Sorum

- 17-Noah Schloe Jeff Spargur
- 18– Juliann Stolle
- 19-Dianne Muth Kaylee Firman
- 22-Lorrie Merkwan
- 24-D’one Riswold Kevin Brende
- 25– Jon Clausen
- 26- Carolyn Vosberg Jake Waldner
- 30-Doris Brandt Emily Anderson

How do you tell a male ant from a female ant? If you put them in water the ones that float to the top are boy ants (buoyant)

Census

Feb 27	54	Ash Wed	61
March 6	41	March 9	52
March 13	71	March 16	48
March 20	52	March 23	70

Men in Mission-next meeting Saturday April 2 at 9:00.

High School Youth Group, April 24, 5:00 East Nidaros regular meeting. May 1, Youth volunteer for Banquet featuring guest speaker V.J Smith. Plan on attending and invite a friend or 2.

Council meeting: Tuesday April 5. 6:30 Committee meeting followed by full council at 7:00

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Men in Mission and WELCA 9:00
3 9:30 Worship w/Communion Sunday School Pastor Chris Matson	4 1:00-3:00 Crafters for Christ	5 3:30 Pastor's Text 6:30 Committees 7:00 Council	6 5:30 Meal 6:30 Lent Service Pastor Jared Rakness West Nidaros	7	8	9 10:00 Community Easter Egg hunt
10 9:30 Worship Palm Sunday featuring Sunday School talent	11 1:00-3:00 Crafters for Christ	12 3:30 Pastor's Text	13	14 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday	15 6:30 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Worship 9:00 am	18 1:00-3:00 Crafters for Christ	19 3:30 Pastor's Text study	20 7:30 Confirmation	21 Deadline for Newsletter	22	23
24 9:30 Worship Sunday School 5:00 Northern Rim Youth meet at East Nidaros	25 1:00-3:00 Crafters for Christ	26 3:30 Pastor's Text Study	27 7:30 Confirmation	28	29	30
<p>The Northern rim Youth Group cordially invites everyone to attend the first Northern Rim Youth Banquet on Sunday May 1 from 5-87p.m. At the Morton Center. We will hear speaker V.J Smith who wrote the book <i>"The Richest Man in Town"</i> Enjoy good food & fellowship, and bid on Silent Auction items. Free will offering. Proceeds will help send students to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana this summer. RSVP to elise@westnidaros.org.</p>						

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Wednesday and Easter Schedule

Wednesday April 6: meal 5:30, worship 6:30 with Pastor Jared
Rakness West Nidaros

Saturday April 9: Community Easter Egg hunt 10:00

Sunday April 10: Palm Sunday 9:30

April 14: Maundy Thursday 6:30

April 15: Good Friday 6:30

April 17: Easter Sunday 9:00

