



APRIL, 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

After Governor Evers most recent "Safer at Home" mandate, with a desire to keep the 4th Commandment by obeying civil authorities, and a desire to keep the 5th Commandment by not hurting or harming our neighbors in body, the Board of Elders of Redeemer has decided to continue drive-up communion until all mandates are lifted and freedom of movement is again restored. Communion is not necessary for our salvation. It is important for the forgiveness of sins, and for the strengthening of our faith, and the encouragement that we receive by communing with others. However, we do not want to cause anyone undo risk or fear by burdening their consciences. We are taking precautions to keep people safe.

We are now also offering another worship option for those who do not have internet access or a DVD player. An FM transmitter has been installed at church, so that the audio part of the service will be available over your FM radio, as long as you are in the church parking lot to be in range of the transmitter. We will play the audio of the service during the times of drive-up communion (**Sunday 9:30 -11:30 am, and Wednesday 4:30 – 6:30 pm**). You can tune your radio to 88.3 FM to receive the service. The Green Bay Police Department has stated publicly that they will not be enforcing the "Stay at Home" order. So we are still in compliance with the governor's mandate, as long as fewer than 10 people are in the church at one time. Sitting in your car in the parking lot does not make you part of that gathering. And a reminder, If you would like to take communion, but do not want to get out of your vehicle, I will bring it out to you. In these challenging days, with many churches having only an online presence for their Services instead of meeting in person, it is important that every member realize that while Redeemer's on-site worship services may have been cancelled, the church's ongoing ministry and mission continues.

The faithful, weekly giving of the Redeemer members makes possible the continued fulfillment of the ongoing ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here are some ways that you can remain faithful in your giving responsibility and continue to fund the continued ministry and mission of Redeemer:

- **Send your donation weekly through the U.S. Postal Service.** This may be the easiest option. Please send your Weekly Envelope to:

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
205 Hudson Street
Green Bay, WI 54303-1999**

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
210 S. ONEIDA ST
GREEN BAY, WI 54303**

**920-499-1033
WWW.REDEEMERLUTHERANGB.COM
REDEEMERGREENBAY@GMAIL.COM**

- **Give to Redeemer by using the VANCO (Simply Giving) personal banking online bill pay service.** This is very convenient as many people pay their bills online these days. Simply fill out the information noted in the attachment, and send back to Cathy at Redeemer and it will be set up. (redeemergreenbay@gmail.com) This method does not cost the church or the giver any additional fee.
- **Lastly, if you are already set up for PayPal, you can go to the Redeemer web-site and scroll down to the very bottom,** Click on the yellow “DONATE” box and you will be able to make either or one-time or a monthly donation.

Faithful people find a way to remain faithful. In these challenging times Christians need to find a way to remain faithful in their giving to their Lord and His church in order that Redeemer’s ministry and mission will continue and not suffer. Paul writes to Timothy in his second letter to him, “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” (2 Timothy 1:7). God is still in control, and will give us the strength to weather through this storm, and come out stronger on the other side of it.

Redeemer Worship Options during the Coronavirus Crisis

Redeemer’s Weekly Worship Services with Pastor Pett’s Message are Live Streamed on our Facebook Page (@ Redeemer Lutheran Green Bay) and our Website (www.redeemerlutherangb.com)

Divine Worship Service: 8:45 AM Sunday Morning
Mid-Week Lenten Service: 6:30 PM Wednesday Evening
Bible Study (Via Zoom Internet Conference): 1 PM Sunday Afternoon

Both services can then be accessed at our Website for viewing at any time that may be more convenient for you.

Here are some additional options for your consideration:


Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Options:

- The Lutheran Hour (<https://www.lhm.org/>)
- The Lutheran Hour on the Radio (WRVM 102.7FM – 10:00am Sunday Morning) (<https://streema.com/radios/WRVM>)
- LCMS YouTube Page (<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheLCMS>)
- KFUE Radio Program - 7:00am & 5:00pm Daily (Morning/Evening Prayer - <https://www.kfuo.org/>)
- Concordia Theological Seminary (<https://www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel>)
- WDOR 93.9FM & 910AM - 8:05am Sunday (Pastor Chris Jackson – St. Peter, Forestville & St. John, Rankin) (<https://www.wdor.com/>)
- LCMS Website – Visit other congregational websites (<https://www.lcms.org/>)
- Worship Anew: (<http://www.worshipanew.org>) (LCMS service for shut-ins) Direct TV – Ch 377

Green Bay Area LCMS Congregations with Worship Options:

- Faith Lutheran Church (Green Bay - <http://www.flcgb.com>)
- Pilgrim Lutheran Church (Green Bay - <http://www.pilgrimluth.org/>)
- Zion Lutheran Church (Wayside - <http://www.zionwayside.org/>)

In Christ’s love,



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG

Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Attendance: Pastor Pett, Lorin Sternberg, Randy Pfister, Jim Wirch, Bill Borchardt, Jayne Busarow, Brittany Hyde

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Randy Pfister. Pastor opened the meeting with a devotion based on a reading from John 4: 7-15. The devotion was followed by a prayer.

Minutes from the February 11, 2020 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by Lorin Sternberg to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Bill Borchardt. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor shared the following report for the month of February:

Date	Wed. – 6:30	Sun. – 8:45	Sun. – 10:45	Total
1/29 & 2/2	48	103	23	174
2/5 & 2/9	64	78	15	157
2/12 & 2/16	45	91	34	170
2/19 & 2/23	59	76	34	169

Teaching

- 6 Adult Bible Classes, 4 Confirmation Classes,

Pastoral Care

- 14 hospital visits, 8 shut-in visits, 1 Prison Visit, 2 Nursing Home Services, 3 Counseling Sessions

New Members

- Rachel Feivor – by Profession of Faith - 2/7/2020

Funerals/Deaths

- Hailey Opicka – died 2/12/20, funeral – 2/22/20
- Wayne Zimmerman – died 2/23/20, funeral – 2/29/20

Weddings and Anniversary Services

- none

Other Membership Changes

- none

Membership

- Current baptized membership - 494
- Current communicant membership - 386

Administrative

- Board of Elders – 2/3/20, Board of Property – 2/4/20, Circuit Pastors' Meeting – 2/10/20, Executive Committee – 2/11/20, Board of Mission & Ministry Meeting – 2/18/20, District Circuit Visitors Retreat – 2/24 & 2/25/20

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Board of Elders: The board of elders met on Monday March 2, 2020.

In the book Pastors and Elders, we studied challenges we face in a self-absorbed culture and an example of how to deal with some situations.

We reviewed a letter and a questionnaire prepared by Pastor Pett that will be mailed to members who have not worshiped in over 2 years. Any questionnaires returned to us hopefully will give us some feedback on why a member has been absent for so long.

We discussed the possibility of combining the two Sunday worship services into one service which would include the praise team. The discussion began regarding how this would make sense considering attendance. However, we then discussed the health of our pastor and how his current condition contributes to fatigue and that too would be a reason for having one service. We want to discuss this with the executive committee and discuss again at the congregation meeting on March 22.

A motion was made by Jayne Busarow and seconded by Jim Wirth to proceed with one 9:15 am service on Sunday's beginning at a TBD date. Motion passed unanimously

Communion will be served at all Sunday services in April & May.

Board of Mission and Ministry Report: No Report

Board of Property Report:

New Glass railing for Balcony –Keith Larson will be calling and working with Tom Kloen to get a design together and figure out when we can get this completed. It will probably take about 1 week to complete and we may be down media temporarily during installation.

Moving Pastor's office to School. We have a tentative estimate of \$7,000 to build a new office space for pastor in school attached to the existing office. This would provide better communication between Secretary and Pastor. Also protecting Pastor in the event of issues arising during a counselling session.

New Chairs and Tables are here and we sorted the old chairs to see which ones need to be scrapped or able to sell. Keith Larsen has 2 parties that are interested in buying our old chairs.

Storage of the new round tables will be in one of the open classrooms until the stage area is redeveloped for 2 stories of storage. We have a March 21st as a scheduled work date to start cleaning the stage. Question was asked by a member of the congregation if this project needs to be voted on by the members to see if we do it or not?

We met with Trio Heating and Cooling to get a quote for new church AC system. Final quote came back at \$37,500. Pastor had the contract signed and was working with Lynn to get a check to them to start the process of installation. A couple of parts need to be custom built and when they are completed the installation of the systems will take place.

Church basement upgrade is not quite finished and Keith will be working on it to get wrapped up.

Now with better weather we will work on installing the new car port lights, which we already have. And we have a new idea for backlighting the front wall cross. This will be a cove molding to be installed on the side of the cross reflecting the LED lights to the back. This should create the same look without taking the cross down.

NEWLSA (Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran Schools Association) Report: No report

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Financial Updates:

Checking Account balance as of February 29, 2020 is \$6754.56 Designated (Held in Savings) balance is \$366,808.46. Ruby's Pantry: \$600.72. AC Fund: \$29,688.98. Adopt A Bill: \$280.00.

February 2020 offerings were \$25,782.00, compared with \$19,803.00 in February 2019. Total February income was \$28,254.00 including offerings, other and Thrivent Choice. Total expenses paid in February were \$29,464.00. The balance for the Board of Property's account is \$13,200 as of February 29th.

Old Business:

Looking to create an Endowment funds with special memorials that were given to Redeemer. More discussing at the March 22nd Congregation Meeting.

New Business:

Time & Talent sheets have been turned in and have been compiled will be distributed to the appropriate committees. Discussed Project list for current/upcoming memorial funds.

Lorin Sternberg attended a 2-day Safety & Security Symposium. Lots of good speakers and topics on active shooters, medical emergencies, first aid and fire safety. Will begin to put plans into place. More to come.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Sunday, March 22, 2020: Congregation Meeting.
- Tuesday, April 14, 2020: Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12, 2020: Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Bill Borchardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jayne Busarow seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Hyde
Congregational Secretary

PRAYER LIST

International & Local Concerns:

Persecuted Christians
Natural Disaster Victims— flooding, tornado
Victims of Senseless Violence

Hospitalized:

Phyllis Smeester-mother of Becki Larsen

Family & Friends of Those Who Passed Away

Jim Herman-brother of Jeff & Jerry Herman
Gladys Meath

Undergoing Treatment:

Wayne Aprill—son of Bud & Mae Aprill
Linda Baldwin—daughter-in-law of Helen Baldwin
Janell Barleament-sister to Julie Bogner
Bruce Burt-son of LaVern Burt
Lincoln Canady-nephew of Mike & Tiffany Ellingson
Karen Clark—sister of Becki Larson
Elenore DeWinter—mother of Rose Wassenberg
Sharon Eichman
Lori Harris
Cindi Heidke-friend of Steve & Linda Druckrey
Curt Heidke— friend of Steve & Linda Druckrey
Derek Kosmicki - son-in-law of Susan Lutzow-Buss
Susan Kupsky
Tianna Lange
Jennifer Nehring
Roger Nowak
Jean Palomino
Rev. Paul Pett
Glenda Wipperfurth-friend of Dave Tucker

Recovering:

Bob Barrette
Klaus Becker— brother of Laurie Zoellner
Susan Luthzow-Buss
Louise Christofilis— mother of Chris Stewart
Carl Kosbab-father of Naomi Kosbab
Tom Meath
Ron Miller
Elmer Nienow
Dave Tucker
Steve Wassenberg

School Ministry:

N.E.W. Lutheran High School
Trinity Lutheran School

Ongoing Health Problems:

Neal Anderson
Connie Aprill-sister-in-law of Bud & Mae Aprill
Margie Bergelin
LaVern Burt
Ed Forel— father of Sheila Ferron
Edward Fritsch-father of Cindy Pfister
LouAnn Gerzmehle-sister of Ron Miller
Ed Groh
Marjory Holmes
Orval Howard
Ron Howard
Vi Howard
Sue Kienitz - sister in law of Neal & Ann Anderson
Michelle Nooyen
Marshall Piotter -father of Lorri Sternberg
Sheila Piotter- mother of Lorri Sternberg
Mary Pirlot-friend of Delton & Kathy Bongel
Jeannette Raddatz
Lowel Schroeder—brother of Pat Taylor
LaDonna Tratz

All Caregivers

Missionary Overseas:

Elliot & Serena Derricks

Military Personnel Overseas:

Jonathon Beavers
Paige Bogner
Shawn & Tess (Bogner) LaRue
Travis Linzmeyer—husband of Tammie (Swenty) Linzmeyer
Roy McDonough- grandson of Orvel & Vi Howard
Garret Moen—friend of Bryan & Jennifer Nehring
Maggie Noll - friend of Tess (Bogner) LaRue
Ron Pezze—grandson of Fred John
Nathan Schroeder - nephew of Pat Taylor

Updated: 3-26-20

CHURCH NEWS

GET THE LATEST UPDATES ON CLOSING/ CANCELLATIONS

Just a reminder that in order for Redeemer to contact you with the latest info, we need the correct phone number and email. If you have made changes to your contact info and not shared those changes with Redeemer please do it now by calling 499-1033 or emailing redeemergreenbay@gmail.com. If you wish to receive text messages you must give your permission by texting: ALERT To: 22300

\$CRIP UPDATE

Scrip will be unavailable til further notice, in an attempt to limit face-to-face contact. If you absolutely need to replenish your Scrip, please call Cindy at home phone 920-499-6519 and leave a message with your request.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Remember to donate your Choice Dollars before March 31st.

REDEEMER CHURCH CALENDAR

At this time in our world circumstances are changing too quickly to plan a month at a time. Therefore, a calendar for April will not be included in this newsletter. The calendar on our website www.redeemerlutherangb.com is being updated with current information as quickly as possible.

REMINDER:

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-Pastor Pett

Happy Birthday!

April

- 1 Dale Groh, Eric Knapowski, Judy Westerfelf
- 2 Ross Corey, Elmer Nienow
- 3 Michael Hekenberger, Lavern Jones
- 4 Ann Anderson, Ben Borchardt,
Sophie Truskowski
- 5 Jordan Groh
- 6 Landon Kern, Donna Strehlow, Paul VanArk
- 7 Linda Druckrey, Kendra Schmeling
- 8 Ryan Curley
- 9 Jordan DeGrave
- 11 Delores Duffek, Anya Kahl, Llew Kramer,
Keith Laux
- 12 Violet Howard
- 13 Roman Olivarez, Pam Siudak
- 14 Naomi Bahrke, Sara Dufek, Charles Hyde
- 15 Helen Baldwin
- 16 Bev Jablonski
- 18 Shawn Frush, Janet Groh
- 20 Rachel Feivor, Dennis Frye
- 21 Margie Bergelin, Brad Swenty,
Laverne Wassenberg
- 23 Justin Mannisto, Madeline Sisel
- 24 Brooklyn Pearson, Cindy Pfister
- 25 Jessica Kloehn, Lauren Krouse,
Matthew Wassenberg, Beth Wegener
- 27 Dennis Jones
- 28 Lauren Prah, Brendan Whipp
- 29 Paula Davis, Grant Steckbauer
- 30 Brenda Olson

Happy Anniversary!

April

- 4 Llew & Julie Kramer
- 13 Jason & Janelle Walton
- 15 Jeff & Susan Herman
- 25 Ronald & Donna Stehlow
- 30 Michael & Jennifer Steltenpohl

Official Acts

Holy Baptism

Lyle Kenneth Feivor

March 15, 2020

Parents: Rachel Feivor & Brandon Bauer

Sponsors: Jessie Nimmer & Conrad Feivor

Church Office Hours: Mon- Fri 9am-2pm

Note: The Church office is located in the school building.

May Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, April 19, 2020