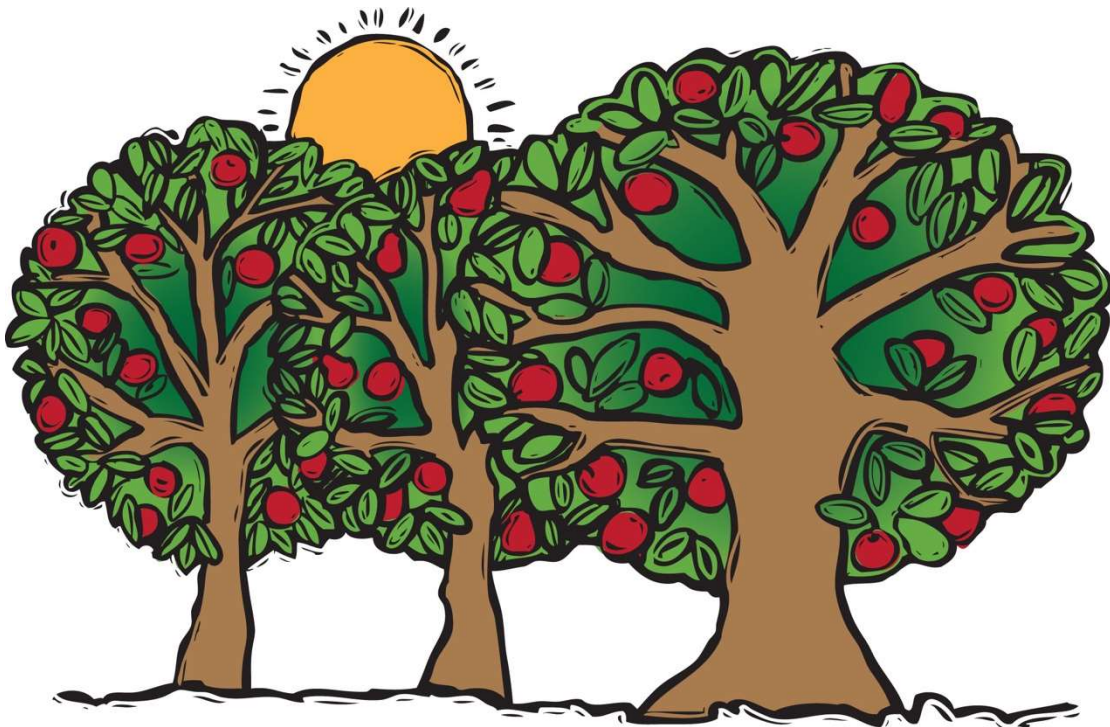




REDEEMER REPORTER

September 2023



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Custodian: Mr. Chuck Julius

Music Director: Mr. Paul Berge

Pastor: The Rev. Matt James

Office Hours: By Appointment – *Please email or call the Church Office if you have a need for access to the church or to meet with Pastor Matt*

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Mondays, 1:15-2:45pm

Want to Join Us? Please reach out to Pastor Matt (262.634.7998, mattjames@racinelcredeemer.com) to discuss taking the next steps toward joining Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. We thank God for all who are moved by the Holy Spirit to join with us in the body of Christ!



Submit prayer requests by calling or sending an email to the church. If the request is for someone other than yourself, please obtain permission from the individual and also indicate if the request is to be on the prayer chain. Contact the church office with the name of anyone who would benefit from our visitation ministry or if you would like to be a part of the visitation team.

Our Homebound Members

Mildred Carleton

Ellen Heyde

Marie Miller

Joyce Owens

Hilda Small

Darlene Sorensen

Norma Ziolkowski

LeeAnna Shelmidine

Sandy Monefeldt

Hospital Admissions:

Please call the church office if you are hospitalized as the hospital does not always call us to inform of admissions. If you are not able to call, please have a family member or friend let us know. Pastor Matt can be reached for pastoral care at 262-977-7913.

SEPTEMBER 16TH REDEEMER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

*We always give thanks
to God for all of you and
mention you in our
prayers, constantly
remembering before
our God your work of
faith and labor of love
and steadfastness of
hope.*

--1 Thess. 2





Just Around the Corner!!

AFRICAN SUNDAY & AUCTION

September 24, 2023

As summer is coming to an end, there are still so many activities filling our days. One of those special days will be African Sunday and our combined Tanzanian/Greater Milwaukee Synod Day of Prayer. Our day will include an African flavored service, a live auction lead by Emanuel Kitoi and a Tanzanian luncheon.

Auction items will be displayed on-line and also the week prior in the narthex.

Our Meru partners are always thankful for our prayers and gifts. The effects of the drought, healthcare efforts and church buildings for parish growth continue. The hospital is still very much in need of a new outpatient and emergency unit.

I am planning to head to Tanzania in October. I have received more than 60 pillowcase dresses, flip flop sandals and some cash gifts from our partners at Journey in Faith.

Many other needs continue and include:

Prenatal Vitamins	Tylenol/acetaminophen	Hydrocortisone cream
Ibuprofen	Advil	Eye drops
Children's Vitamins	Sunglasses (adult/kids)	Benadryl capsules/tabs
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	Bandages
Cold Medicine	Decongestants	Omeprazole (Prilosec)
Reading glasses (Dollar Store)		
(Over the counter medications for adults and children are useful)		

Extra cash contributions assist in the purchase of meters, strips, lancets for the many diabetics.

Bishop Kitoi and Elly always send their love and grateful thanks for our support in Meru.

In order to have a lunch that day, please consider helping with the set-up, prep and clean-up. We have a sign-up for that in the narthex and will also have one for lunch attendance to get an estimate for the food needed.

We will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Contact me or Pastor Matt.

Asante Sana and Karibo!!!!

Lynn

Outreach for Hope (ORH) Family Ride Run Walk September 30, 2023

The ORH Family Ride Run Walk will be held again this year at multiple locations, with Petrifying Springs being one of them. The funds raised by OFH provide support for many programs throughout our Greater Milwaukee Synod including the funds we have received for Terrific Tuesdays in the past and our ongoing Neighborhood Camp. Do you realize that Camp has been going on for about 20 years at Redeemer? With this support and God's help our coordinators, staff and volunteers have touched hundreds of families in this neighborhood.

For the third year in a row, the turnaround for the 12-mile bike ride will be at Redeemer. Please contact Brenda or Jim Kasproovich if you are willing to help hand out snacks and water to the bicyclists that stop by.

There are other ways for you to participate with the event too. You can volunteer at Petrifying Springs, ride and/or make a contribution to Outreach for Hope.

Information on the event for registration and times can be found at **outreachforhope.org**

Please consider being a part of the 2023 event.

Questions, call or text Lynn Hooper at 262-497-2702.





SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

09/02 Jennifer Dustman
09/04 Jose Figueroa
09/04 Grace Carlson
09/05 Norma Ziolkowski
09/05 John Wosyk
09/08 Don Rorek
09/12 Elizabeth Rattle
09/14 Chuck Julius, Sr.
09/24 Judy Exner
09/26 Lois Stattenfield
09/26 Dan Rennock
09/28 Taryn Vance

Baptisms

09/04 Nancy Nelson
09/05 Marion Julius
09/11 Linda Petersen
09/14 JoAnn Nelson
09/14 Cameron Fair
09/17 Sarah Skenandore
09/23 Kevin Rattle
09/24 Cindy Lieungh
09/29 Brian Cunningham
09/29 Scott Naegeli

Weddings

09/05 Linda & Don Bagley
09/21 Nancy & Steve Vandewinckel
09/22 Sarah & Brian Cunningham



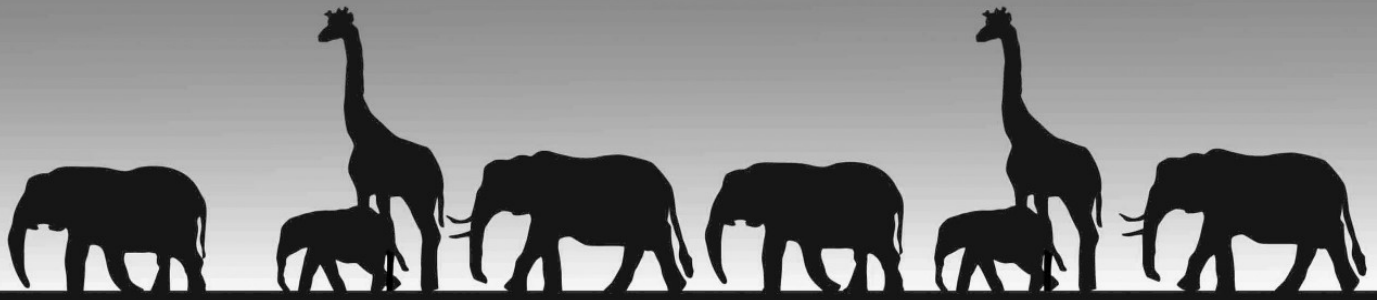
Worship Leaders' Schedule

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Assisting	Lori Rennock	Bernie Osborne	Sean Fair	Charles Julius III
Reader	Lori Rennock	Nancy Vandewinckel	Sheila Fair	Jane Wilson
Ushers	Linda & Kevin Rattle	John Wosyk	Jim Kasprovich	Linda Bagley & Bernie Osborne
Altar Guild	Jennifer Dustman & Jan Brandies	Lori Rennock & Bonnie Ayers	Linda Bagley & Marilyn Rentz	Nancy Vandewinckel & Jane Wilson
Altar Flowers	Sue Jones <i>Anniversary</i>	Linda Bagley <i>Anniversary</i>	Matt James <i>Parents' Anniversary</i>	Wendy Lail <i>Sarah & Brian's Anniversary</i>

Please email the church office to make corrections or changes to the schedule – thank you!

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9:00 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 9:00 am Confirmation 12:00pm @ United Lutheran Church	11 Grief Share 1pm	12 Bible Study 1:15pm	13 Book Club 11am @ Gypsy Java	14 Exec Committee, 5:30pm Council, 6pm	15	16
17 Worship 9:00 am VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY!!	18 Grief Share 1pm	19 Bible Study 1:15pm	20 Book Club 11am @ Gypsy Java	21	22	23
24 Worship 9:00 am 	25 Grief Share 1pm	26 Bible Study 1:15pm	27 Book Club 11am @ Gypsy Java	28	29	30  OUTREACH FOR HOPE <small>2023 FAMILY RIDE RUN WALK MILES FOR HOPE</small>



B w a n a A s I f i w E ! P r a i s e T h e L o r d !

You are invited to be part of

A f r i c a n S u n d a y

SEPTEMBER 24 , 2023 - 9AM

L u t h e r a n C h u r c h o f t h e R e d e e m e r
2417 D r e x e l A v e . - R a c i n e , W I

**COMBINED TANZANIAN/GMS DAY OF PRAYER
LUNCH • AFRICAN MUSIC • LIVE AUCTION**

The service will also be available on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/LORRacine

All profits will be used for our mission in the Diocese of Meru.

A s a n t e S a n a ! T h a n k Y o u !



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Council Meeting

August 17, 2023

Present Council Members: Pastor Matt, Lynn Hooper, Bernie Osborne, Cherie Julius, Jane Wilson, Linda Bagley, Lori Rennock, Jennifer Dustman

The meeting was called to order by President Hooper at 6:08 p.m. The meeting was held on Zoom .

Pastor led with devotions based on the wind storm on the sea with the disciples followed by prayer.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as submitted. There was no meeting in July.

Old Business

African Sunday will be held September 24th. There will be a live auction held. This will also be the Day of Prayer between Meru and the USA.

Council discussed the completion of Neighborhood Camp, Christmas in July, and Night Out along with Chuck's return.

Meru coffee prices will be raising later this year.

The office doors for the South entrance are in production and will be installed before winter.

New Business

We are looking for volunteers/ desserts/supplies for the Fall Teacher Appreciation Luncheon to be held August 31st from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

LCR will again be the turnaround point for the annual Outreach for Hope bicycle ride fundraiser. The event will be held on September 30th. We are looking for volunteers to welcome the riders. Please see Brenda if you are able to help out.

October 1st will be a Blessing of the Pets Sunday.

The next council meeting will be held on Zoom Thursday, September 14, 2023. Executive Board - 5:30 p.m. Full Council -6:00 p.m.

Pastor's Report- Pastor highlighted the events that took place over the summer. Even though our members are small in number, we have made a huge impact on the community! Pastor is grateful for all the many hours of cooking, cleaning, serving, talking, sitting with, and fellowshiping that so many of our community have offered up. He cannot wait to see how the Spirit continues to move as we make our turn into another fall season.

The Mitchell back to school luncheon will be held at LCR for teachers and staff on August 31st. Mitchell is starting a new mentor program that Pastor is hoping a few members will take part in. It's only a commitment of 30 minutes a week and is a great way to connect with young people, build relationships, and give back to our community. There will be an orientation held for the mentoring program.

There is an opportunity to be part a program that Mitchell School started last year where families and friends come in and share their talents with classes (such as simple cooking, crafting, sewing, and much more).

Pastor suggested that we start off a new program year by showing appreciation for those volunteers who have given their time and talents to help continue the ministry of our community. He's hoping to have Appreciation Sunday on September 17th.

A poll was taken to determine a Saturday we might gather for a Fall Council Retreat. October 14, 21, and 28th all tied. It was suggested that we might hold the retreat on October 14th.

It's possible that we might have another group of new members and baptisms coming to LCR in the next month. It will be a joy to once again welcome new members into our community!

The Racine Collective will be holding a book study starting September 13th. Please contact Pastor Matt for more information if you are interested in joining.

An idea came up at the Stewardship Meeting to set aside a Sunday in October to *formally* invite family and friends to worship with us at LCR. Pastor suggested that October 15th could be that day. The Stewardship drive will be held the first 3 Sundays in November.

The Fall Leadership Conference will be held October 2-4. The conference is open to all. Please contact Pastor Matt if you are interested in attending.

Pastor will be taking his final Sunday of this year off on September 10th. He is grateful for the time to take vacation and rest up. Pastor Stephen Wohlfeil will lead worship that Sunday.

Since the last Council meeting Pastor has made 8 visits, 12 Pastoral phone calls, presided over the funeral of Warren Pohfahl at Graceland Cemetery on June 21st, held 4 premarital counseling sessions, presided over the weddings of Breana Conley & Jenilia Gonzales on July 8th, and Natalee Jeske & Joshua Benning on August 11th. He also attended 11 meetings and events.

Committee Reports- Written reports were received from the Life & Growth, Worship, and Property and Grounds Committees.

Life and Growth-Because of the weather, the Church picnic was held in Luther Hall on June 11th. Over 50 people attended. We enjoyed brats, hot dogs, and had plenty of side dishes and desserts provided by church members. Rebekah provided fun activities for the children. We had an amazing number of prizes and gift cards donated. Brenda would like to thank everyone that helped make the picnic a success and Wendy Lail for shopping. Even though the weather was bad, we had a good time and it was great to be able to get together after such a long time. The total cost for the picnic was \$267.90.

There were 47 people that attended the Kenosha Kingfish Baseball Game Outing at Simmons Field on Sunday, July 9th. Even though they didn't win, hopefully everyone had a great time and plenty of food.

The committee would like to plan another event for early fall. A potluck dinner has been suggested. Any other suggestions are welcome. Please see Brenda.

Worship-The committee was happy to have Chuck back in attendance.

Dates were discussed for future church events:

9/10 Rally Sunday-having a pancake breakfast was discussed

9/24 Discussed having a light luncheon for African Sunday

10/8 Paul will be gone- Joe Dominick will fill in for him

10/29 Service will be at 10 A.M. It will be a joint service as we will be celebrating Confirmation for two of our young people as well as others from the other congregations. Nancy will order carnations.

11/5 All Saints Sunday and the start of our 3 week Stewardship appeal.

Property and Grounds-Chuck would like everyone that helped cover for him during his absence. It is much appreciated.

Otis was at church doing the regular check up on the elevator. The elevator is due for its annual certification. They will send a proposal that will need to be ok'd.

Chuck contacted Seal Coat to seal the parking lot this year. The cost increased \$400 since we had it done 2 years ago. They will let Chuck know when they will come to seal the lot.

There were complaints about the snow plow company that we had this past year. They did not come out for the lighter snow storms. Chuck would like to know if anyone has any suggestions on other companies. He asked Pastor to check with the other churches to see who they use.

Chuck asked if anyone had looked at the roof leak in the stairwell by room 300's door that he discovered shortly before his accident.

Chuck was asked to have an electrician come out and give an estimate on some electrical work at church. Chuck received a quote from Van's Electric to replace the lighting in the 3 main sections of the church (Offices and stairwells,- downstairs hall, bathrooms, multipurpose room, and Luther Hall,-room 300). The cost will be \$6,390 for 142 LED fixtures for the 3 sections. The Executive Board agreed that we should proceed with Van Electric's quote. Council agreed. We will also look at upgrading the lighting in the Narthex.

Treasurer's Report	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
January -July Income	\$ 110,970.43	\$ 50,366.05
January-July Expense	\$ 131,873.84	\$ 136,657.30
Income Less Expense	\$ -20,903.41	\$ -86,291.25

\$40,000 was moved from the Endowment Fund in May to the Legacy Account to cover bill payments.

Included in income is \$10,000 we received from Messiah Lutheran Church.

Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & Upcoming Events

Executive & Council Meetings

Thursday, September 14th

Executive Committee: 5.30pm

Council: 6pm

October 1st: Blessings of the Animals

During worship – 9am



To sponsor altar flowers please call the church office or pick up an envelope located at the altar flower sign-up sheet. The cost is \$20. You can mail a check to the church or place your check in the offering plate. Please be sure to include

- Your name
- Date you are sponsoring
- Reason

This is *Your* Newsletter

Do you have news or information to share with the congregation? Please send your ideas to: office@racinelcredeemer.com.