

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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NEWSLETTER
JANUARY/FEBRUARY
Pastor's Message**

This month we move from Easter into Pentecost. A time for us to realize that our Lord is risen and to glory in his presence with us always. It is a wonderful time for us to realize that the Church is Alive. We are alive because Jesus is alive. Jesus lives in and through us, His church. Just as we need to stop and smell the roses (and other flowers) at this time of year, we also need to take some time to reflect on Jesus being raised from the dead. What does it mean?

Simply put Jesus is alive now and forever, and so are we with Him. We are empowered by God to put first things first: God, family, and each other. These are the building blocks of life. These are what the Holy Spirit uses to show the World the Church is alive.

God uses us! God uses Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Our Joy should be evident in our lives. Our joy is evident because we know what is important in life, and we know what is not. Our priorities are clear: God, family and others.

At this time of the year we should take heed to our surroundings and listen to the earth. The Earth is Alive. We can see it and smell it. Does the World look at the Church, at our Church, and see life? Does our community know we are alive here? Is it evident?

I think it is evident that we are alive, but our blossoms may not be as full as they could be yet. Our congregation is doing many things. We are learning always how to set our priorities straight. We are growing in Christ continually. We need to continue our growth. We need to continually blossom showing our world the Life our Lord Jesus has given to us.

Pastor Jeffrey Bohan

Council President Report

Since the January Meeting we've had a special year. With funds from Raffles & Donations we were able to purchase a portable Defibrillation machine and has been hung in the back of the sanctuary.

As usual we had some plumbing problems but at this writing everything is in working order. The dance group left the Ritchie building as she has moved.

Room 5 and 6 will be cleared for future rental. Room 6 is already rented and will be taken over as of May 1, 2024. May 5 will be our semiannual meeting and celebration of burning the papers for our mortgage thank you to all who participated in any of these projects. Be ready for the chicken BBQ which will be on September 7, 2024.

Hope you have a great summer! Council President, Russ Pingrey

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

- 5th CALM Judy Mica Guerin
- 12th Pastor Jeffrey Bohan
- 19th SAM Dave Banner
- 26th Pastor Jeffrey Bohan

ASSISTANT

- CALM Bobbie Krager
- CALM Linda Martin
- CALM Judy Mica Guerin
- CALM Bobbie Krager

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

- 2nd CALM Judy Mica Guerin
- 9th Pastor Jeffrey Bohan
- 16th CALM Linda Martin
- 23rd SAM Dave Banner
- 30th CALM Bobbie Krager

ASSISTANT

- CALM Linda Martin
- CALM Linda Martin
- SAM Dave Banner
- CALM Bobbie Krager
- SAM Dave Banner

Chicken



Annual BBQ

We will be having our annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday September 7, 2024. Please watch for more information coming in the July and August newsletter!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Samantha McCall**
- 1st Jim Birtch**
- 1st David Simmons**
- 5th Kaylee Krager**
- 11th Jenna Fitzgerald**
- 12th Erica Birtch**
- 13th Linda Martin**
- 13th Ruthi Fitzgerald**
- 14th Dave Banner**
- 17th Ron Teekasingh**
- 20th Joyce Darling**
- 25th Don Darling**
- 28th Stephen Kalka**
- 29th Joe Monforte**
- 29th Cathy Lang**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Gary DeVaul**
- 7th Nicholas Finsel**
- 8th Dolores Chapman**
- 9th Mike Wales**
- 14th David Rader**
- 17th Gene Rader**
- 17th Joyce Staub**
- 18th Michele Duell**
- 25th John Heath**
- 27th Barb Rader**

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

- 27th Don & Barb Duell**

JUNE

- 14th Angel & Caden Lair**
- 20th Joe & Judy Guerin**
- 29th Joe & Karen Monforte**

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Outreach Committee

We are planning to change up our activities this Summer. We will be handing out, along with Bibles, coffee and donuts, on at least 2 mornings each month. We'd like to have chairs out, so we can get to know our neighbors- and hopefully, they get to know us, and our message.

We ask asking that anyone willing & able- to donate donuts for our venture. We will freeze them, and use as events come up.

Please see Linda for any questions or concerns!

Thank you! Linda Martin

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PRAYER LIST

This Prayer list is provided to encourage the members and friends of Redeemer to be in constant prayer to God, and to remember the special needs of the people listed below in prayer during the week.

Tim Angel	Jack Ferguson	John & Pat Moynihan
Heather B.	Noreen Fonnbeck	Kay Nearing
Stephanie B.	Michael G.	Russ Pingrey
Tom Bernardo	Carol Goldmbeski	Barb Rader
Paul (Bear)Bentley	Trudy Gray	Alan Reimel
Debra Bixby	Jeremy Harris	Al Roggenbaum
Dean Black	Kamdyn Hartung	Vanessa Sadlemine
Jeanine Black	Bernice Hill	Lind Schofield
Michael Bohan	Houser Family	Bobo Scone
Jenni Brant	Angel Lair	Linda Ulrich
Jordan Brundege	Caden Lair	Helga Vest
Doris Conroy	Barbara Lidestri	Patricia Watson
Mayla Conroy	Toni Loeffler	Margaret Whinton
Steve Conroy	Ute Loeffler	John White
Patricia Conroy	Ravelly Mathurim	Rinny White
Alexis Daniels	Joe Monforte	Jeanette Wickham
Antonio Daniels	Marguerite Monforte	George Yarnes
Cathy Demaree		Annette
Tom R. Escandel		Pam F.
		Amy
		Diane M.

Serving In the Military & Police

Damin Badger	Jack Ferguson
Matthew Bialk	Peter Jensen

To add or delete from this please call Alice 607-204-1814
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We are updating our records; here is a form to fill out
And send back to help us make sure we have the right
Information. Thank you Alice

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Or you can email the
information to: **redeemerbinghamton@gmail.com**



*Evangelical Lutheran Church
Of the Redeemer
135th Anniversary
There will be a reception
After the 10:00 a.m. Service
If you would like to attend
Please email
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Or call 607-722-1029*

Our Savior Church is have a special service and reception on
June 2, 2024 for Pastor Jeffrey Bohan's 30 Anniversary as a Pastor.
All are Welcome to attend!

Pantry News

Sending out a big thank you to the helpers that come the last Saturday of the month to help hand out food to our clients.

Your generosity and spirit of helping others is much appreciated!

I also want to thank those who give so generously of money and items to the pantry, without you donations to the pantry we would not be able to do the work we do.

So thank you to all who give of their time, money and donations. Judy Mica Guerin

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RLC Annual Congregational Meeting January 28, 2024

An annual meeting was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 28, 2024. The meeting was held in the Centennial Room, with 24 voting members present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Council President Russ Pingrey at 11:22 am.

Opening Prayer: An opening prayer was led by CALM Bobbie Krager.

Council Minutes of January 18, 2023: The minutes were printed and in the Annual Report packet. Ruthi Fitzgerald moved, and Inez Briggs seconded to accept the minutes. All approved.

Annual Committee Reports: The committee reports were printed and in the Annual Report packet. Karen Buckley moved, and Charles Houser seconded to accept the reports. All approved.

Financial Secretary Report/Treasurer's Report: Bill Hinkley was out of town, but his report was printed in the Annual Report packet. Rich Watson was covering for Bill Hinkley The Finance Secretary Report and the Treasurer's Report are the same item. Russ Pingrey did ask for motions, so there were 2 motions for the same report. Ruthi Fitzgerald moved and Pat Watson seconded to accept the Financial Secretary Report. All approved. Judy Mica Guerin moved and Cathiann Birtch seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. All approved.

Proposed budget: Russ Pingrey announced that the proposed budget was printed and in the Annual Report packet. He suggested that those in attendance look at it before discussion. Rich Watson reminded people that Bill Hinkley had gone over the budget a few weeks earlier at coffee hour. He did go over a few things, particularly the fact that this year's budget is lower than previous year's.

Other Business:

RLC Council: Ruthi Fitzgerald informed us that Marylou Rutkowski has had to resign from Council. She thanked Marylou for her time on Council, her service to church, and everything that she continues to do. She also asked people to think about being on Council. If anyone is interested, please let her know. At the May 2024 meeting we will vote to fill the vacant seat.

Rebecca Circle: Ruthi Fitzgerald stated that the Rebecca Circle has \$228.42 left in their account. She spoke with Nancy Krager and Barbara Rader who said that they would like the funds to go to a memorial or something important for the church. During today's meeting there was a discussion on the purchase of a defibrillator, and Barbara Rader stated that she would like the funds left in Rebecca Circle transferred to the defibrillator fund.

RRF: Ruthi Fitzgerald stated that she is working on having a gathering/party to celebrate the paying off of our RRF loan, Redeemer's 135th anniversary, and the Sanctuary Service 10th anniversary. She is looking for a date in June, after Our Saviour goes to one service and Pastor Jeff will be available to attend. She thanked everyone who contributed to the RRF fund which allowed us to pay off the loan early – 7 years only. Fantastic!

RRF Phase II Ruthi Fitzgerald also announced that we are continuing to collect funds for the next large project. She said people have suggested handicapped accessibility or air conditioning. She said that she asked Bill Hinkley for a wish list of things to be done around the church. She has the list, and will bring it up at Council meetings for discussion before it is brought to the congregation at the May meeting. She again thanked everyone for contributing to the RRF fund.

Voting Items:

Synod Assembly Voting Members. Synod assembly will be held this year in Syracuse Monday June 3 and Tuesday June 4. Redeemer is able to send 2 people as voting members, and will pay the assembly fees and hotel fees.

Judy Mica Guerin is currently on Synod Council; and as a Synod Council member her assembly fees are picked up by Synod, but not the hotel.

Any person who wishes may attend the assembly, paying their own assembly fees and hotel fees. Russ asked the congregation if anyone was interested in attending. Inez Briggs, Paul Talbot, and Cassie O'Dell were all interested. Paper was passed out, and our voting members voted for 2 people to attend. Inez Briggs received 19 votes, Paul Talbot 18 votes, and Cassie O'Dell 11 votes. Inez Briggs and Paul Talbot will be Redeemer's representatives at Synod Assembly.

Return to the Proposed Budget: Russ Pingrey asked if everyone had enough time to review the proposed budget and if there were any last questions before the vote. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget as submitted. All were in favor.

Other business continued: After the voting, we returned to other businesses:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: There was a discussion on having a Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday, the night before Ash Wednesday. It had been suspended because of Covid. Russ Pingrey asked if we would like to have one, and if anyone would be willing to cook. Judy Mica Guerin and Joe Guerin volunteered to cook, and others volunteered to help. There was general discussion. A time was decided on 5:30 – 6:30 on February 13, 2024.

Ash Wednesday lunch assembly: Lunches for Ashes To Go will also be assembled on Tuesday, February 13th. People were wondering if they can do the lunches and stay for the dinner. Judy Mica Guerin said lunch assembly will be at 3:30.

Raffles and Defibrillator: It was announced that we currently have \$157 collected for the current raffle. There was a discussion about where the raffle money was going. Rich Watson said that the raffle money was being split between the Defibrillator and the Organ Fund. This led to a discussion about the defibrillator and how much money we have for the purchase of one. Rich Watson was not able to give a specific amount from the information he had available. Ruthi Fitzgerald made a motion that the raffle money go to the defibrillator fund, and Judy Mica Guerin seconded. All approved.

Boundaries and Grief courses: Judy Mica Guerin said she had received some interest from people about having another course on Boundaries, and also one on grieving. She asked if people were interested in either. Receiving positive responses, she said she would look into making arrangements for them.

Adjournment: Russ Pingrey asked if there was any more business before the meeting was adjourned. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Mica Guerin