



## May 2024 Newsletter

Sponsored by **Fay Rosenow**—In Loving  
Memory of My Husband Ron

### Four Letter Words in the Bible

We have all heard the term, “that’s a four-letter word”. It is almost always used in a negative sense, as in swear words or profanity. But there are several good four-letter words found in the bible. Here are just a few:

#### • **SAVE**

Jesus came to seek & “save” the lost. (Luke 19:10)

Jesus came to “save” sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

The implanted word of God is able to “save” one’s soul. (James 1:21)

One who turns a sinner will “save” a soul from death. (James 5:20)

#### • **HOPE**

“Hope” does not disappoint. (Romans 5:5)

Our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ is our “hope”. (1 Timothy 1:1)

Our “hope” is in the 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 2:19)

We have “hope” of eternal life. (Titus 3:7)

#### • **WORK**

Christians must be fruitful in every good “work”. (Colossians 1:10)

Christians are to “work” with their own hands. (1 Thess. 4:11)

God’s word equips us for every good “work”. (2 Timothy 3:17)

Don’t be a forgetful hearer but a doer of the “work”. (James 1:25)

#### • **LOVE**

“Love” God with all your heart, soul, mind, & strength. (Mark 12:30)

“Love” your neighbor, including your enemies. (Matthew 5:43-48)

“Love” one another for “love” is of God. (1 John 4:7)

God showed His “love” to us through His Son. (Romans 5:8)

- Jay Launius -2023 Maud church of Christ Maud, Texas  
(and from Zion’s April newsletter)



## God Speaking to Us

*Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [1 Samuel 3:10](#)*

I received a phone call from an unknown number. Often, I let those calls go to voicemail, but this time I picked up. The random caller asked politely if I had just a minute for him to share a short Bible passage. He quoted Revelation 21:3–5 about how God “will wipe every tear from their eyes.” He talked about Jesus, how he was our assurance and hope. I told him I already know Jesus as my personal Savior. But the caller wasn’t aiming to “witness” to me. Instead, he simply asked if he could pray with me. And he did, asking God to give me encouragement and strength. That call reminded me of another “call” in Scripture—God called out to the young boy Samuel in the middle of the night (1 Samuel 3:4–10). Three times Samuel heard the voice, thinking it was the elderly priest Eli. The final time, following Eli’s instruction, Samuel realized that God was calling him: “Speak, for your servant is listening” (v. 10). Likewise, through our days and nights, God may be speaking to us. We need to “pick up,” which might mean spending more time

in His presence and listening for His voice.

I then thought of “the call” in another way. What if *we* sometimes are the messenger of God’s words to someone else? We might feel we have no way of helping others. But as God guides us, we could phone a friend and ask, “Would it be okay if I just prayed with you today?”

By **Kenneth Petersen**

## Reflect and Pray

**What message of encouragement did someone recently share with you?  
Who might be encouraged by a phone call from you?**

*Dear God, prompt me to think of others whom I can encourage with Your wisdom.*

You would honor me by your presence at my celebration of the completion of core classes of study in the ECSW of the ELCA Lay School of Ministry.

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

May 4, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church  
1254 S. Union Street  
Shawano, WI 54166

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pete Kolow", is written in a cursive style on a light-colored background.

### Monthly Bible Scavenger Hunt

Let's have some fun getting to know God's word a little better through a monthly Bible scavenger hunt. Each month there will be a different themed Bible scavenger hunt featured in the newsletter; with extra copies available at the church. Complete as an individual or as a family and place in the raffle box at church by the last Sunday of the month. A winner will then be drawn at random and will receive a prize. Answers will be printed in the next month's newsletter.

May Scavenger Hunt: Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Mothers—Bible Scavenger Hunt #6 (in honor of Mother's Day)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Solomon – 2 Samuel 12:24
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Timothy – 2 Timothy 1:5
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Seth – Genesis 4:1, 25
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Moses – Exodus 6:20
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Jacob – Genesis 25:26
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Jesus – Matthew 1:16
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Dan and Naphtali – Genesis 35:25
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Gad and Asher – Genesis 35:26
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of John the Baptist – Luke 1:13
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Samuel – 1 Samuel 1:20
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Mahlon and Kilion – Ruth 1:2
12. \_\_\_\_\_ One of David's wives, mother of Adonijah – 1 Kings 1:5

### April Scavenger Hunt Answers from last month:

1. Ichabod Eli's grandson whose name means "no glory" – 1 Samuel 4:21
2. Mephibosheth Jonathon's son who was crippled – 2 Samuel 9:6
3. Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon who conquered Jerusalem – 2 Kings 24:10
4. Lo-Ruhamah Hosea's daughter whose name means "not loved" – Hosea 1:6
5. Lo-Ammi Hosea's son whose name means "not my people" – Hosea 1:9
6. Orpah Ruth's sister-in-law – Ruth 1:4
7. Zebedee Father of James and John – Matthew 4:21
8. Dorcas Greek name for Tabitha – Acts 9:36
9. Nabal Abigail's foolish husband – 1 Samuel 25:25
10. Ham Noah's second son – Genesis 6:10
11. Nimrod Son of Cush who was a mighty hunter – Genesis 10:9
12. Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz Isaiah's son with an extra-long name – Isaiah 8:3

**April Bible Scavenger Hunt Winner: Fay Rosenow! (Wooden spring plaque & chocolates)**

(Thank you to all the others who participated: Lori H., Lois A. Dianne L., Mary A., Oliver C., Surland T., Carson R., and Ruthie O.)





## THE POWER OF PRAYER WORKS!!

Please remember in your prayers the following members and loved ones...

Grace Hartleben	Vian Kersten	Eugene Preuss
Gordon & Agnes Schlender	Donna Kubiacyk	June Norrbom
Lorna Alberg	Jean Benz	Rollie Hendrikson
Kay & Reuben Carlson	Sharon Philipp	Travis Nunnery

Pray those who need healing prayers: Ida Brekke, Buster Block, Nancy Pehlke, Mary Mattes, Betty Zeinert, Fay Rosenow, Marlee (niece of Mary Mattes), Allan Innerebner (brother of Lee Innerebner), Dave Carlson (father of Lara), Jan Atkinson, and Max Nelson (nephew of Miriam Nelson). Pray for the family of Andy Peterson, and others who have recently lost their loved one. Pray for safety & guidance for Josie (Kari Zeinert's niece) as she continues her mission work in Osaka, Japan.

Your calls and visits are greatly appreciated. If you'd like to add a prayer request to this list please call the prayer chain below or the church at 715-253-2590 and leave a message. Redeemer Prayer Chain....Please call anyone on this list with the name(s) of the person for whom you would like prayers. That person will call the next one on the list, etc. etc

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|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1) Ida Brekke    | 715-253-2734 | 4) Lee Innerebner | 715-253-2200 |
| 2) Gail Koehler  | 715-253-6275 | 5) Mary Netzler   | 715-253-6290 |
| 3) Faith Kristof | 715-701-0300 |                   |              |

**\*\*\*Redeemer Bible Study- during 9:30 am Sunday School. Last day: May 5<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the Heritage Room downstairs.\*\*\***

**There is an Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (bring your Bible) the first and third Wednesdays of each month.**



## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday!

Kim Norrbom	5-5
Ashley Backes	5-7
Mark Carlson	5-7
James Brabender	5-9
Jordan Hartleben	5-10
Grace Czerwonka	5-11
Maddelyn Hull	5-14
Jim Netzler	5-16
Paul Pehlke	5-18
Shondel Hansen	5-20
Amber Hull	5-20
Nancy Luber	5-23
Paul Hartleben	5-27
Melana Schlueter	5-28
Eugene Preuss	5-30

### Memorial Day May 27<sup>th</sup>



### Mother's Day May 12<sup>th</sup>



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Derek & Tracy Dombeck	5-18
Clint & Sara Horne	5-19
Paul & Nancy Pehlke	5-20
James & Faith Kristof	5-25
Mark & Joan Carlson	5-30



## Our Monetary Discipleship for April 2024

Worship Date	Worship Attend	General Fund	Missions	Building Fund	Sunday School Offering	Other Income	Total
4-7	30	\$1,900.00				\$200 memorial-Verna Emmel	\$2,100.00
4-14	32	\$1,065.00			\$13.00		\$1,078.00
4-21	26	\$525.00			\$40.01	← Noisy Coin Offering	\$565.01
4-28	57	\$2,205.00					\$2,205.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,695.00</b>			<b>\$53.01</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$5,948.01</b>

Offering envelopes are available in the wall rack near the main entrance door in the Gathering Space.

**Please use an envelope with your offering and write your name and amount on the envelope.**

Using the envelopes insures you get credit for monies given to the church and helps with the accounting. Thank you!

### Community Events!

#### **WOW Second Tuesday Concert-Free!**

#### **Skip Jones Trio**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the WOW Art Park**

**Bring a lawn chair, beverages & snacks**

**If it rains, the concert will be in the WOWSPACE-114 Vinal St. Wittenberg**

**Food for sale by the Wittenberg Fire Department**

**Friday, May 10:** WBHS/Community Variety Show @ 7:00 p.m. (fundraiser)

#### **WOW Emerging Talent Art Show**

**(to showcase artwork from area youth)**

**May 25-26, June 1-2 & June 8-9 (which is Wittenberg Community Days)**

**11 AM – 3 PM Free!**

**Mural tours on June 8-9**

#### **Living River Quartet in Concert**

Contemporary praise, country, oldies and more!

Friday, May 31 from 6:30-8:00 pm

at Holiday Inn & Suites at Cedar Creek

1000 Imperial Dr. Rothschild

Free (but donations accepted for Wings-a Grief Education Ministry)



# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## COUNCIL MINUTES

April 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Norrbom

Members present:

President: Paul Norrbom

Secretary: Lois Anderson

Treasurer: Peggy Emmel

Vice President:

Education: Ann Hawley

WMA: Linda Evje, Carla Hanke, Judy Boda

Parish Life: Kim Timm, Brianna Schmidt

Trustees: Jeff Lang, Sandra Lang

A quorum was present.

Opening Devotions: Kim Timm

Motion made by Judy Boda, seconded by Jeff Lang, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Council Visitors: None

Motion made by Kim Timm, seconded by Sandra Lang, to approve the March 14, 2024 minutes. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report shows an account balance of \$48,951.01. Of that, there is a budget balance of \$11,707.85 and a non-budget balance of 37,243.16. Motion made by Linda Evje, seconded by Carla Hanke, to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented to be paid. Carried.

A motion was made by Kim Timm, seconded by Ann Hawley, to take the Cemetery Fund CD out of the current company and reinvest it to gain a better rate. Motion passed.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT** Contracted Pastor Sharon Fox-Bogen

- Has visited some homebound/shut-ins, but has been limited due to CoVid outbreak in Homme Home.
- Will be doing funeral for Andy Peterson on Sunday, April 14th.
- Will be on vacation to Georgia-leaving middle of next week and returning April 27th.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Parish Life

- New ovens have been installed in the kitchen
- Planning to have a float in the Community Days parade Sunday June 9th
- Will serve food at the WOW concert in July
- Looking into an outdoor worship followed by a church picnic possibly July 28<sup>th</sup>
- Last day of adult Bible Study will be May 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Trustees

- Otis Elevator was here February 20<sup>th</sup> for a scheduled maintenance check
- North Branch Electrical has prepared an estimate to rewire the kitchen, update lighting on the sign by the road, and updating basement lighting.
- Motion made by Lois Anderson, seconded by Kim Timm, to hire Northbranch Electric to update the lighting in our sign by the road, update the basement lighting, and rewire the kitchen, for a quote of \$3,400. Motion passed
- Our foundation excavation is on hold until the weather is stable

#### Worship/Music/Arts

- Has scheduled Pastors for worship through August

#### Parish Education

- Children will sing, help with reading and ushering, and have a noisy coin offering also on April 21<sup>st</sup> for our Compassion International child from Mexico-Allizon.
- Last day of Sunday School will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Confirmation Sunday for Izzi Schmalfus and Robbie Dombeck will be April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Had meeting today to finalize plans & bulletin for April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- VBS will be at Zion again this year in July.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Update on MSP process / Transition Team
- Thank you to Mary Peterson and all the helpers for Easter breakfast.
- Installation of council this coming Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder: Lay School Graduation (for Pete Krolow) will be Saturday, May 4th at 1:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church 1254 S Union St., Shawano. Pete's new telephone number is: 715-853-1126.
- We are still looking for a Trustee. Anyone interested should please call Paul Norrbom.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Suggestion of a Joint service at Zion on Memorial Day weekend and a Joint service at Redeemer on Labor Day weekend. Both would be led by Lay Leaders. Suggested 9:00 a.m. for both services. This needs to be approved by both councils at our April monthly meetings. Motion by Linda Evje, seconded by Sandy Lang to agree to the Joint services and the time change. Motion passed at Redeemer.
- In May, worship time changes to 10:30 a.m.
- Ann Hawley will contact Cirrinity to obtain one of their 8 hour back up batteries at no charge.

Next Council meeting, Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:30 pm. Ann Hawley will have devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Judy Boda, seconded by Jeff Lang, to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Anderson, Council Secretary

**Reminder: If you can't make it to church, our worship services are taped and posted on our Facebook page and website.**

On Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/redeemer.lutheran.568](http://www.facebook.com/redeemer.lutheran.568)

On the Web at: [redeemerlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com](http://redeemerlutheranwittenberg.weebly.com) (This Month at Redeemer)

### Guidelines for a Safe Sanctuary:

- In an effort to keep everyone healthy and safe, we ask that you consider the wellbeing of those around you.
- Masks are not required, but feel free to wear one to reduce the spread of airborne illness.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home. If you are a part of the service, we will find someone to fill in for you. You will be missed and we will most certainly pray for you.

### **VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

**Please sign up today! (Still an opening on council for a trustee!)**

Our list is located on the table in the gathering space. Be an usher, greeter, reader, communion assistant, videographer, or bring treats. For those trained in counting collections after church, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office.

We will have fellowship in the Gathering Space on the days that people bring treats. There is a sign-up on the table in the Gathering Space. **Thank you!!**



## Zion-Redeemer Lutheran Parish Schedule of Worship Leaders 2024

Date and Time	Name
<b>May Sundays: Redeemer 10:30 a.m. - Zion 8:30 a.m.</b>	
May 5th, 2024	Pastor Lois Graper
May 12th, 2024	Pastor Dennis Nelson
May 19th, 2024 (Pentecost Sunday-Wear Red!)	Pastor Lois Graper
May 26th, 2024 <b>9:00 Joint service at Zion (no service at Redeemer)</b>	Lay Leader Lois Anderson
<b>June Sundays: Redeemer 10:00 a.m. – Zion 8:30 a.m.</b>	
June 2nd, 2024	Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke
June 9th, 2024	Lay Leader Ann Hawley

**The Rummage O'Rama will be the weekend of Mother's Day in May. We will have our sale on Friday & Saturday, May 10th & 11th from 8am to 3pm. When you do your spring cleaning, keep our rummage sale in mind. Please only bring clean & working items. Any remaining items after the sale will be donated to a charity. (Hopefully the VFW as last year).**



You can bring items to the church basement:

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

or at your convenience by appointment by calling

Kim at 715-691-6017



**Wear RED on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>!**



*Please join us*

***Shawano Conference WELCA 2024 Spring Event  
"Tea with Neighbors Near & Far"***

***Saturday, May 11, 2024  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
1253 Co. Rd. J  
Little Suamico, WI***

***Guest Speaker Deb Martin will be sharing about her  
travels to Palestine in 2022 as we enjoy a cup of  
authentic Palestinian Tea.***

***Enjoy a morning of relaxing interaction,  
A fun project,  
Worship with Communion,  
And a luncheon with dessert.***

***All congregations are asked to bring  
a gift basket for the door prize raffle.***

***Registration Fee: \$20***

Please register no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> by calling or  
emailing Karie at St. John's Lutheran Church.  
Phone: (920) 826-7785  
Email: [stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org](mailto:stjohnsls@stjohnlittlesuamico.org)



**Thank you to those who have signed up to be on the 2024 Altar Guild!**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. August, & October are still open.

**The duties include set up and clean-up of communion,  
changing the altar cloths (when needed) and watering the plants.**

**ALTAR GUILD 2024:**

**January:** Gail Koehler & Ruthie & Dick Olsen

**February:** Gail Koehler & Ruthie & Dick Olsen

**March:** Kari Zeinert & Linda Evje

**April:** Kari Zeinert & Kim Timm

**May:** Kim Timm

**June:** Nancy Pehlke & Lois Anderson

**July:** Lois Anderson & Nancy Pehlke

**August:**

**September:** Peggy Hartleben

**October:**

**November:** Lori Hartleben & Dianne Long

**December:** Linda Evje



## *Youth News*

- *9:30 AM Sunday School & also Adult Bible Study in the Heritage Room  
Last day: May 5<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Congratulation to Robbie Dombek and  
Izzi Schmalfus on their Confirmation  
April 28<sup>th</sup>! Pictured to the right with  
Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke.*
- *Vacation Bible School will be July 22-25  
from 6-8 PM at Zion in Tigerton for  
PreK4-Grade 5. Younger children are  
welcome to attend with an adult and older  
children can be helpers.*



<https://www.crosswayscamps.org/youth>

**Redeemer has a camp fund (from Easter breakfast proceeds) to pay for camp fees for our youth. Contact Ann Hawley if your child is interested in going to camp through Crossways Camping Ministries.**

## May 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	<b>2</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Lay Ministry Graduation-Zion in Shawano 1:00 pm
<b>5</b> 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study here (Bring items for rummage sale until 2:00.)	<b>6</b> Bring items for rummage sale. Call Kim at 715-691-6017 to meet you here.	<b>7</b> Bring items for rummage sale. Call Kim at 715-691-6017 to meet you here.	<b>8</b> Bring items for rummage sale. Call Kim at 715-691-6017 to meet you here.	<b>9</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 pm Church Council 5:30 pm	<b>10</b> Rummage Sale here 8 AM – 3 PM  WBHS/Community Variety Show 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Rummage Sale here 8 AM – 3 PM
<b>12</b> 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion  Happy Mother's Day!	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> WOW Concert in Park 6-8 pm	<b>15</b> Adult Bible Study Breakfast 9 am at Schultz Restaurant in Tigerton (Bring Bible)	<b>16</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion <u>Pentecost Sunday- Wear RED!</u>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Church office hrs: 3-5 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> WOW Emerging Talent Art Show 11-3
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Joint Worship at Zion only. No service at Redeemer.  WOW Emerging Talent Art Show 11-3	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Living River Quartet 6:30-8:00 pm at Holiday Inn at Cedar Creek	

**You can get items ready for our rummage sale on May 10 & 11. Thank you!**

May--Worship at Redeemer will be at a10:30 AM (and 8:30 at Zion)  
(except for May 26-a joint service at Zion at 9:00 AM)  
June – August—Worship at Redeemer will be at 10:00 AM (and 8:30 at Zion)  
Sunday School will still be at 9:30 on May 5<sup>th</sup>-(the last day of Sunday School).

**Communion:** Communion will be given every Sunday that we have a pastor.

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*The mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church  
is to care for all people through the proclamation of the Gospel,  
celebration of the sacraments, and service to our neighbor.*

*We strive to accomplish this by our witness at church, home, school,  
work and play, all to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

*Bringing people to Christ ~ Bringing Christ to people*