

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
Monthly Council Meeting Agenda  
September 8, 2020

1. Call to Order – President
2. Opening Devotions – Kirsten Buerkle
3. Adoption of July 21st meeting minutes
4. Old & New Business –
  - a) LEAP Status
  - b) Fence

5. Pastor's Report  
Sept 9, 2020  
[since July 22, 2020]

<i>Worship</i>	Livestream services; 1 outdoor service; Quilt Sunday;
<i>Staff Meeting</i>	14
Fran	4
Stephanie	5
Diane	3
<i>Bible Study</i>	0
<i>YouTube Videos</i>	10
<i>Pericope</i>	5
<i>Teaching/Events</i>	1 Ramsey Alliance for Social Equity rally 5 Zoom coffee hours 6 Worship walk-throughs with Stephanie and Fran
<i>Committees</i>	check-ins with Prop/Grounds, Social Min, Stewardship
<i>Visitation</i>	20 phone calls 2 Hospital 2 Home
<i>Worthy of Mention</i>	Those who helped with the outdoor service (J Manke, G Lempp, J Schaefer, P Layng)! Those who have contributed to our Redeemer Covid 19 Relief Fund Thanks to our staff for their work on our online outreach; Thanks to our staff for their work on our Reopening strategy (share chart)
<i>High Priority</i>	1) Reopening Chart 2) Fall schedule, including outdoor services 3) Indoor services? 4) The "Redeemer Covid19 Fund" is looking for recipients; Upcoming Donations: St. Paul's Food Pantry 1 Rent/deposit situation More Ramsey Responds
<i>Upcoming</i>	Stewardship Campaign

*Pastoral Business*      On hold- prospective to new members: Hudson (1); Schleicher (4); Spinelli (4)

6. Financial Reports

- a) Treasurer's Report – Larry Thompson (see paper report in church office)
- b) Financial Secretary's Report – Fred Ufferfilge (see paper report in church office)
- c) Motion to Accept Financial Reports

7. Council Committee Reports - Highlights and Questions

- a) Christian Education– Heather Layng
  - i) Sunday school:
    - (1) Sunday School continued through the summer for Toddler – 6th Graders
    - (2) Blessing of the Backpacks on 9/13 during Outdoor 10:15am worship service
    - (3) Sunday School begins for the School Year on 9/20. There are no Sunday School classes when there is an Outdoor service.
    - (4) Rally Day is 9/27
    - (5) 3rd Grade Bible distribution on 10/4 at Outdoor Worship Service
    - (6) First Holy Communion postponed for (now) 5th Graders from last March until November 22 at Outdoor worship service
  - ii) Confirmation:
    - (1) Affirmation of Baptism postponed from Pentecost Sunday in May to Reformation Sunday on October 25th at Outdoor Worship Service
    - (2) School year will begin again on October 4th for 8th and 9th graders and Calvary students
  - iii) Adult Education: Last Monday of month. Begins September 28th at 7:30. For the 2020-2021 year, we will be using the seven-part series entitled "Dialogues On: Race." Each Dialogues On: Race lesson includes perspectives from thought leaders challenging the legacy of racism within the American church. September's session will be on "What Does it Mean to be White?: History and the Social Construct of Race." Email Stephanie at [FaihtFormation@RedeemerRamsey.org](mailto:FaihtFormation@RedeemerRamsey.org) to purchase a Learner Book for \$10.
  - iv) Vacation Bible School: 2nd and 3rd weeks of Rocky Railway VBS were August 3-7th and 24-28th on Zoom. For all 3 weeks we had Redeemer and non-Redeemer kids participate. 8 tweens and teens acted as VBS Assistants.
  - v) Misc.
    - (1) When will financial reports be distributed to staff and council members again so budgets can be monitored?
    - (2) Stephanie's A/C no longer produces cold air and smells like mold and mildew. It is basically a dehumidifier and fan. She will need a new portable unit for 2021. Price is \$400-\$700 for portable air conditioner based on the model.
- b) Evangelism– Carol Dunbar
- c) Finance– Lauren Niederauer (see paper report in church office)
- d) Fellowship –
- e) Property and Grounds – John Manke

- i) Electrical: 5 timer batteries replaced for Outdoor lighting. Explored converting old lamp on the East Side of the Educational Building into receptacle, unfortunately it is 277 volts. We can run a new circuit if needed.
  - ii) Plumbing: N/A
  - iii) General Maintenance: Fence Permit issued. Owner of 40 Ackerman will pay \$1300.00 towards the replacement of the NE parking lot fence. LEAP purchased and installed new refrigerator in Educational Building Kitchen...Thank you!!! All floors waxed in Educational Building, Fellowship Hall and Church Kitchen. Outside church steps painted yellow! Thanks Joyce Manke!
  - iv) A/V: All equipment ordered. Tentative install end of September.
  - v) Capital Projects: AC/Heat pump Mini-Split System for Pastor, Diane, Stephanie, and Lounge- \$16,500-\$17k (Includes paint for Diane and Pastor's Office, removal and bricking up old ac units.)  
Replace AC in Church-\$6,425 + permit
- f) Social Ministry – Regina Karch
- i) The focus of social ministry in September is, "God's Work, Our Hands." Since we are unable to do "God's Work" as a church community because of Covid, I suggested ways we can do God's Work within our individual family units in the social ministry section of the Redeemer Reminder. There is a special challenge that the CFA is presenting to feed New Jersey's students to be included in Friday's email blast. It is called the 10K Snack Pack Challenge-Honoring 9/11. Sadly, New Jersey is 5th in the nation in terms of childhood hunger during the pandemic. CFA's goal is to raise \$50,000 so they can make and distribute 10,000 snack packs to children in need. Donations and actions are ways that we can do God's Work. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.
- g) Stewardship – Judith Schaefer
- Pastor L and Judith are attending an ongoing webinar on stewardship. This program incorporates our own fall campaign, so that will be a bit later than usual (probably Oct/Nov).
- h) Worship and Music – Gerhart Lempp
- i) Our virtual church services have been continued during the last two months with only occasional cliches in transmission. On Sunday July 26, the service took place at a shady corner of our parking lot which was marked with seating spaces which assured social distance requirements. Unfortunately, the Facebook transmission for viewers who stayed home was interrupted after some time due to technical difficulties. The in-person participants were very pleased to have a chance to engage with other members of the congregation at his service.
  - ii) For the next few months a service schedule has been established. It includes two outdoor services at the church on September 13 and October 25 and another outdoor service at or cemetery in Mahwah on September 27. Special events for future Sundays like "Blessing of backpacks", "Rally Day" and "Confirmation" have been included in this schedule. Thank you to Pastor and Stephanie for this planning effort.
  - iii) A decision on when to return to indoor services need to be made based on local and state government recommendations/regulations and the comfort level of the congregation.

- i) Youth Ministry – Kirsten Buerkle
  - i) Vacation Bible School: 5 Redeemer youth and 3 youth from other churches were VBS assistants this summer
  - ii) Junior Youth Group: Postponed until COVID situation is resolved and kids can meet in person again
  - iii) Youth Gathering Now 2022: Youth Gathering 2021 postponed until 2022 Boundless: God Beyond Measure, July 24-28, 2022 Minneapolis, MN Fundraising on hold for now
  - iv) Youth Group: Weekly Sunday Zoom at 12 noon begins September 20<sup>th</sup>
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8. Standing and Special Committees

- a) Endowment - John Karch
- b) Redeemer Reminder – Denise Bogatch
- c) St. Stephens Grace Community – Meredith Dykstra
- d) Cemetery – Dave Daehnke
- e) Mutual Ministry Committee –

9. Correspondence

10. Adjourn, motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote

11. Close – Lord's Prayer