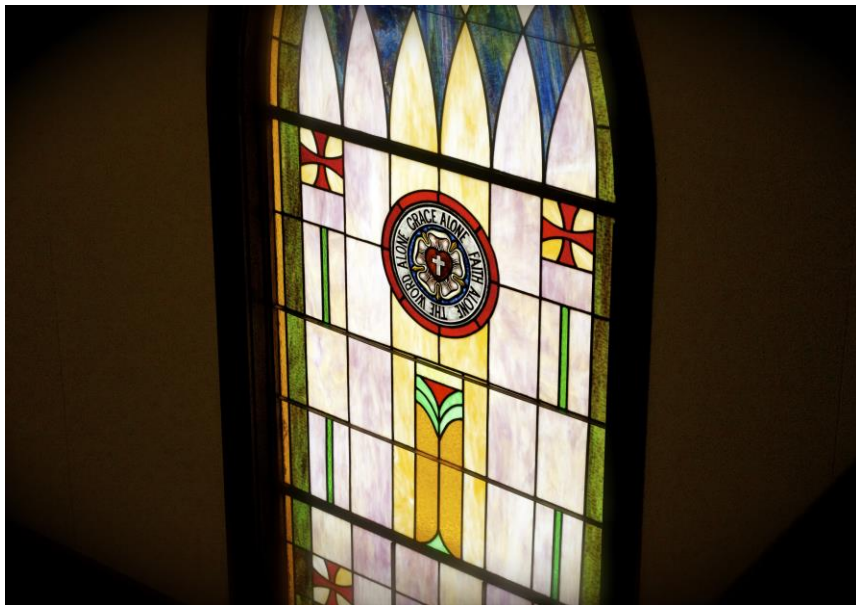


OUR REDEEMER'S RECORD



February 2024

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Ash Wednesday,
Wednesday, Feb. 14th

2024 Church Council
President: Mark Karl
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Sec./Treas.: Jodie Davy
Financial Sec.: Jim Christianson
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Scripture Readings for the Month

February 4th, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Chris Rhen, Reader

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11,
1 Corinthians 9:16-27, Mark 1:29-39

February 11th, Transfiguration of Our Lord

Karen Janousek, Reader

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 50:1-6,
2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6, Mark 9:2-9

February 18th, First Sunday in Lent

Karla Rislov, Reader

Genesis 22:1-19, Psalm 25:1-10,
James 1:12-18, Mark 1:9-15

February 25th, Second Sunday in Lent

Mitch Rhen, Reader

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31,
Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:27-38

Servers for the Month

Readers:

4: Chris Rhen
11: Karen Janousek
18: Karla Rislov
25: Mitch Rhen

Coffee Fellowship:

Jody Randall &
Karen Castle

Altar Guild/Communion

Prep: Volunteer Needed!

Greeters:

4: Curt Hukee
11: Barb Broten
18: Jim Christianson
25: Barb Lunde

PP & Live Stream:

4: Joe Olson
11: Mitch Rhen
18: Jodie Davy
25: Brent Witthoef

February Birthdays

2nd Mayonne Hukee
3rd Judy Borgen
11th Brian Rhen
17th Teresa Stainbrook
22nd Andrew Jenson
23rd Christopher Randall
25th Mark Rhen



Prayers for Healing, Strength & Comfort:

Evan Foster, Wendy Lee, Dryden Thompson, Edward Mae, Sonia Foster, Sallie Wilkos, Gordon Broten, Brian Yates, Donnie Brekke, Lonnie Hagen, Lloyd Frosaker, Deb Mundt, Sissy Dunrud, June Hagen, Pastor Joseph and the Haitian Ministry
The Family & Friends of Dave Anderson, Dolleen Anderson, & Ernie Janousek

If you have any prayer concerns or know of anyone that should be added to or taken off of these lists, please contact the church office. Thank you!

February Worship Schedule & Calendar Events

- Sunday, Feb. 4th – Worship @10am with Dr. Lyle Mattson
 - Coffee Fellowship
- Wednesday, Feb. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th – Quilting @9am
- Sunday, Feb. 11th – Worship @10am w/Holy Communion
 - Coffee Fellowship
- Sunday, Feb. 18th – Worship @ 10am & Coffee Fellowship
- Sunday, Feb. 26th – Worship @10am & Coffee Fellowship

Annual Meeting of Our Redeemer's Congregation

January 28, 2024

President Kristina Wisner called the meeting to order and led with an opening prayer. Mark Karl motioned to approve the agenda; Mitch Rhen seconded; motion carried.

Secretary's Report from the 2022 Annual Meeting was read by Mary Karl. Darrell Borgen motioned to approve the report, Barb Broten seconded; motion carried.

President's Report - Kristina gave acknowledgement to our congregation and to several members for their involvement in serving and activities that had taken place in the past year. She also gave thanks for being able to continue to come together as a worshipping community in the absence of a pastor.

Membership and Pastoral Acts Reports were read individually.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Total funds (including CDs and stocks) \$199,213.17; Total income \$46,214.13; Total expenses \$44,293.40. Mark Karl motioned to approve the report, Darrell Borgen seconded; motion carried.

The Audit Committee, represented by Darrell Borgen & Karen Janousek, reported that the committee reviewed the financials and that all was in order.

The Financial Secretary's Report showed that our number of giving units has dropped within the last two years. \$2,979.15 was received as credit towards giving in 2023. Several items were donated without credit requested.

Building and Grounds report showed projects completed in 2023 included general maintenance and upkeep, replacement of TV monitor in the front of the sanctuary, completion of an Ottertail energy audit which included replacement of approx. 75 lightbulbs with new LEDs, replacement of front entrance doors, replacement of kitchen light fixture and repair of ceiling tiles in a basement classroom due to Wikstrom fiber optic installation. Several projects are on the list for completion in 2024.

Education Committee Report, WOW Treasurer's Report and WOW Report were reviewed. It was decided that the Sunday School account will remain open even though it has been inactive for a few years.

O.R. Volunteer Lists were reviewed. Several opportunities remain for volunteers to serve the congregation.

Old Business:

- **Pastoral Vacancy** - the Call Committee met once during the 2023 calendar year. There has been no activity/interest shown in our part-time position.
- **Summer Worship Schedule** - Carol Rhen made a motion to keep a similar worship schedule during the summer of 2024 as we had in the summer of 2023. Second - Mark Karl; MC.

New Business:

- **Our Redeemer's path forward** - A discussion was held on what the future holds for Our Redeemer's. The consensus was that no one wants to see our church close, and the building vacated, however, no
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clear path forward is evident as the number of active members continues to dwindle. Mary Karl volunteered to draft a letter to send out to inactive members to try to urge them to become active again. Mary made a motion to table the conversation until a congregational meeting can be called in April to further discuss the issue. Second – Carol R.; MC.

New Council Member Elections: Kristina Wisner nominated Mark Karl to take her place on the Council; Mitch Rhen nominated Mark Foldesi. Barb Broten agreed to remain on the Council. Mark K. made a motion for nominations to cease. Second – Mary K; MC.

Committee Reviews: 2024 Nominating Committee will be Jim Christianson and Chris Rhen. The remainder of the committees were reviewed with all committee members remaining the same except for Lori Foldesi being added to the Memorial Committee. It was noted that the Library and Education Committee is now inactive.

2024 Budget: The 2024 proposed budget was reviewed. Kristina explained the new ESST line item (a MN government mandated “Earned Sick and Save Time”) A motion was made by Mark Karl to increase the line item for the Roseau Food Shelf to \$2,000 annually, increase the line item for Haiti to \$2,000 annually, and increase the line item for Youth Alive to \$1,000 annually in lieu of youth group funding. Second - Judy B.; MC. Carol made a motion to approve the amended budget. Second – Darrell; MC.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris, seconded by Barb B.; carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Karl, acting Secretary
