

# Church Chatter



## A Word from the Pastor

Dear Beloved, Dear Beloved of Our Redeemer,

As you are aware, churches in America and Europe are declining in numbers. Only a few sporadic, individual churches are experiencing growth. Some interpret this downward trend as a failure of individuals and post-modern culture and of course our isolation and grief from Covid 19. From the perspective of the way things have been, the way church has been expressed within the larger culture, we may, and some do, summarize ourselves as a failure to thrive.

From the perspective of the future, we anticipate a new thing. As churches decline, God hasn't changed and is with us, as always, and is no doubt leading and calling the church to express itself differently. In this way, decline can be a work of the Spirit to bring resurrection in new forms of living our faith as church together. Sometimes we are anxious and see little hope. However, let us turn our hearts and minds toward each other. Let us strengthen our relationships here at Our Redeemer. So, during these times,

together, we can open our hearts to anticipate God's future. Each local church, and the whole church, is undergoing what's happening, and Our Redeemer is, too.

I believe one essential characteristic of who God is calling the whole church to be in the future is to live inside out, to seek out and encounter others, to serve, to be mediators and healers, to seek to be in relationship, genuine relationships as a value in and of itself, before any thought of proselytizing. It will be in going out of ourselves and encountering others in their needs and gifts where the Spirit will guide and teach us.

Some people mentioned to me they are feeling hopeful. Others have exercised their hope and trust in giving of their resources. In all these things we are grateful. This is a good sign! It shows faith and trust and availability, albeit one probably born from periods of anguish.

We are in a time and process of discernment. I would like to share a few thoughts about several aspects of Christian discernment gleaned from our rich traditions. Every Christian generation and every Christian person, finds themselves at some time seeking the direction of God's will for them. And so, we pray and we seek discernment. It means we are available and disposed. Simply put, we trust, and love God's loving will for us. And if we trust, we expect and look for God's answer, one

which, more often than not, comes in ways we have not imagined.

Our listening for God's direction happens in two places, our heart and the happenings around us, and the interplay between the two. Loving and trusting God's will for us, we listen for the responses coming out of us as we interact with those events and happenings being presented to us. We become a determined body. Purposeful. A purposeful congregation is one that shows it has a definite aim and a strong desire to achieve it. And when we recognize that in ourselves, we recognize that in our neighbors and community. So, when we hear someone say or show, "I thought that too," or "I felt that too!" we should listen. Testing whether something comes from God is nothing other than continuing to listen, and to listen together. Listening together as one body is essential. The presence of hope is a good sign!

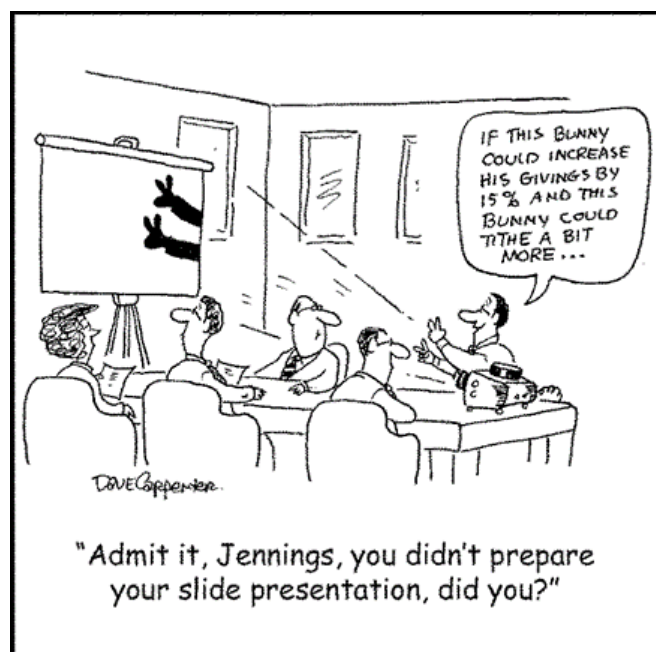
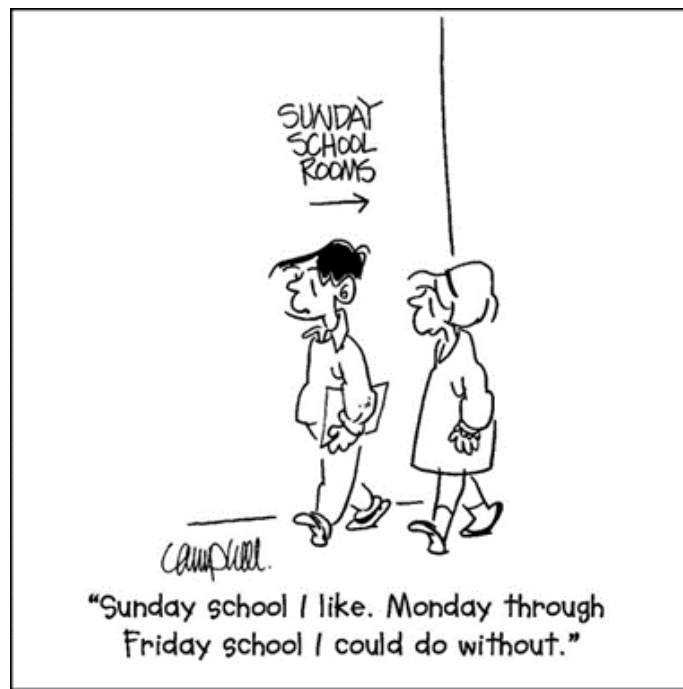
I believe our experience of a caring relationship with one another is a mutual understanding of the Holy Spirit who is always at work in everything in a unified and unifying activity.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matt. 11:29) These beautiful and comforting words of Jesus speak to show that the yoke of Christ is to take on our encounter and love for others. And in giving ourselves away, we learn and live the love of Christ, our rest, who is the gentleness and humility of God toward all.

With you, listening, in Christ,

Pastor Ruby

## ***LCOR LAUGHS***





## **NEEDED: LCOR ORGANIST/ PIANIST**

LCOR has always been blessed with musically talented members. As time moves on, we are entering a new era with our dedicated pianists. Krystal Sneed is no longer able to play for our church as life has gotten just too busy. We thank her for her many years of beautiful music that have contributed to our services and special programs over the years. We pray for blessings in all that Krystal will be pursuing.

Diane Nicklas has graciously offered to play each Sunday in August. Her time and talents are *very* appreciated. With that said, we are in need of another person two times monthly from October and continuing forward.

We have been reaching out to find that special person. If you know of someone who plays piano and/or the organ, please talk with them and let them know we have an open position. If you or they have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office. We can provide the details of the position.

Thank you for keeping your ears and eyes open to find another musically talented person!



Come for inspiration, sharing, and learning about God's Word! **Join WELCA on Wednesday, October 9 at 9:30.** Elsie Menken is the hostess for the month.

*"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths."* –

*Psalm 25:4*



## **WELCA'S ON-LINE SALE**

WELCA will sell donated items on-line this summer and into the fall in place of having a rummage sale inside the church building. WELCA is asking for donations of items which can be sold, such as dishes, pots and pans, silverware, utensils, home decor, and small furniture. Please refrain from donating clothes, shoes, etc. as these are often difficult to sell on-line. If you have any items you would like to don, but are unsure about the donation of the items, please contact one of the WELCA Board members. Items can be placed in the Sunday School rooms on the east side of the hallway. Tables will be available for your items. Thank you, WELCA Board

It's Your **Ch\_rch** & **u** are needed!



**Saturday, October 19, 2024  
9:00-1:00**

**Make sure to save the date to come and prepare the church and grounds for fall and winter.**

**Please bring your own yard/gardening tools. Lunch will be provided.**

**Fun and fellowship in caring for our church. Contact Eric Walek with questions at 970-773-4561.**



Grief Support at LCOR  
Fourth Saturday of the Month  
12-1:30 pm  
October 26, 2024  
Lite Lunch Provided.

*A place to speak about experiences of loss, receive care and support from other attendees, and share what is important and meaningful to you in your life. A light lunch will be provided.*



## Prairie Parish

The next Prairie Parish event will be on October 6, 2024. It will be in Brush at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Breakfast will be served at 9:00.

The topic for discussion at the October gathering is

*Commitment Statement & Core Values*

Meeting  
Time  
Change

**There will be a Finance Meeting on Sunday, October 6 at 8:30. We will be working on the 2025 budget to present to the council for consideration. All are welcome! For questions or information, contact Terresa Lauck at [terresalauck@gmail.com](mailto:terresalauck@gmail.com).**

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**Sunday, October 6 is the next LCOR Church Council meeting. It will be after the service. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for your council**



*The Women of the ELCA Board of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer wishes to thank all of the members who assisted with Delora Ticnor's funeral on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.*

*Thank you to all of you who set-up, cleaned-up, and served during the luncheon. Thank you to all who provided delicious salads and desserts.*

*You are greatly appreciated!*

*Thank you!*

*WELCA Board*

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*Notes of thanks have also been sent to the congregation of LCOR from the families of both Vivian Ruby and Melba Rader. They greatly appreciate the gracious generosity shown to them and the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, as they are in the process of building a new church. Their Cards are posted on the bulletin wall by the narthex.*





**Tuesday, October 1**

Psalm 5  
Zechariah 8:18-23  
1 John 2:18-25

**Wednesday, October**

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Psalm 5  
Zechariah 10:1-12  
Matthew 18:6-9

**Thursday, October 3**

Psalm 8  
Genesis 20:1-18  
Galatians 3:23-29

**Friday, October 4**

Psalm 8  
Genesis 21:22-34  
Romans 8:1-11

**Saturday, October 5**

Psalm 8  
Genesis 23:1-20  
Luke 16:14-18

**Sunday, October 6**

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

**Monday, October 7**

Psalm 112  
Deuteronomy 22:13-30  
1 Corinthians 7:1-9

**Tuesday, October 8**

Psalm 112  
Deuteronomy 24:1-5  
1 Corinthians 7:10-16

**Wednesday, October**  
**9**

Psalm 112  
Jeremiah 3:6-14  
Matthew 5:27-36

**Thursday, October 10**

Psalm 90:12-17  
Deuteronomy 5:1-21  
Hebrews 3:7-19

**Friday, October 11**

Psalm 90:12-17  
Deuteronomy 5:22-33  
Hebrews 4:1-11

**Saturday, October 12**

Psalm 90:12-17  
Amos 3:13—4:5  
Matthew 15:1-9

**Sunday, October 13**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

**Monday, October 14**

Psalm 26  
Obadiah 1-9  
Revelation 7:9-17

**Tuesday, October 15**

Psalm 26  
Obadiah 10-16  
Revelation 8:1-5

**Wednesday, October**  
**16**

Psalm 26  
Obadiah 17-21  
Luke 16:19-31

**Thursday, October 17**

Psalm 91:9-16  
Genesis 14:17-24  
Romans 15:7-13

**Friday, October 18**

Psalm 91:9-16  
Isaiah 47:1-9  
Revelation 17:1-18

**Saturday, October 19**

Psalm 91:9-16  
Isaiah 47:10-15  
Luke 22:24-30

**Sunday, October 20**

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

**Monday, October 21**

Psalm 37:23-40  
1 Samuel 8:1-18  
Hebrews 6:1-12

**Tuesday, October 22**

Psalm 37:23-40  
1 Samuel 10:17-25  
Hebrews 6:13-20

**Wednesday, October**  
**23**

Psalm 37:23-40  
1 Samuel 12:1-25  
John 13:1-17

**Thursday, October 24**

Psalm 126  
Jeremiah 23:9-15  
Hebrews 7:1-10

**Friday, October 25**

Psalm 126  
Jeremiah 26:12-24  
Hebrews 7:11-22

**Saturday, October 26**

Psalm 126  
Jeremiah 29:24-32  
Mark 8:22-26

**Sunday, October 27**

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

**Monday, October 28**

Psalm 119:17-24  
Exodus 4:1-17  
1 Peter 2:1-10

**Tuesday, October 29**

Psalm 119:17-24  
2 Kings 6:8-23  
Acts 9:32-35

**Wednesday, October**  
**30**

Psalm 119:17-24  
Jeremiah 33:1-11  
Matthew 20:29-34

**Thursday, October 31**

Psalm 119:1-8  
Exodus 22:1-15  
Hebrews 9:1-12

## We thank those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month!

<b>October 2024</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Roxie Larson	Wanda Rosten	Bob Dorn	Karen Liston
<b>Acolyte</b>	Wanda Rosten	Wanda Rosten	Stefanie Liston	Stefanie Liston
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Carol Foos	Bob & Margie Dorn	Shelley Bristol	Carri Brown
<b>Alter Guild</b>		Wanda Rosten		
<b>Communion Assistant</b>		Bob Dorn		
<b>Media Center</b>	Stefanie Liston	Stefanie Liston	Stefanie Liston	Stefanie Liston
<b>Teller</b>	Carol Foos	Margie Dorn	Shelley Bristol	Carri Brown
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Delette Woodward	Karen Liston	Tracey Edwards	Elsie Menken
<b>Council Steward</b>	Karen Liston	Karen Liston	Jeff Edwards	Karen Liston
<b>Organist</b>	Diane Nicklas	Diane Nicklas		
<b>Flowers</b>				



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Please pray for the following who have been submitted to our prayer list:

Ron and Kay Seiler, Kay Carter, Steven Kidder, Gerry Mersinger, Roxie Larson, Nichole Woodward niece of Delette Woodward, June Martin's sons Matthew & David, Kate Barnes, John Strauch, Randi Warbasse, Dayle Neddo, Jessa & Taylor Pickering, Andrei, Joanna & Atlas, Nicoleta and Rebecca, James, Sidonia and their children, Christine Reedy, Jodi Brown, Callie Sidor, Mikaela Martinez-Harman, Luke Lay, and Luke Makings.

Let us pray for those serving in the military, and our first responders.

\*\*\*Please contact LCOR for those needing prayer and for those who no longer need to be on our list.

Call (970) 867-8432 or  
Email at [lcormorgan@msn.com](mailto:lcormorgan@msn.com).



### October Birthdays

Jaxton Canfield	1 <sup>st</sup>
Edward Fritzler	7 <sup>th</sup>
David Jorgensen	9 <sup>th</sup>
Brad Wickham	12 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Crews	15 <sup>th</sup>
Cody Gerken	15 <sup>th</sup>
Taryn Wickham	17 <sup>th</sup>
Amber Canfield	18 <sup>th</sup>
Heather Brown	19 <sup>th</sup>



Brad & Marci Wickham	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gary & Carol Foos	7 <sup>th</sup>





## LCOR Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2024

1. Call to order at 11:30. Council members present were Pastor Ruby, Karen Temple, Marian Robertson, Kay Johnson, Kay Carter, and Jeff Edwards. Also present were Terresa Lauck and Sue Mills, Kay C.'s sister.
2. Pastor Ruby led the opening prayer.
3. Approval of agenda- Karen T. moved to approve the agenda. Terresa seconded; all approved.
4. Approval of Secretary Report- Kay J. moved to approve the secretary report. Jeff seconded; all approved.
5. Approval of Treasurer Report-
  - a. The church received a \$500.00 anonymous donation for the TEEM fee. This was used to pay most of the church part for the program. The remaining amount of close to \$160.00 was paid for money from the line item in the budget for paying for substitute pastors.
  - b. A request was made for Karen L. to pull a copy of last year's insurance cost and coverage for Kay C. The 80-page document for her to look over so she can comparison shop to try to find something less expensive.
  - c. A question was raised about the money that comes from the Stewardship Drive. Does it go to the general fund automatically? Terresa explained that where the money goes depends on what the person writing the check designates the money for on the memo line of his/her check.
  - d. We reviewed the money for the outdoor project is not coming from our approved budget, but from the ELCA grant that Pastor Liliana had written and, also, from what is left in the Open Doors Grant. We have the money from the Open Doors Grant, and it can be used, but we are unable to find the log-in information. An agreement was made that we will, of course, have receipts and pictures to document the use of the money coming from both grants.
  - e. In general, there has been a \$2500.00 difference between what has been given by the congregation and the bills we need to pay each month.
  - f. After all questions and information were discussed and addressed, Kay C. made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. Jeff seconded; all approved.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Trunk & Treat Planning – At the time of the September 8 Council meeting, the city of Ft. Morgan had not yet given a date for the annual Halloween Trick or Treat on Main Street. With that information, we decided to have our LCOR Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31. Kay C. made a motion to approve the date. Jeff seconded the motion; all approved. For planning the event, there will be a sign-up sheet for the congregation for making chili and providing hot dogs, buns, toppings, and candy donations. We will make a postcard to be handed out in the community as was done in the past. Kay J. volunteered to make the postcards/flyers. Marian volunteered her car to be decorated for the event. We will find someone to decorate it and hand out candy.
  - b. TEEM Project Update- There will be a Zoom meeting at a later date with Diane from the Office of the Bishop at the synod office. This will be to explain the process and the role of the congregation in supporting Roxie in the program. An anonymous donation was given for Lay Pastoral Education, especially for Roxie Larson and Bob Dorn. Karen T. moved to support the money to be used in paying for one-third of Bob's course, a maximum of \$250.00, from the anonymous donation. Karen L. moved to approve the motion. Jeff seconded; all approved. Kay C. moved for the remainder of the anonymous donation to be used to reimburse the money that had come from the supply pastor

line item that had been used to supplement the first anonymous donation for Roxie's TEEM program. Kay J. seconded; all approved.

- c. Office Copier- Karen L. had contacted Great Copier Service to check on the delivery date and if the monthly fee could be reduced. Bill Holland got back with the information of the copier to be delivered the week of September 16. He also agreed to drop the number of copies per month, thus dropping the monthly payment from \$169.00 to \$149.00. He recognized that we do not have a need for a large number of monthly copies and was willing to adjust the contract to more realistically match our needs.
  - d. Outdoor Project Update- Eric Walek shared the need for a team of individuals to commit to about four Saturdays to get the work done on the south side of the church. That number depends on how many people show up to work and the weather. Eric said he wants to put out a notice so people can check their calendars in advance so they can make the necessary time commitment for the project. He said he will then be putting together a sign-up sheet once he has prices for materials for the final design of the space so work can begin. Jeff will price out pavers vs. crushed concrete. Someone shared that Miller's would give a discount for a church project. A suggestion was made for some of the money to be used for a sign to welcome people to LCOR. Currently, the entrance to the church does not identify the name of the building or have a message of welcome. Karen L. will check with Morgan County Signs for reasonable designs and prices to work within the budget of the grants.
7. New Business:
- a. Stewardship Drive- Pastor will head this committee and would like a member of the Finance Committee to work with her. November 10 was decided as the date for the Stewardship Drive.
  - b. Primary Functions of the Church- tabled until next meeting
  - c. Transition Team discussion- Pastor Ruby said that she needs one person from council who is not an officer to be on the team. Marian volunteered to be the council representative for the Transition Team.
8. Pastor's Report- Pastor is looking ahead at the many activities that will be happening in the fall and into the winter of this year. We will no longer be having the Blessing of the Animals service. Pastor will be focusing on the community Trick or Treat Street event on October 26. Pastor will be taking the lead on the upcoming Stewardship Sunday on November 10, 2024. She is planning on it being a fun and creative activity. Pastor is also preparing for the next Cottage Meeting on November 17.
9. Other Business: Prairie Parrish- Saturday, September 7 was the date of the last get together. It was held in Sterling at Peace Lutheran Church and started at 9:00 a.m. The topic of discussion was, "Discovering and Exploring What We Do with These Spiritual Gifts". A good number of LCOR members attended the gathering.
10. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:40. The next LCOR Council Meeting will be October 6, 2024

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Liston

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# Get ready for upcoming events!



## Stewardship Sunday November 10, 2024

Save the date and come for pleasant surprises and fun!  
Let's all plan to attend so we can share ideas and needs for LCOR. The more people who come, the more energy, spirit, and growth!

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### SAVE THE DATE!

Pastor Ruby will be hosting the next Cottage Meeting:  
A Purposeful Congregation  
on Sunday, November 17

Be ready for the next opportunity for a fun and interesting way to learn more about your LCOR family and yourself.

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## *Around Town for*



- 5<sup>th</sup>** – 42<sup>nd</sup> Brush Oktoberfest – Downtown Brush – 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.- Includes food, live music and dance, mustache & mullet pageant, car show, and more!
- 8<sup>th</sup>**—FM Library- Howard Rollin Memorial Community Room- Learn about Victorian Death Rituals (1837-1901) at 12:00 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup>**—Bicycle Adventures Ride – Ft. Morgan Sweet & Low Ride and Sugar Factory Tour
- 26<sup>th</sup>** –Trick or Treat Street – 300 Main Street, Ft. Morgan – Free movie matinee 10:30-12:00- Trick or Treating 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup>** – Chamber Charreada 2024 – A charreada is a Mexican rodeo-style event with competitive equestrian events. – Glenn Miller Park – 12:00-8:00 p.m.-Enjoy a day filled with culture, fun, and comm

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## **Mission Statement**

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer exists to learn, teach, and proclaim the Word of God, and to nurture one another in the Christian faith in order to create a worship family; serve our community; and build the kingdom of God.