

UNITED REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE VOICE

The month of January 2017

Newsletter Voice

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

December is here, which means that a new year fast approaches. With a new year comes new offering envelopes, and it's time for you to pick yours up *(if you use envelopes)*. Offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the hallway. If you don't see your name and want envelopes — Please contact the URCL office .

THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE \$8/YEAR THROUGH URLC OFFICE

With the new year here it is time to renew your subscription to The Lutheran Magazine if you wish to continue getting the publication in 2016. Please submit a payment (designated: The Lutheran Magazine) to the office.

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Check us out on **Facebook**, or at our website: urlchurch.org where you can find our calendar of events and more information about us! You may also call the office at **(507) -732-7303** with any further questions or concerns. We would be happy to speak with you about visiting, our future events, or becoming a part of the congregation.

FLOWERS & ALTAR for January :

Volunteers
needed



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Graycelyn Sather
Todd Magnuson
Garry Froelich
Mary Lund
Jerry Rauvola



Please keep Lorie
Davis in your prayer as
she mourns the death of
her father Edward
Shannon .

Please contact Bernice
732-5318 with prayer
concerns. **Names
submitted to the Prayer
Chain will stay on the list
for three weeks.

Machu Picchu

Brochures available!!!
Dates of this exciting trip
June 13-23
See Pastor Marggi for a
brochure!!

Altar Flowers

We are starting a new Altar Flower idea! Sign up to honor / or in memory of that special someone, & buy Altar flowers. We'll list in the bulletin who we are honoring / in memory of. If you purchase from Flowers on Main, Brenda will deliver these to the church & place on the two Altar stands for free. Let's all help put a decorative touch in front of the church! Look for the sign-up sheet by the Usher stand.

Guatemala Mission Trip

Dates for the mission trip are March 11 –21st 2017

Future Trips

September Splendor-Norway with Spectacular Stockholm Join Ken Magnuson and Ron & Faye Gabrielson on a 10 day journey through Stockholm & Norway. September 10-19, 2017 For more info contact Ken @ 507-732-5275

MACHU PICCHU

Informational Meeting with our Travel Agent, Sarah—Will be held
January 15th 1:30pm at U.R.L.C. Please Join us

Looking for Photo of Church Events !

If you have photos from events that went on at church please send them to Admin@urlchurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Bulletin or Voice:

Any announcements for the bulletin, need to be e-mailed or dropped off by Wednesday at Noon for the upcoming Sunday bulletin. Any announcements for the Voice needs to be emailed or dropped off by the 18th of the month for the following month's Voice.

2016 ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE	1 ST SERVICE	2 ND SERVICE	TOTAL PLATE OFFERING
11/27	158		\$2328.00
12/4	125	No count	\$5258.06
12/11	75	No count	\$2529.50
12/18	81	175	\$3243.00

URLC YOUTH

YOUTH CALENDAR

CONFIRMATION

January 4th & 11th: 6:15pm Large Group Class

January 18th: "Agape" Concert at Crossings

January 25th 6:15pm Large Group Class

"CBC" Christian-Breakfast-Club

Come for Breakfast at 7:15-7:45am in the Reception Hall on Jan. 4th. We have breakfast & great conversation before your school day. There is always a ride to school, so don't worry about that!

The Youth fellowship is open to ANYONE in the community! Invite your friend! Please bring a couple \$ to help pay for the delicious food.

Sunday School

We invite anyone to Sunday school from 9:15-10:15am. Sunday school resumes on Jan. 8th. Ask for a Youth Handbook at Sunday school. This will have information from Nursery – Sr. high age. We are always looking for volunteer help for our season of classes. Please consider this. We welcome any help, whether it's in a little or big way! However it fits your schedule, it will fit into ours! Please contact Cindy at Youth@urlchurch.org for any questions.

Office: 732-7303 Cell: 421-4105

Noisy Offering

Our next "Noisy Offering" is January 15th. Keep all the loose change you can to help support Sunday school here at URLC! !

7th Grade Class

If you are in 7th grade, we have a fun class for you held in the Youth room! This room is FULL of fun classes & games. We have ping pong, foosball, air hockey, & a giant screen TV! The 7th gr. will also start looking forward to confirmation camp 2017. You should have received Confirmation Camp information by mail. If you have not, please contact Cindy. This will be due Feb. 1st. The 7th gr. Youth are scheduled to Acolyte now each week through May. Please check the Youth Handbook for the dates your child is signed up. Please contact Cindy if you have any questions.

Youth@urlchurch.org

Canoe trip 2017

July 22nd-29th 2017 we will be going to Boundary waters/Canada. We have 11 kids & 6 Chaperones going on the adventure.

Oodles of Noodles

Our BIG noodle feed is back on Sunday, January 29th after the 2nd service, 11:30-12:30pm. Please come & support our youth by having lunch with us! Spaghetti, Fettuccini, Meatballs, Marinara & Alfredo sauce, & Garlic toast. We'll have plenty of desserts to pick from too! This is a freewill donation

WELCA

JANUARY 2017

Snow and cold have come. For a while I thought we might skip winter. No such luck!

The Morning Coffee Break, Bake sale and Lefse sale went well. All proceeds will go to the 3R fund. It was fun to just visit with others.

The new year brings thoughts of the future and new goals. The WELCA board will be brain-storming and setting new goals to help more with 3R fund. You may be surprised with what we come up with!. If you have any ideas, give me a call.

The 10th Triennial Gathering of Women of the ELCA will be held July 13-16th, 2017 in Minneapolis. This is a gathering of women from many places. Registration is open now at a cost of \$310 until Jan. 6th and \$375 after that date. If you want more information-just Google Women of the ELCA. Click on Triennial Gathering for information and registration.

May the New Year bring peace and good health to you and yours.

Leah Wichmann Hinz
WELCA President

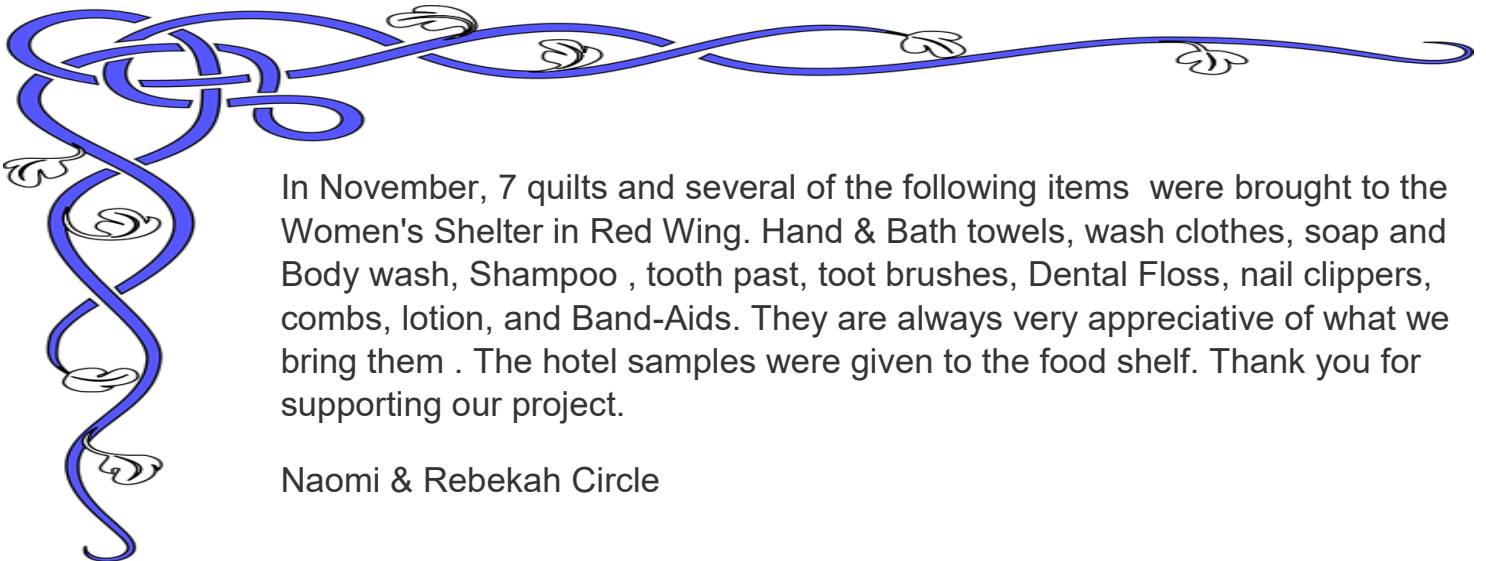
WELCA board meeting Jan. 4. 6pm

Naomi Circle Jan. 12 9am Sandy Lohman

Rebekah Circle Jan. 12 1:30pm JoAnn Ring

Ruth Circle Jan 4 8am Bridget's café

Quilting Jan 26 9am lunch by Naomi Circle



In November, 7 quilts and several of the following items were brought to the Women's Shelter in Red Wing. Hand & Bath towels, wash clothes, soap and Body wash, Shampoo , tooth past, toot brushes, Dental Floss, nail clippers, combs, lotion, and Band-Aids. They are always very appreciative of what we bring them . The hotel samples were given to the food shelf. Thank you for supporting our project.

Naomi & Rebekah Circle

Mission Support 2017

Focus groups were held to formulate a giving plan for mission support in November 2016. The 2017 focus for URLC mission support will be Hunger & Housing. 60% of budget dollars will be spent at the church/local level, 20% at the National level and 20% at the International level. The set priorities will be:

Church/Local

Zumbrota Food-shelf (15% of total budget)

Meals on Wheels (15% of total budget)

Back Packs at School (15% of total budget)

Ministerial Fund of Zumbrota Trust Fund (15% of total budget)

Habitat for Humanity "Volunteer time" from members of the congregation.

National

Habitat for Humanity (20% of total budget)

International

Good Gifts World Hunger (10% of total budget)

San Lucas- Toliman, Guatemala (10% of total budget)

The Plan will be presented at Sunday Fellowship and Forum January 15, 2017.

Hope Coalition News

After delivering several car loads the past three weeks, we were happy to hear that Haven of Hope Women's Shelter in Red Wing (part of the Hope Coalition) , now has several new sponsors meeting their many needs. So we have decided to continue to assist them but at a much lesser degree. This will give our committee more time to focus on our church's Social Ministry Closet . The jackets, snow pants, caps, and gloves which we and our congregation donate for needy children of all ages ,in mainly the Zumbrota area ,is a tremendous responsibility on its own . We welcome any assistance which you can give us.

Therefore we ask you to continue to pray for both the church closet and the Hope Coalition that our gifts to them will not only fulfill their basic winter clothing needs, but that they will know that JESUS LOVES THEM ! Blessings

P.S. If church member would like to make delivery's to the Hope Coalition themselves, please call our terrific advocates yourself at : 651-380-8627 Kari or Tara at the old hospital at 1407 West 4th St. with several days notice for an appointment. Of course only new or clean gently used and mended items should be donated. Thank you !

Sincerely , Barb Madison & Hope Coalition Members

WE NEED YOUR OLD CELL PHONE

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECYCLE YOUR CELL PHONES TO BENEFIT THE HOPE COALITION. MONEY WILL BE EARNED FOR EACH RECYCLED PHONE. IF YOUR CELL IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER **PLEASE BAG (OR BOX) IT UP WITH ITS CHARGER TO BE USED AS A 911 EMERGENCY PHONE FOR HAVEN OF HOPE WOMEN'S SHELTER IN RED WING.**

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CELL IN THE DONATION BOX LOCATED UNDER TABLE OUTSIDE OFFICE DOOR
UNITED REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 560 W 3RD STREET, ZUMBROTA

OR BRING YOUR CELL TO THE HOPE COALITION:

1407 W 4TH ST., RED WING

HOPE COALITION QUESTIONS: CALL BARB (507)732-5152

CELL PHONE RECYCLING QUESTION (651)388-9360 EXT. 19

JANUARY SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AND FORUM

A Happy New Year to all!

Welcome 2107, 500 Years of Evangelical Reformation 1517-2017. In addition to other topics, we will continue throughout the year using DVD's and discussion to talk about Luther. All are welcome for coffee and cookies. Please feel free to stay for the "forum" part of our morning.

What's in store for January? January is the month where we take care of church business. As the 1st is a Sunday, conversation is the theme of the day.

1/8: We will look at the 2nd DVD in the Luther series. In this DVD the focus is on Luther's proclamation of God's Grace –as freely given – in contrast to the "bondage of the Catholic Church" which saw God's grace as something that needed to be earned by doing good deeds. What were some key issues? What were the radical changes? Nathan Hellyer will lead the discussion.

1/15: We look forward to hearing reflections from Pastor Marggi on her first year with us at URLC.

1/22 and 1/29: These 2 Sundays are dedicated to looking at the business of the church. On the 22nd the church budget will be reviewed. The following Sunday the 29th will be the annual church meeting. As mentioned in previous articles both in the VOICE and Sunday bulletin, making the coffee and putting out the cookies is dependent upon volunteers. A sign-up sheet is available and is passed about on each Sunday to fill up our spots. Please feel free to volunteer. As always, ideas, information and suggestions are welcome.

Thank-you for your attendance and continued support. SFF Committee

Fellowship Hall Media Equipment

When attending the Sunday morning coffee and forum gathering you have no doubt noted the new projector and screen placement. In the sanctuary, there is a new camera system as well. Overflow for funerals, weddings, Easter and such can sit in the fellowship hall and view the service. It is very easily done. There is also the capability to offer hearing aid assistance in the hall as well. What a nice addition to the URLC facilities.

The equipment is not difficult to use. I have put a manual together that explains how things work, how to set up presentations, how to set-up the microphones. I have placed it on the cart with the DVD, microphones and various cables. I hope it is found useful. When either setting up or helping a guest prepare for a presentation I would encourage whoever is helping to look through it. If needed, it will explain how to access the Internet for a presentation.

To ensure that this equipment continues to function properly and lasts for a long period of time requires that it be treated with respect. It is very disheartening to set up equipment and to see that already, one of the antennae for the hearing aid devices is bent and nearly broken. That a microphone is missing and not in its pouch. Cords are tangled and piled here and there. There **are** many cords involved and necessary for the microphones and also computer use at times. These can be difficult to contain. The HDMI cable is especially thick and long. **PLEASE, PLEASE** take a few minutes if you have used this equipment to gather the cords neatly, unplug and put the microphones back in their respective pouches, lower antennae, and place everything as neatly as possible on the cart. Push the cart into the closet. It only takes a couple of extra minutes to complete and also ensures the equipment remains in good working order.

Thank you, Genella Mussell



JANUARY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day No Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship w/ Communion Communion: Wayne & Kathy Radke, Judy Krause AV: Gary Grover	2 OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AM DEADLINE: Committee Reports (for annual report) 2:00 PM <i>Food Shelf Open</i>	3 9:00 AM Stay n Play 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 59 7:30 PM A.A.	4 7:15 AM Breakfast Club 8:00 AM Ruth Circle- 3:30 PM Youth Chimers practice 6:00 PM WELCA Meeting 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM The Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:30 PM Executive Committee	5 8:00 AM W.I.C. 6:00 PM Jubilee Bells practice	6 Epiphany	7
8 AV: Jim Esser Youth Sunday 8:00 AM Worship w/ Sanctuary Choir 9:15 AM SMF Sunday Morning Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship w/ Sanctuary Choir	9 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 59	10 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 25421 7:30 PM A.A.	11 7:15 AM Breakfast Club 1:00 PM Youth Chimers practice 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Property Mgmt.. 7:00 PM The Sanctuary Choir Practice	12 9:00 AM Naomi Circle 1:30 PM Rebekah Circle 6:00 PM Jubilee Bells practice 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 59 7:00 PM Food Shelf Open	13	14
15 AV: Garry Ring Noisy Offering 8:00 AM Worship w/ communion / Jubilee Bells 9:15 AM SMF Sunday Morning Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion / Jubilee Bells 1:30 PM Machu Picchu Informational Meeting	16 Martin L. King, Jr. Day 2:00 PM Food Shelf Open	17 9:00 AM Stay n Play 2:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 59 7:30 PM A.A.	18 10:00 AM Food Shelf Open 3:30 PM Youth Chimers practice 6:00 PM "Agape" Concert at Crossings 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM The Sanctuary Choir Practice	19 6:00 PM Jubilee Bells practice 6:15 PM Girl Scouts 22506	20	21
22 AV: Deb Bradt 8:00 AM Worship w/ Sanctuary Choir 9:15 AM SMF Sunday Morning Fellowship (Budget Presentation) 10:30 AM Worship w/ Sanctuary Choir	23 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 59	24 2:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 25421 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 59 7:30 PM A.A.	25 7:15 AM Breakfast Club 2:15 PM WELCA Coffee at Care Center 3:30 PM Youth Chimers practice 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM The Sanctuary Choir Practice	26 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jubilee Bells practice 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 59 7:00 PM Food Shelf Open	27	28
29 AV: JoAnn Ring Youth "Oodles of Noodles" 8:00 AM Worship / With on Voice 9:15 AM Congregational Annual Meeting 9:15 AM SMF Sunday Morning Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship / With one Voice	30	31 2:00 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM A.A.				

United Redeemer Church Council Meeting

17 November 2016

Minutes prepared by Mary Goplen & Rene Arendt

Present: Shirley Buck, Rene Arendt, Jana Scholl, Chuck Rohe, Tim Quam, Dennis Larson, Roger Rueckert, Mary Goplen, Pastor Marggi, Joan Henriksen, Mike Brengman
Absent: Jessica Hoeper, Anna Haugen, Landon Rauen

Call to Order by Dennis Larson, President

Devotions led by Pastor Marggi.

Public Comments; none.

Agenda Approval; motion to approve by Shirley Buck, second by Tim Quam. All in favor, motion passed.

Announcements; none.

September 2016 minutes correction: none.

September 2016 Minutes: motion to approve by Roger Rueckert, second by Jana Scholl. All in favor, motion passed.

Finance: Roger Rueckert

Financial Report reviewed for September and October 2016.

Approval of September 2016 Finance Report; motion to approve by Rene Arendt, second by Chuck Rohe. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of October 2016 Finance Report; motion to approve by Chuck Rohe, second by Joan Henriksen. All in favor, motion passed.

Pastor Report: Pastor Marggi

Highlights: Hayride, Romania trip. Confirmation was a wonderful event, confirmation classes are in full swing, and Sunday school is going well.

President Report: Dennis Larson

3R update.

Technology is in place.

Handicap doors will be installed.

Open house at completion of project was discussed.

Worship: Mike Brengman

No update

Property Management: Chuck Rohe

Update 3R projects.

Christmas Decorating Nov 26th at 9 am.

Parking lot lighting options discussed.

Mission Support: Joan Henriksen

Mission priorities are being explored using focus groups. Goal is to determine what URLC will be known for and where we invest our Mission monies.

Adult Education: Mary Goplen

Now known as Sunday Fellowship. The Calendar is being planned out to April 2017. Our goal is to keep a Sunday or two a month free.

Staff Support: Mike Brengman

Working on year end evaluations for staff.

Youth & Family Education: Shirley Buck

Youth having various fund raising options for Christmas.

Youth Education: Jess Hoeper

No report submitted.

Evangelism: Tim Quam

No report.

Social Ministry: Rene Arendt

Monthly meals are under way.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Update on continued 3R projects.

Discussion regarding rental of table and chairs. Motion to suspend practice of renting table and chairs by Shirley Buck, second Tim Quam. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion regarding replacing the windows in the former nursery. Motion to replace window in former nursery by Mike Brengman, second by Jana Scholl. All in favor motion passed.

Discussion regarding other windows in the building. Motion to fix other windows as needed by Mike Brengman, second by Jana Scholl. All in favor, motion passed.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2016

Budget Presentation at Sunday Fellowship: January 22, 2017

Annual Meeting at Sunday Fellow ship: January 29, 2017

Motion made to Adjourn by Joan Henriksen, second by Roger. All in favor, motion passed.

PROJECT 3R

United Redeemer Lutheran Church has been made-over.

Remember , Monies are still needed for the Project 3R remodel. If you have any question on how to contribute to Project 3R please contact the office at 732-7303 or bookkeeper@urlcurch.org

Total Monies Received \$120,044.61

Projects completed: Carpet, Sound System, All lighting inside/ outside the building, Screen and Projector, New Black Top on West Parking Lot. New blinds in Library, and Kitchen will be soon.

Projects still underway: Bell tower options being explored,

THINK OF TRYING SOMETHING NEW IN 2017

It is time for us to fund God's Mission at URLC for another year. We are asking you to prayerfully consider the gifts you have to offer; your special abilities, your time, and your financial commitment. Ponder how you can be generous with your gifts.

* Please watch your mail for the 2017 Stewardship mailing in early December. We have included an example of the Serving & Sharing list so you can start to think about your gifts for 2017.

We want to thank you for your past financial support, commitments of time and energy to URLC. Your generosity has helped URLC to work and grow in God's image. Thank you for your continued support. It takes all of us working together to realize God's plan for URLC.

~ SERVING & SHARING 2017~

COUNCIL

- ☐ I would like to join the Church Council

TEAM(S)

I would like to help with:

- ☐ Adult Education
☐ Evangelism
☐ Mission Support
☐ Property Management
☐ Social Ministry
☐ Staff Support
☐ Trust Fund
☐ Worship
☐ Youth Education
☐ Youth & Family Ministry

☐ **USHER LEADER**

☐ **USHER**
PREFERRED SERVICE:

☐ **LECTOR (READS LESSONS)**
PREFERRED SERVICE:

☐ **COMMUNION ASSISTANT**
PREFERRED SERVICE:

☐ **FLOWER & ALTAR CARE**
PREFERRED MONTH:

PROPERTY CARE

- ☐ Yard/Landscaping
☐ Vegetable Garden
☐ Water Flowers
☐ Building Maintenance

VISITATION/WITNESS

- ☐ Visit Homebound / Nursing Homes
☐ Cooking / Delivering Meals

MUSIC

- ☐ Sanctuary Choir
☐ With One Voice
☐ Jubilee Bells
☐ UR Singing Sisters
☐ Men's Group
☐ Other

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

- ☐ Teach/Shepherd/Help Sunday School
☐ Confirmation Small Group Leader
☐ Chaperone Events/Trips
☐ Help at Vacation Bible School (VBS)
☐ My child (13+) will help - Name(s):

COOKIE-CREW [SUPPLY TREATS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME]

- ☐ Cookie Manager

- ☐ Bake/Bring Cookies
PREFERRED MONTH(S):

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE CONTACT ME IF A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF A RIDE:

- ☐ To Church
☐ Medical Appointments
☐ Other

MEDIA/TECH SUPPORT

- ☐ PACE Set-up
☐ Equipment Set-up for Outdoor Service
☐ Record Service onto DVD

I WISH TO RECEIVE THESE PUBLICATIONS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS:

- ☐ Lutheran Mag. (\$8/yr. through the office)
☐ The VOICE (Print & Mailed)
☐ The E-VOICE (e-mail / online)
☐ Prayer Chain (e-mail)
☐ Prayer Chain (Phone call)

ATTENTION OFFICE STAFF

Please let us know if you need anything or have any questions here: