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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
805 S. 29th St.,
South Bend, IN.
Please see the map to the right.

Doors usually open at 1:30 for meet & greet time.

Regular meeting exceptions include May (third Sunday), July (Club Picnic), August (Club Show) and the November/December meeting and Christmas party.

Board meetings are held before the monthly meetings. The annual club show is in late August.



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Presidents Message by Ross Ferguson, MGMS

President

Greetings to all:

Having just presided over my first meeting it was enjoyable to meet all of you that were able to attend. I enjoyed getting to know each of you and your stories concerning your adventures.

Spring is just around the corner (I hope) and time to start getting ready for your rocking adventures.

I have several trips planned, the first one is to Maine and the Poland Springs area which is famous for its Tourmaline and other minerals such as apatite.

Shortly thereafter in June I will be heading out west to spend 3 weeks visiting family and scouring the Wyoming plains for gems and minerals. This is followed by a short trip to North Carolina in search of the elusive ruby and its cohort sapphire.

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Up & Coming

Next Meeting: March 27, 2022

Doors open at 1:30 pm
Meeting starts at 2:00 pm

Place:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
29th & Wall

South Bend, IN. (This is in River Park)

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In September I have a trip planned to the Upper Peninsula. We will be heading to the Keweenaw Peninsula where we will pursue the Lake Superior Agate and I have access to a tailings pile from one of the mines where we find native copper, greenstone, and numerous other minerals.

Hopefully I will be able to share with you my treasures at future meetings.

Turning our attention to the club doings we have numerous positions that need to be filled. Some of them we may combine to reduce the effort that has to be made to keep them operating. One in particular is for field trips. I have numerous ideas but need assistance in bringing them to fruition.

As with any club or organization the need to increase our membership is in dire need. Your membership is your lifeblood to accomplishing your mission.

I am soliciting ways to make this happen. I have numerous ideas, but want to hear from you, our membership.

As the membership ages, along with people having served their time in different positions it is imperative that our membership grows with people who are willing and able to do what's necessary to accomplish our goals.

Please call, email, or approach me at meetings for your ideas on membership, or for any idea to assist the operation of the club. With that at the next meeting I will basically give a state of the club address. This is how I see what the future of this club can be going forward and where it is now.

Enjoy the upcoming spring and hope to see you at the next meeting.

Ross



AFMS – From the desk of the President

Margaret Kolaczyk, AFMS President 2021-2022 excerpted from [Volume 75, Number 2– March, 2022](#)



In the last 3 months I have moved twice. The first was when I sold my home of 26 years and moved to Arroyo Grande, CA to be closer to family. Then, in January, I purchased a new home and moved again. In November of 2021 I left my job of 11 years and started a new job in December. This has been a long journey, but also an interesting challenge. Because I have been a little sidetracked, I would like for any one who has sent me an email and I have not responded, please send it again.

The AFMS Juniors Website is up and running. Please check it out at www.juniors.amfed.org. The team worked hard and really created a fantastic website. The updated AFMS Website is still moving along. It's launch date is still in the future.

Things have been pretty quiet and I do not have much to report. Even though this is for the March newsletter, I figure many are at Quartzite and/or the Tucson Show. I have not had the chance to attend either but it is great to talk with those who do go.

President's Message

Catherine Clevenz, MWF President excerpted from [April 2022 - Issue No. 611](#)

Hello, everyone!

Rock garden season is here . . . excuse me. Rock show season is here and in full swing!

I have my leaverite collection in its own special rock garden bed and am looking forward to picking up some nice rocks from shows I plan to visit. I will most likely use them to complement the other stones and few plants that are there.

Speaking of rocks, I received some in the mail the other day that came from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. There were beautiful samples of copper, fossils and even a Yooperlite!

One of the clubs that I belong to is talking about going to copper country to try our hand at collecting from the mines. Who knows? Maybe the two clubs can meet up and dig up some fun!

On a serious note, I want to remind the clubs that if you haven't done your taxes, then step to it! There are many issues (like fines) for not being on time. I am just thankful for not being fined for writing my letters for this publication late! My apologies to the editor of this fine publication. I hope to see some of you at an upcoming show!

Purpose of the AFMS

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

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February Minutes, by Jan Pellus, Secretary

Meeting Minutes Date: February 27, 2022

Members in attendance / Adults_30__Children__0__ New Members_2__Guests_2__

Call to Order: President Ross Ferguson

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

The new president introduced himself to the members. We are happy to have him.

Recognizing Past Presidents: Don Church, Bill Foreman, Jason Hefner

Secretary report: Jan Pellus/ Motion made by Marty Perry and seconded by Don Church to accept minutes as printed in the Rockfinder

Treasurer's report: Lynn Zeiger / Motion made by Don Church and seconded by Linda Cripe to accept report

Liaison report: Bob Bell / No report

Parliamentarian: Bob Miller / No report

Midwest Federation/ No report

American Federation/ No report

American Lands Access: Bob Miller / No report

Committee Reports

Displays – Show & Tell: Tom Noe brought in a specimen of a petrified limb cast that he collected in Wyoming.

Jim Daly brought in a few micro mounts to share with the members.

Dennis and Holly shared a few new finds that they picked up at the Tucson. Show. The Kraftors are looking into renting a house for the Tucson show next year. The house may be shared with members.

Don Church shared some fluorescent and phosphorescent calcite that Josh collected.

Editor: Jason Hefner / Send pictures and stories of your gems and minerals to share.

Educational: Jesse Zeiger / No report

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Face Book: Josh Klosinski – Nancy Foreman – Holly Kraftor/ Send pictures and stories to post.

Field Trips: / No report

Historian: Jim Daly/ No report

Hospitality: Kathy Miller /

Juniors: Linda Cripe/ No juniors present

Librarian: / Kate Johnson/ No report

Membership: Nancy Foreman / No report

Programs: /

Publicity: Josh Klosinski/ No report

Safety: Jennifer Hefner and Julie Wieger / No report

Show Chair: Josh Klosinski / No report

Sunshine: - Annette Freel & Sherry Kobie / No report

Webmaster: Joe Perry / In the process for updating information.

Old Business

The budget for 2022 was accepted. Motion made by Linda Cripe and seconded by Randy Hill.

New Business

Jim Daly advised that he is checking into a couple of possible field trips. He also advised the members that the Cincinnati rock club will be holding MSHA training on March 26. Please contact Brenda Marsh or Jim Daly for more information.

Dennis and Holly Kraftor reported that they presented outreach programs to 309 kids in 2021. They have 22 programs already scheduled for 2022. We may need to increase the budget for the outreach programs in the new year. Holly also asked that someone run the Kids Corner for the 22 show. They will set it up but will not be able to run it.

Linda Cripe announced that she has a new online business called Gifts of Nature. She thanked the members for their help and support.

The members discussed whether or not to bring back snacks following the meetings. Before making a decision, we will talk with KATHY MILLER.

Adjournment – Motion made by Don Church and seconded by Randy Hill.

Program: John Jaworski

Kennedy Academy Program

Dennis & Holly Kraftor presented on rocks and minerals to five 3rd grade classes at the Kennedy Academy on Wednesday March 16, 2022. Here are some pictures and the thanks from the school. They are also presenting to a bunch more 3rd graders this week in Knox!

“Hi! My name is Holly Swartz and I work at Kennedy Academy in the South Bend Community School Corporation and our 3rd graders will soon start a unit on Rocks and Minerals. We were wondering if you did presentations for school age children? We would love to have you in to talk to the students.

Thank you for visiting with me at Kennedy Academy!! The kids and parents are raving about it!! ❤️❤️



