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# THE ROCKFINDER

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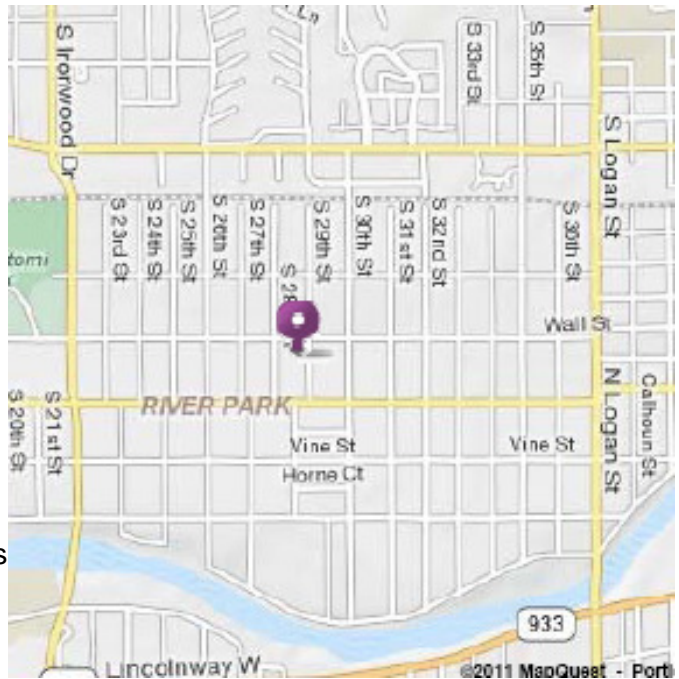
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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
805 S. 29th St.,  
South Bend, IN.  
Please see the map to the right.

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.

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## Presidents Message by Ross Ferguson, MGMS

President

Hope everyone is doing well! My little gift from the show is starting to fade and I feel better each day, with a little fatigue lingering.

Once again I want to thank everyone for a very successful show. We stood tall and made it work even though the attendance was way more than we expected.

I will be sending out an email in the very near future concerning the show debrief. It will contain the input I have received from vendors, attendees, and club members. I want to get this out to allow everyone to think about the show so we can have a short, but effective debrief at our September meeting.

I am looking forward to that meeting as I know we will be having new members attending and I want to put our best foot forward and continue building on our momentum.

With that being said, I am looking forward to my upcoming trip to the upper peninsula. I will be on the Keweenaw arriving September 17th and moving on September 21st. A few club members are meeting me there to spend a couple of days rocking. I invite all club members to come. Contact me to let me know if you are interested. Looking forward to the fall and getting everyone back together,

## Up & Coming

**Next Meeting: September 25 , 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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**Meeting Minutes Date: May 22, 2022**, by Jan Pellus

**Members in attendance** / Adults 27\_\_Children\_0\_\_\_ New  
Members\_0\_\_Guests\_0\_\_\_

**Call to Order:** Vice President Nick Pellus  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome**

**PAST PRESIDENTS: Diane Gram, Kathy Miller, Jason Hefner**

**Secretary report:** Jan Pellus/ Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as printed in the Rockfinder

**Treasurer's report:** Lynn Zeiger / Motion made and seconded to accept report

**Parliamentarian:** Ross Fergerson  
Midwest Federation/No Report  
American Federation/No Report  
American Lands Access/No report

## Committee Reports

**Show & Tell/** Nick Pellus - Freebies from Jim Daly. John Jaworski brought radio active fossils to show members.

**Editor:** Jason Hefner /No Report

**Educational:** Jesse Zeiger /No Report

**Face Book:** Josh Klosinski – Nancy Foreman – Holly Kraftor/No Report

**Field Trips:** /

**Historian:** Jim Daly/ 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

## AFMS – From the desk of the President

Margaret Kolaczyk, AFMS President 2022 excerpted from [Volume 75, Number 5– September, 2022](#)  
It will not be long before the 2022 AFMS/SCFMS Convention and Show is upon us. Please check the AFMS website for the convention and show package. Also, a call for reports is out to send your reports to Donna Moore by Sept. 1 for the business meeting package. Otherwise, you will need to bring your own copies to the meeting. We haven't had newsletters for a couple of months, so just to let you know, in May I traveled to Kennewick Washington to do a Judges Training Seminar. A total of 12 students attended and by all accounts it was well received. I wish to thank Larry Hulstrom for his hard work on making the class possible.

The following are the students that attended and are now certified AFMS Judges: Larry Hulstrom, Joshua Hulstrom, Ronna Watkins, Linda Harvey, William Harvey Jr., Charisse Ash, Mary Goff, Gordon Hale, Sue Steward, Walt Butler, Gayle Butler and Darrel Coyle.

Since this was the first time I had actually done the class, I was able to learn a lot on how to improve the class for the future. If you have not taught a class, you will find that as an instructor, you will learn more about what you are teaching by the questions the students ask. Being able to share knowledge on a subject you love gives one a special feeling. I wish everyone a safe and fun Labor Day.

## President's Message

Catherine Clevenz, MWF President excerpted from [September 2022 - Issue No. 614](#)  
Hello, everyone! I hope all have had a great time rockhounding this summer! I want to remind you to get your convention reservations turned in by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see every club in our Federation send a delegate this year, as there is nothing like the experience of the MWF Convention.

Speaking of the convention, if your club or its members have rocks and rock-related items to donate for the silent auction, please send them with your delegates! The proceeds go towards the Endowment Fund. Last, if you know of someone or if you would like to be nominated to an officer's position, please contact David Rich (birdman035@hotmail.com) or Cindy Root (d-root@comcast.net) of the MWF Nominating Committee.

As always, keep on digging and rocking!



### 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.

[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)



### Purpose of the MWF

To promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology and lapidary, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of groups interested in these fields.

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# Show debrief

by Ross Ferguson, President

These are things that I have gathered from members, vendors, and attendees.

- Committees in different areas of the show
- Shirts for all members
- Revamping the entrance area
- Revamping the club table
- Fine tuning the silent auction
- Increasing the security
- Location
- Marketing
- Aisle configuration
- More vendors
- Larger demonstration area
- Hours

These are areas that have been mentioned. I can expound on them further at the meeting. If you have questions or comments please bring them up at the meeting or if you don't feel comfortable feel free to email me.

## **Things for the club in general:**

Updating list serv - Working currently with Nancy Forman. Making sure the 10 new members get on it. Also I have a notification email list of 100 attendees who want to be kept aware of the show. I think we can also use this list as a means to solicit new members. Just need to get it on a list serv somewhere.

Juniors- We have 7 new junior members from the show. If we are going to succeed we need to reinstate the Junior program which means finding a new leader and developing the program. MWF and AMF have excellent guideline material.

Field trips- This is vital to keeping and growing the membership. I am heading to Bedford on October 1st to attend their meeting and see if I can drum up a place for the club to field trips for geodes and fossils. I plan on visiting other clubs to strategically locate other potential places. Working with a club member to have a mini field trip to Lake Michigan for the new membership trying to put our best foot forward. That should be in mid October. Jason Hefner was working on a Kentland field trip for the 17th Stay tuned.

Basement upgrades- will be working with a carpenter and electrician friends to get an idea of the scope. Also in contact with a club member concerning flooring Hopefully it will be done by the end of year.

Lapidary Studio- will be having a sorting party to figure out exactly what we have in the basement of the church. Studio Clean up- At some point will have a cleaning and painting party. Studio organization- As we progress toward completion we need to start thinking about how we are going to utilize the studio, How we are going to manage the studio, Who will be allowed use, what degree of instruction will take place, There is a plethora of items needing to be addressed. I am in contact with several other clubs who have this type of facility and how they make it work.

Meeting Dates- It is hard to have a club and manage a club when you don't meet for an extended period of time.

Hope this helps everyone,

Heading to the UP will be rocking it on the Keweenaw 9/17-9/21. Come join me!

## May Minutes, continued from Previous page

**Sunshine:**

**Webmaster:** Joe Perry /No Report. Check your spam file for messages periodically.

### Old Business

We will continue to hold our meetings at the church in our designated area. We need to paint and spruce up the area. There will be rock and gem equipment for members to use. There is also a separate entry. Keys will be assigned and accounted for.

Please sign up at the club picnic to assist at the club show. We need all hands on deck.

### New Business

We need to check into insurance coverage for club liability.

Mishawaka high school asked for some show fliers to post in the school.

**Adjournment** – Motion made and seconded

**Program:** Diane Gram and Marty Perry shared their adventures dino hunting with Mark Turner

## Field Trip announcement!!

The club has been invited back to Newton County Stone quarry located at 235 East US Highway 24, Kentland, IN 47951. We will meet at the quarry on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am EST.

Kentland is world famous as the only active quarry that is also an impact site. You will have the opportunity to collect shattercones, as well as calcite, coesite (impact quartz), dolomite, marcasite, and stishovite (another high pressure impact quartz)



Photo of quarry from Mindat.org

We are working to get more trips as things continue to open up.