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Newsletter

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I read this story and thought that this is a really good way for all of us to think about the season of Advent. It is written by a man named Daniel C. Hansen and was published in the parish paper in Fullerton, CA.

"I am reminded of a time when a co-worker and I went to the battlefield near Gettysburg, PA to review the history which was made there. After driving through the area, visiting the museum, and seeing the film, we came across a lookout tower. This was just what we wanted because it would enable us to survey the entire area.

We huffed and puffed our way to the top of this high structure, expecting a grand reward of a magnificent view at the top. To our crushing disappointment we found we could only see the trees which surrounded the tower! Apparently the engineers who designed the tower forgot that the trees around it would continue to grow, and today the trees are 20 feet taller than the tower.

I think this reminds us of why we need the season of Advent. Life, with its rewards and difficulties, has a way of growing up around us, blocking our view and taking away our perspective. 'Come,' says the season of Advent, 'and be prepared to celebrate Christmas by being lifted above the tree tops of all that has its way of blocking the view of this spectacular event.'"

The extra time that we take, preparing our homes with decorations, preparing Christmas cards to be mailed, preparing presents with wrapping paper, gift bags, bows, and ribbons, should be balanced with equal time spent in His Word. His Word will prepare our hearts, minds, and souls, by lifting us above all the other distractions to see and remember the only true reason for the celebration. Come to His House for the extra services to "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

In Christ's love,

Executive Committee Meeting

Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Randy Pfister.

In attendance: Marsha Gomoll, Randy Pfister, Dianne Rentmeester, Jim Wirch, Wesley Pett, Pastor Pett, Ben Kiley, Llewellyn Kramer and Julie Kramer

Pastor Pett led us in a devotion from Col. 1:13-20 and a prayer.

October minutes for the Executive Council were approved as written.

Pastor's Report for October –November 3, 2025

WORSHIP

Date(s)	Wed –6:30	Sunday – 9:15	Virtual	Total
10/1 & 10/5	59	131	704	894
10/8 & 10/12	53	105	992	1150
10/15 & 10/19	47	125	1052	1224
10/22 & 10/26	57	130	1014	1201

- **TEACHING** 3 Adult Bible Class, 17 Online Noon Devotions, 2 Services @ Blue Jay Springs Assisted Living, 7 Religion Classes for 7th & 8th @ Trinity Lutheran School, 5 Confirmation classes
- Virtual Views of Online Devotions 9/29 -10/2 = 619, 10/6 -10/9 = 908, 10/14 - 10/16 = 1064, 10/22 - 10/23 = 180
- **PASTORAL CARE** 2 hospital visits, 11 shut-in visits
- **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES** - Funeral/Deaths Arlene Koivisto – dies 10/12/25, funeral 11/1/25
- **MEMBERSHIP** — Current baptized membership - 369 , Current communicant membership - 293
- **ADMINISTRATIVE:** Board of Property Meeting 10/7/25, Board of Elders 10/6/25, Board of Mission & Ministry 10/14/25, Executive Committee 10/21/25, Trunk or Treat 10/26/25, Congregational Meeting 10/26/25

Elders' Report –Jim Wirch reported that the Board of Elders met on Mon. Nov. 3, 2025 & the next meeting will be scheduled for 6pm on Monday, January 5, 2026

- Administrative items, including Pastor Pett's monthly report from October, member worship attendance report, school children's worship attendance report and elder duty lists were reviewed and updated.
- Church specific email addresses for all elders at "eldername@rlcgb.org" are active. Next step will be communication to our members and updating the website with these email addresses
- Bible Study: 1 Timothy 1:12-29 was read and studied. The elders will continue in 1 Timothy during their January meeting

NEWLSA Jean Borchardt reported from the November 2025 NEWLSA Meeting.

- NEWLHS Auction Paddle Raise and Matching paid off addition loan
- NEWLHS open house and middle school shadow day had great success
- Trinity Assessment Team was kicked off and started work to determine direction for the school
- Call Committee is currently interviewing candidates for new Executive Director at NEWLHS

Mission & Ministry- Marsha Gomoll noted that they met on Tuesday, Nov.11, 2025 – next meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 5:30pm

Old Business

- Trunk or Treat: 275 children and 179 adults came through for a total of 454 people. They sold nearly 3 Nescos of chili.

Executive Committee Meeting

New Business

- 2026 Give Big Green Bay Campaign — Feb 25 & 26 — 24 hour campaign
- Christmas Card giving to Redeemer shut-ins at Christmas —Cathy will print up address labels and we encourage members to participate. Reminders will be in the bulletin.
- Christmas Giving Tree - (Dec. 11st - Dec 22nd) We selected Willow Tree Cornerstone Child Advocacy Center (Family services) for our charity this year. Willow Tree is a community partnership to protect, heal and care for children who experience abuse, neglect and other forms of child maltreatment. The new tree will be up by 11/29 and tags with suggested gifts will be on the tree, unwrapped gifts to be placed under the tree. Dennis and Susan Frye will deliver the gifts prior to Christmas Eve. Information will also be available in the church bulletin.
- Advent Meals— dates and meals are set; the schedule is in the church bulletin and Mission and Ministry will serve the 12/17 meal.

Upcoming Events for 2025

- Christmas Giving Tree
- Advent Meal

Board of Property -Wesley Pett reported that they were unable to meet in October. The next meeting will be December 2, 2025 at 6:30pm:

- Storage Shed — some things that were in the gym storage room have been moved into the shed. Still some need to add shelves and hooks to make use of the area well.
- Cameras— Doug Laatsch continues to work on the cameras. Much is finished and hopes to soon complete the task and connect up all to the monitor in the office.
- Remodeling the meeting room in the church building— goal is to paint & refresh
- Smoke detectors need to be mounted in the new meeting room, coat room, and quilting room.
- There was water leaking into the school office from the west windows which is now fixed.
- Fall clean up and clean out small shed will be done on Sat. Nov. 22 at 9 am.
- Finish ceiling tile in the church basement Sunday School room and kitchen.
- The first floor gym storage room has been reorganized and straightened up.
- Plan to blow insulation into the new meeting room ceiling.
- New members — 3 — yes, THREE are needed — please prayerfully consider serving in this way. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Wesley Pett.

Financial and Treasurer Report –November, 2025

- October 2025 giving was down 12.9% from budget, however the YTD giving is still 6.1% over budget. We will continue to monitor our weekly giving.
- The Summit CD will be cashed out in early November with the proceeds invested into the Lutheran Legacy Funds shortly thereafter as directed by the board.
- The congregation's portion of the Roof Fund stands at \$19,691 through October or 31.8% of needed funds. After the donation from the Fellowship Club (Booyah proceeds) in early November, the fund stands at \$22,751 or 36.7% of needed funds. We will begin the official fundraising after the first of the year.
- The budget will need to be started in February, so that at the April executive committee meeting it can be okayed and presented to the congregation in May.

OLD BUSINESS :Redeemer provided \$5,000 towards NEWLHS New Addition Loan Pay-off

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Executive Committee meeting – November 18, 2025 –last of 2025
- Executive Committee Meeting – January 20, 2026
- Executive Committee Meeting – February 17, 2026
- Congregational Meeting — March 22, 2026 --tentative

Adjournment and Prayer: Marsha made motion, Llew Kramer seconded for adjournment. Pastor Pett led us in Luther's Evening Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Kramer

Prayer List

International & Local Concerns:

Persecuted Christians
Natural Disaster Victims
Victims of Senseless Violence
People of Ukraine
People of Israel

Hospitalized:

Sue Matz

Undergoing Treatment:

Thea Beaudette – friend of Keanan Kern
Mark Brefczynski– friend of Brenda Olson
Sara Brancefield- daughter of Keith Laux
Taylor Brancefield-grandson of Keith Laux
Adam Cayemberg - friend of Steve Wassenberg
Brenda Gunder
Cathy Haber– sister-in-law of Marsha Gomoll
Bill Jones- friend of Brenda Olson
Ken Herman-friend of Terry DePrey
John Kiley
Tyler Kosmoski
Dave Lindsley-friend of Marsha Gomoll
Christine Maher– friend of Brenda Olson
Aleena Mangold– daughter of Lisa Kosmoski
Emilie Meyer-niece of Mary Pett
Roger Nowak
Brenda Olson
Jean Palomino
Lolly Pleshek– sister of Bud Aprill
Payton Sanoval– granddaughter of Keith Laux
Pat Siukdak– mother of Rick Siudak
Sally Stern– aunt of Lorin Sternberg
Melodie Wardecke-cousin of Janet Groh
Ugne Wennersten– sister-in-law of Marsha Gomoll

Recovering:

Brian Begotka– nephew of Janet Groh
Steve Druckrey
Bonnie Heim– wife of Rev. Heim
Rev. Vern Heim
Katie Chlopek Herms - niece of Jeff & Bonnie Domke
Jill Kern
Carol Knapowski
Bill Maher– friend of Brenda Olson
Rick & Ruth Steinke
Jim VanMiller

School Ministry:

N.E.W. Lutheran High School
Trinity Lutheran School

Ongoing Health Problems:

Neal Anderson
Dorothy Bloede– aunt of Lorri Sternberg
Denise Brefczynski– friend of Brenda Olson
Evelyn Cayo-sister of Bud Aprill
Sharon Eichman
Ed Forel – father of Sheila Ferron
Cindy Gentz-friend of Lorri Sternberg
LouAnn Gerzmehle – sister of Ron Miller
Penny Grambihler
Janet Groh
Vi Howard
Ron Howard
Bud Jones
Sue Kienitz - sister-in-law of Neal & Ann Anderson
Roy Krouse-husband of Kathy Krouse
Carol Kuske
Sydney Miracle – niece of Brian & Robin Paul
Joshua Moede
Mary Pirlot - friend of Delton & Kathy Bongel
Bob Zittlow
BJ Zittlow-grandson of Joan Zittlow

All Caregivers

Missionaries

Ashley Lehr
Katie Ludwig

Military Personnel:

Kaden Dabbs– grandson of Brittany & Chuck Hyde
Reed Matz– nephew of Dave Matz
Paige Ramon– daughter of Rick & Julie Bogner
Shaun & Tess LaRue– daughter & son-in-law of Rick & Roy & Esmeralda McDonough- grandson of Vi Howard
Nathan Schroeder - nephew of Pat Taylor

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Church News

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

The flagship magazine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), The Lutheran Witness is a monthly publication that offers synodical news, reports from Lutherans around the world, features, columns, Q & As, a Bible study, and much more. There is no better way to keep up on all the latest LCMS news.

If you would like to join the Redeemer List of subscribers, please call the Church office at 499-1033 or email redemergreenbay@gmail.com with your name and address. Cost for 1 year (11 issues) is \$27.65. If you would like to renew or stop a subscription, please call or email the office with that info. A sign-up sheet is also available in the Narthex.

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT INS

Will you send a Christmas Card? A kind word and Christmas wish brightens up everyone's Advent season. We have printed out address labels to make it even easier. Please ask an usher for a set of shut-in address labels today.

PERRY'S PICKLE PATCH

The pickled items are back. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Delivery will be after thanksgiving. Tariff free, Thank you. Perry Wegener

CHRISTmas Decorating

Please join us on Saturday, December 6th at 8 am to help decorate the church for CHRISTmas. We are becoming more efficient each year, and you may notice a few exciting changes again this time around. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help us prepare for the CHRISTmas season! We look forward to seeing you there.

REDEEMER MINISTRY CENTER ROOF PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who has already donated towards the congregation's portion of the Roof Fund. After Fellowship's donation from booyah, we have \$22,751 in the fund. That represents 36.7% of the needed \$62,015. Again, donations can be made using the Improvement Fund envelope located at the front of each month in your offering envelopes. If you use online giving, please designate: ROOF.

REMINDER

Have you moved, changed email, or changed your phone number over the last year (or few years)? Please share your updated contact info with the Redeemer Church Office at redemergreenbay@gmail.com or by calling 920-499-1033. Thank you!

THANK YOU REDEEMER FAMILY

for all your prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my recent illness and surgery. Your kindness and compassion have meant the world to me; your prayers have been a source of comfort and I've felt the power of

your words lifting me up even in the darkest moments. Most importantly I give thanks to God with all my heart for the healing He has brought into my life. You are the Great Physician, and I praise you for your power to restore, renew, and bring comfort. -Randy Gomoll

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Dec 1st – Dec 21st Willow Tree Cornerstone Child Advocacy Center (Family Services) is a community partnership to Protect Heal and Care for children who experience abuse, neglect and other forms of child maltreatment. Beginning December 1st, the Giving Tree will be in the Church entrance. Tags with suggested gifts will be on the tree for your taking. Bring your unwrapped gifts and place in the boxes around the tree. If you are not a shopper, Mission and Ministry will do your shopping for you! Simply put your cash donation in the box on the table next to the tree!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Choice Dollars were directed to Redeemer in November

by: Jayne Busarow
Jeff & Jill Janssen
Fred John
Karen Joski
Roy & Katherine Krouse
Susan Kupsky
Gerald Thyes
Steve Wassenberg
Perry Wegener

If you have any questions on Thrivent Choice Dollars and designating them, please contact your Thrivent representative.

MESSAGE FROM THE QUILTERS

The Reemer Women in Mission have finished distributing our quilts for this year. Recipients include Altrusa House, Golden House, House of Hope, JAS House, St Johns Shelters, NEW Community Shelter and Amanda's House. The quilters would like to thank everyone for their support, donations of fabric, and the kind words. Next year we would like to include Sleep in Heavenly Peace which is a group that makes and donates beds to children in our community who need them. We would be very grateful for fabric donations with juvenile prints. Thank you! - Redeemer Quilters

CARD SHOP

Christmas cards are available in the Church card shop. Prices are \$6 for a box of 12-16 cards, \$9 for a box of 18-24 cards, and \$2 for a bag of 4 (new this year). All occasion cards have been restocked and are, as always, 50 cents each.

This is a service of Redeemer Women in Mission to the congregation; cards are priced at or below cost. Let's continue to bless one another with a cheery word or note of encouragement.



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Happy Anniversary!

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December

- 2 Robin Paul, Trenton Tucker
- 3 Sue Druckrey
- 4 Steve Nienow
- 5 Everleigh Farley
- 6 Wendy Klatt
- 9 Scott Westerfelf
- 11 Kathy Bongel, Rachael Dufek, Frank Hekenberger
- 13 David Fenner
- 14 Jodie Ellingson, Emma Laatsch, Stephanie Whipp
- 16 Holly Moede
- 20 Travis Truskowski
- 21 Kayden VanNorman
- 24 John Pieper
- 28 Richard Bogner
- 30 Chris Charles, Evan Kern

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December

- 1 Thomas & Christie Kloehn
- 3 Thomas & Beverly Jablonski
- 7 Justin & Amanda Farley
- 9 Jim & Chong Cha Wirch
- 17 Tyler & Rebecca Lohmiller
- 30 Curtis & Julie Moede

Official Acts

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Upcoming Events

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Received Eternal Crown

Arlene Koivisto
October 12, 2025

Holy Baptism

Brooklyn Marie Charles
Parents: Chris & Abbie Charles
November 16, 2025

Pancake & Porkie

Sunday, February 1st

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm
The Church Office is located in the Redeemer Ministry Center

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Redeemer Lutheran Calendar – December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Choir	2 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Bd of Prop Mtg	3 9:00a Quilting 4:00p Advent Worship 5:00p Advent Meal 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Advent Worship	4 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	5 9:00a Pickle Ball (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	6 8:00a Church Decorating 9:00a TKD Testing (gym)
7 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Sun Edu Power Hour	8 6:00p Handbells 6:00p Safety Team Mtg 7:00p Choir	9 2:00p TKD (gym) 5:30p Mission & Ministry Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	10 4:00p Advent Worship 5:00p Advent Meal 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Advent Worship	11 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	12 9:00a Pickle Ball (gym)	13 6:00p Game Night
14 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Sun Edu Power Hour	15 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Choir	16 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:00p Exec Comm Christmas Party 6:15p TKD (gym)	17 4:00p Advent Worship 5:00p Advent Meal 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Advent Worship	18 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	19 9:00a Pickle Ball (gym)	20 10:00a Nienow Family (gym)
21 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Sun Edu Power Hour	22 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Choir	23	24 Christmas Eve 4:00p Christmas Eve Worship 6:00p Christmas Eve Worship	25 Christmas Day 10:00a Christmas Day Worship HC	26	27
28 9:15a Worship HC	29	30	31 6:30p New Year's Eve Worship HC			