



June, 2025 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The school year has, or in some cases, is drawing to a close. Summer is soon upon us. There will be graduation parties, yard work, vacations, enjoying the warmer weather with friends and families in all kinds of outdoor activities. In all the running around that we do, it is sometimes easy to forget that there are people involved that depend on us, not just for physical providing but also for spiritual and emotional providing as well.

I've heard farmers say something when it is time to be in the fields working to get the crop in the ground, "You have to make hay when the sun shines." But the work that must be done to provide for the physical needs of our families, and the work that needs to be done to maintain our homes and properties, does not give us the excuse to neglect providing for their spiritual and emotional needs also.

A behavioral test was performed by scientists in which a baby monkey was taken away from its natural mother and put in a cage with two surrogate mothers. One of these surrogates was a cold metal wire figure, fashioned in the shape of a larger monkey, with a place for a bottle of milk to be held, to provide food for the baby monkey. The other surrogate was covered with soft fur and had a small heater inside to give the effect of body heat, but there was no bottle of milk on this surrogate. The scientists wanted to see how the monkey would act, which surrogate the monkey would go to and stay with. The monkey would go to the surrogate that had the food when it was hungry but would spend all the rest of its time clinging to the fur covered surrogate.

People also need more than just physical things to be provided. This is why God created people to live in families, and why He gives many directions through out the Scriptures about how children should treat their parents and how parents should treat their children, how husbands and wives should treat one another, and how widows of the congregation should be cared for. Even God Himself lives in a family: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And God, the Father, not only continues to provide for all our physical needs, but in the greatest way of all, He provided for our spiritual and emotional needs by giving up His own Son to die for us. With the guilt and shame of our sins removed, our greatest emotional need is filled. Our sins are forgiven - our greatest spiritual need is filled. Jesus rose from the dead giving victory over death - our greatest spiritual need is filled with His gift of eternal life.

God did not neglect our spiritual and emotional needs, and we can show our thankfulness to Him by not neglecting the spiritual and emotional needs of the families of our own household, and the other members of the family of God's household. Home devotions, regular prayer together, regular worship together at church every Sunday, taking time to enjoy the things with which God has blessed, and taking time to show a lonely heart kindness and comfort. God has given us the very precious gift of families. It doesn't matter what role we play in the family unit: father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin or fellow church member. We all have roles to fulfill, we all have gifts we can share, and love we can show. Let us love one another because He first loved us and gave Himself for us.

In Our Risen Savior's Love,

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Executive Committee Meeting

Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Randy Pfister.

In attendance: Wesley Pett, Randy Pfister, Dianne Rentmeester, Jean Borchardt, Pastor Pett and Jim Wirch

Pastor Pett led us in a devotion on Revelations and a prayer.

April minutes were approved as written.

Pastor's Report for April - May 5, 2025

WORSHIP:

Date(s)	Wed. – 4:00	Wed. – 6:30	Sunday – 9:15	Virtual	Total
4/2 & 4/6	58	23	153	512	746
4/9 & 4/13	62	31	182	602	877
Maundy Thurs.	62	58			120
Good Friday	124	67			191
4/20			110 180	1356	1646
4/23 & 4/27		41	111	297	449

Teaching

- 3 Adult Bible Classes, 12 Online Noon Devotions, 2 Services @ Blue Jay Springs Assisted Living
Virtual Views of Online Devotions – 3/31 – 4/3 = 325, 4/8 – 4/10 = 346, 4/14 – 4/16 = 211, 4/24 = 118
Pastoral Care
- 2 hospital visits, 12 shut-in visits,
Membership
- Current baptized membership - 372
- Current communicant membership - 297

Administrative

- Board of Property – 4/1/25, Circuit Pastor's Meeting – 4/7/25, Board of Elders – 4/7/25, Board of Mission & Ministry – 4/8/25, Executive Committee – 4/15/25, Ruby's Pantry – 4/28/25

Elders' Report – Jim Wirch reported that the Board of Elders met on Mon. May 5, 2025 the next meeting will be scheduled for 6 PM on June 2, 2025.

- Administrative items, including Pastor Pett's monthly report from April, school children worship attendance report and elder duty lists were completed. The monthly study of the book of Ephesians was concluded.
- Doug Laatsch shared information with the elders regarding Concordia Gospel Outreach. CGO works with food pantries, among other ministries, to share the Gospel. Doug will obtain additional information about Concordia Gospel Outreach and share it with the elders at a future meeting.
- The Elders discussed PulpitAI which generates video shorts, reels and study materials from Pastor's sermons. Jeff Goin will review further and report back in June.

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NEWSLA Jean Borchardt reported the following:

April 2025 NEWSLA Board Meeting Communication Points

- Approved the 2025-2026 Budget
- Positive results from Targeted Digital Ad Campaign for enrollment
- Trinity building committee has shifted focus from adjacent properties to finding an alternative plan

May 2025 NEWSLA Board Meeting Communication Points

- The Board approved the Staffing Committee to define the role of an interim Executive Director
- Approved new Board Member Matthew Newman to fill open board position
- Executive Director authority delegated to school administrators in the absence of an acting or permanent Executive Director

Mission & Ministry

Due to the Packer schedule not being released until 5/14/25 our May Meeting was cancelled. At our June Meeting we will discuss the church picnic.

- Note: To be proactive, after the Packer schedule was released we did secure Colburn Park for Sunday August 24th for the Church Picnic. Pastor will also contact Jim's Golf Carts to secure a golf cart for that date.

Upcoming Events for 2025

- Camp Out —June 20-22, 2025
- Parables in the Park - TBD
- Family PB&J Drive – August 1- 31, 2025
- Church Picnic – August 24, 2025
- Trunk or Treat - October
- Community/Shut-in Yard Work/Fall Clean-up
- Thanksgiving Meal - November
- Christmas Giving Tree
- Organize Advent Meals - December

Board of Property - Wesley Pett reported that:

Old Business

List of projects:

- Storage Shed - Dennis is working with the contractor to finish up a few other details.
- Additional Security cameras for church – Doug L. has installed 16 out of 17 of the new cameras. A monitor has been installed in the office but has not been connected yet. He has more work to complete before the project is finished.
- Future projects list is in Dropbox. Much painting to be done.
- Meeting room remodel is now completed, waiting on decorating committee to put decorations on the walls.
- Remodeling the meeting room in the church building is on hold.
- The decision for replacing the roof has been made. Northern Metal has come out to give us a quote. A second quote has been extremely difficult to obtain.
- Landscaping in front of church – schedule with Bill. Planters are being planted Memorial Weekend.
- Most of the tiles in the childcare room have been replaced.
- Signage in both buildings for restrooms, etc.

New Business

- Baptismal Font has been repaired.
- Door on the east side of the gym has been repaired.
- Sod damaged by snowplowing should be repaired.
- Bubblers (water fountains) at school have been replaced with water bottle filler added on. The wall they are mounted on needs to be repaired.
- Lawn cutting schedule.
- Make another area for the smaller kids for the snack area? Move tall tables away?
- Smoke detectors in the new meeting room, coat room, and quilting room.
- Find a better way to open the kitchen window for serving food. Crank?

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Financial and Treasurer Report – April 2025

- April 2025 giving was less than last year and less than budget but we should be close to meeting our year end budgeted donations.
- Overall expenses are in-line with budgeted amounts.
- School Roof Fund through 4/30/2025 is \$4,923. I would expect more giving once we have a quote and a set amount we are working towards.

MEMORIAL FUNDS: About \$4000 remain in the funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vice Chairman needed
- Should we rename the school building? Perhaps Redeemer Ministry Center? Redeemer Lutheran? We will revisit this in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ruby's Pantry — Our relationship with Ruby's Pantry has been terminated. We are reviewing what items were purchased with Ruby's money that need to be returned/forwarded to the next church. (Carts)
- The final budget draft was presented with few updates from April's meeting. Jean Borchardt made the motion to present the budget to the congregation for final approval at the June meeting. Seconded by Wesley Pett. Motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Congregational Meeting June 1, 2025 budget/updates
- Executive Committee meeting on June 17, 2025
- Executive Committee meeting on August 19, 2025

Adjournment and Prayer: Dianne made the motion to adjourn, Wesley seconded and Pastor Pett led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Rentmeester

Prayer List

International & Local Concerns:

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

Preparing for Surgery:

Jean Geurts – sister of Julie Smith
Bill Jones-friend of Brenda Olson
Dave 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
Jill Kern
John Kiley
Jacob Klatt– son of Kathy DonLevy
Tyler Kosmoski
Dave Lindsley-friend of Marsha Gomoll
Christine Maher– friend of Brenda Olson
Aleena Mangold– daughter of Lisa Kosmoski
Jim Martin
Sue Matz
Emilie Meyer-niece of Mary Pett
Roger Nowak
Jean Palomino
Payton Sanoval– granddaughter of Keith Laux
Pat Siukdak– mother of Rick Siudak
Kay VanEgeren– sister of Brenda Olson
Melodie Wardecke-cousin of Janet Groh

Recovering:

Brian Begotka– nephew of Janet Groh
Dorothy Bloede-aunt of Lorri Sternberg
Bev Jablonski
Howard Klug
Llew Kramer
Gloianne Kuschel
Amanda Leist-cousin of Ben Kiley
Sydney Miracle – niece of Brian & Robin Paul
Leon Mueller– relative of Laurie Zoellner
Tom Niermann
Vicy Peterson-daughter of Bea Buchhloz
Rose Wassenberg
Neal Zastrow

School Ministry:

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

Ongoing Health Problems:

Neal Anderson
Denise Brefczynski– friend of Brenda Olson
Sharon Eichman
Dale Fahs
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
Helen Kienitz – mother of Ann Anderson
Sue Kienitz - sister-in-law of Neal & Ann Anderson
Carol Knapowski
Roy Krouse-husband of Kathy Krouse
Carol Kuske
Keith Laux
Joshua Moede
Randy Pfister
Mary Pirlot - friend of Delton & Kathy Bongel
Chuck Rentmeester husband of Dianne Rentmeester
Bob Zittlow
BJ Zittlow-grandson of Joan Zittlow

All Caregivers

Missionaries

Ashley Lehr
Katie Siudak

Military Personnel:

Paige Bogner
Shaun & Tess (Bogner) LaRue
Roy & Esmeralda McDonough- grandson of Vi Howard
Nathan Schroeder - nephew of Pat Taylor

Updated: 5-21-25

School Mtg Room - Before & After

The before pictures were taken pre covid during set up for Ruby's Pantry.



The after pictures were taken Thursday, May 22, 2025



Church News

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the great and generous outpouring of Christian love, that you displayed to me for my 35th Anniversary in the Holy Ministry, through the wonderful party that you threw in my honor, and for all the cards and gifts. So many members have been very lovingly generous, that it is humbling to receive such kindness, appreciation, and generosity. Thank you ever so much!

In Christ's love,



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Choice Dollars were directed to Redeemer in May by:

Jeff & Jill Janssen

Susan Kupsky

Chad Radtke

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

CONGREGATIONAL MTG

June 1st at 10:25am

The main topic will be the 2025-26 budget. Handouts of the proposed budget are available in the Narthex.

REDEEMER WOMEN IN MISSION

would like to thank all who attended the LWML 2025 Spring Rally. Your participation and engagement helped make the event a success. To all the LWML Members, volunteers and musical performers, your time, talent and effort are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Fellowship for their support and contribution which made it possible to bring in our featured speaker. We are truly blessed.

FINGER PUPPETS

Trinity has shared their puppets with MOST Ministries. LWML is now collecting the same puppets to deliver to MOST Ministries next summer at the NWD Convention. Please keep knitting or crocheting! The basket previously used for pill bottles will now collect your finger puppets. Patterns are available on the counter outside the Church meeting room.

20th Annual Redeemer Lutheran Campout

June 19-22, 2025 at Fremont RV Park (formerly Jellystone "Yogi Bear" Park in Fremont, WI)

Worship around the campfire on Saturday, June 21st.

Any questions contact Bryan Nehring.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for those coming to camp and for those visiting on Saturday for Worship.

PARABLES IN THE PARK

will be held at Colburn Park on June 24 & 25 from 12:30-1:30. More details to come. All children and their friends are welcomed.

MISSION UPDATE

Dear Redeemer Family,

Thank you so much for your support! I've been loving life in Alaska, learning a lot! Our ministry season starts so soon. I'm excited for our first teams to arrive. We're expecting roughly 425 volunteers this summer! Thank you for your prayers!! Thank you for your donations!

Katie Siudak

THANK YOU REDEEMER FAMILY

- ♦ Thank you for all the pill bottle donations. Thanks to your generosity we have more bottles than we dreamed of. As of June 1, we will no longer be collecting pill bottles. Thank you again for supporting Trinity Lutheran School and Operation Christmas Child.
- ♦ Thank you for the teacher appreciation gift. It is a blessing to serve our Lord in this place. Your support of Lutheran education and educators is wonderful. Thank you! Pam Siudak
- ♦ Thank you so much for your support not only to the ministry I do here at church, but also for your support to the teaching ministry I do at Trinity Lutheran School. Thank you for your generosity of the gift card I received during Teacher Appreciation Week. I truly appreciate your continued support. God's blessings to you all. Robin Paul

Happy Birthday!

June

- 1 Elsa Woller
- 3 Journey Gennett, Scott Truskowski
- 4 Lyndon Zoellner
- 6 Parker Dufek, Jennifer Mikle
- 7 Moses Pieper
- 9 Joy Goin, Jennifer Nehring, Otto Woller
- 10 Jerry Pludeman, Lindsay Prah
- 11 Jessica Gennett, Tess LaRue
- 13 Casey Harvath
- 14 Brittany Hyde, Julie Smith
- 16 Julie Moede
- 22 Shanley Pearson
- 23 Dawn Schroeder
- 25 Andrew Strehlow
- 26 Sandy Barrette, Andrew Pludeman
- 27 Julie Forslund
- 30 Ginny Sommers

Happy Anniversary!

June

- 3 Joshua & Samantha Vandenhouten
- 4 James & Lisa Hansen
- 5 Richard & Deborah Stainbrook
- 8 Kevin & Michelle Schmeling
- 10 Paul & Mary Pett
- 11 Marc & Chelsea Opicka
- 14 Charles & Brittany Hyde
- 16 Andrew & Kelly DeGrave
- 17 Kerrick & Rachel Sawyer
- 24 Reggie & Jane Muh
- 25 Michael & Olivia Horney
- 26 Scott & Laura Kahl, Scott & Angela Truskowski
- 28 Chuck & Dianne Rentmeester
- 29 Randy & Marsha Gomoll

Upcoming Events

Church Picnic
Sunday, August 24, 2025

Official Acts

Confirmation:

May 4, 2025
Lauren Elizabeth Prah
Daughter of: Lindsay Prah

Holy Baptisms:

Brynlee Beaumier
Parents: Austin & Karlee Beaumier
Grandparents: Dan & Lisa Boettcher
May 18, 2025

Jackson Alan Harvath
Parents: Zachary & Casey Harvath
Grandparents: Perry & Beth Wegener

Removed:

Jessica Larsen

Church Office Hours: Mon– Thurs 8:30am-3pm
The Church office is located in the school building.

Redeemer Lutheran Calendar – June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Congregation Mtg	2 7:00p FNTG BB (gym)	3 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:00p Safety Team Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Bd of Prop Mtg	4 9:00a Quilting 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	5 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	6	7
8 Pentecost 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study	9 6:00p Elder Mtg	10 2:00p TKD (gym) 5:30p Mission & Ministry Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	11 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	12 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	13	14 6:00p Game Night
15 Fathers' Day 9:15a Worship HC	16 6:30p Bellin Family (Church Mtg Rm) 7:00p FNTG BB (gym)	17 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:00p Safety Team Mtg 6:00p Exec Comm Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	18 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	19 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	20	21
22 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study	23 7:00p FNTG BB (gym)	24 12:30p Parables in the Park 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	25 12:30p Parables in the Park 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	26 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	27	28
29 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study	30 7:00p FNTG BB (gym)					