



## May, 2025 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I found this little story that I wanted to share with you:

A little boy and his father were driving down a country road on a beautiful spring afternoon. Suddenly out of nowhere a bumblebee flew in the car window. Since the little boy was deathly allergic to bee stings, he became petrified. But the father quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand, and then released it. But as soon as he let it go, the young son became frantic once again as it buzzed by the little boy. His father saw his panic-stricken face. Once again the father reached out his hand, but this time he pointed to his hand. There still stuck in his skin was the stinger of the bee. "Do you see this?" he said. "You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you."

And this is the message of Easter. We do not need to be afraid of death anymore. Christ faced death for us. And by His victory, we are saved from sin. Christ has taken the sting! First Corinthians 15:22 asks: "Where, oh death, is your sting?" Christ has taken the stinger for us. He has risen! Fear is gone. New life is ours. Christ is risen!

In the Love of our Risen Savior,

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# Executive Committee Meeting

## Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Randy Pfister.

**In attendance:** Marsha Gomoll, Wesley Pett, Randy Pfister, Dianne Rentmeester, Llewellyn Kramer, Jean Borchardt, Pastor Pett and Julie Kramer

Pastor Pett led us in a devotion on 1 Corinthians 1:18ff and a prayer.

March minutes were approved as written.

### **Pastor's Report for March - April 7, 2025**

#### **WORSHIP:**

<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Wed 4:00</i>	<i>Wed 6:30</i>	<i>Sunday – 9:15</i>	<i>Virtual</i>	<i>Total</i>
2/26 & 3/2		46	132	266	444
3/5 & 3/9	67	44	135	446	692
3/12 & 3/16	65	37	146	385	633
3/19 & 3/23	61	17	126	424	628
3/26 & 3/30	80	29	102	448	659

**TEACHING** 4 Adult Bible Classes, 10 Online Noon Devotions, 1 Services @ Blue Jay Springs Assisted Living

Virtual Views of Online Devotions–2/24-2/27 =257, 3/3 -3/6 =272, 3/13 =282, 3/17 -3/20 =245, 3/24 - 3/26 = 213

**PASTORAL CARE** 3 hospital visits, 13 shut-in visits,

**NEW MEMBERS** Oaklynn Mueller - by Holy Baptism - 3/15/25

#### **FUNERALS/DEATHS**

Sara VanCalster – died 3/24/25

Lori Drachenberg – died 3/29/25

**OTHER MEMBERSHIP CHANGES** - none

**MEMBERSHIP** Current baptized membership - 372 , Current communicant membership - 297

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Board of Elders 3/3/25, Board of Property 3/4/25, Circuit Pastors' Meeting 3/10/25, Board of Mission and Ministry 3/11/25, Executive Committee 3/18/25, Ruby's Pantry 3/24/25

**Elders' Report** – Llewellyn Kramer reported that the Board of Elders met on Mon. April 7, 2025 the next meeting will be scheduled for 6 PM on May 5, 2025.

- Administrative items, including Pastor Pett's monthly report from February, school children worship attendance report and elder duty lists were completed. New members and a few remaining members that had been assigned to former elder Chris Steward were assigned to elders.
- The monthly study of the book of Ephesians was concluded, covering Eph 6:10-20.
- 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.
- 2025-2026 Fiscal year Budget: The elders' portion of the budget for the next fiscal year was discussed and line items were added and/or revised for the elders' budget.

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**NEWSLA:** Jean Borchardt said the April meeting will be next week.

**Mission & Ministry:** Marsha Gomoll noted that they met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Old Business

- Lenten Meal– served April 2nd

New Business

- Gift ideas for Mother's Day/Father's Day
- Church Picnic – date will be discussed after Packer schedule is released

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
- Trunk or Treat - October
- Community/Shut-in Yard Work/Fall Clean-up
- Thanksgiving Meal - November
- Christmas Giving Tree
- Gift Giving to Redeemer Shut-ins
- Organize Advent Meals - December

**Board of Property** -Wesley Pett reported that:

- Storage shed– Construction is completed, Keanen Kern installed the electrical. Garage door opener was also installed. Dennis Frye installed a few more outlets in the shed. A few more touch-up projects need to be done to complete.
- Security cameras: 16 of 17 have been installed & also a monitor in the office. Note: The monitor in the office is not connected to the security cameras.
- Smoke detectors have been updated and installed.
- Meeting room at school: Construction is complete, media inputs installed as well. Just a few things with the media need to be installed.
- Remodeling the church meeting room is on hold.
- The water fountain at school had a leak, so a new water fountain with a water bottle filler is being installed.
- Northern Metal came out on 3/18 to prepare the formal quote. A new quote will be delivered soon. We will be working with them on exact amounts, guarantees, etc. After we get the quote, we will decide if we want to get a second one.
- Landscaping in front of the church in the spring. This will be coming out of designated funds and promised money.

New Business

- Restroom signage in both buildings for restrooms, etc.
- Baptismal font needs repairs

**Financial and Treasurer Report** –March 2025

- Dianne Rentmeester reported that the March 2025 giving was strong but also due to a later Easter than in 2024. We should be fine to meet our year end budgeted donations.
- All expenses are in line with budgeted amounts.
- School roof Fund through 3/31/2025 is \$2850. Once we have a quote and a set amount we will probably get more giving to this fund.
- The line items for 2025-2026 budget have been reviewed (see new business)

# Executive Committee Meeting

**MEMORIAL FUNDS:** About \$4000 remain in the funds. New kitchen blinds purchased out of this fund.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Vice Chairman needed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Roof— Northern Sheet Metal and Roofing- were at Redeemer on 3/18 for an updated quote. The quote was finally received on 4/15/25. The new quote is about \$76,000 less than the original quote. If we do it all at one time, they will give an additional \$5,000 discount.
- Kitchen \$37,000 vs \$37,800
- School \$81,415 vs \$145,000
- Gym \$189,015 vs \$265,000
- School Meeting Room— looks great! Meeting room blinds \$1562 ( Paid for with property funds/Nicolet savings).
- Kitchen blinds: \$2475 (Memorial Funds)
- Water fountain with a water bottle filler — \$2500-\$3000/ each x2.
- Should we rename the school building? Perhaps Redeemer Ministry Center? Redeemer Lutheran? We will revisit this in the future.
- Ruby's Pantry — Redeemer has done this for 9½ years, but for the last 6-9 months we have seen the quality of the products decline, and the number of shares we distribute has also declined. We have also received emails from recipients that state that it is not worth the \$25 cost. A motion was made by Marsha Gomoll and seconded by Julie Kramer "to cease Ruby's Pantry after the April 28, 2025 distribution". Discussion: If we cancel this, we have no more funding for benevolent funds, unless we add a line item in the budget/or have special drives to add money to this fund. After much deliberation, the motion was voted on and passed.
- Hospitality Bar after Sunday Services – communicate in 4/23-4/27 bulletins to host even just part of the Sunday's treats
- Budgets were presented from individual committees. There is about 2% increase off of projections for this budget, which totals about \$13,000 increase over this year's budget. We will add a line item for benevolent funding of about \$2400. The budget will be finalized at the May Executive Committee Meeting.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- May Executive Committee meeting on May 20, 2025 – Finalize Budget
- Congregational Meeting June 1, 2025 budget/updates
- Executive Committee meeting on June 17, 2025
- Executive Committee meeting on August 19, 2025

**Adjournment and Prayer:** Llew made the motion to adjourn, Dianne seconded and Pastor Pett led us in closing 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

## **Preparing for Surgery:**

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  
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:**

Sandy Alicia  
Brian Begotka– nephew of Janet Groh  
Dorothy Bloede-aunt of Lorri Sternberg  
Carol Hayse– mother of Lisa Kosmoski  
Bev Jablonski  
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  
Don Smith  
Rose Wassenberg  
Neal Zastrow  
Lyndon Zoellner

## **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: 4-28-25

# Church News

## SUMMER KICKOFF

Let's have a kickoff to the summer season with food, fellowship and fun! Redeemer Fellowship is sponsoring this special event to start the summer season. Please join us Saturday, May 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at The Bar in The Pavillion- 2001 Holmgren Way, Green Bay. Beverages, brats, and burgers will be provided. This is a family event with cornhole and outside area available. Please sign up in the Narthex by May 3rd.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Choice Dollars were directed to Redeemer in April by:

Neal & Ann Anderson  
Naomi Bahrke  
Helen Baldwin  
Doug Beach  
Andrew & Kelly DeGrave  
Jacob & Arlene Koivisto  
Roy Krouse  
Doug Laatsch  
Cindy Pfister  
Dolores Schulz  
Pat Taylor  
Janelle Walton  
Terry Wegener  
Scott Westerfeld  
Tammy Westerfeld  
Alan Wichlacz  
Lyndon & Laurie Zoellner

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

## SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT

As we begin to fundraise for the upcoming school roof project, please use the Improvement Fund envelope located at the front of each month in your envelope giving packets for any donations that you would like to contribute. If you use online giving, please designate School Roof Project. We will be tracking these funds separately and will report to the congregation on a periodic basis on how we are doing.

## 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

## \$CRIP

Thank you to all who are currently using Scrip for one or more of your regular purchases! With a 25 families using Scrip regularly, about \$3000 annually is created. We invite any and all of you who aren't yet in the habit of using Scrip yet to come aboard! Stop in and check the recording sheet to see what is usually in our inventory. Begin by using one. Simple! The proceeds from this system of gift cards and

certificates go directly to Trinity and NEW Lutheran High to use for their immediate needs. Also, we would appreciate if you or someone you know could help empty our inventory of Kohl's (\$25 and one \$100), Julie's Café \$10s and 1 Subway \$50. Thank you for considering to use Scrip!

## TRINITY

Needed: empty (and washed) pill bottles (with caps) of all sizes for next year's Operation Christmas Child crafts. Mrs. Siudak will collect them throughout the school year. Please place them in the container by the Church mailboxes.

## CALLING ALL KNITTERS OR CROCHETERS

In May, Trinity Lutheran School is going to be supporting Most ministries as their mission project. Mrs. Siudak has found some patterns for finger puppets that they send with the mission teams to give to children. They are very simple to crochet or knit and the colors tell the story of Jesus. Patterns are available on the table outside of the Church Mtg room. Finger puppets can be left by the mailboxes in the Narthex.

## NEW LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Join us Monday, May 12th at NEW Lutheran for Screenagers Under the Influence. Chad Welch is facilitating the movie and discussion with families of middle school to high school aged kids. Chad will dive into the impacts of vaping, drugs and alcohol on kids in the digital age. The session is FREE from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM at NEW Lutheran. Snacks and all materials are included. If you can, bring your middle school and high school kids with you to join the discussion. This is the 3rd class in the 3 part series.

## HELP WANTED

Hope Lutheran Church at 700 S. Superior Street in De Pere is seeking a part-time Custodian. The position reports directly to Hope's Head Trustee. Please contact Hope's Church Office at 920-336-9843 or office@hopedepere.org to request more information or to apply.

Faith Christian Preschool is now accepting applications for a part-time classroom aide position for the 2025-26 school year. Hours are 9-11:30am Monday through Friday. If you enjoy working with children and helping to nurture young faith in Jesus, this is the perfect opportunity for you. For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Faith Christian Preschool's Director, Mrs. Ellen Petrie via email at faithpreschoolgb@gmail.com or by phone at 920-965-0795

# Happy Birthday!

## May

- 1 Melanie Lanser, Alex Smith
- 2 Naomi Kosbab, Joshua Moede
- 6 Sophie Klatt
- 8 Madden Beavers, Wanda Hilke, Alaina Prah
- 9 Wendy Delvoye, Kerrick Sawyer
- 11 Mae Aprill, Leo Farley
- 12 Laura Kahl
- 13 Kristina Hazen
- 14 Grayson VandeVyrer
- 16 Marie Habelman
- 17 Jonathan Beavers, Verchelle Dehn, Doug Laatsch, Sharon Staats
- 19 Robert Harris, Russell LaPlante, Keith Larsen
- 20 Patty Ahtonen, Jordan Jensen
- 21 Randy Bellin, Brady Paul
- 22 Halston Beavers, Carol Kuske, Sue Matz
- 23 Tom Jablonski
- 24 Steve Druckrey
- 25 Neal Anderson, Jeff Herman, John Kiley
- 29 Sharon Eichman
- 31 Leona Klug

# Happy Anniversary!

## May

- 5 James & Wendy Delvoye  
Richard & Ginny Somers
- 11 Bud & Mae Aprill  
Gary & Barbara Behnke  
Lorin & Lorri Sternberg
- 12 Fred & Phyllis John
- 14 Bryan & Jennifer Nehring
- 15 Steve & Rose Wassenberg
- 17 Michael & Kristin Aulik
- 25 Tim & Patty Ahtonen
- 27 Brian & Robin Paul
- 28 Rick & Pam Siudak
- 29 Chris & Abbie Charles

# Upcoming Events

## Redeemer Annual Camp Out

June 20th-22nd

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

# Redeemer Lutheran Calendar – May 2025-Updated

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00a LWML Spring Rally
<b>4</b> 9:15a Worship HC Confirmation 10:25a Bible Study	<b>5</b> 6:00p Elder Mtg 6:00p FNTG BB (gym)	<b>6</b> 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Bd of Prop Mtg	<b>7</b> 9:00a Quilting 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	<b>8</b> 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00p Game Night
<b>11</b> Mothers' Day 9:15a Worship HC 11:00a Bongel Family (gym)	<b>12</b> 6:00p Safety Team Mtg	<b>13</b> 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 5:30p Mission & Ministry Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>14</b> 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	<b>15</b> 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>16</b> 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>17</b> 9:00a TKD Testing (gym) 1:00p Summer Kickoff
<b>18</b> 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study	<b>19</b> 6:00p FNTG BB (gym)	<b>20</b> 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:00p Exec Comm Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>21</b> 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	<b>22</b> 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:15a Worship HC	<b>26</b> Memorial Day	<b>27</b> 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>28</b> 6:15p TKD (gym)	<b>29</b> Ascension Day 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC Ascension Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>