

# May 2025



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## Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and  
dignity; she can laugh at the days  
to come. She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her  
tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



*"Sharing God's Love Through Jesus Christ"*

## *A Message from Pastor Ed ~*

The forty days of lent culminated in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection. The Easter season will end with the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday May 29. For now we have forty days to celebrate and rejoice in the good news of the resurrection. As we do so we consider Colossians 3: 1-2 ***"If then you have been raised with Christ, (which we have in our baptisms) seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."*** The four Gospel readings in the month of May all come from the gospel of John and they each help us *"set our minds on things that are above"* as they point us to fish & feeding, flocks & family, a finale, and finally – figures of speech. If I'm not mistaken, there seems to be a pattern there!

First of all on the fourth of May we hear Jesus call out to the disciples in their boat, ***"Do you have any fish?"*** How ironic that Wisconsin's traditional fishing opener is that same weekend! I too have often had the same reply as did the disciples to Jesus' question – that answer being *"No."* I only wish my walleye fishing would be as easy as heeding the advise of Jesus. ***"Cast your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some."*** The result was that the disciples suddenly had a boat load of fish – 153 to be exact! The disciples followed Jesus' instruction and they cast their net on the right side of the boat. Following Jesus' directions proved to be the difference between the absence and the abundance of a catch of fish! Jesus still had more guidance for Peter and the rest of the disciples. There on the beach Jesus told Peter to ***"Feed my sheep."*** Jesus was sending out Peter and the rest of the disciples with the good news of His cross accomplishment and empty tomb achievement.

The following Sunday is "Good Shepherd Sunday," along with Mother's Day! We hear Jesus speak to those who wanted to distract and discourage Him as He reminds them, ***"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow me."*** Being a sheep in the flock of the Good Shepherd means that we are in the family of Christ. Belonging to a group is important for many and belonging to the "right group" can mean all the difference for a person's future. Jesus Himself came as the Good Shepherd providing for His flock and ensuring we have a place in His family.

Forging farther into May we come to the finale of Sunday School, May 18<sup>th</sup>, along with a finale of Jesus' ministry. Jesus said, ***"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth."*** Jesus knew there would be an end and finale to His earthly ministry. In His visual absence and after His ascension the Holy Spirit would come at Pentecost and in our baptisms guiding and keeping us in the one true faith. This one true faith is fostered in Sunday School with the intent that when Sunday school ends for the year or due to the age of the child – the learning should not stop but simply take on another aspect in the form of confirmation, adult Bible study or some furthering of their faith formation.

Finally for the last Sunday in May we hear Jesus say, ***"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father."*** Then on the morning of His resurrection Jesus spoke to Mary Magdalene saying, ***"Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"*** Later that same evening Jesus appeared to the disciples saying, ***"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you."***

The message Jesus wanted people to know was that He and the Father are on the same page with the same plan. Peace is the goal; peace between God and His people. That peace was accomplished by the Son. That peace continues through the work of the Holy Spirit. Peace with God the Father has been accomplished and that message is to be lived and shared by us with the world around us.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Ed Clemens





Miles Lauterbach	1
Randy Richter	1
Andrew Young	2
Robert Richter	4
Richell Holman	5
Dario Horvatinovic	9
Jim Dittman	12
Skylar Salmon	13
Ryan Humpal	16
Larry Henck	17
Shirley Klopotek	17
Kosana Horvatinovic	18
Michael Sandell	18
Nancy Danielson	20
Taran Leight	21
Delilah Kuhl	22
Jeremy Young	23



Landon and Cindy Overby - 18

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

### Worship Helpers ... May 2025

#### LAY MINISTER:

May 4	Tyler Kuhl
May 11	John Kuhl
May 18	Jerry Langland
May 25	Dan Meyer

#### READERS:

May 4	Skylar Salmon
May 11	Leo Overby
May 18	David Brown
May 25	Jerry Langland

#### ACOLYTES:

May 4	Skylar Salmon
May 11	Reid Lauterbach
May 18	Delilah Kuhl
May 25	Jonathan Buss

#### USHERS:

Chris Norenberg

#### GREETERS:

Pilar Norenberg

#### VIDEO:

May 4	Larry Loverude
May 11	Tom Cuper
May 18	Dale Koehler
May 25	David Brown

#### POWERPOINT:

May 4	Cathy Loverude
May 11	Mike Sandell
May 18	Kate Koehler
May 25	Jim Danielson

#### COUNTERS:

Dale Koehler  
Debbie Raether

#### COMMUNION SETUP:

Pam Humpal

#### INSIDE CLEANERS:

Marv & Joanne  
Gorres



## *The Sunday School Class on Palm Sunday*

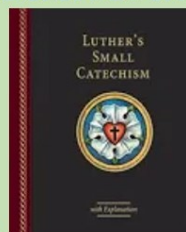


*The Lord Has Risen!*



**New Member Adult Class Starting in May!**

**We will meet Tuesday 6:30pm and Thursday 4:00 pm. (Two options, same class)  
Pastor Ed invites you to come and explore the core Biblical beliefs of the Lutheran Church.**





*Palm Sunday ~ April 13, 2025*



*Confirmation on Palm Sunday for ~  
Josephine Kuhl, Skylar Salmon and Maddilynn Lund*



**Tuesday, May 6th beginning at 1:00 pm**

**We will be cleaning the inside of the Church and also the exterior grounds. Please join us if you can and also bring any outdoor tools you may have to get the job done!**

**\*In case of rain we will reschedule to May 13**



Options on 8  
Baby Bottle Campaign

Pick up a bottle on  
Mother's Day and fill with  
coins, cash or a check.  
Return on Fathers Day  
to bless the women facing  
an unplanned pregnancy.

Your giving makes a  
positive difference!

**Memorial Day ~ May 26, 2025**



We stand in awe and gratitude thanking  
God for all the brave men and women  
who have fought to keep our freedom.

**May Food Pantry Donation**



**May 29, 2025 Ascension Day**



## REDEEMER LADIES AID MINUTES

April 2, 2025

Members Present: 12 + Pastor Ed

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Debbie . Thank you, Cathy, for the delicious cake. Pastor led a short devotion about the visual signs of Lent.

The minutes of the March meeting were read. A motion was made by Nancy Danielson and seconded by Marcia Meyer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for March is \$4,438.59. A motion was made by Jeanne Wilman and seconded by Janet DeLong to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

### Old Business

- Confirmation – Palm Sunday, April 13. Nancy purchased necklaces for the three confirmands. Lucy will order a sheet cake for fellowship time. Jeanne will pick it up. Debbie will get three red carnations.
- Rummage Sale – May 1 and 2 and 9-noon on Saturday, May 3. Signs were handed out to be posted in Amery and surrounding communities. Sale items can be brought to church and put in the counting room. A sheet was passed around to sign up for bars/cookies. It will be posted on the bulletin board. Marcia will order and pick up the chicken for the potluck dinner, and Pam will do the advertising.

LWML Meeting – Jeanne reminded us that the spring rally will be at St. Luke's in New Richmond on Saturday, April 5, with coffee at 8:30 and the meeting starting at 9:00. There will be a Bible Study about Abraham's covenant with God.

### New Business

- Roberts Celebration of Life – Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m. Setup for the lunch on Friday at 9 a.m. A signup sheet was passed around to sign up for bars and salads for the lunch. Larry and Nancy will make the cheese trays. Connie will print placemats. A motion was made by Cathy Loverude and seconded by Janet DeLong to buy four dozen forks. Motion carried.
- Patty showed the pocket prayer quilts she made and said she could use any fabric pieces that anyone would like to share.

Thinking of you cards will be sent to Judy Warmanen and Helen Jorgenson.  
Debbie Raether will serve in May.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeanne Wilman and seconded by Pat Meyer. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Patty Kuhl, Secretary

## **PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL**

**April 8, 2025**

Present: Mike Sandell, Patty Kuhl, Jim Danielson, Nancy Danielson, Pam Humpal, Kate Koehler, Peg Kuhl, Pastor Ed Clemens.

Mike Sandell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Pastor Clemens opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the March Parish Planning meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Nancy Danielson and seconded by Peg Kuhl. Motion carried. pre-

### **Treasurer's Report**

Peg handed out the balance sheet and budget performance report for March 2025:

**General Checking Balance:** \$46,065.30

**Social Ministry Balance:** \$1,039.91

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jim Danielson and seconded by Patty Kuhl. Motion carried.

### **Pastors Report**

Pastor Ed Clemens reported that the average attendance in March was 60. We have had 5 midweek lenten services with a total of 192 in attendance, an average of 38 people.

Bible study continues to grow on Sunday mornings studying the Gospel of Luke, average attendance 14 people.

Midweek sessions studying the "House of David" was well attended averaging 10 participants.

Amery Youth Activity hosted by Redeemer had 5 energetic youth in attendance

There will be both adult instruction and first communion classes offered in May

### **Upcoming Events:**

Confirmation on Palm Sunday – April 13

Holy Week with services on Thursday, 4/17, Friday, 4/18, and Easter Sunday, April 20.

Wisconsin North District Convention – June 1–2

June 8-12, Community VBS at Our Savior's Lutheran

June 22 - Community Sunday Service, Higher Vision providing music

### **Board Reports:**

**Education/Youth:** We thanked Sandy Young at her last meeting after many years of service on the Board of Education. The board talked about the main activities and duties we have each month for both Education and Youth. We also talked about Sunday School times. Asked Pastor Clemens to discuss with the Lay Ministers the idea of starting church at 9:00 a.m., so Sunday School could follow. This change would help families finish earlier and have more time for their other activities. Our action item for 2025 is to have regular youth activities for our 6th - 12th grade students, striving for 4 activities this year.

**Evangelism:** Radio devotions were done in March, Backpack purchases were made. Still looking to have the sign on Hwy F east of town put up.



Fellowship: The board is trying to find new ideas for activities. If anyone has ideas, talk to Nancy Danielson or any other board member. New banner stands have been ordered for events.

Lay Ministry: The board is still working on their action item about Communion practices. We are also improving the worship service checklist for lay ministers. The Lay Ministers talked about the Board of Education's idea to move worship to 9:00 a.m., with Sunday School afterwards. After some discussion, they suggested a different plan: Sunday School would start at 9:00 a.m., and worship would begin at 10:00 a.m. Social Ministry made the following donations this month. Northwoods Homeless Shelter: \$300, Camp Luther: \$200, Interfaith Caregivers: \$300

Properties: Thanks to our cleaners, Cathy & Larry Loverude and Chris Norenberg. We are working on a list of monthly duties. Everyone on the committee will divide these tasks up for completion. Presented a list of needed projects to consider undertaking.

Stewardship: Three new people have agreed to help as counters. The board is looking for ways to encourage people to include endowments in their estate plans. We will check if Thrivent representatives can come and give a presentation about this.

Ladies Aid: We are providing gifts, flowers and cake for the Confirmands on Palm Sunday. The spring rummage sale is May 1-3. Ladies Aid will also provide the luncheon for Chad Roberts' celebration of Life on Saturday, April 12.

Publications: Ads will be in the paper for Easter Services and the rummage sale. We encourage people to continue to buy gift cards to help fund church projects.

### **Old Business**

Elections will take place at the voters' meeting on April 27, 2025.

There are a few positions still open and the boards and the nomination committee is working to fill them.

Mike will have a slide show ready, and each board chair can add their information to the slides.

### **New Business**

General presentation about changing worship time. Jim will add it as a discussion point during Voter's Meeting on the 27th.

After discussion regarding the maintenance projects presented by Church Properties. Nancy Danielson made a motion, seconded by Jim Danielson, to do the first 8 items on the maintenance list using funds from General Checking. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Patty Kuhl, seconded by Jim Danielson, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next parish planning meeting will be May 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Koehler

Congregational Secretary