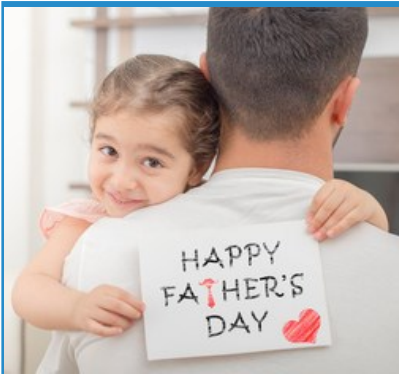




Redeemer News ~ 2025



*The righteous man walks
in his integrity; His children
are blessed after him.
Proverbs 20:7*



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"Sharing God's Love through Jesus Christ"

Church membership is very important for some. Others view it as optional. John Wayne has been quoted as saying he liked God, until he got under a roof. It would seem as though John Wayne was not a fan of organized religion or churches, he had a Presbyterian upbringing but very little denominational identity until shortly before his death. John Wayne was no doubt a movie legend but how did his views match with the words of Scripture.

From the gospel reading on the first of June we hear Jesus Himself say, ***“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.”*** (John 17: 20-21) No mention of the words “church” or “membership” but there certainly is a focus and emphasis on being ONE. ***“...that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.”*** The ending phrase is important; it highlights the purpose for the unity, the gathering, the coming together – ***“...So that the world may believe that You have sent me.”*** The goal of the unity was that other people might believe in Jesus.

In addition to Jesus saying the above we of course have Pentecost where we see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Some have referred to Pentecost as the “birthday” of the Christian Church. We will celebrate Pentecost on the eighth of June this year. It is at Pentecost that the promised Holy Spirit was outpoured in a very sensory way – the wind, the tongues of fire, speaking in languages not previously learned. *“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”* (Acts 2:41)

From that point onward Christians identified themselves as “church.” This is seen reading through the book of Acts. *“Saul began to destroy the **church**.”* (8:3) *“News of this reached the **church**.”* (11:22) *Barnabas and Saul met with the **church**.”* (11:26) *“Herod arrested some who belonged to the **church**.”* (12:1) *“The **church** was earnestly praying.”* (12:5) *They gathered the **church** together.”* (14:27) *The **church** sent them on their way.”* (15:3) *“They were welcomed by the **church**.”* (15:4) Early Christians identified themselves and the life they were living together as the **church**. They as individuals also saw themselves as belonging to something bigger than themselves as individuals.

Being a member of the church is important. It comes with privileges and responsibilities. Sometimes it is taken for granted, others have died for the privilege of being a member of the church.

Paul reminded Timothy as we might also be reminded, *“I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.”*

(1st Timothy 3: 14-15)

O Lord guide us as your church
so that we might be faithful to
You in our endeavors.

Amen

-Pastor Ed





Al McCarty	4
Walker Kuhl	4
Judy Warmanen	6
Larry Loverude	10
Gavin Salmon	10
Bridgett Madison	12
Josephine Kuhl	14
Pam Humpal	18
Avery Loverude	20
Cade Lewandowski	20
Bruce Knutson	20
Jeanne Wilman	21
Odin Haugen	25
Peg Kuhl	28
Marcia Meyer	28



Justin and Miranda Young	9
Pastor Ed and Pam Clemens	10
Ryan and Rachel Humpal	11
Shane and Fran Duncanson	11
Nathan and Anna Beste	12
Scott and Dani Lewandowski	18
Dennis and Cathy Gille	19
Michael and Sheila Sandell	19
Mike and Jodi Cress	20
Larry and Cathy Loverude	21

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Worship Helpers ... June 2025

LAY MINISTERS:

June 1	Jerry Langland
June 8	Dan Meyer
June 15	Tyler Kuhl
June 22	Dale Koehler
June 29	John Kuhl

USHERS:

Larry & Nancy Henck

GREETERS:

Larry & Nancy Henck

READERS:

June 1	David Brown
June 8	Skyler Salmon
June 15	
June 22	
June 29	Leo Overby

VIDEO:

June 1	Randy Richter
June 8	Larry Loverude
June 15	Tom Cuper
June 22	Dale Koehler
June 29	David Brown

POWERPOINT:

June 1	Tyler Cress
June 8	Cathy Loverude
June 15	Larry Loverude
June 22	Kate Koehler
June 29	Jim Danielson

COUNTERS:

Joanne Gorres
Larry Kuhl

COMMUNION SET UP

Shirley Klopotek

INSIDE CLEANERS:

Patty Kuhl & Pam Humpal

ACOLYTES:

June 1—Miles Lauterback
June 8—Hazel Kuhl
June 15—Colton Buss

June 22 -Reid Lauterbach
June 29—Delilah Kuhl



June 8th -12th —5:00—7:30 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church



School is out! What will the Amery kiddos need to fuel their bodies for summer fun?

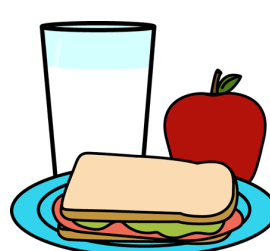
This month you can decide what to buy and give when you're out shopping!



Backpack Bash

at the Amery Fire Hall

Friday, June 6th 4:30—7:00 pm



Community Worship Service & Brunch

Sunday, June 22nd—9:30 am

**Featuring the Musical Group
Higher Vision**



Invite Family and Friends to join us!



Rib Fest at the Koehlers

Friday, July 11th

Social Hour—5—6 pm

Pot Luck Dinner—6:00—

**Sign up sheet with details on
the Bulletin Board**

Some of our
talented
Sunday School
Singers on
Mothers Day.



A Big Thank you to Nancy Danielson for creating these beautiful banners
to decorate our Church!



REDEEMER LADIES AID MINUTES

May 7, 2025

Members Present: 13 + Pastor Ed

Pastor Ed led a devotion about mothers, and several members shared readings.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Debbie.

The minutes of the April meeting were read. A motion was made by Cathy Loverude and seconded by Linda Burich to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for April is \$4,424.47. A motion was made by Janet DeLong and seconded by Marcia Meyer to approve the report as presented. Motion carried. Debbie shared a thank you note from Maddilynn Lund for the necklace we gave her for confirmation.

Old Business

Rummage Sale – Huge success! We made \$5,672.77, which includes \$50 of J and G dollars. Good amounts of hamburger and buns. Cookie sales were good, too.

New Business

- We bought two hydrangeas to plant in front of the church in memory of Wanda Boucher.
- We will make two baskets for the silent auction at the Backpack Bash at the Amery Fire Hall on Friday, June 6. Cathy Loverude will work on them.
- We will send a card and gift card to Nicole and her little boy.
- The outside flower planters have been filled.
- We will order a cake for the new member reception on June 8.

A sign will be made to advertise our greeting cards for sale.

Carol Dittman will serve in June.

A motion was made by Joanne Stumo and seconded by Shirley Schulte to adjourn. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kuhl, Secretary

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL

May 13, 2025

Present: Mike Sandell, Patty Kuhl, Nancy Danielson, Pam Humpal, Dale Koehler, Julie Power, Larry Loverude, Jeri Cook, Dan Streff, Pastor Ed Clemens, Pam Clemens.

Mike Sandell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Mike read a scripture devotion.

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

Treasurer's Report

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

General Checking Balance: \$45,931.90

Social Ministry Balance: \$754.71

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dale Koehler and seconded by Nancy Danielson. **Motion carried.**

Pastors Report

Pastor Ed Clemens reported that in April four Sunday services totaled 328 in attendance with an average attendance in April of 82. We had four midweek services for a total of 136 with an average attendance of 34. Chad Roberts funeral was conducted on April 12. In advance of the rummage sale two evangelism videos and brochures were prepared. Visits and calls were conducted.

Sunday morning Bible study continues to study Luke with attendance between 10-14.

Three confirmands were confirmed on Palm Sunday – Maddie Lund, Josie Kuhl, Skyler Salmon.

Upcoming Events:

Adult instruction classes have begun on Tuesday at 6:30pm and Thursday at 4:00 pm. Hoping for new member's (8 individuals) reception on June 8th (Pentecost)

Wisconsin North District Convention, June 1-2. Dale and Pastor Ed attending.

VBS will be June 8-12 at Our Savior's Lutheran. We've been asked to consider providing the Thursday meal for about 50 people (kid friendly meal and serving it).

Pastor leading WPCA radio devotions – May 26-30

June 22 will be our community service with "Higher Vision" providing music

Pastor Ed is hoping to take June 29-July 4th as vacation.

Board Reports:

Education/Youth: Sunday school students handed out flowers and they sang. Last day of Sunday school is May 18th. VBS is at Our Savior's Lutheran June 8-12. Redeemer will pay for enrollment at VBS. National Youth Gathering is in July this year.

Evangelism: Mike Sandell showed the Lutheran Hour Ministry booklets that are available on the hallway tables to hand out. Dan Streff spoke of potential and ideas of utilizing Facebook/social media.

Fellowship: 5 bags being made for the new members, June 8. Community Sunday outside service and meal on June 22. Ribfest will be at Koehlers to be determined. Recommended to use the Redeemer picture with the blue sky for the Community Sunday cards to hand out.

Lay Ministry: Lay Ministers met on May 4th with their new organization. Dale Koehler is the new chairperson, replacing Jim Danielson. Jim is staying on the board, and there are no other changes. We want to thank Jim for his leadership and service in this position! The Lay Ministry June duties were assigned. Reminder that the Community Sunday Service is confirmed for Sunday, June 22nd. The musical group will be Higher Vision. Details regarding this event were discussed. Dale and Pastor Clemens will attend the North Wisconsin District Convention on June 1-2, 2025. The board continued discussion regarding communion practices. The concern is how to address young people communing before formal confirmation instruction. Table discussion until June. Lay ministers have been discussing an Emergency Plan for church. We are creating a procedure to secure the church during service and will continue the discussion in June. Talked about the request for a time change for church service and Sunday School. There were concerns over the effect changing the service time might have on attendance. Decided to survey all Sunday School parents to see their preferences. Tabled discussion until the survey is complete. Pastor will have the 5th Sunday, June 29th, off, and Larry Loverude will lead worship.

Social Ministry donation for the month is \$300 for Shepherd's Canyon (a retreat for pastors).

Properties: Thank you to Peg Kuhl and the youth for cleaning the church during April. Thanks to all who helped clean up after the rummage sale! The church was sprayed for insects. Thanks to all who helped last week on the church cleanup day. Many tasks were completed, remaining are posted on the bulletin board. Made a new flower bed with some donated materials and some purchased. This is around the guide wire. Cost for the project is a little over \$200. Received a project proposal for restoration of the brick façade on the bell tower. Cost is \$67,000. Not a project to immediately complete but will be getting other opinions on scope of work and estimates over the summer. Performed some maintenance on the church riding lawn mower, and pastors push mower. Heating season is over, however it is best practice to close doors. They will provide some resistance to fire spread. There was discussion about the future repair/replacement of metal doors at church, exterior painting of the Fellowship hall, and parking lot maintenance. As always, please let us know if you notice something that needs repair.

Stewardship: Counters are counting and envelopes are being handed out.

Ladies Aid: The Spring rummage sale earned about \$5600. All extra items from the Spring rummage sale were taken to St. Vincent on Monday after the sale. Two baskets are being made and donated to the Backpack Bash, June 6.

Public Relations: Ads will be in the paper for Community Sunday. We encourage people to continue to buy gift cards to help fund church projects.

Old Business

None

New Business

Secretary Salary was discussed and an increase was approved.

Recognition and thanks to Mike Sandell for fixing the converter box to run the video for the service.

Round table discussion

Discussion of Pastor placing a lawn tractor at the front of the church to water if conditions get dry.

Discussion about the church music and who was in charge of choosing it.

A motion was made by Larry Loverude, seconded by Dan Streff to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM. Pastor Ed finished with prayer.

The next parish planning meeting will be June 10, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Clemens

Congregational Secretary