

# REDEEMER NEWS

## March 2025

Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



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

Gathered by the waters of Babylon, Judean exiles wondered: Is God for real? If so, does He really care about us? What does our future hold? Will this ever change? God’s people had watched their world shatter into a million pieces. They were demoralized and disillusioned. Their disaster looked terminal. Sound like some of the questions that have gone through your mind?

How many of those questions have raced around in your mind? Does it look as though your current problems are more than you can bear? Do you find yourself asking: Why did this happen? Why did God allow it? Is there any order in the world? Will God really deliver on what he has said?

Isaiah answers these questions in chapters 40-55 of His book. He announces that just when Israel’s history seemed closed and controlled by hopeless Babylonian policy, to the shock and surprise of everyone the Lord will stir up a foreign king named Cyrus and another great exodus will explode in the desert! A Servant will be wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Barren Zion will be given so many children that, like the old woman in the shoe, she won’t know what to do! Standing behind these marvelous promises is God’s almighty Word. “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our god will stand forever.” (Isaiah 40:8). Those who had been exiles are now going home!

That is why we are “singing with the Exiles” as they are restored to their home! This Lent, Isaiah 40-55 will shape us as we encouraged by His Word and His Spirit. I hope you yourself will join us and invite someone to come with you as we prepare for the Resurrection festival with the following Lenten sermons.

“He Only Has Eyes for You” (Isaiah 43: 1-7)

“Marvelously Marked” (Isaiah 44: 1-5)

“Breaking Down the Gates” (Isaiah 45: 1-8)

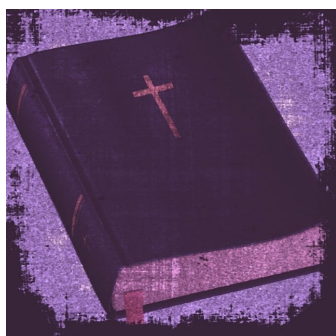
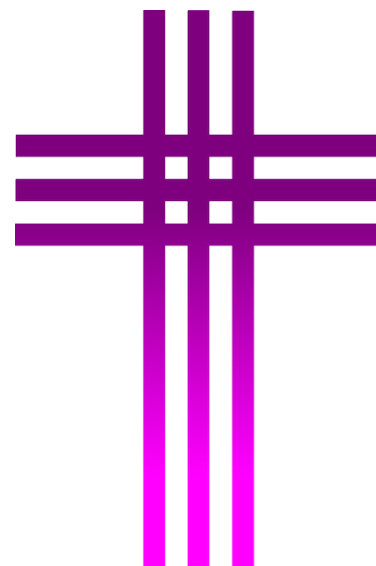
“Get Out!” (Isaiah 48: 17-22)

“One Little Word Can Fell Him” (Isaiah 49: 1-6)

“He Prepares a Table” (Isaiah 49: 7-13)

“All or Nothing” (Isaiah 53: 3-12)

“We Are Going Home” (Isaiah 5:6-13)



Plan now to sing along with the exiles as we learn from Isaiah to walk the Lenten way to the cross and to the empty tomb. God promises to turn our weeping into joy and our present pain into an endless Alleluia!

In Christ,  
Pastor Ed



Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Worship Helpers ... March 2025

Pam Clemens	4
Linda Brown	6
Caelan Overby	8
Tom Cahill	14
Shane Duncanson	14
Charlotte Leight	14
Ken Danielson	15
Cindy Luehman	15
Dani Lewandowski	15
Caroline Loverude	19
Don Burich	21
Howard Knutson	22
Roy Schulte	26
Kody Koch	30
Leo Overby	30

\* No March Anniversaries

**ACOLYTES**

March 2	Skyler Salmon
March 9	Reid Lauterbach
March 16	Delilah Kuhl
March 23	Jonathan Buss
March 30	Miles Lauterbach

**LAY MINISTERS**

March 2	Jerry Langland
March 9	Tyler Kuhl
March 16	Dan Meyer
March 23	John Kuhl
March 30	Dale Koehler

**USHER**

Dale Koehler

**GREETER**

Kate Koehler

**READERS**

March 2	Kate Koehler
March 9	David Brown
March 16	
March 23	
March 30	Jerry Langland

**VIDEO**

March 2	Tom Cuper
March 9	Dale Koehler
March 16	David Brown
March 23	Randy Richter
March 30	Larry Loverude

**POWERPOINT**

March 2	Jim Danielson
March 9	Kate Koehler
March 16	Tyler Cress
March 23	Larry Loverude
March 30	Mike Sandell

**COUNTERS**

Jim & Marcia Meyer

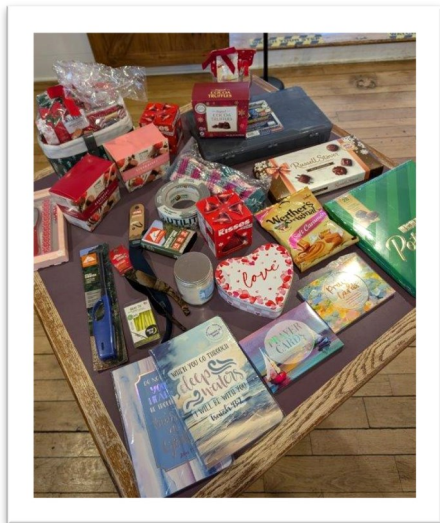
**COMMUNION SET UP**

Joanne Gorres

**INSIDE CLEANERS**

March 2	Larry & Cathy Loverude
March 9	Larry & Cathy Loverude
March 16	Larry & Cathy Loverude
March 23	Larry & Cathy Loverude
March 30	Pilar Norenberg

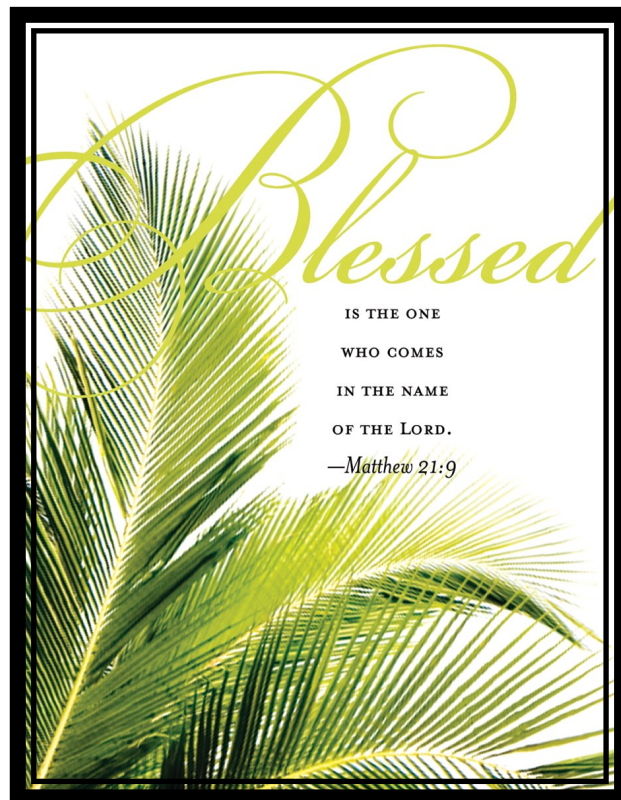
**Valentines Celebration at the Amery Pizzeria ~ Sunday, February 16**  
**We had a wonderful time together with the Penny Drop game, prizes, entertainment by the Indianhead Barbershop quartet, a delicious buffet dinner and beautiful cupcakes for dessert!**



Our Midweek Lenten Services Begin March 5  
The Ash Wednesday Service is at 6:30 pm  
Soup Suppers will be before our services at 5:30  
See the sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board.  
The Wednesday Lenten Services will be held for  
6 consecutive weeks with the final service on  
April 9.

**Our Holy Week Services:**

Palm Sunday—9:30 am  
Holy Thursday—6:30 pm  
Good Friday— 6:30 pm  
Easter Worship—9:30 am  
Easter Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am



**For the Food Pantry  
in March - Cereal!**

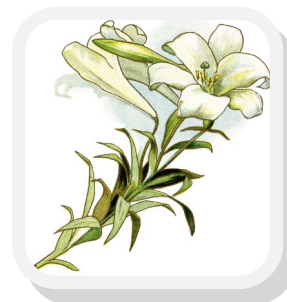


**Easter Lilies and Mums**

**\$16.00 each**

**Sign –up sheet on Bulletin Board**

**Deadline: March 9th**



**Spring Rummage Sale—May 1 & 2**

It's time to start looking for treasures that you no longer use or need. Or—do you have clothing that no longer fits? We have hangers for you to take and use.  
We cannot store your donations at the church just yet, but stay tuned....



## REDEEMER LADIES AID MINUTES

February 5, 2025

Members Present: 14 + Pastor Ed.

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy. Thank you, Lucy, for the delicious treats. Pastor led a short Valentine devotion, and several readings were shared.

The minutes of the January meeting were read. A motion was made by Debbie Raether and seconded by Joanne Stumo to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Debbie shared correspondence from Wilma Bird, Marlene Luehman, the Amery Food Pantry, Northwoods Homeless Shelter, Camp Luther, Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp, AbleLight, Interfaith Caregivers, Arnell Humane Society, and Lutheran Family Counseling.

Pat gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for January is \$5,445.30. A motion was made by Jeanne Wilman and seconded by Shirley Schulte to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Rummage Sale – May 1 and 2. A motion was made by Patty Kuhl and seconded by Jeanne Wilman to buy clothes rack size dividers. Motion carried. A motion was made by Joanne Stumo and seconded by Cathy Loverude to have a cookie sale along with the rummage sale. Motion carried. Nancy is waiting to hear back from Endeavors to find out if they will take our leftover items.

### New Business

- A motion was made by Jeanne Wilman and seconded by Debbie Raether to send \$500 to Palisades Lutheran Church to help California fire victims. Motion carried.
- We will check with the nursing homes about serving in the summer.

The LWML Rally will be at St. Luke's in New Richmond on Saturday, April 12.  
Sheila will serve in March.

We sang Happy Birthday to Pat Meyer and Debbie Raether.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pam Clemens and seconded by Janet DeLong. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kuhl, Secretary

## Parish Planning Council Meeting

February 11, 2025

Present: Mike Sandell, Jim Danielson, Patty Kuhl, Pastor Ed Clemens, Nancy Danielson.

Mike Sandell called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Pastor Clemens opened with a Lutheran Hour Ministry daily devotion and prayer.

The minutes of the January parish planning meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Jim Danielson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Kuhl to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasures report:** Due to Peg's absence she had the report printed out for Mike to go over with the group. Our total checking is \$41,044.69. The Balance of Social Ministry was 1292.71. A motion was made by Jim Danielson and Seconded by Patty Kuhl to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Pastor Report:** 1) Attendance for January was 202 divided by 4 = 51. Sunday morning bible study along with Tuesday morning average is 10-15 attending. 2) February 23 will conclude the stewardship emphasis Mastering/Mustering Maturity. Due to interest Pastor will plan another bible study to start up in March. Praise the Lord! 3) Conducting services at Grace in Connorsville on February 23 with a planning meeting. Circuit Winkel is scheduled there on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> after Amery Ministerium Prayer Service for Peace at Our Savior's Lutheran on Feb 23, at 4:00 p.m. Amery Community Youth event is being hosted at Redeemer, March 16<sup>th</sup> later in the afternoon. 4) Attending Wisconsin North / South Circuit Visitors meeting Feb, 24-25 at Stevens Point. Pastor Ed re-elected as Circuit 8 Circuit Visitor at the Jan 26, Circuit Forum. 5) Wedding being conducted on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> for Elsa and Cody Hermansen. Community Sunday Service will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> (outdoor service) Pastor will be contacting Brad Nelson to see if he is available to play his guitar for the service. 6) First communion class forthcoming –Rite of confirmation on Palm Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>. 7) Planning to have a bunco game day again on March 2<sup>nd</sup> after worship service, with pot luck lunch. More games following after pot luck if interested. 8) Lenten services theme will be "Singing with the Exiles."

### **Education:**

**Evangelism:** Pastor will be on Amery Radio week of March 17<sup>th</sup>, with Pastor Wilman following the week of March 24. Tune into WPCA Radio on 93.1. Items were purchased for the backpack program.

**Fellowship:** Valentines Dinner at Village Pizzeria will be the Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Soup and sandwich sign up will be posted on Sunday for Lenten Services starting, Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sign up to serve a meal and have no clue on how to do it, please contact Nancy Danielson for instructions or help answer your questions. Easter flower signup sheet will be posted soon. Watch the bulletin board.

**Lay Ministry:** 1) March duties were assigned. 2) Community Sunday Service will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are still looking for ideas for musical entertainment. Pastor will be checking with Brad Nelson about playing guitar. 3) The start of Midweek Lent Services March 5<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) Holy Communion & imposing Ashes. March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. 5) Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastor will be taking off as his fifth Sunday of the month. Pastor is looking for Pulpit supply. 6) Social Ministry donations this month: Northwoods Homeless Shelter- \$500 and Palisades Lutheran Church (California Fire) - \$500. Also checking into Thrivent matching funds.

**Properties:** 1) Thank you to Jim & Nancy Danielson for cleaning the church during January. 2) Found a way to send a live stream of the church service to our Fellowship Hall TV. Mike is in the process of writing instructions. Mike replaced the modulator and needed to purchase a video output cable. Cost for this was \$52.32. 3. Dale Koehler's help Mike took down the projector that we used in church before we installed the TV. We wired in a set of track lights to illuminate the lectern side of the front of the church. We also replaced bulbs that illuminate the pulpit side and replaced the floodlights that light up the stained glass window. 4) Replaced the bulbs on the front church sign on Keller with LED bulbs. Can only find bulbs that have a recommended low temp start of -13F. 5) A powered USB hub was installed on the Laptop to make sure we aren't losing connection to the front and pastor view TV's. 6) Replaced the batteries in the AED. Need to look into replacement pads as they are 5 years old and it recommended replacing every 5 years. Jim Danielson will look into where he ordered them last from. 7) We need to remember to close the doors during the heating season to separate the 4 different heat systems the church has. If not done, one system may be heating the whole church. This is especially important for the outside rooms of the education wing also the library stays warm enough to keep the roof drains thawed. Do not want frozen pipes. Also the west (Road side) doors of the fellowship hall need to stay open so the heat to get into the west bathrooms and heating system runs properly.

**Stewardship:** Members are asking for boxes of envelopes and Patty gave them out and also placed two boxes on the table in the hallway. If questions or needing envelopes please contact Patty Kuhl. Patty will also have the gift cards for purchase for the time Pam Humpal heads south. She will be leaving on Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Ladies Aid:** Spring Rummage sale will be May 1 and 2. Still need a place for clothing to go or we will not be able to have a sale. Nancy Danielson will be checking with 2 thrift stores in Dresser and SCF area if they will take clothing. The household items Endeavors in Milltown will take.

**Old Business:** Voter meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup> with election of officers. We are still looking for volunteers to fill positions that remain empty on the boards. Annual reports are due.

**New Business:** Mike asked each committee to look at their board's responsibilities and select an action item to work on in 2025.

**Roundtable:** Checking to see who will be responsible for planning and making the Easter breakfast.

A motion was made by Jim Danielson, Seconded by Patty Kuhl to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Danielson