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# Hallelujah

## Redeemer News

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

## A message from Pastor Ed

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection season for the next eight weeks, I would encourage us to remember and celebrate the reality of Matthew 27:51. "And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split." Jesus breathed His last on the cross and a new beginning was underway. Access to the Holy God was now more of a reality than ever before or least since Adam and Eve walked with God before the fall into sin. On Maundy Thursday we shared a powerful passage from the New Testament in Hebrews 10:19. "Therefore, brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus." We consider having access to our bank accounts and other valuable areas as being critical. They are and yet they pale in comparison to the importance of the access we have to our Holy and merciful all-powerful God. We may not be able to walk into the White House anytime we choose, at least not without some consequences, but because of the Resurrection - we do have access to the Most Holy eternal God!

As we go about our daily routines of life the above reality may not always seem so concrete. The demands and responsibilities of our lives may cloud the truths of the above passages. The reality and consequences of the Resurrection event may seem distant. The Resurrection event did happen a long time ago. That is absolutely true. The invention of the wheel happened a long time ago as well yet every day in countless ways we all derive benefit from the wheel. In the Resurrection celebration service, I shared with you a way we can not only profess but also possess the Resurrection in our lives on a daily basis. "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you." (Romans 8:11) What does this mean? First of all, it means we have an abundant God who provides for our needs. Second, it means that the Holy Spirit gives us the ability and opportunity to Possess and live out the Resurrection in our lives. Lives lived here in the community of Amery and beyond. Confident lives lived in the security of what Christ has done for us and confident of what the Holy Spirit can accomplish through us as we serve our Triune God and our neighbor. A very blessed Resurrection season to all of you as you live in the reality of the Resurrection!!

Pastor Ed



Redeemer Lutheran Church

Worship Helpers ... April 2024



Bentley Humpal	8
Tammy Frohn	12
Marv Gorres	12
Julie Gorres	13
Jim Danielson	15
Dennis Gille	18
Kirsten Harn	20
Janelle Franklin	23



Dennis and Kathy Nelson	8
Kelly and Jeri Cook	13

**LAY MINISTER:**

April 7	Dan Meyer
April 14	Dale Koehler
April 21	Jerry Langland
April 28	John Kuhl

**READERS**

April 7	Patty Kuhl
April 14	Kate Koehler
April 21	
April 28	

**USHERS:**

Tyler Kuhl
Nick Lauterbach

**GREETERS:**

Allie Kuhl
Katie Lauterbach

**VIDEO:**

April 7	Larry Loverude
April 14	Tom Cuper
April 21	Dale Koehler
April 28	David Brown

**COUNTERS:**

Nancy Danielson
Kate Koehler

**COMMUNION SET UP**

Shirley Schulte
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**INSIDE CLEANERS:**

April 1	Peg Kuhl
April 8	Peg Kuhl
April 15	Youth
April 29	Youth



James Joseph and his father Nathan Joseph Beste were baptized together on 1/21/2024



# Voter's Meeting

After Worship Service  
 Sunday, April 21st

\* Afterwards we will set up for the Rummage Sale with a Chicken Potluck Luncheon to follow.



It's time to clean out your closets and cupboards—the Spring Rummage Sale is just around the corner!

If you bring your treasures in before April 22nd, they will need to be taken downstairs.

Remember—No electronics or big furniture! You may bring in your smaller furniture pieces on Monday 4/22 or Tuesday 4/23

Thank you in advance!



On Sunday, April 21st, after our **Voter's meeting** we will **set up for the sale** with a **Potluck** to follow. Chicken furnished by Ladies Aid. Please take time to help us get ready for this.

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### Monday and Tuesday

**April 22-23** we will need help setting up for the sale, beginning at 9:00am each day.

### Thursday, April 25th

**Rummage Sale ~ 9 am– 5 pm**

BBQs , Chips & Bars for sale  
 Eat in or Take out

### Friday, April 26th

**Rummage Sale ~ 9 am–4 pm**

BBQ's, Chips & Bars  
 Eat in or Take out

**\*Clean up starts at 4:01 pm!**

### March Financials

| <u>Monthly Income</u> | <u>Year to Date Income</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| \$8,498.00            | \$29,084.52                |
| <u>Monthly Budget</u> | <u>Year to Date Budget</u> |
| \$12,898.71           | \$38,696.13                |
| Deficit - (\$9611.61) |                            |

### Amery Food Pantry for April

Rice, Noodle or Grain side dishes



## REDEEMER LADIES AID MINUTES

March 6, 2024

Members Present: 11

Pastor Ed led a short Bible study and prayer. A couple of readings were shared.

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy. Thank you to Pat Meyer for the delicious treat.

The minutes of the January meeting were read. A motion was made by Cathy Loverude and seconded by Shirley Schulte to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February meeting were read. A motion was made by Pat Meyer and seconded by Joanne Stumo to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Janet gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for February is \$3,049.73. A motion was made by Joanne Worden and seconded by Marcia Meyer to approve the report as presented. Motion carried. Thank you notes were shared from Lutheran Counseling and Family Services, Interfaith Caregivers, Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp, and Pam Clemens.

### Old Business

- The Bible Camp does not want our plates, so a motion was made by Joanne Stumo and seconded by Cathy Loverude to keep 100 of them and try to sell the rest of them at the rummage sale. Motion carried.
- Discussed Connie's friend in Colorado and a motion was made by Marcia Meyer and seconded by Joanne Stumo to give her a \$100 gift card for Walmart. Motion carried.

Thank you to Lucy for making prayer shawls. A motion was made by Joanne Stumo and seconded by Debbie Raether to give her \$50 for yarn. Motion carried.

### New Business

- Joyce Peters' funeral will be at our church on Friday, March 15, at 10:30. Food for the lunch was discussed. Debbie will buy most of the supplies at Sam's Club. Names were taken for making salads and bars and for working.

We will discuss the details for the rummage sale at our April meeting.

Lucy will serve on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A motion was made by Shirley Schulte and seconded by Pat Meyer to adjourn. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kuhl, Secretary

## **PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL**

**March 12, 2024**

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

Mike Sandell called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Pastor Clemens opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the February Parish Planning meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Danielson, seconded by Nancy Danielson, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Peg handed out the balance sheet and budget performance report for February 2024. Our total balance in General Checking is \$28,780.65. The value of our Thrivent Investment Account is \$155,481.31. Peg will be creating a spreadsheet to summarize monthly giving to put into the newsletter. Discussion about taking it out of the weekly bulletin was held, we will review again if we have concerns about meeting our budget. Clarification regarding the Women's bathroom remodel. Any money over the amount Ladies Aid was planning to donate will be taken from the Church Maintenance account. The Outside Custodian position is now being called Outside Maintenance for payroll purposes. A motion was made by Patty Kuhl, seconded by Jim Danielson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Pastors Report** - Pastor Ed reported that no confirmation is needed this year. Summer Community Vacation Bible School is July 14th - 18th. He is thinking about making a video to play during the spring rummage sale in April.

### **Board Reports:**

**Education:** Pastor and the board met and discussed planning bowling and a youth game night. Bowling is planned for Saturday April 20th. Children will be singing on Palm Sunday.

**Evangelism:** Checking to see if funding items for the Backpack Program is still needed.

**Fellowship:** Planning Easter Breakfast, set up is Saturday at 9:00 where tables will be set and fruit cut up and prepped. Flowers have been ordered for Easter from Endeavors Greenhouse in Balsam Lake.

**Lay Ministry:** Lent services and suppers will conclude on March 20th. Holy Week starts on March 24th with Palm Sunday Service. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion and Good Friday services will be at 6:30 PM. Easter Sunday service will be celebrated at 9:30 AM on March 31st with Easter Breakfast before the service starting at 8:00 AM. Renaming Friendship Sunday Service to Community Sunday Service and have a tentative date of June 23rd. Developing a Powerpoint Helper list each month. Tom and Gretchen Hahn were granted a peaceful release of their church membership at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Thank you letter was received from Carol Dittman thanking the children for the Valentine's cards that they made. A thank you letter was received from Camp Luther for our \$200 social ministry donation.

This month's Social Ministry donations are \$500 to Amery Food Pantry and \$500 to the Northwoods Homeless Shelter. Discussed contribution to Douglas Talks, approved donation of \$120.

Talked about upgrading the size of the Pastor View TV on the bell tower wall, will be checking with Ladies Aid for possible funding.

Properties: New lights were installed outside the back door. Figuring out the total cost of the Ladies Bathroom remodel project, will then see what Ladies Aid is willing to cover. Still troubleshooting and fixing the heat.

Stewardship: Surveys were summarized and the results have been shared with all board chairs.

Ladies Aid: Planning funeral for Joyce Peters on Friday, March 15th.

Public Relations: No report

### **Old Business**

Garage Project Update- Mike filed a variance with the City of Amery and is waiting for a date to meet with them.

Organizational Chart - David Brown has agreed to fill the Vice President Position. The only open position remaining is the Evangelism Chair Position.

### **New Business**

None

A motion was made by Jim Danielson, seconded by Patty Kuhl, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next parish planning meeting will be April 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Koehler

Acting Congregational Secretary