

# Redeemer News

## February 2026

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;  
but the greatest of these is **love**.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NKJV



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

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During the month of February we make the transition from Epiphany to Lent. One of the Bible's great wisdom books is the book of Job. This Lent we are going to explore this magnificent Old Testament book that is numbered among some of the greatest literature of all time. **The Sunday morning sermons will help us dig deeply into Job's central message and supporting truths.** Six Sunday Morning Bible Classes will further address the book's major topics and themes.

We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. A husband loses a job. A child gets divorced. A parent dies. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. **We need the book of Job, now, more than ever.**

Martin Luther asserted that **"Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture."** Others have called Job "the Shakespeare of the Bible." Yet the early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called **the book of Job an "eel,"** since the more one tries to contain it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives, so that the book becomes less like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys. Worship themes for the Sundays in Lent are as follows:

### **Blessed be the Name of the Lord! The Book of Job:**

**Ash Wednesday, "Flying Blind"** (Job 1:1–12)

**Lent 1, "Sweet Surrender"** (Job 1:13–21)

**Lent 2, "Learning to Lament"** (Job 3:1–26)

**Lent 3, "It is Enough"** (Job 14:1–14)

**Lent 4, "Understanding How it all Works Together"** (Job 23:1–17)

**Lent 5, "God Speaks in the Storm"** (Job 38:1–11)

**Palm Sunday, "On Earth is not his Equal!"** (Job 41:20–34)

**Good Friday, "Tearing Down the Spite House"** (Job 42:7–9)

**The Resurrection of Our Lord, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"** (Job 19:23–26)



During the five mid-week Lenten services we will look at some of the kings in the Old Testament especially from the book of Chronicles. Most Christians are aware that Jesus is the King of kings, but there is much to be explored with the earthly kings of Judah. The Book of Chronicles is focused on the kingdom of Judah, which is to say the House of David. People often miss that the goal of Chronicles is to illustrate, through the kings of Judah, the rule of the coming King – the Christ, who will sit on the throne of His father David forever.

Our sermons will bring the kingdom of Christ into clearer focus through the lesson of the good kings (well mostly good) of Judah. The focus is not on how we should learn righteousness from these kings, but on how **each king is a shadow of the one true King, Jesus Christ.** He is the fulfillment of the promise, which each lesser king was unable to realize. These kings will include Saul, David, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Uzziah Josiah, and Hezekiah. Our emphasis will not only include history but more importantly **His story!**

In Christ,  
Pastor Ed



happy  
**FEBRUARY**  
Birthday

Natalie Harn	4
Rev. John Wilman	9
Cathy Gille	12
Russell Boucher	18
Josh Franklin	20
Pat Meyer	20
Kate Koehler	21
Gage Cook	23
Matt Koehler	23
Jerry Langland	27
Debbie Raether	28

A Heartfelt  
Thank you  
to all of our  
Helpers!

#### **ACOLYTES:**

February 1	Leo Overby
February 8	Reid Lauterbach
February 15	Delilah Kuhl
February 22	Jonathan Buss

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

### Worship Helpers ... February 2026

#### **LAY MINISTER:**

February 1	Jerry Langland
February 8	Dan Meyer
February 15	Tyler Kuhl
February 22	Jim Danielson

#### **USHERS:**

Randy Richter  
Larry Richter

#### **GREETERS:**

Patty Kuhl

#### **READERS:**

February 1	Leo Overby
February 8	
February 15	
February 22	

#### **VIDEO:**

February 1	Dale Koehler
February 8	Jim Danielson
February 15	Randy Richter
February 22	Larry Loverude

#### **POWERPOINT:**

February 1	Kate Koehler
February 8	Tyler Cress
February 15	Jim Danielson
February 22	Cathy Loverude

#### **COUNTERS:**

Kate Koehler  
Larry Richter

#### **COMMUNION:**

Marcia Meyer

#### **INSIDE CLEANERS:**

Chris & Pilar Norenberg	(2/3 & 2/10)
Allie Kuhl	(2/17 & 2/24)



# Valentine Dinner

Sunday, February 15th, 2026

5:00pm Social Hour

5:30 pm Dinner

Amery Village Pizzeria

Menu: Lasagna & Chicken Alfredo  
Salad Bar, Breadsticks and Dessert

Cost is: \$20/per person

All Adults welcome –Couples and Singles  
Please sign up on the Bulletin Board

## Annual Reports

**Due by February 15th!**

Please turn in  
at the office or  
send by email:

rlcsec@amerytel.net



1 Corinthians 13:4-8

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not boast,  
it is not proud.

<sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others,  
it is not self seeking.

It is not easily angered  
it keeps no record of wrongs.

<sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but  
rejoices with the truth.

<sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts,  
always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails.



## February Food Pantry

**Lets warm up  
our friends  
with Soup  
this month!**





Ash Wednesday begins  
the Season of Lent on  
Wednesday, Feb. 18th

Soup Suppers are at 5:30 pm  
with the Midweek Lenten Service  
following at 6:30.

A signup sheet is on the Bulletin  
Board for those who can provide  
Soup, Sandwiches or Desserts.

We look forward to this time  
together during the six weeks  
of Lent.

Going out to eat?

Grocery Shopping?

Filling your car with gas?

Picking up a prescription?

Buying a gift for someone?

While shopping in Amery and Clear  
Lake, please consider purchasing a  
gift card from our gift card program.  
The business donates a percentage  
of the gift card back to our church.  
Please let Pam Humpal know what  
gift cards and amounts you need  
or if you have any questions.



Thank you for your support!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you know someone who needs the Blessings  
of warmth and comfort that a Prayer shawl  
could bring? They are available for you to  
Give—In bins under the tables in the hallway.  
We also have mini prayer quilts for you to share.  
Located on the Bulletin Board.



## REDEEMER LADIES AID MINUTES

January 14, 2026

Members Present: 14 + Pastor Ed

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy. Pastor led a short study on Daniel and several readings were shared. Thank you to Marcia Meyer for the delicious dessert.

The minutes of the November 2025 meeting were read. A motion was made by Cathy Loverude and seconded by Joanne Stumo to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for December is \$8,409.96. A motion was made by Janet DeLong and seconded by Jeanne Wilman to approve the report as presented. Motion carried. Thank yous were shared from Connie, Pastor Ed and Pam, and the Northwoods Homeless Shelter.

### Old Business

The greeting card rack has been purchased, and it is in the ideal place for visibility in the hallway.

### New Business

- 2026 Donations: A motion was made by Pam Clemens and seconded by Kate Koehler to raise our donation to AbleLight to \$200. Motion carried. A motion was made by Kate Koehler and seconded by Pam Clemens to raise our donation to the Amery Food Pantry to \$400. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jeanne Wilman and seconded by Debbie Raether to make the following donations: Amery Food Pantry \$400, Interfaith Caregivers \$200, Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp \$200, Arnell Humane Society \$200, Camp Luther \$200, Northwoods Homeless Shelter \$200, St. Jude's \$200, CRA \$200, AbleLight \$200, and Lutheran Counseling and Family Services \$25. Motion carried. We will talk about our red sock, birthday, and other collections at our February meeting.
- Election of Officers: A motion was made by Kate Koehler and seconded by Joanne Stumo to elect the following officers for 2026: President – Debbie Raether, Vice President – Jeanne Wilman, Secretary – Patty Kuhl, Treasurer – Pat Meyer. Motion carried.

Kate Koehler will serve in February.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeanne Wilman and seconded by Joanne Stumo. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Patty Kuhl, Secretary

## PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL

January 13, 2026

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

Mike Sandell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pastor Ed had an opening devotion and prayer.

**The minutes of the December 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**

Julie handed out the balance sheet and budget performance report for December 2025 and the profit and loss budget sheets for December and January through November 2025:

**General Checking Balance: \$19,316.86**

**Social Ministry Balance: \$3.18**

**RLC January through November 2025 Profit & Loss Budget Performance and December 2025 Profit & Loss Budget Performance reviewed and discussed.**

A motion to approve the treasurer's reports was made by Dale Koehler and seconded by Julie Powers. Motion carried.

### **Pastors Report**

Pastor Ed Clemens reported that in December there were three Sunday services, totaling 228 in attendance with an average attendance of 76 per Sunday. There were three Advent services totaling 108 averaging 36 per service. The Advent service theme was "Something Better." Christmas Eve attendance was 108. Christmas Day attendance was 22 (in 2024 Christmas Day attendance was 31). The children's program on 12/21/25 was well received. Pastor Ed gave the Christmas Eve service at Grace Lutheran Church in Connorsville on Christmas Eve as well. Calls were made for home bound and members. Pastor attended the Amery Ministerial Association meeting at Our Savior's Church. He was introduced to the new pastor there, Pastor Tim Wittwer, and toured the remodeled Amery food pantry.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- For Epiphany, the Daniel series continues "Thriving With What Hits Us."
- WPCA radio Devotions in January
- Amery Area Youth continue to meet at WAPO.
- North Wisconsin District Circuit Visitors meet at Steven's Point January 26-27.

Pastor Ed on Vacation February 1-7, with Pastor Wilman leading Communion service on February 1, 2026.

### **Suggestions:**

- Important to encourage visits to Facebook with short positive comments or at the very minimum "likes". This promotes a more meaningful witness.
- Lay ministers introduced to page 260 – Service of Prayer and Preaching – in the hymnal as a lay led service option along with the website of Lutheran Church Canada sermons.

### **Board Reports:**

**Education/Youth:** Redeemer youth completed a wonderful Christmas program 12/21/25. Question by Nancy Danielson to Jeri Cook asking if youth is organizing and serving the Easter meal. Jeri will verify and get back to Nancy, but initially the answer was yes.

**Evangelism:** No report

**Fellowship:** Nancy Danielson stated that she received a mailing from the Amery Fall Fest committee requesting to have Redeemer's answer as to whether we will have a pie booth this coming fall and to pay for the reservation by February 1, 2026. Parish Planning expressed interest in continuing to host a booth at the fall festival. Valentine's Dinner is scheduled for February 15, Amery Pizzeria at 5 pm. Easter Lilys and Mums sign-up sheet will be placed up on the bulletin board soon. Nancy suggested having a sign-up sheet for filling the alter candles and a calendar to mark when the candles have been filled. There was interest in continuing soup/sandwich supper prior to the Lent services in 2026.

**Lay Ministry:** The Lay Ministers met on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and duties were assigned for February. Pastor's report was given; average church attendance for December each Sunday was 76, December 2024 average attendance was 66 in comparison, and discussion about setting up an emergency service format for when someone gets sick at the last minute. Christmas gifts were given to Debbie Raether, Pastor Ed, Connie Schroeder, and Peg Kuhl. Volunteer Lists were updated. The Social Ministry giving from last year was reviewed and will be shared with parish planning. Discussed some issues with Quickbooks print outs. Social Ministry Balance was \$203.18 and no requests granted in January. Reminder for everyone to properly fill out the payment requests; notify the board about the payment and maybe adding a line on the reimbursement sheet for boards to review it. Dale had discussion with the parish planning group suggesting to have the chairperson of the board signature/sign off on the payment request sheet before the expense is paid to help clarify which account the payment will come from.

**Properties:** Thank you to the Sandells for cleaning the church during December. We are dealing with a furnace issue still for the Education wing at church. We had an issue with the parsonage furnace but it has been resolved. Thanks to all who helped with taking down the Christmas decorations. Doing the best we can with snow and ice removal in the parking lots and sidewalks. As always, please let us know if you notice something that needs repair.

**Stewardship:** Thank you to Jim and Marcia Meyer for their many years of being offering counters. Thank you to Joanne Gorres and Larry Kuhl for counting in December. The 2026 counter schedule is posted – thank you to all who volunteered to help this year. The 2025 contribution statements are printed and in mailboxes or ready to be mailed to our shut-in members and snowbirds. Reminder, if offerings are cash, please remember to write your number on the envelope so you are given credit. New offering envelopes are available when needed. We are still working on planning some kind of a program to encourage endowments, bequests and the remembrance of our congregation in estate planning. Annual report is being put together. In the new year we encourage everyone to explore more ways to use your time, talents, and treasures to share God's love with others in our church and our community.

**Ladies Aid:** No report

**Public Relations:** No report



**Old Business**

Discussion for preparations for March elections.

Nominating committee- Pastor Ed, Patty Kuhl (volunteered), Larry Loverude (volunteered), asking Deb Raether to volunteer

**New Business**

Annual reports discussion and reminder to be turned in as soon as possible and email to Connie.

**Round table discussion:**

Pastor Ed showed and discussed page 260-267 for a lay led service in the hymnal.

A motion was made by Larry Loverude seconded by Patty Kuhl to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Finished with the Lord's prayer.

The next parish planning meeting will be February 10th, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Clemens

Redeemer Lutheran 2025 Financial Snapshot

Giving and Income	\$178,935.98
Expenses	\$185,120.87
Difference	<b>\$6,184.89</b>