

October 2026



*“Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say rejoice”*

Philippians 4:4



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“Sharing God’s Love through Jesus Christ”

Garden harvests go into full swing in September and are generally cleaned up in October. Fields and apple orchards go a little later with harvests more so in the month of October. Toward the end of July our Gospel reading came from Matthew chapter 13. In verses 24-43 Jesus uses the growing cycle to teach a lesson to His disciples. Here Jesus uses a parable distinguishing weeds from wheat - the evil from the righteousness. The evil one, and God's angels are also a part of the story. As with all good stories, there is a conflict that presents itself and a resolution that helps to put the conflict into perspective.

Weeds are the conflict. No respectable gardener or farmer will intentionally plant weeds among good seed. But if an adversary wants to cause trouble throwing in weed seed early on can be a sneaky way of causing problems as the plants mature and grow. As Jesus develops His plant illustration, He includes a solution proposed by the workers. The workers suggest tackling the problem right away ***"...do you want us to go and gather the weeds?"*** (Mt 13:28). It seems logical. Identify the problem then pounce on the problem promptly. Often prompt action to a problem is a good approach – but not always. In Jesus' scenario yanking out the weeds will likely mean pulling out the desired plants as well and this would be counterproductive (13:29).

Jesus provides the solution. ***"Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"*** (13:30) We don't always have the luxury of Jesus explaining His parables but when we do – it is a very good thing!

Jesus identifies Himself as the sower/farmer, the good seed are "kingdom kids," the weeds are disciples of the evil one, the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are the angels of God. After the growing season, comes the harvest and the separation of the mature and clearly identifiable weeds which are bundled and destroyed. The wheat, the desired crop are the righteous who ***"will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."*** (13:43) Jesus is not done He finishes the account with, ***"He who has ears, let him hear."***

The application of the of the story was not just for those present back then but also for future listeners to the Word of God. The parable teaches us that there is indeed a real evil out there that is bent on disturbing and destroying the good that God Himself began. The parable also teaches that it is going to be messy distinguishing the difference between weeds and wheat; the workers in the field can't always accurately judge the evil/bad from the good/righteous. But at the end of the age, in the judgement, clear distinctions will be made. Decisive determinations will be executed.

There is gospel; there is good news within this parable and it's explanation. Wise will be the one who clings to that gospel and in it find hope and comfort. First, the Son of Man sows the good seed. It is He who makes us righteousness. ***"For our sake [the Father] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."*** (2 Corinthians 5:21) The Gospel is also seen in that the Son of Man knows what is going on, knows what to avoid, knows what to do for the benefit of His own, uses the proper timing to bring about the best result, and indeed in the harvest and even after the harvest allows His righteous ones to ***"shine like the sun."*** All of this comes from Him.

During this golden season of the October harvest we can rejoice and be glad, we can worship and give thanks to our Lord for His wisdom, glory, and generosity. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

In Christ, Pastor Ed





Gavin Humpal	5
Reid Lauterbach	6
Fran Duncanson	8
Sandra Beauvais	13
Ciarra Schwenzig	13
Alli Kuhl	16
Arlan Hanson	17
Paul Spinner	18
Carli Cress	19
Jonathan Buss	23
Lili Headley	24
Hayden Madison	27



Rev. John and Jeanne Wilman	4
Jim and Marcia Meyer	8
Doug and Beth Pratt	15
Larry and Patty Kuhl	19
Jim and Carol Dittman	29

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Worship Helpers ... October 2026

THE LAY MINISTRY TEAM

10/4	Jerry Langland
10/11	Jim Danielson
10/18	Dan Meyer
10/25	John Kuhl

USHERS: Al McCarty

GREETERS: Julie Powers

READERS: 10/4
10/11
10/18
10/25

VIDEO: 10/4 Randy Richter
10/11 Tom Cuper
10/18 Larry Loverude
10/25 Jim Danielson

POWERPOINT: 10/4 Mike Sandell
10/11 Larry Loverude
10/18 Cathy Loverude
10/25 Tom Cuper

ACOLYTES: 10/4 Leo Overby
10/11 Reid Lauterbach
10/18 Delilah Kuhl
10/25 Jonathan Buss

COUNTERS: Nancy Danielson
Russ Boucher

COMMUNION: Pam Clemens

INSIDE CLEANERS: Volunteers needed

Card Making with Andy

**Monday October 5th
at 10:00 am.**

**Signup sheet is on the
Bulletin Board with details.**

Amery Area Food Pantry

Our October Donation: Soup!



**Voters Meeting
October 25th
Following Worship**

**Redeemer Youth Event
Saturday, October 24
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Details to follow....**

**Rummage Sale Setup ~ October 18th
Following Worship we will set up for
the Rummage Sale and enjoy a
potluck with chicken provided by
Ladies Aid.**

Redeemer Fall Rummage Sale

Thursday, October 22nd – 9 am – 5 pm

Friday, October 23rd – 9 am – 4 pm

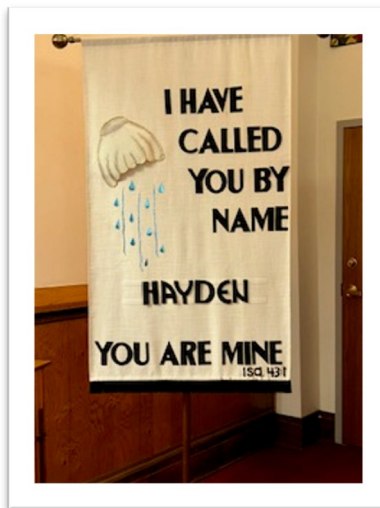
Saturday, October 24th – 9am – Noon

Clean up begins at 12:01 pm on Saturday!

Set up will be Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20
at 9:00 am each day. Lunch will be provided for our workers.



Baptism of Hayden Klopotek ~ Saturday, September 19, 2026



Wedding of Bridgett Madison & Taran Leight ~ 9/19/26



Amery Fall Festival ~ September 19, 2026



REDEEMER LADIES AID MINUTES

September 2, 2026

Members Present: 11 + Pastor Ed

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jeanne.. Thank you, Janet, for the lunch. Pastor Ed led a short devotion on the Fruit of the Spirit. Several members shared readings.

The minutes of the June meeting were read. A motion was made by Nancy Danielson and seconded by Janet DeLong to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for August is \$3,883.60. A motion was made by Nancy Henck and seconded by Joanne Stumo to approve the report as presented. Motion carried. Thank you notes were shared from Pastor Ed and Sheila and Mike.

Old Business

- Thank you to Nancy and Larry for hosting the picnic in August. It was a wonderful day. Nancy and Larry delivered the items collected for the CRA.

New Business

- Rally Sunday - September 13 followed by a potluck lunch and outdoor activities. A motion was made by Nancy Henck and seconded by Joanne Stumo to provide hotdogs and buns. Motion carried.
- Sign-up sheets are posted for pies and workers for the Fall Festival stand.
- The Amery Trick or Trot, which is hosted by the Kuhl family, will be on Saturday, October 3, at UW-Wanderoos. A motion was made by Nancy Danielson and seconded by Pat Meyer to donate \$400. Motion carried.
- Mite boxes were collected. The LWML fall rally will be on October 17 at St. Luke's in New Richmond, beginning at 9 am.
- Rummage Sale - Set up for the rummage sale will begin on Sunday, October 18, followed by a potluck lunch. Jim and Marcia will order and pick up chicken for the lunch. The rummage sale will run on October 22-24. Joanne Stumo will get a Thrivent card. We will not sell cinnamon rolls this time. Connie will print flyers. The proceeds from the sale will be used for church maintenance and local charities. Final details will be worked out at the October meeting.
- Fall Voters' Meeting - Sunday, October 25. Nancy Henck will pick up 6 dozen doughnuts for the meeting.

We sang to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in September.

Our next meeting will be October 7. Pilar will serve in October. A motion was made by Shirley Schulte and seconded by Joanne Stumo to adjourn. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kuhl, Secretary

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL
September 8, 2026

Present: Mike Sandell, Jeri Cook, Patty Kuhl, Dale Koehler, Pam Humpal, Peggy Kuhl, Cathy Loverude, Pastor Ed Clemens, Pam Clemens.

Mike Sandell called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Pastor Ed had an opening devotion and prayer.

The minutes of the August Parish Planning meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dale Koehler and seconded by Cathy Loverude. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy handed out the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance Report for August 2026:

A motion to approve the treasurer's reports was made by Pam Humpal and seconded by Patty Kuhl. Motion carried.

Pastors Report

Pastor Ed Clemens reported that in August there were five Sunday services totaling 294 in attendance with an average attendance of 58.8 per Sunday. Book Club, with a Shepherd's Look at Psalm 23, was completed. The Gospel of Matthew is being studied in the adult class on Sunday morning. Pastoral coverage was available for St. Lukes in New Richmond. Calls were made on members.

Upcoming Events in September 2026

- WPCA radio devotions Sept. 7-11
- Sunday School starting on Sept. 13
- Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday 9/16
- Hosting the Amery Ministerial Association 9/17
- Fall Fest Pie stand, Sept. 19th
- Baptism of Hayden Klopotek at 9 am, Bridgett & Taran wedding at 2 pm, September 19th
- Continue Sunday morning study of Matthew

August's 5th Sunday off to be used on September 27th (Pastor Willman will be covering)

Board Reports:

Education/Youth: Sunday School starting September 13th. Potluck and Games outside pending weather. Planning a youth activity for October 24th, 2026.

Evangelism: Vacant. No report.

Fellowship: Things are getting ready for the Fall Pie Fest- funds will be given to Amery Area Food Pantry and Redeemer Lutheran's Sidewalk project. Pie containers were purchased.

Lay Ministry: The August 30th training session on video and power-point went well. There are 3 new video volunteers, Darryl Roberts, Chris Neurenburg, and Caleb Clemens that will be trained in the next few months. Pastor will be off Sunday, September 27, 2021. Pastor Wilman will be preaching for him. Lay Ministry donated \$300 to the Trick or Trot.

Properties: Thanks to Dale and Kate Koehler for keeping the church clean this past month. The Parking lot project has started. When Monarch came to do the final grade, it was found that there was insufficient slope for them to pave without having puddles. A solution was determined that would provide adequate slope. This solution required additional concrete work that was completed last week. Monarch has indicated they will try to get final grading completed this week. No indication of when asphalt will be placed. We can anticipate at least three weeks before the project is completed and the parking lot is usable.

Project budget/expenses (approval of \$36,000 for project)

Currently:

BIDs- Removal of Old parking lot: \$6,000, Concrete work \$7,700, Paving and Striping \$18,000, Totaling \$31,700.

Now Cost with additions- Removal of Old parking lot: \$8,600, Concrete work \$12,860 (\$4,675), Paving and striping \$18,000, Total=\$44,135 (Paving not complete)

A motion was made by Dale Koehler to cover the additional cost/overage of the parking lot project from the special project fund. Jeri Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Four surveys were completed for Church Mutual Historical Building Survey, Electrical system, Roof Survey and a Freeze/Cold weather survey. These had to do with our property insurance and needed to be completed prior to getting our new rates. We will need to get an electrical inspection on all three buildings; church, parsonage, and rental house, by June 2021. Mike reached out to JETA electric to see if this was something they could do. JETA stated it would take 2 hours per building cost estimate, \$750.

Rain gutters are being looked into for the west entrance with an \$800 estimate potentially for the near future in spring or 2027. As always, please let us know if you notice something that needs repair.

Stewardship: Working on time and talent sheets. Thank you to offering counters for July- Kate Koehler and Larry Richter and August- Joanne Gorres and Larry Kuhl.

Ladies Aid: Ladies Aid will be providing hot dogs and buns for Rally Sunday Pot Luck, September 13th. LWML rally will be at St. Lukes Lutheran Church in New Richmond, October 17, 2026. Rummage sale will be set up on Sunday, October 18th following service and the sale will be October 23, 24, and 25. Proceeds from the sale will go to church maintenance and local areas. Ladies aid will provide donuts for the church meeting on October 25, 2026.

Public Relations: Kwik Trip cards the month of September offer an extra 5% donation back to the church. Work Program for 2026 and 2027 reviewed and discussed. Projections of income coming in for 2027 were reviewed. Categories in Quick Books were discussed with the board members.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Round table discussion

Patty Kuhl will stop being the financial secretary of the church at the end of the calendar year.

A motion was made by Patty Kuhl seconded by Pam Humpal to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Finished with the Lord's prayer.

The next parish planning meeting will be October 13, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Clemens