

REDEEMER NEWS

April 2025

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



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"Sharing God's Love through Jesus Christ"

A Message from Pastor Ed ~

When it comes to learning most people would resonate with the approach of learning by doing. We've all had classes where it was straight lecture or verbal sharing of information and the statistics demonstrate that such an approach has the least amount of retention. Adding some visual component increases the engagement of the learner. If it is an option hands on learning by doing increases the retention even further. Perhaps the greatest amount of retention is achieved when a person him or herself actually teaches the material to others. It should come as no surprise then that God used so many visuals to enhance the experience of His people so that they too could be more engaged and retain more of the truths that He knew would be important for them to "hang onto."

The Church has customs and traditions that use the senses to engage people with the faith. Some of these are manmade, which is necessarily bad, others are indeed directed by God. Our Lenten season started on March 5th and in many churches, people had ashes in the form of a cross placed on their foreheads. After Job had crossed the line with God he repented "*in dust and ashes.*" (42:6) Jesus Himself refers to the practice of "*repenting in sackcloth and ashes*" as a sign of genuine repentance (Mt 11:21). The intent of ashes being used is to show the accountability and responsibility of our own sin. When they are placed on our foreheads in the shape of a cross they remind us that He who knew no sin became sin for us so that we might be saved by His work. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

At the end of Holy Week, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday, commandment Thursday, when Jesus used all kinds of sensory teaching methods. He washed the disciples' feet demonstrating the importance of true servitude, care, and love. His actions combined with His words "a new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34) demonstrate that He is indeed a teacher, a rabbi, of the highest order. But there would be more much more.

In the breaking of the bread, in the giving of thanks, with the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion Jesus wanted to teach and He wanted the disciples to experience His grace and forgiveness. "*And He took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying, 'This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'*" (Luke 22: 19)

Learning and experiencing our Lord's love and forgiveness is vital to our faith and service. As we draw closer to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection in the weeks to come, I hope all of your senses teach you and remind you of His commitment to you and your salvation. Blessings in the name of Christ our Lord! Pastor Ed





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

Happy Anniversary

Dennis and Kathy Nelson	8
Kelly and Jeri Cook	13

ACOLYTES:

April 6	Hazel Kuhl
April 13	Colton Buss
April 20	Carli Cress
April 27	Josie Kuhl

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: 4/13/25
9:30 Worship

Holy Thursday Service:
4/17/25 6:30 pm Worship with
Communion

Good Friday Service:
4/18/25 6:30 pm Worship

Easter Sunday: 4/20/25
Easter Breakfast beginning at 8 am
Easter Service with Communion

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Worship Helpers ... April 2025

LAY MINISTER:

April 6	Jerry Langland
April 13	Dan Meyer
April 17	Jim Danielson
April 20	John Kuhl
April 27	Dale Koehler

READERS

April 6	
April 13	Kate Koehler
April 20	
April 27	

USHER:

Nick Lauterbach

GREETER:

Katie Lauterbach

VIDEO:

April 6	Tom Cuper
April 13	Dale Koehler
April 20	David Brown
April 27	Randy Richter

POWERPOINT:

April 6	Mike Sandell
April 13	Kate Koehler
April 20	Jim Danielson
April 27	Tyler Cress

COUNTERS:

Joanne Gorres
Larry Kuhl

COMMUNION SET UP Pam Clemens
Cindy Overby

INSIDE CLEANERS:

April 1	Peg Kuhl
April 7	Peg Kuhl
April 14	Youth
April 28	Youth

Voter's Meeting

After our Worship Service
Sunday, April 27th

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



On Sunday, April 27th 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 28 & 29**

We will need help setting up for the sale,  
beginning at 9:00am

**Thursday, May 1st**

**Rummage Sale ~ 9 am– 5 pm**  
BBQs , Chips, Bars & Cookies for sale  
Eat in or Take out

**Friday, May 2nd**

**Rummage Sale ~ 9 am–4 pm**  
BBQs ,Chips, Bars & Cookies for sale  
Eat in or Take out

**Saturday, May 3rd**

**Rummage Sale 9 am–Noon**  
(no food served on this day)

**\*Clean up starts at 12:01 pm**  
**on Saturday!**

**Thanks in advance for all your**  
**help in making the sale a Huge**  
**Success—year after year!**



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

You may begin to bring in your treasures on  
April 1st— boxes go to the counting room and  
clothing on hangers in the nursery.

Remember—No electronics or big furniture!  
You may bring in your smaller furniture pieces  
on Monday 4/28 or Tuesday 4/29

**Amery Food Pantry for April**

Rice, Noodle or Grain side dishes



# Sunday, March 2nd ~ After Church we had fun playing Bunco, Winning Prizes and enjoying a delicious Potluck!

As you can see, a lot of serious thought went into playing this game!



And one of our  
Winners is:  
Nancy Henck  
holding her  
coveted prize!



## REDEEMER LADIES AID MINUTES

March 12, 2025

Members Present: 13 + Pastor Ed

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

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

Debbie shared information about the LWML Spring Rally.

Pat gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for February is \$4,945.37. A motion was made by Nancy Danielson and seconded by Cathy Loverude to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Rummage Sale – May 1 and 2 and 9-noon on Saturday morning. A motion was made by Janet DeLong and seconded by Joanne Stumo to put the proceeds of the sale toward church improvements. Motion carried. St. Vincent DePaul in Rice Lake will take everything we have left over after the sale. Pat will get a permit from the city. Nancy will get 6 dozen doughnuts for the Voters' meeting. Marcia will check out prices for chicken for the potluck. We will sell BBQs, chips, bars and cinnamon rolls. We need 25 lbs. of hamburger (Joanne Stumo will donate 5#). Joanne Stumo will apply for a Thrivent card.

### New Business

- A motion was made by Joanne Stumo and seconded by Debbie Raether to buy four \$25 gift cards from KwikTrip for T.H.U.G. (Truly Humble Under God) the homeless youth ministry in Somerset. Motion carried.
- A prayer shawl and card were taken to Bev Vetter.
- A motion was made by Joanne Stumo and seconded by Debbie Raether to give Nancy Danielson \$300 to cover the cost of quilt material. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Patty Kuhl and seconded by Joanne Stumo to donate \$500 to LAMP Ministry. Motion carried.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped with the funeral lunches.
- Marcia has purchased Easter cards which are available to anyone who would like to buy them.

Card Making, Monday, April 7.

Cathy Loverude will serve in April.

A motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Raether and seconded by Pat Meyer. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Patty Kuhl, Secretary

## **PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL**

**March 11, 2025**

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

Mike Sandell called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Pastor Clemens opened with a prayer.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

**General Checking Balance:** \$42,616.24

**Social Ministry Balance:** \$772.71

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jim Danielson and seconded by Dave Brown. **Motion carried.**

### **Pastors Report**

Pastor Ed Clemens reported that the average attendance in February was 60. He participated in the community prayer service at Our Savior's on January 23, conducted a wedding on February 15, and led the Circuit 8 Winkle on February 20. He also attended the Wisconsin North & South Circuit Visitors meeting from February 25–26 and officiated three funerals for Delores and Roger Knutson and Kathy Krarup. 25 people attended the March 2nd game and potluck.

Bible study continues to grow, with the current topic being *Mastering Maturity*. Tuesday morning sessions are now focused on studying David.

The Lenten series, titled "*Singing with the Exiles*," began on Ash Wednesday.,

### **Upcoming Events:**

Amery Youth Meeting – March 16

Pastor leading WPCA radio devotions – March 17–21

Leading service in Connersville – March 30

Confirmation on Palm Sunday – April 13

Wisconsin North District Convention – June 1–2

### **Board Reports:**

**Education/Youth:** Hosting a community Youth Group on Sunday, March 16 from 3:00–5:00 PM. The night will include games, snacks, and a Bible study about David.

Working with the Fellowship Board and families to plan and serve Easter Breakfast.

**Evangelism:** Purchased items for the Backpack Program.

**Fellowship:** Working with Youth/Education Board to plan Easter Breakfast. Sign-up is available on the bulletin board. Soup and Sandwich suppers are going well, with all dates filled by volunteers. Easter flowers have been ordered from Endeavors. Received a letter inviting groups to participate in the Fall Festival.

Lay Ministry: April duties have been assigned. Pastor will be on vacation from March 20–25. Mike Sandell will lead the March 23 service. Discussed planning the Community Sunday Service on June 22, Reviewing communion and Confirmation procedures (committee action item), updating the worship service procedure checklist for Lay Ministers' duties, updating contact lists Social Ministry donation for the month is \$300 for Kinship of Polk County.

Properties: Thank you to Chris Norenberg and Ali Kuhl for cleaning in February. Repairs were made to the roof drains, heat tape, and GFI outlet on the northwest side of the church. Thank you to Pastor Clemens for donating new heat tape. Although the heating season is over, it's good practice to keep doors closed for heating, cooling, and fire safety. Restroom signs have been purchased and will be installed soon.

Stewardship: Envelope distribution for new members is up to date.

Ladies Aid: The Spring Rummage Sale will be held from May 1–3 due to Easter and the voter's meeting.

Public Relations: No report this month

### **Old Business**

Each board's annual report will be published in the church's annual report this month. If not completed, chairpersons should send their report to Mike Sandell and the church secretary.

Elections will take place at the voters' meeting on April 27, 2025. There are a few positions still open and the boards and nomination committee are working diligently to fill them.

At the last meeting, each board was asked to discuss with their committee and action item to focus on for 2025. Boards will talk about something to build and grow our board's mission within our duties and activities.

### **New Business**

The constitution was reviewed in regards to the duties of the Treasurer and the bookkeeper which are two separate positions in the organizational chart. The duties of the bookkeeper are to keep the Quickbooks accurate and up to date, process checks or electronic payments for bills, salaries, and reimbursements, and prepare monthly reports. The treasurer is the "second eye" of the financial transactions of the congregation. The treasurer signs checks and presents reports at parish planning. The positions work closely together.

A motion was made by Patty Kuhl, seconded by Jim Danielson to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next parish planning meeting will be April 8, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Koehler  
Congregational Secretary