

Redeemer News

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"Sharing God's Love Through Jesus Christ"

Celebrating 250 years as a country is a remarkable accomplishment especially when one considers all that was stacked against the colonists. Britain was a massive empire with an impressive track record of conquest, might, and power. The colonists were a mixed bag of nationalities, languages, and so many had different goals for the future. Yet, somehow the sequence of events ended with the United States becoming a full fledged new country. Why and how did this happen with the odds and statistics stacked so high against the colonists dreams?



Two very common answers are Divine Providence and the leadership of George Washington. To be sure not everyone would agree with those two suggestions but I am confident many people would support the idea that leadership was the crucial factor in determining the outcome of the Revolutionary War.

Psalms 77 has been a favorite of mine since I was a freshman in college. It ends with these words, *"Your path led through the sea, Your way through the mighty waters, though Your footprints were not seen. You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron."* In other words life is difficult, God leads us (though often He is unseen) and He leads us by using the people He places in our lives. I believe this applies to the history of our nation and I believe it is also at the heart of Psalm 23.

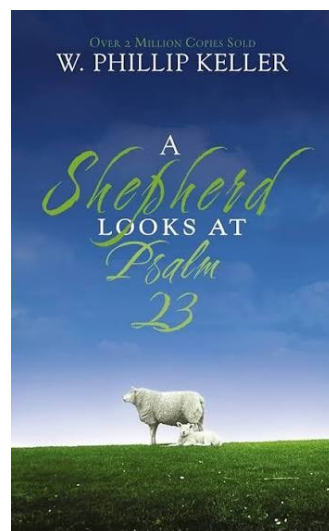
Psalms 23 and the Declaration of Independence are on the one hand very familiar to us but if we were challenged to talk about either one with depth and understanding we all might struggle a little. I would like to invite you to our next Redeemer Book Club where we will read and discuss W. Phillip Keller's book *A Shepherd looks at Psalm 23*. We will plan to have our first conversation with the book on Thursday July 16th at 10:00 am.

This book offers a unique perspective on a very familiar Psalm as the author himself writes... *"First of all, I grew up and lived in East Africa surrounded by simple native herders whose customs closely resembled those ...in the Middle East. So I am intimately acquainted with... the life of an Eastern shepherd. Secondly, as a young man, I actually made my own livelihood for about eight years as a sheep owner and sheep rancher. Consequently I write as one who has had firsthand experience with every phase of sheep management. Later, as the lay pastor of a community church, I shared the truths of this Psalm, as a shepherd, with my "flock," every Sunday for several months."*

The author continues, *"It is, therefore, out of the variety of these firsthand experiences with sheep that the following chapters have emerged. To my knowledge this is the first time that a down-to-earth, hard-handed sheepman has ever written at length about the Shepherd's Psalm"*

Book clubs are centered around discussion and engagement. Not everyone agrees or even likes everything with a book that is being read but there is the potential for growth when we listen and share our insights about the author's ideas. Please consider joining us July 16th at 10:00 am on Thursday.

Pastor Ed





July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 8:30 Adult Bible	6 10:00 am Card Mak-	7	8 7:00 pm Lay Ministers	9	10	11
12 8:30 Adult Bible study	13 Also on Sunday 7/12	14 7:00 pm Parish Planning	15	16 10:00 am Book Club "A Shepherd	17	18
19 8:30 Adult Bible study	20	21	22	23 10:00 am Book Club "A Shepherd	24	25
26 8:30 Adult Bible study 9:30 Worship	27	28	29	30 10:00 am Book Club "A Shepherd Looks at	31 Thank you for your gifts to the women and	



July Birthdays

Krista Armagost	1
Stacey Haugen	2
Bev Vetter	7
Rachel Humpal	10
Dan Meyer	11
Nathan Beste	13
George Beaver	14
Hazel Kuhl	15
Helen Jorgenson	17
Nick Lauterbach	17
Weston Loverude	18
Nicole Klopotek	20
Brielle Schott	24
Olivia Danielson	30



July Anniversaries

Mike and Kaylynn Buss	19
Roy and Shirley Schulte	20
Jim and Krista Armagost	31

ACOLYTES:

July 5	Reid Lauterbach
July 12	Delilah Kuhl
July 19	Jonathan Buss
July 26	Miles Lauterbach

Redeemer Lutheran Church Worship Helpers ... July, 2026

LAY MINISTER:

July 5	Jerry Langland
July 12	Dan Meyer
July 19	Jim Danielson
July 26	John Kuhl

READERS:

July 5	Pam Clemens
July 12	
July 19	Shirley Klopotek
July 26	

USHERS:

Jim & Marcia Meyer

GREETERS:

Jim & Marcia Meyer

VIDEO:

July 5	Tom Cuper
July 12	Jim Danielson
July 19	Dale Koehler
July 26	Randy Richter

POWERPOINT:

July 5	Caleb Clemens
July 12	Tom Cuper
July 19	Kate Koehler
July 26	Caleb Clemens

COUNTERS:

Kate Koehler and Larry Richter

COMMUNION SETUP:

Pat Meyer

INSIDE CLEANERS:

Jerry Langland, Caleb C. & Pastor Ed

GIFT CARDS

Please remember to buy and use Gift Cards to help finance special projects here at Redeemer.

The dollars given back by our local businesses is so helpful. And giving a Gift Card to someone else is always very much appreciated!



Christmas in July!

The Santa Sack is in the hallway for donations for the women and children at the CRA.

Items requested are pajamas, jackets and sweatshirts, sand box toys, towels and washcloths and toiletries.

Donations will be taken throughout the month of July. Thank you!



School is out and the children are hungry!

How about getting them their favorites like Peanut Butter and Jelly or Mac and Cheese?

Or how about Cereal? Hot or cold.

The needs are great at the Food Pantry so anything you choose to donate will be a real blessing. Thank you in advance!

**GOD BLESS
AMERICA
LAND THAT I
LOVE
STAND BESIDE
HER,
AND GUIDE
HER,
THRU THE NIGHT
WITH A LIGHT
FROM ABOVE**

Card making with Andy

Monday, July 6th at 10 am

Bring your tape and scissors.

Card supplies are furnished.



We will make
6 cards

Cost is \$15.00

Sign up on the
Bulletin Board

New Members ~ June 14th



We warmly welcome our newest members

Caleb Clemens

Mike Klopotek

Nicole & Hayden Klopotek

Jeff & Debbie Manlove

Beth & Doug Pratt

Paul & Amy Spinner



Redeemer Community Worship Service

June 28, 2026



The rain came so we moved inside for the worship service and then had a wonderful picnic!!



The Redeemer Ribfest was delicious and graciously hosted by Kate & Dale Koehler



REDEEMER LADIES AID MINUTES

June 3, 2026

Members Present: 12

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie. Thank you, Pat, for the delicious snacks. Several members shared readings.

The minutes of the May meeting were read. A motion was made by Nancy Danielson and seconded by Cathy Loverude to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat gave the treasurer's report. Month-end balance for May is \$8,964.23. A motion was made by Joanne Stumo and seconded by Marcia Meyer to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

- New Member Reception – Lucy will order a cake, and Jeanne will pick it up on Saturday, June 13.
- The windows will be put in the fellowship hall doors in the next couple of weeks.

A motion was made by Nancy Henck and seconded by Janet DeLong to put \$4,000 from the rummage sale proceeds toward the parking lot project. Motion carried.

New Business

- Larry and Nancy Henck will host a potluck picnic at their home on Wednesday, August 5, at noon.
- The carpet and some of the chairs in the fellowship hall need cleaning. Possibly in late summer or fall.
- Christmas in July for CRA. Nancy Henck will call to see what items they need. The sock will be hung in the hall for the month of July.
- Flowers will be sent to Lucy Moll.
- We will be serving a funeral lunch on Saturday, June 13, for Kayise Streff, Dan's sister.

We sang Happy Birthday to Joanne Stumo and Marcia Meyer, and Happy Anniversary to Sheila and Mike Sandell.

No Ladies Aid meetings in July and August. Janet DeLong will serve in September. A motion was made by Joanne Stumo and seconded by Shirley Schulte to adjourn. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kuhl, Secretary

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL

June 9, 2026

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

Mike Sandell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Pastor Ed had an opening devotion and prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report

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

The May budget was discussed.

A motion was made to put the LCEF memorial, rental, and music accounts into 3 separate CDs to gain more interest by Cathy Loverude and seconded by Pam Humpal. Motion carried.

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

Pastors Report

Pastor Ed Clemens reported that in May there were five Sunday services totaling 331 in attendance with an average attendance of 66.2 per Sunday. Circuit 8 pastors meeting was hosted by River Falls on Ascension Day, May 14. The Backpack Bash on May 20th was considered a success. Amery Ministerial Association meeting was on May 21 and discussion was had about hospital pastoral coverage. Redeemer will be hosting the Amery Ministerial Association meeting on 9/17/26. Calls were made on members.

Upcoming Events in June 2026

- The Gospel of Matthew Sunday Morning Bible study begins June 7th.
- Celebrating Lutheran camps- Camp Luther 80th anniversary LCMS, Three Lakes, WI.
- Joel Abenth to present on Camp Wapo events and capital fund drive.
- Funeral for Kayise Streff will be on Saturday, June 13th.
- New member Sunday will be on June 14th with ten people joining.
- Redeemer Youth Event afternoon on 6/14/26 hosted at Kate & Dale Koehler's from 2:00 -4:00 pm
- WPCA Devotions by Pastor Wilman, June 15-19, Pastor Ed June 22-26.
- Marvin Gorres internment on June 22nd.
- Community Outdoor Service with Mary Hall providing music on Sunday, June 28th.
- Amery Community VBS hosted by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, June 28-July 2. Two students currently registered from Redeemer.
- June 24- July 11, 2026 Connie will be on vacation in Hawaii.

Board Reports:

Education/Youth: Youth event on the June 14th at the Koehler's. On Father's Day the youth will hand out something to men/fathers of the church and be serving during fellowship. Another reminder will be sent for VBS participation.

Evangelism: No report.

Fellowship: A cake will be served for New Member Sunday. Cathy called the Diggers hotline and reserved some tents for the upcoming Community Outdoor service on June 28th. The digging marking will be June 25th at 6 am. The tents were rented through Marc Strange and will be set up on Saturday prior to the Sunday service. The cost for the tents was \$275 and a Redeemer member has generously offered to cover the tent cost. Fellowship is planning for 100 people for Community Outdoor Service, with plans for a barbeque, and sign-up sheets for food. Looking forward to Ribfest on June 26 at the Koehler's.

Lay Ministry: The Lay Ministers met on June 7th, 2026 and duties were assigned for June. Dale states he has been very happy and thankful with the Lay Ministry members. May Sunday worship attendance average was 66.25 for 5 services. June 14th will be New Members Sunday: Caleb Clemens, Doug & Beth Pratt, Paul & Amy Spinner, Jeff & Deb Manlove, Mike Klopotek, Nicole & Hayden Klopotek have accepted transfers and will becoming new members at Redeemer. Community Outdoor Service will be June 28th: Mary Hall will do 5 songs during the service and music during the meal and Dale put hooks in the outside wall for banners. Video training will be conducted in August. Social Ministry total balance = \$1171.82. Request granted were Camp Wapo building project \$500 and Camp Luther \$300.

Properties: Thanks to Joanne Gorres, Beth Pratt, and Chris Norenburg for keeping the church clean in May. ILLock and Door is waiting for the second window to come in before he will install the windows in the Fellowship Hall exterior door and the Hallway door. A big thank you to Dale Koehler. He dragged the parking lot, removed some old soil from where the big maple tree was and filled with black dirt. He also brought in some fill for the area between the Keller Ave entrance and the church building to build that area up to improve drainage. Tuckpointing surfaces have been acid washed and the job is completed and paid in full. Cardinal Construction capped the lower portion of the sign on Keller Avenue. Mike Sandell contacted the painter for the Fellowship Hall and he should be able to get here the second half of June. The project went to JT Panola Painting for \$2,300.

West Parking Lot paving:

This job is in the planning phase.

Mike contacted the following:

1. Cardinal Construction to do the concrete curbing and repair:

80' of Curbing \$7,775

Rain Drain on NW corner \$1,760

Repair 2 areas of entrance \$800

I also asked for a quote to replace the sidewalk from the parking lot to the choir room exit.

This cost is \$3,075

2. Gille Excavating to remove old parking lot, Haul in fill and level: \$5,950 (plus \$3,000 if removing the concrete from the sidewalk from the parking lot to the choir room exit)

3. Monarch Paving to final grade, 3" compacted depth asphalt and restriping \$17,925.95

4. American Paving (Cross Country Excavating and Paving, out of Dresser): Remove, Prep and grade base \$7,500

Install Curb \$4,500

Install asphalt at 3" compacted \$22,000

Total \$34,000

Additional Concrete work at approx \$8.00 per square foot

The Parish Planning committee discussed the need for the parking lot project and timing. A motion was made to complete the asphalt parking lot project yet this year and wait on the concrete sidewalk project until a later date by Dale Koehler and seconded by Cathy Loverude. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to use Cardinal Construction, Dennis Gille Excavating, and Monarch Paving for the parking lot project by Dale Koehler and seconded by Pam Humpal. Motion Carried.

Mike Sandell has been working on the bell tower windows, repairing and rebuilding the window frames, trim, and actual windows. They are in his garage waiting to be painted. A huge thank you to Mike and Jim Danielson who has helped with this project. As always, please let us know if you notice something that needs repair.

Stewardship: Thank you to Nancy Danielson and Russell Boucher for counting in May. Patty is collecting the Time and Talent surveys and going through them.

Ladies Aid: The Ladies Aid donated \$4000 to the parking lot. They are providing a cake for Fellowship on the New Members Sunday, June 14th. The Ladies aid will have the Santa Sock in the hallway collecting items for the CRA. Nancy and Larry Henk are hosting a Ladies Aid potluck picnic on August 5th at their home.

Public Relations: An ad was placed in the paper for the Community Outdoor Service with a picture of Mary Hall. Gift Cards are available and sales are doing well.

Old Business

Pastor Ed asked how the church would like to pay for Right Now Media and Peg Kuhl will assist Pastor with this.

New Business

Choosing a new bank will be discussed at the Parish planning meetings.

Round table discussion

Dale Koehler invited everyone to Ribfest on June 26th

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

The next parish planning meeting will be July 14, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Clemens