



Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

July, 2025

From Pastor Anne Wickland

This past Sunday, Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe joined us to officially install me as the pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church! It was a wonderful day and I am very thankful to be here with you all. I know my mom and my trivia team enjoyed their time here and only had positive words for the service and the community. I know a few people asked if my other guests were my aunts or something, but fun fact—almost every Thursday for the past year I’ve been going to a trivia night at Hop Haus in Verona. I randomly joined a table when I attended by myself and I’ve been a part of team “What the Hell” ever since.

To continue those thanks, to our worship planning team (Kristi, Geri, & Gayle) for organizing not only the service, but also the fantastic brunch that followed. To those who made and brought food, everything was delicious, I definitely went back for seconds. To the call committee for their hard work during this long process. To Marie Leafblad who first recommended me to supply preach here. To Beth Laufenberg who headed up the call committee *and* was on the committee so long she became council president. And of course, to all of you here at Redeemer Lutheran. Without you all, there wouldn’t be this wonderful congregation for me to walk along!

We are now in the midst of Ordinary Time, where we now journey through the “story of us” ... discipleship, trust in God, what it means to be a follower of Christ, are the center of our text. The green season, while sometimes it can feel like it’s dragging on, is meant to be a time to focus on growth. And sometimes growing is a slow business. Where day to day you don’t quite see a difference, but we’re growing nonetheless. I was recently gifted a beautiful vase that says “bloom where you are planted” and “...the desert shall rejoice and blossom...it shall blossom abundantly... Isaiah 35:1,2” So in this time and space, let us bloom and grow in unexpected ways during this time of learning and reflection. And see where following Jesus takes us.

Blessings,

Pastor Anne

From the President

Here we are in July already. Time sure goes fast. I've had the opportunity to do some camping in Door County and Montello so far this summer. It is so nice to get away. I hope you have taken some time to enjoy summer.

Things are humming away at Redeemer...

Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe joined us on July 6th for the installation of Pastor Anne. This was a very exciting day. Thank you to everyone that attended the service. It was great to see so many in attendance. The brunch was also very good. Thank you to everyone that donated food and helped in various other ways.

A new AED (defibrillator) has been purchased and installed. Our old AED was 10 years old and beeping indicating it needed a new battery. After researching the cost of a new battery versus the cost of a new AED, and considering the age of our old one, council approved the purchase of a new AED.

Work has started on the new boiler. Actually, it is two smaller boilers. The new boilers are currently sitting in a Sunday School room in the basement. The big old boiler is still in the boiler room but has been disconnected. I am hopeful it will be removed soon. It is not an easy task to remove due to its weight and size. As of 7/7/2025, we have paid Paul Heating & Cooling \$25,375 (total project cost is \$41,500). See information in the newsletter around ongoing fundraising.

Davis Construction will be crack filling, seal coating, and marking the lines on the parking lot this summer. We do not know when they will be onsite to complete the work and expect to only get a day or two notice of their arrival. If you see the parking lot blocked off, please do not park in it.

This year for God's Work, Our Hand's Sunday in September, we will again be assembling school kits. Please see more on this in the newsletter.

Until next month...

God's Blessings,

Beth Laufenberg

Council President

From a Member

We have gone from Spring to sweltering! I pray everyone is staying cool and has ways to be safe in this uncontrollable weather!

Pastor Anne has settled in, not only into her job as our Pastor but also into the parsonage. She is living in Rio, which will hopefully make her job much easier! WELCOME Pastor Anne.

July 6, 2025 will be a special day at Redeemer. Pastor Anne will be installed as our Pastor! This will be an exciting day for her and our church. CONGRATULATIONS Pastor Anne.



The Lord has led us, the people of Redeemer, on quite a journey over the last five years! There have been hills and valleys, there have been rivers and dry lands and at the end of our journey the sun is shining!

Let us all pray that our days ahead at Redeemer are filled with faith, caring, forgiveness, and love! Praise and thanks be to God!

As we continue on our exciting journey of faith let us always remember that our Lord and Savior walks with us.

Stay cool and be safe in the heat we are experiencing!

In Christian love,

Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

Approved Minutes – 6-17-2025

Present: **President** - Beth Laufenberg, **Secretary** - Debbie Reiersen, **Vice President** – Ben Brusveen, **Treasurer** – Austin Dahnke. **Trustees:** Steve Gilbert, Lynn Bubolz and Pastor Anne Wickland.

Absent: Renee Miles, excused.

Meeting was called to order by President Beth Laufenberg at 6:02 p.m.

Approve Agenda

Motion was made by Lynn Bubolz to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ben Brusveen. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Devotions were given by Lynn Bubolz. Ben Brusveen will have devotions for June 17, 2025.

Review/Approve Minutes from: April 22, 2025 council meeting.

Motion was made by Pastor Anne Wickland to approve the April 22, 2025 council meeting minutes. Seconded by Steve Gilbert. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence and/or Guest Comments: none.

Financial Reports –

- a. **General Fund:** Austin Dahnke - See report. Doing well.
- b. **Bennett Mutual Fund:** Austin Dahnke - See report.
- c. **Memorial Fund:** Austin Dahnke - See report.

Motion was made by Lynn Bubolz to approve financial reports. Seconded by Debbie Reiersen. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports – Review/Approve:

- a. **Property**– Written report. In addition to the written report, Beth shared the following: Pastor Anne Wickland will be moving into the parsonage on May 23, 2025. Elevator passed inspection. The Rio Village Board approved a \$130 credit to be applied to the next church water bill (the church had a large amount of water usage over a few days due to the water softener not working correctly).
- b. **WELCA** – Debbie Reiersen – Not actively meeting.
- c. **Social Concerns** – Lynn Bubolz - Not actively meeting.
- d. **Outreach** – Steve Gilbert - Not meeting.
- e. **Stewardship** – Austin Dahnke – Not actively meeting.
- f. **Lay Ministry** – Renee Miles. Not actively meeting.

- g. **Education** – Beth Laufenberg - Not actively meeting.
- h. **Worship team** – Pastor Anne Wickland – Planned services for June. Will have communion 3 times/month when Pastor is here.
- i. **Policy Committee** – Steve Gilbert – Not meeting.
Motion was made by Debbie Reiersen to approve standing committee reports. Seconded by Steve Gilbert. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

- a. **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Anne Wickland has officially been our Pastor for the last 5 days. Beth Laufenberg and Pastor Anne attended the Synod Assembly. They shared some of their takeaways from the assembly.
- b. **Other Staff – None.**
Motion was made by Ben Brusveen to approve staff reports. Seconded by Austin Dahnke. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Boiler Project – Update/Review/approve

a. **Bids –**

Motion was made by Lynn Bubolz to approve the bid from Paul Heating & Cooling to replace the church existing boiler system for \$41,500 (\$40,000 included in 2025 Spending Plan). Seconded by Pastor Anne Wickland. Roll call vote was taken. There were 7 yes votes and zero no votes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lynn Bubolz to approve the bid from Paul Heating & Cooling to replace zone valves located throughout the church building for \$2,600 (\$200 included in 2025 Spending Plan for Boiler Maintenance). Seconded by Pastor Anne Wickland. All were in favor. Motion carried.

b. **Fund Raising Ideas**

- i. Barb Nelson – Colored Glass (blue)
- ii. Bob Skare – Woodworking
- iii. Other - Various other fundraising ideas were discussed.

Newsletter Article Guidelines – Discuss/Approve Table until June.

Parsonage Lawn Mowing & Snow Removal - This item was discussed.

Sale of extra pews – Discuss/Approve – This item was tabled.

Pastor Installation - Discussion

Discussed Pastor Anne Wickland's installation. We are waiting to hear from synod in regard to a date for Pastor Anne Wickland's installation.

Thanksgivings:

- Thank you to all those who helped get the parsonage ready for Pastor Anne.
- Thankful for Oleg and Sasha Rudnytsky, Trish McNeill, and Nancy Washington for the wonderful special music on Sunday, May 18, 2025.
- Pastor Anne is thankful for the warm welcome she has received.

Adjourn/Closing Prayer

Motion was made by Steve Gilbert to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Seconded by Ben Brusveen. All were in favor. Motion carried. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Dates to Remember:

- Next Council Meeting – June 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Debbie Reiersen
Council Secretary

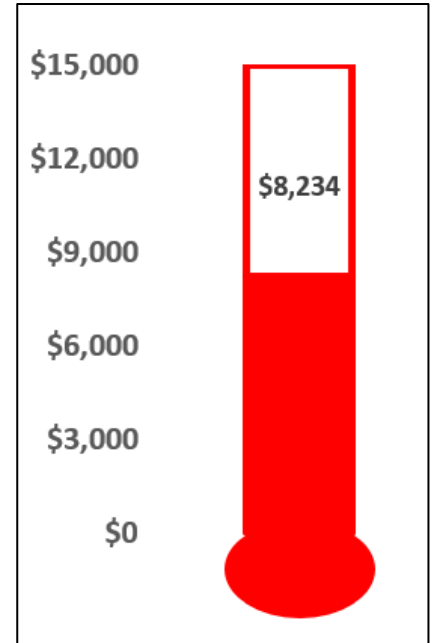
Boiler Funding Update

Fundraising continues. See breakdown below as a reminder of how we plan to pay for the boiler project.

As of 7/7/2025, \$8,234 has been raised toward the \$15,000 fundraising/donations goal. This includes member donations as well as money generated from the Easter Breakfast, Culver's fundraiser (\$423), and cobalt glass and woodworking sales. We are 55% of the way there.

As of 7/7/2025, Redeemer's members have matched \$4,950 of the \$5,000 Thrivent Choice Challenge.

Lastly, included in the existing church funds, is a generous memorial (\$4,965) from the Family of Donna Kearney designated for the boiler project.



How We Plan to Pay for the Boilers	
Source of Funds	\$
Fundraising & Donations	\$15,000
Thrivent Choice Matching	\$5,000
Existing Church Funds	\$21,500
Total Boiler Project Cost:	\$41,500

Fundraising for the New Boiler

We currently have 3 Boiler Fund-raising projects:

1) Bob Skare's Woodworks: Bob is sponsoring a Fund-Raiser to raise money for Redeemer's new boiler. Please be sure to take a look at the display in the Narthex. These items will be on display until **Sunday, July 20**.

2) Church Pew Sales: We have a number of church pews currently stored at the parsonage that are being offered for sale. All that is left at this time are the 12-foot pews. We are asking **\$100/each**. If you are interested in purchasing one (or more) of them – please let Kristi, in the office, know.



3) Barb Nelson's Cobalt Blue Glassware Collection: Barb has donated her Cobalt Blue glassware collection to Redeemer as a Fund-Raiser for the boiler. There are many pieces, including fancy vases, stemmed glasses, bowls, candleholders, creamers, salt & pepper shakers, candy dishes, and the list goes on.

You can stop in when the office is open, after worship, or make arrangements with Lynn Bubolz to view the items. The silent auction will end on **Thursday, July 10**. All other items will be displayed in the lounge through **Sunday, July 13**.

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Thank You!

Future Fundraising Events



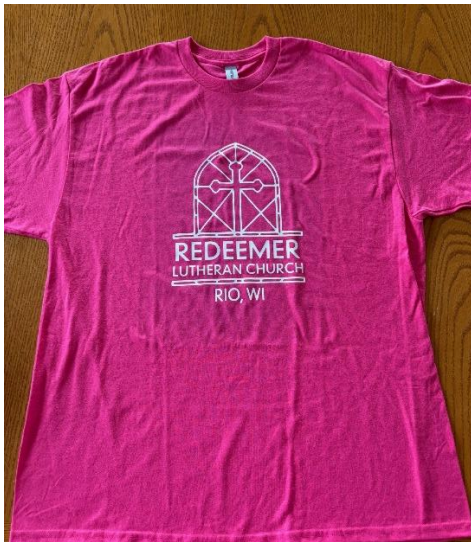
Join us at **Texas Roadhouse** for supper on Wednesday, **August 20th** from **3:30pm – 10pm** to raise money for the boiler project. Texas Roadhouse on the east side of Madison will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Redeemer. You need to show them this flyer or tell them at the time you order that you are there for Redeemer's fundraiser. Please share this with your friends and family. We will have paper copies of this flyer available at church later in the month. We will also advertise on Facebook. Reminder this is held on August 20th.



Other Events in the Planning Stage

- 1) We are hoping to have a float in the Rio Street Dance parade on Saturday, August 16th. We don't have a theme for the float yet, but hope to use the parade as a way to promote the Texas Roadhouse event as well as share information about Redeemer. Please reach out to Beth Laufenberg if you are interested in helping with this.
- 2) Ice cream floats (ex. Root beer float) and Texas Roadhouse peanut sales following the Street Dance parade on Saturday, August 16th. Again, this is in the very early planning stage. Please reach out to Beth Laufenberg if you are interested in helping with this or have additional ideas of ways we could raise money at the Street Dance.

- 3) Lastly, we are exploring selling t-shirts. Below is an example of what they could look like. They would be available in multiple colors.



July Birthdays

Jeremy Jaynes	July 5
April Severson	July 5
Emma Dahnke	July 6
Dennis Brusveen	July 10
Ben Brusveen	July 16
Brian Brewer	July 17
Rhonda Corning	July 17
Chainey Brewer	July 21

July Anniversaries

None that we are aware of

WELCA - Save the Date (X2!!) - Mark Your Calendars - Twice!

The SCSW WELCA Biennial Convention and Gathering will be held on Saturday, October 4 at New Heights Church at the Grove in Mazomanie ([314 Anne St., Mazomanie](#)). The theme for this year's gathering is "We Stand with You in Love." **Registration will open on July 1.**

And...

The Churchwide WELCA Triennial Gathering will be July 16-19, 2026, in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme is "I am Worthy." Registration for the Triennial Gathering in 2026 begins THIS YEAR on July. Go to [WELCA.org](#) for more details about the WELCA Triennial Gathering in 2026.



Summer Lunches at the Library

Judy Sandberg has volunteered to coordinate Redeemer's participation in providing Summer Lunches at the Library. THANK YOU, JUDY! Redeemer will be partnering with Bonnet Prairie, as we have in the past. We are providing lunches during the week of July 21. Those dates are: Monday, July 21; Wednesday, July 23; and Friday, July 25. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare, transport and/or serve lunch for the kids at the library, please contact Judy at (920) 382-2230



School Kits

for Lutheran World Relief

Once again, we will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are inviting you to donate any or all of the items listed below needed for each school kit. A donation box will be placed in the narthex and north (covered) entrance. **This year we are suggesting that you make a cash donation for school kits which will allow us to buy items in bulk at a discounted price.** Please indicate on your envelope or check that the donation is for "School Kits". To allow time for shopping, we would appreciate cash donations be made by Sunday, August 17th.

As in the past, we will assemble the kits after church in September. The date is still to be determined. All are invited to help.

School supplies needed for each kit:

- Four 70-sheet 8"x10½" notebooks, wide or college rule
- One 30-centimeter ruler, can have both inches and centimeters
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½" eraser



Other Kits for Lutheran World Relief – Lists of items for each kit are available in the narthex and north entrance. Completed kits must be at church by Sunday, September 7th.

- Baby Care Kit
- Fabric Kit
- Personal Care Kit



**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE
UNTO THE LORD!**

It is time to get back into the swing of things! Choir members and prospective choir members, let's reorganize as follows:

Senior Choir: 1:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir: 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Balcony

Looking forward to making music together!
Geri



July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	2	3 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	4	5
6 9:00 Worship/Communion Facebook FM 101.7 <i>Pastor Anne Installation</i>	7 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours: 9:00 - Noon	8 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	9	10 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	11	12
13 9:00 Worship No Communion Facebook FM 101.7	14 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours: 9:00 - Noon	15 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	16	17 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	18	19
20 9:00 Worship/Communion Facebook FM 101.7	21 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon Pastor's Hours: 9:00 - Noon	22 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	23 <i>August Newsletter Articles Due</i>	24 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	25	26
27 9:00 Worship/Communion Facebook FM 101.7	28 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – Noon	29 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	30	31 6:00 pm- AA Meeting		

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Worship Music Provided by Multiple Musicians