



## Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

June, 2025

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From Pastor Anne Wickland

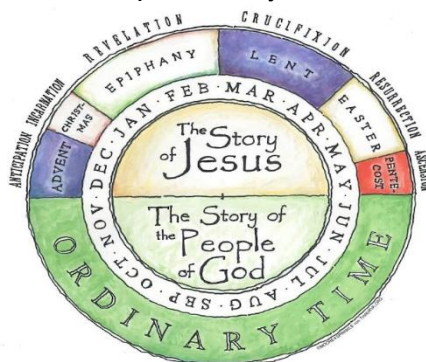
Summer is almost here and our season of Easter is coming to an end. June 8th is Pentecost (wear your red!) and then we enter the longest season of the church year...Ordinary Time. I used to think that Ordinary Time was kind of boring or that it dragged on until we had Reformation and All Saints but recently, I came across this image that changed my view. It was a circle that showed the liturgical calendar with one half of it saying "the story of Jesus", which encompassed Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The other half said "the story of the people of God". The texts during Ordinary time focus on *us*. On Jesus' teachings, healings, parables, and what that means as followers of Christ. In naming Ordinary Time "the story of the people of God" it gave me a different way to think of our weekly texts. When we start this summer with Jesus exercising demons out of a man and into a group of pigs. This is a healing story and a returning of someone back to their community.

So, we're finishing up the story of Jesus from anticipation, birth, life, death, resurrection, to ascension and we'll now be digging deeper into the "life" and ministry of Jesus and where we fit into all of this.

On a more "business" note, my office hours during the week are: ***Mondays 9am-Noon, Tuesdays 9am-3pm, and Wednesdays by appointment.*** And I will lead worship 3 Sundays a month. For June that means that we'll have a supply preacher for June 22nd and 29th. As for communion, we've recently been trying out having it on the 1st and 3rd Sundays (and festival services like Pentecost). Moving forward we will have communion when I am leading worship and will *not* have communion when I'm gone. I know there are a couple pastors who are our "go-tos", but this also opens us up to seminarians possibly preaching or other speakers as well!

And many thanks to you all. I was not expecting the warm welcome and birthday wishes (and cake!) when I returned and I have felt so cared for by you all. I'm slowly starting to decorate the parsonage and Nox and Lumos (my cats) are settling into their new space. They of course have their own room and love looking out the big windows.

Blessings, Pastor Anne



## From The President

Welcome to my June update...

At the last Council meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Council voted to approve the boiler bid from Paul's Heating and Cooling at a cost of \$41,500. Paul has maintained our current boiler system for many years and is very familiar with our heating needs. Installation of the new boiler system will be completed in stages over the summer.

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.

Our elevator was recently inspected by a state approved inspector. We passed! The State of Wisconsin – Department of Safety & Professional Services has granted us a Permit to Operate (the elevator) for another year.

Thank you to everyone that came out to Culver's in Columbus on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Culver's donated 15% of their sales that evening to Redeemer. We do not know the final amount yet. We used this as a fundraiser for the boiler. I apologize if some of you did not know about it. It came together very quickly and we did most of the advertising via email and Facebook.

I hope to get a date for Pastor Anne's official installation service scheduled with the Synod this week. We will share that out as well as any special plans for the day as soon as it is available.

Until next month...

God's Blessings,

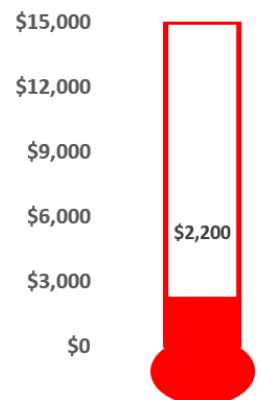
*Beth Laufenberg*

Council President

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### Boiler Update

Ok... Council approved the boiler bid of \$41,500, how are we going to pay for it? I bet this has gone through your mind. Well, we got you covered. The Council discussed this in depth. We feel that the church currently has funds to comfortably cover \$21,500 of the total expense. This leaves \$20,000. The Thrivent Choice members have agreed to match \$5,000 of the amounts raised. This leaves \$15,000 for the congregation to raise via donations and fundraisers. As of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$2,200 has been collected. If you have not already, please feel free to make a donation towards the boiler. Please identify on your check or envelope the amount to be designated for the boiler.



We are looking for ideas of how we could raise additional funds through fundraising. We just had a fundraiser at Culver's and anticipate that generating a few hundred dollars. We are exploring other fundraising options as well. Feel free to reach out to Beth Laufenberg or another Council member with any fundraising ideas.

## From a Member

I have said this before and I will say it now, "where does time go?" This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day and there are only ten days left in May.

Many students will be graduating from High School and College. Many gardens should be planted, even though we have been having unseasonably cool weather. We know Spring is here because of the activities happening, now if the weather would just help us out!

Sometimes I struggle when I think about "what kind of a message should I share this month!" Should it be thought provoking? Should it be along the religious line? Should it be spiritual? Maybe, it should be all three because it is for CHURCH! I think, maybe, that is what members expect.

Yes, we are all Christians but we are also very human. As human Christians we all are sinners! That we are certain of but we know that with hope in Jesus who has overcome death, and our courage in him whose might and grace are found in humility that our love for him will grow as we follow and obey his holy word. Our Lord has even greater blessings and joys for us than we can imagine for ourselves. We have a great gift in our Lord and Savior. May our eyes be open to see him and our hearts be open to love him.

We live in a broken world and we don't have peace, which is, I pray, what we all desire for ourselves and others. What we offer in prayer and service seems like it is not enough on most days but God will take it all and use it for good in his kingdom on earth.

Our situation at Redeemer has finally changed for good. Pastor Anne Wickland is now our spiritual leader. Our prayers for Pastor Anne and our congregation will be a blessing to the glory of God.

I believe that we all want the very best for Redeemer Lutheran Church, its Pastor and our members.

To God be all glory and honor!

*Blessings,*

***Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock***

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**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Approved Minutes 5-20-2025**

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

**Absent:** **Vice President**, Ben Brusveen, excused.

**Meeting was called to order by President Beth Laufenberg at 6:08 p.m.**

**Approve Agenda**

Motion was made by Pastor Anne Wickland to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor.  
Motion carried.

**Devotions** were given by Beth Laufenberg. Pastor Anne Wickland gave a prayer. Lynn Bubolz will have devotions for May 20, 2025.

**Review/Approve Minutes from: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025 council meeting minutes and the Sunday, April 6, 2025 Special Council meeting minutes.**

Motion was made by Lynn Bubolz to approve the March 18, 2025 council meeting minutes and the April 6, 2025 special council meeting minutes. Seconded by Austin Dahnke. 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 Debbie Reiersen to approve financial reports. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor.  
Motion carried.

**Standing Committee Reports – Review/Approve:**

- a. **Property**– Written report.
- b. **WELCA** – Debbie Reiersen – Not actively meeting. Quilters request for embroidery floss.
- 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 – Picked hymns for May.
- i. **Policy Committee** – Steve Gilbert – Not meeting.

Motion was made by Steve Gilbert to approve standing committee reports. Seconded by Austin Dahnke. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Staff Reports:**

**Pastor's report** – Sundays in May are planned. Pastor Anne is visiting members. Pastor Berggren will preach first two Sundays in May. Pastor Anne Wickland will be back May 18, 2025.

**Administrative Assistant** – Bookkeeper, Beth Laufenberg discussed our high water bill. She discovered the water softener in the boiler room was running water into the drain constantly. She sent a letter to the village to see if our bill could be adjusted due to this problem.

Motion was made by Debbie Reiersen to approve staff reports. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor.  
Motion carried. Beth Laufenberg abstained.

**Newsletter Article Guidelines – Discuss/Approve** Table until May.

Motion was made by Debbie Reiersen to table this discussion until May. Seconded by Beth Laufenberg. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Church Phone and Internet – Update**

The installation of Spectrum phone and internet service has been completed. We can use our existing phones. Voice mail has been set up. The church phone number remains the same.

### **Call Process – Update**

Assuming Pastor Anne Wickland is approved as our new Pastor, we would be looking at a June formal installation.

### **Boiler Project – Update/Review/approve**

#### **a. Review Bids – Paul Heating & Cooling (Oregon) and Modern Heating & Cooling (Black Earth)**

The council discussed these bids, and are waiting for more information.

Motion was made by Austin Dahnke to table boiler project until we get the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote from Bleich Heating and AC. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **b. Fund Raising Ideas**

The council discussed various ideas to do fundraising for a new boiler.

### **Possible Alliant Energy Grant – Discuss**

Lynn Bubolz looked into the possibility of an Alliant Energy grant. It doesn't look favorable.

### **Congregational Meeting – Discuss (Sunday, April 27, 2025 after church)**

Council discussed the meeting that will be held on Sunday, April 27.

### **Thanksgivings:**

- Thankful for Pastor Anne Wickland who has been with us for some time now.
- Thank you to all the readers, musicians, altar guild, projection of the service, recording the service and others who help with our services.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the various services throughout lent.
- Thank you to Debbie Reiersen for providing us with music for some Sunday services. It is appreciated.

### **Adjourn/Closing Prayer**

Motion was made by Beth Laufenberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Seconded by Pastor Anne Wickland. All were in favor. Motion carried. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 27, 2025 after church
- Next Council Meeting – May 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Debbie Reiersen  
Council Secretary

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### **June Birthdays**

Ashley Laufenberg	June 1
Jack Risgaard	June 4
Nancy Wescott	June 5
Rick Olson	June 13
Nancy Washington	June 17
Kory Ptaschinski	June 17
Randy Baerwolf	June 18
Samantha Agnew	June 19
Ryan Risgaard	June 26
Sharon Wismar	June 30

### **June Anniversaries**

Mike and Mary Ellen Miller	June 1
Scott & Trish McNeill	June 14
Randy & Jennifer Baerwolf	June 24
Rick & Linda Olson	June 26

# JUNE

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

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Worship Music Provided by Multiple Musicians