



Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

June/July, 2026

From Pastor Anne Wickland

Happy June everyone! We celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church, at the end of May and we've now entered into Ordinary Time. From Advent through Pentecost, we follow the story of Jesus, beginning with the anticipation of his arrival and ending with Jesus' death and resurrection and ultimately his ascension into heaven.

This leaves the disciples to start the early Christian Church, to share the Good News with those they encounter.

And now it's all about us, the Body of Christ. The Gospel texts for the next few months will be full of parables, healing stories and other miracles, and pondering what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

Now, some logistical information for the summer! I will be attending the ELCA's Rostered Minister's Gathering in Indianapolis, IN July 6th-9th for continuing education. This is a conference for ELCA clergy where we will gather together for worship, time together, and educational workshops with topics ranging from stewardship and church constitutions to theological reflections and utilizing church spaces to better our communities. For the summer, our communion schedule will be a little different—when we have a supply pastor we will *not* offer communion. This is the compromise our worship team came up with a few months ago when there was discussion on how often we have communion. During the school year we will have communion every Sunday but during the summer months we will only serve communion when I am present. So, we will not have communion June 21, July 12, August 16 & 23. If you have any questions about communion, or anything else, please let me know!

Blessings,

Pastor Anne

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

Approved Minutes

Present: President - Beth Laufenberg, **Secretary** – Kristi Fehrman, **Trustees** Lynn Bubolz and Rick Olson, and Pastor Anne Wickland.

Absent: Vice President, Ben Brusveen and **Treasurer**, Austin Dahnke

1. Meeting was called to order by President Beth Laufenberg at 6:02 P.M.
2. **Approve Agenda**
Motion by Pastor Anne Wickland to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor. Motion carried
3. **Devotions** – Given by Beth Laufenberg. Lynn Bubolz will have devotions for May 19, 2026.
4. **Review and approve minutes from March 17th, 2026**
Motion by Lynn Bubolz to approve the minutes. Seconded by Pastor Anne. All were in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Correspondence or guest comments.**
No correspondence.
6. **Choir Accompanist (Geri Gorman)**
Guest, Geri Gorman, reported that our current Senior Choir accompanist, Gayle Krueger, has given her resignation after 40 years of service. Geri asked for permission to advertise and seek a replacement. All agreed Geri should pursue all options.
7. **Financial Reports – Review/Approve**
 - a. **General Fund** – See Report
 - b. **Bennett Mutual Fund** – See Report
 - c. **Memorial Fund** – See ReportMotion by Lynn Bubolz to approve the Financial Reports. Seconded by Kristi Fehrman. All were in favor. Motion carried
8. **General Savings CD**
President, Beth Laufenberg, indicated that the general savings CD came due today (4-21-2026). Motion by Kristi Fehrman to renew for 13 months at the current 4% interest rate. Seconded by Rick Olson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
9. **Bennett US Bank Investment Account Signors/Authorized Individuals**
President, Beth Laufenberg, reported that the current signers on the US Bank Investment account are Robert (Bob) Risgaard and Larry Gorman. Beth shared that Bob & Larry suggested that another signer be added to the account. Motion by Kristi Fehrman to update the account to reflect Robert Risgaard, Larry Gorman, and Beth Laufenberg (Bookkeeper) be Account Signers/Authorized Individuals on the Bennett US Bank Investment Account at US Bank. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor. Beth Laufenberg abstained. Motion carried.
10. **Standing Committee Reports**
 - a. **Property** – Report provided
 - b. **Worship Team** – Pastor Anne reported that the team just completed planning for May. There will be no Service on May 24, as Bonnet Prairie will be holding their annual Memorial Day Service. Redeemer will celebrate Pentecost the following week on May 31. The team also made notes and documented some changes for the services during Lent and Holy Week to make things go more smoothly in the future.
 - c. **Other** – Rick Olson reported for the Stewardship Committee that some of our previous documents for Time & Talent have been found. We can use those for future Stewardship discussions, if we decide to go that direction.
Motion by Beth Laufenberg to approve the Standing Committee Reports. Seconded by Pastor Anne. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Staff Reports

- a. **Pastor’s Report** – Pastor Anne reported that we have recently gained a Confirmation Student and are now at a total of 4
 - b. **Other Staff** – Beth reported that she is in the process of obtaining supply Pastors for dates when Pastor Anne is not scheduled. Kristi reported that there has been some additional discussion regarding possible changes to Soup Suppers, and the Easter Breakfast for next year.
- Motion by Rick Olson to approve the Staff Reports. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor. Motion carried.

12. Boiler Update

Beth Laufenberg and Lynn Bubolz reported that this is still WIP. The Council reviewed an e-mail update dated April 19, 2026 from Bob Risgaard. The heat cannot be turned off for the season until the work has been completed.

13. Standing Committee Plan

To be discussed at the May 19, 2026 Meeting. Kristi will research descriptions for the Committees.

14. Synod Assembly Delegates

President Beth Laufenberg reported that there are no volunteers to be this year’s lay person delegates. Pastor Anne is registered.

15. Thanksgivings

Given for all the Holy Week participants, volunteers, and attendees.

16. Adjourn/Closing Prayer

Motion by Pastor Anne to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Dates to Remember:

- Next Council Meeting: May 19, 2026 at 6pm
- Synod Assembly: May 15th & 16th Woodman’s Center, Janesville

**Kristi Fehrman
Council Secretary**

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

July Birthdays

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

July Anniversaries

None that we are aware of

LUNCH ON THE LIBRARY LAWN

This year, Judy Sandberg is again leading our participation in the Summer Lunch on the Library Lawn, in conjunction with the folks from Bonnet Prairie. We are preparing and serving lunches during the week of July 20. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy directly at: (920) 382-2230. And, if Judy has a need for additional volunteers, it will be communicated either at worship on Sundays OR during the weekly e-mail.

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office and Pastor's Hours: 9:00 – Noon	2 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	3	4 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	5	6
7 9:00 Worship/Communion YouTube via Facebook FM 101.7	8 Office and Pastor's Hours: 9:00 – Noon	9 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	10	11 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	12	13
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21 9:00 Worship <i>No Communion</i> YouTube via Facebook FM 101.7	22 Office and Pastor's Hours: 9:00 – Noon <i>July Newsletter Articles Due</i>	23 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	24	25 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	26	27
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Worship Music Provided by Multiple Musicians