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Newsletter

October, 2026

Dear Brother & Sisters in Christ,

Every member of a family has different things that they do, different things that they have responsibility for. Many fathers are the main breadwinners for the family, providing for the needs of the family. Many mothers work outside the home also to aid the fathers in their breadwinning duties. Sometimes the household duties are shared by the father and the mother, the husband and the wife, and other times they are split between the couple, depending on who prefers to do certain things. Sometimes the wife and mother stays at home and does most of the home making and child-care chores herself. And in other situations, there are single parent families, where one parent must do everything. Sometimes when the children are old enough, they can begin taking on some of the duties and chores, to ease the burden on mom and/or dad, so that everyone does a little work, and no one person must do all of the work. This is a large part of what being a family is all about.

But an even more important part of what a family is all about is the reason why the members of that family work together to share each other's burdens. That reason is love. Love is what should motivate husband and wife to serve one another and share in the responsibilities of life. Love is what should motivate the children to share in the household tasks. Love is the greatest motivator that there is, and it should be reason enough to do the work that seems time-consuming and mundane.

Where is the source of this love? One source is the natural bonds between husband and wife, parents and children. But in the Christian home an even greater source of love should be available. That source is Jesus Christ, our Savior. The greatest love of all was shown to us when Jesus gave up His life on the cross. As He said to His disciples, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command." Love took Jesus to the cross, love poured from His veins and washed us all clean, purified of the sins that separated us from the love of God.

When we are baptized, we are cleansed from our sins to be a part of the family of God. He created and adopted us and called us His own. He has shown love to us through all that He has done for us, and through everything that He has provided for us. Now as part of His household, as His dear children, we also should show our love back to Him by taking on the opportunities of responsibilities that He places before us. The responsibilities of leadership, service to others, and providing and caring for the needs of His household are our opportunities to show that love, to care as we have been cared for. Let His love move and direct your life to fulfill the opportunities and responsibilities that are placed before us in this congregation. There are openings on church boards that need to be filled. Are you asking yourself, "How can I help my Redeemer family with everything that needs to be done?"

In Christ's Love,

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Executive Committee Meeting

Redeemer Lutheran Church Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 21, 2026

- The meeting was called to order by Randy Pfister.
- In attendance: Randy Pfister, Jim Wirch, Wesley Pett, Pastor Pett, Jean Borchardt, Dianne Rentmeester, Marsha Gomoll, Angela Truskowski
- Pastor Pett led us in a devotion from Ezekiel 18 and a prayer.
- August minutes for the Executive Council were approved as written.

Redeemer Safety / Security Team: Lorin Sternberg & Jane Muhl

- Keyless Lock System – Nate Losinski Overall Status & Timing Update
 - Take original network from cloud control to a local network. Lengthy process has been completed.
 - Next step to get separate phone system in church conference room, secretary & pastor office. Add a temp door to train – once training completed then transition keyless entry to four main doors. Utilizing and adding new phone system in preparation for potential failure/transition of existing phone system.
 - Timing of keyless entry system: Phone in offices and training door by end of September. Rolling timing for updating of other four doors before Thanksgiving.
 - Four doors will be upgraded, (church door, school door, far door with blue overhang, Hudson St school door). Fob, card or cell phone access. Programmable schedules as well. One time QR codes available.
 - Likely will need replacement door for school based on current condition.
 - Goal is to invalidate all current keys.
- Safety / Security Team Update
 - Team Membership – Rob Dufek has joined the team of Verchelle Dehn, Lorin Sternberg & Juane Muhl. Scott Truskowski continuing a leave of absence.
 - September 14 Meeting- Medical Emergency Team development/implementation Chelsea Opicka, RN & John Berry, Retired EMT assisted Safety Team in:
 - Reviewing current medical equipment/supplies.
 - Reviewing/revising draft procedures/responsibilities during emergency medical situations
 - Recruiting team members – 12 members of congregation have indicated interest in serving on the Medical Emergency Team
 - Working toward implementation of Medical Emergency Team – Jan 2027
 - Planed for October 12 Meeting GBPD Safety Risk Assessment Follow-up; Officer Nate Henning, Community Liaison Officer & Captain Tom Denney, GBPD Community Division will attend meeting to:
 - Review & clarify several aspects of GBPD Risk Assessment
 - Foster relationship between Redeemer & GBPD, especially in case of an emergency situation
 - Signage Update
 - Entry door numbers provided to Board of Property who installed 9/15/26. Requires additional review.
 - Meeting with GBPD will clarify ADA requirements for additional signage
 - Continued Work & Monitoring on Narthex Assistant Role, Practice of Evacuation Routes, Keyless Door System changes.
 - Safety Team requested clarification from Elders on their expectations of the Safety Team in implementation/ administration of the Compliance Risk Management Policy.

Pastor's Report: Worship

Date(s)	Wed. – 6:30	Sun. – 9:15	Virtual	Total
7/29 & 8/2	58	104	840	1002
8/5 & 8/9	48	115	578	741
8/12 & 8/16	58	116	627	801
8/19 & 8/23	53	127	754	934
8/26 & 8/30	53	112	579	744

Executive Committee Meeting

Teaching

- 4 Adult Bible Classes, 14 Online Noon Devotions, 2 Services @ Blue Jay Springs Assisted Living
- Virtual Views of Online Devotions – 7/27 – 7/31 = 462, 8/3 – 8/6 = 365, 8/10 – 8/13 = 338, 8/17 – 8/20 = 641, 8/24 – 8/27 = 535

Pastoral Care

- 0 hospital visits, 11 shut-in visits

New Members

- Arya Ahtonen– by Holy Baptism 8/2/26

Funerals/Deaths

- LaVern (Bud) Jones– died 8/15/26, funeral 8/21/26

Weddings & Anniversary Services

- None

Other Membership Changes

- Tristan Tucker– transferred to New Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS), Neenah
- List of those removed due to inactivity attached to Elder Reports

Membership

- Current Baptized Membership = 358
- Current Communicant Membership = 291

Administrative

- Elders Meeting – 8/3/26, Board of Property Meeting – 8/4/26, Board of Mission & Ministry – 8/11/26, Executive Committee – 8/18/26

Elders' Report – Jim Wirch reported that the Board of Elders met on September 14, 2026 and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6 PM

- Compliance Risk Management Policy/Child Protection Policy (CRMP):
 - A revised CRMP “Safe Initiative” document was reviewed. Tasks to do: Assign specific persons and/or positions to the Communication in Crisis Team (CCT).
 - Assign a company for background checks (waiting for reply with recommendation from LCMS North Wisconsin District).
 - The Board of Elders are recommending the Safety Ministry Team be involved in, or administer the CRMP.
- An update on recent Safety Ministry Team activity was provided by Jane Muhl.
- Pastor Yaw from Pulaski requested that Redeemer host a District Circuit Convocation where one or two elders or congregational representatives meet with representatives from other circuit churches. The elders agreed Redeemer would host this event.
- Jeff Goin currently receives website email prayer requests. Legitimate requests are either forwarded to the Board of Elders for prayer or, if the request is from a member, the request is forwarded to the church secretary for inclusion on the prayer list.
- The board’s study of the Book of 1 Timothy 5:1-16 was continued.

GBTLSA (Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School Association): Jean Borchardt reported from the September 2026 Meeting.

- DJ Schult, Assistant to the President LCMS North WI District, presented on the difference between a governance board and a management board.
- Association church dues calculation is being reviewed. The original purpose of the dues is to cover the discount in tuition for member students.

Executive Committee Meeting

NEWLSA (NEW Lutheran High School Association): Angela Truskowski reported from the September 2026 meeting:

- Board & Leadership
 - Board membership: Three new board members began July 1, including myself, a pastoral representative, and another church representative.
 - Executive Director: New Executive Director has adjusted well to the role and has hit the ground running. He has been intentional about gathering input from parents, students, and staff through surveys and in-person conversations.
 - He is in the process of meeting individually with the pastors of each association church to build relationships and better understand the churches' perspectives.
- 50th Anniversary
 - This school year marks the 50th anniversary of the school. The Executive Director is incorporating the milestone into this year's activities, with a larger celebration being planned for later in the school year.
- Board Committees & Governance
 - Two new committees were recommended - Philanthropy Committee & Building & Grounds Committee. The Board voted in favor of forming these committees.
- Enrollment
 - Student enrollment is at the 4th largest in school recorded history. Largest entering freshmen class in over 35 years. Current forecasting models indicate continued enrollment growth over the next five years.
- Financial Update
 - Financial performance for the current fiscal school year is strong.
 - Overall financial health remains a positive area for the school as enrollment continues to grow.
- Marketing, Branding & Website
 - There is an active focus on developing a stronger marketing, branding, and website strategy.

Mission & Ministry: Marsha reported from the Tues. September 15, 2026 meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

- Church Picnic - Overall very successful; 96 attendees; 82 adults and 14 children
- Golden House – feedback from Executive Committee
 - County mulch is likely compost and will produce weeds.
 - Have a workday in Spring of 2027 to lay bags of purchased mulch.
- Mission & Ministry/RWML
 - Groups cannot be combined due to church bylaws
 - Current committed M&M Board count for 2027 is 3 members
 - Will need to get congregation volunteer commitment for events
 - No committed M&M Board Chair for 2027

New 2027 Board Member prospects: Heather V., Melissa Kiley, Jody L.

Christmas Giving Tree - Considering Rebekah's House and/or Adult & Teen Challenge
- Trunk or Treat – preplanning
- Created Gift Basket for Swine & Dine
- Upcoming events for 2026
 - Trunk or Treat – October 24, 2026
 - Christmas Giving Tree
 - Advent Meal – M & M will host 1st meal

Executive Committee Meeting

Board of Property -Wesley Pett reported that they met on Tues. September 1, 2026. The next meeting will be October 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

- Storage Sheds – Organizing with tables, shelves, and hanging tools - started
- Additional Security cameras for church – Doug L. has installed 17 out of ? of the new cameras. A monitor has been installed in the office but has not been connected yet. He has more work to complete before the project is finished. More work is being done as the new key fob system is being installed - update.
- Future projects list is in Dropbox. Much painting to be done.
- Remodeling the meeting room in the church building – done!
- Northern Metal has replaced the roof on the Ministry Center - completed
- Finish ceiling tile in the church basement Sunday School room and kitchen
- Add more sound dampening panels in the gym on the north and south walls- September 12th. – Done!
- Safety Team’s plan for signage for the doors outside and inside of both buildings – number stickers have been applied. Needs to be reviewed with Safety Team.
- Closet door in Altar Guild room – Done!
- BOP Members Next Year– Ryan Pett & Brian Paul; others to do tasks as assigned. Need two or three more additional members.

Financial and Treasurer Report – Dianne Rentmeester reported:

- August 2026 offerings were up 8% over LY. Other Income of \$7517 is the LLF Property 2.5% distribution and the \$37,891 in Misc Income is the Income from the LCEF CD.
- Elmer Dotz Account - The \$7,183 in the account is designated for the Keyless entry expenses.

Old Business:

- Constitution Committee
 - Changes to be presented for a Vote at 10/25 Congregational Meeting include the addition of GBTLA member to the Exec Committee.
- Volunteer Recognition Sunday - January, 2027? Tabled for next meeting.

New Business

- Switching Internet and Phones from Spectrum to TDS due to fiber issues
 - Reduced Spectrum from \$210 to \$110 / month; now TDS \$140 / month
- October 25th Congregational Meeting – Officers
 - Board of Property (3 members plus a “Helper List”?)
 - Board of Mission / Ministry
 - Vice Chairman
 - Financial Secretary

Upcoming Meetings

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| • Executive Committee Meeting | October 20, 2026 |
| • Congregational Meeting (Update / Officers) | October 25, 2026 |
| • Executive Committee Meeting | November 17, 2026 |
| • Executive Committee / Elders Event | December XX, 2026 |

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Dianne Rentmeester made motion for adjournment, seconded by Marsha Gomoll. Pastor Pett led us in Luther’s Evening Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Rentmeester for Julie Kramer

Prayer List

International & Local Concerns:

Persecuted Christians
Natural Disaster Victims
People of Menasha
People of Nepal
Victims of Senseless Violence
People of Ukraine
People of Israel
People of Iran
People of Lebanon

Family & Friends of Those Who Have Passed Away:

Dave Fenner

In Hospice Care:

Jim Leuthold – friend of Doug & Christel Laatsch

Undergoing Treatment:

Thea Beaudette – child of Keanan Kern’s friend
Mark Brefczynski - friend of Brenda Olson
Sara Brancefield - daughter of Keith Laux
Taylor Brancefield - grandson of Keith Laux
Adam Cayemberg - friend of Steve Wassenberg (cancer)
Jill Davies-Kern
Brenda Gunder
Cathy Haber - sister-in-law of Marsha Gomoll
John Hanmann Jr. - friend of Marsha Gomoll (19 yr old, cousin of her grandchildren, stage 5 kidney disease)
Marie Harder - sister of Keith Laux
Ken Herman – friend of Terry Deprey
Bill Jones – friend of Brenda Olson
Tom Klatt – cousin of Jean Palomino
Lisa Kosmoski
Kaydra Lee - friend of Marsha Gomoll
Dave Lindsley - friend of Marsha Gomoll
Jean Palomino
Lolly Pleshek – sister of Bud Aprill
Payton Sanoval - granddaughter of Keith Laux
Mark Stindt - friend of Marsha Gomoll (cancer)
Melodie Wardecke - cousin of Janet Groh
Joan Zittlow

Recovering:

Randy Gomoll
Marie Hableman
Carol Knapowski
Emily Meyer – niece of Mary Pett
Roger Nowak
Francis Thyges – brother-in-law of Jean Palomino

School Ministry:

N.E.W. Lutheran High School
Trinity Lutheran School

Ongoing Health Problems:

Neal Anderson
Naomi Bahrke
Dorothy Bloede - aunt of Lorri Sternberg
Denise Brefczynski – friend of Brenda Olson
Evelyn Cayo – sister of Bud Aprill
Sharon Eichman
Ed Forel – father of Sheila Ferron
Cindy Gentz - friend of Lorri Sternberg
LouAnn Gerzmehle – sister of Ron Miller
Penny Grambihler
Thomas Hilke – brother-in-law of Wanda Hilke, uncle of Olivia Horney
Debbie Hribel – friend of Verchelle Dehn
Vi Howard
Ron Howard
Tom Jablonski
Sue Kienitz - sister-in-law of Neal & Ann Anderson
John Kiley
Roy Krouse – husband of Kathy Krouse
Carol Kuske
Sydney Miracle – niece of Robin & Brian Paul
Josh Moede
Kim Rorrer - former Redeemer Secretary
Bob Zittlow
BJ Zittlow - grandson of Joan Zittlow
Laurie Zoellner

All Caregivers

Missionaries

Ashley Lehr
Katie Siudak

Military Personnel:

Kaden Dabbs – grandson of Brittany & Chuck Hyde
Paige Ramon – daughter of Rick & Julie Boger
Tess & Shaun LaRue – daughter & son-in-law of Rick & Julie Bogner
Roy & Esmeralda McDonough - grandson of Vi Howard
Nathan Schroeder - nephew of Pat Taylor

Updated: 9-30-26

Church News

FALL BOOYAH

Where did the Summer go? Fall Booyah is just around the corner October 3rd, 2026. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for ingredients and volunteer times. Preorder forms are in the bulletin and in the narthex. Come and enjoy some delicious take out booyah. Thank you, Redeemer Fellowship

LWML SUNDAY

We hope everyone enjoys the quilts that decorate the pews on LWML Sunday. The quilters would like to thank everyone for your support in donating fabric and Thrivent cards. This year some of our quilts will be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a group that supplies beds to children.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

You may be a caregiver if you help support an aging parent, a loved one with dementia or cognitive changes or a family member with a disability, stroke or complex health needs. Caregiving is extremely difficult and high stress. Redeemer has a faith based Caregiver Support Group led by Dianne Rentmeester which provides a safe space where you can share with others who understand you in a way no one else can in addition to helping you find resources and education to help make day-to-day caregiving more manageable. We will be meet on Wednesday, October 7th at 10:30am in the Ministry Center meeting room. All caregivers are welcome to join us.

Happy Anniversary!

October

- 5 Richard & Julie Bogner, Ben & Melissa Kiley
- 6 Perry & Beth Wegener
- 10 Zach & Casey Harvath
- 11 Christopher & Kristina Hazen
- 14 Michael & Karen Klatt
- 17 Jerry & Joan Zittlow
- 20 Christopher & Daphne Lehner, Bob & Joan Zittlow
- 21 Joe & Joy Goin
- 22 Noah & Erin Pieper
- 23 Sean & Kalie Usiak
- 25 Chad & Jody Barrette
- 26 Steven & Doreen Peterson
- 27 Robert & Sandra Hunter
- 30 Ron & Kathy Miller

PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Fellowship will be hosting a light luncheon to celebrate Pastor Pett's 36 years in ministry as part of Pastor Appreciation month. Please join us on Sunday, October 18th after Church in the Redeemer Ministry Center gym.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Choice Dollars were directed to Redeemer in September by:

Beth Wegener

If you have any questions on Thrivent Choice Dollars and designating them, please contact your Thrivent representative.

REDEEMER \$CRIP

THANKS to everyone buying Scrip! We are still looking for a helper or two in the Scrip Office before and after Wednesday Service. It would only be about 1x per month. Please see Cindy Pfister if you are willing to volunteer.

Happy Birthday!

October

- 1 Lillian Brott
- 2 Gary Behnke
- 3 Roger Nowak
- 5 Heather VandeVyver
- 6 Bea Buchholz
- 7 Cameron Paradise
- 8 Judy Moede, Richard Stainbrook
- 9 Kathy Miller
- 11 John Berry, Deb Pieper
- 12 Cameron Sternberg
- 13 Dan Boettcher
- 14 Perry Wegener
- 17 Daniel Forslund, Kathy Krouse
- 21 Jason Wassenberg
- 22 Tom Niermann
- 27 Marissa Nehring, Sheena Peters, Joanne Pludeman
- 29 Jerry Herman, Jody Lehrkind, Ron Miller, Vicky Wozniak
- 30 Trent Lehrkind
- 31 Jennifer Berry

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm

The Church Office is located in the Redeemer Ministry Center building.

Redeemer Lutheran Calendar – October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Bellin Family (Church Mtg Rm)	2 8:00a Booyah Prep	3 9:30a Booyah Sale
4 9:15a Worship HC- LWML Sunday 10:25a Bible Study/Sun School	5 6:00p Handbells 6:00p Elder Mtg 7:00p Choir	6 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Bd of Property Mtg	7 9:00a Quilting 10:30a Caregiver Support Group 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	8 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	9	10
11 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study/Sun School	12 6:00p Handbells 6:00p Safety Team Mtg 7:00p Choir	13 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 5:30p Mission & Ministry Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	14 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	15 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	16	17
18 9:15a Worship HC 10:30a Pastor Appreciation Luncheon	19 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Choir	20 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:00p Exec Comm Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	21 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	22 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	23	24 1:00p Trunk or Treat
25 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Congregation Mtg 10:25a Sunday School	26 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Choir	27 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	28 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	29 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 6:15p TKD (gym)	30	31

On Eagles' Wings

October 2026

"They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Thank you, **Christ of the Bay, Faith, Hope, Our Saviour, and Redeemer**, for your prayers and support. Your partnership makes Christ-centered education possible for our families, and we are excited to share how our year has begun.



OUR 2026-27 THEME

Protected & Prepared

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." **Ephesians 6:10-11**

A joyful start

Kindergarten

Learning letters with Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, testing whether a real coconut can float, and making their own books retelling the story of creation.

2nd Grade

Practicing gratitude and kindness, and learning that a positive attitude helps when things feel hard.

Go Eagles!

Our Eagles are competing in soccer and volleyball, and we honored our 8th grade volleyball players at a recognition night.

1st Grade

Building routines and learning what it means to be a loving community of friends, walking hand-in-hand with our Savior and Friend, Jesus.

Field trips

Our younger students explored the Appleton Children's Museum, and grades 3-5 visited the Planetarium.

Family Fellowship

Trinity families gathered at school for an evening of food, games, and fun together.

Missions: faith in action

Our students are learning that God's love is meant to be shared..

360 Boxes

Operation Christmas Child

Our goal is 360 shoeboxes. Each Wednesday at chapel, students bring a requested item: school supplies, fun bandages, and more.

Supporting

Raisa & Akim

Through Food for the Hungry, we support two children in Periarra, Indonesia, with monthly gifts, letters, and pictures. Please pray for them and their families.

Big Goals

Walk-a-Thon

On September 25, our students walked to support technology, curriculum, and building security at Trinity. Thank you to every sponsor! We have a big goal of \$21,000.

Coming up in October

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Marty Party!

Trinity celebrates the Reformation with our annual Marty Party. Students will remember Martin Luther and give thanks for the gift of God's grace, received through faith alone. Perhaps we'll be visited by a roaming monk that oddly resembles Mr. Sawyer.

Oct 3 **Soccer conference tournament** for both Eagles teams

Oct 7 **East Mason Chipotle Impact Night.** Eat out and a portion of your order supports Trinity.

Oct 10 **Lutherans Witness Differently** at Faith Lutheran, 8 am–noon, with Rev. Timothy Droegemueller. Free, lunch included; please register.



Oct 16–17 **Volleyball conference tournament** (A team)

How you can join us

Worship with us

Chapel is every Wednesday at 8:30 am. Visitors are always welcome!

Walk-a-Thon Support

Students have set goals for themselves to run or walk laps for our walk-a-thon. Pray for their safety and strength.

Pray

Keep our students, teachers, and families in your prayers this school year.

Thank you for being part of the Trinity family!

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