Redeemer Lutheran

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REDEEMER NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

While we are all completely sick and tired of all the political ads that have been running on our TV screens for the past couple of months, it is still very important for us to take our citizenship as Christians very seriously. Paul writes in Romans 13:1(ESV), "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Since the government of our nation and our state have been instituted by God, and since our form of government depends on the involvement of its citizens to elect its leaders, we owe it to God and to our neighbors (fellow citizens) to do our part and cast our votes in a God-fearing, God-trusting way.

Later in the same chapter of Romans, Paul says in verses 7-10, "Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. [8] Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9] For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [10] Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." So we owe it to God and to our neighbor to do the right thing and vote according to God's will.

Just about every political ad has made this election about money. Paul warns Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:10(ESV), "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." If you are only casting your vote based on money concerns, you are in danger by the love of money to vote for those who support immoral, dangerous, and harmful legislation. Look beyond the economy and inflation and cast your vote based on what is good and pleasing in the eyes of God. Abortion, gender dysphoria, democratic socialism, and Sharia law are neither good nor pleasing in the eyes of God, and therefore they cannot possibly benefit our neighbors, our state, or our nation.

Finally, Paul writes in Colossians 3:17(ESV), "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." So vote in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and give Him the glory through your vote, honoring Him with morality and Christian love for your neighbors (fellow citizens).

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Paul Gitt

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2026

- The meeting was called to order by Randy Pfister.
- In attendance: Randy Pfister, Jim Wirch, Wesley Pett, Pastor Pett, Jean Borchardt, Ben Kiley, Dianne Rentmeester, Angela Truskowski, Llewellyn Kramer and Julie Kramer
- Pastor Pett led us in a devotion from John 8: 31-36 and a prayer.

September minutes for the Executive Council were approved as written.

Pastor's Report for September:

Worship

Date(s)	*Wed - 6:30*	*Sunday – 9:15*	*Virtual*	*Total*
9/2 & 9/6	*71*	*98*	*939*	*1108*
9/7 & 9/13	*48*	*141*	*590*	*779*
9/14 & 9/20	*50*	*136*	*672*	*858*
9/21 & 9/27	*47*	*134*	*307*	*488*

Teaching:
- 3 Adult Bible Classes
- 17 Online Noon Devotions
- 2 Services - Blue Jay Springs
- 2 Chapel Services

Virtual Views of Online Devotions:
- 8/31-9/3 = 658
- 9/7-9/10 = 1275
- 9/14-9/17 = 676
- 9/21-9/24 = 513

Pastoral Care:
- 1 Hospital Visit
- 15 Shut In Visits

New Member:
Jayden Lee by Adult Confirmation
September 27, 2026

Funerals/Deaths:
David Fenner died September 30, 2026.
Funeral was October 6, 2026

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

Administrative:
- Bd of Elders Mtg 9/14/26
- Bd of Property Mtg 9/1/26
- Mission & Ministry Mtg 9/15/26
- Exec Committee Mtg 9/22/26

Elders' Report - Jim Wirch reported that the Bd of Elders met on October 5, 2026 and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2026 at 6pm.

Re: Compliance Risk Management Policy/Child Protection Policy:
- The Board of Elders recommended that The Safety Ministry Team be involved in the administration of the CRMP. Jane Muhl, representing the Safety Ministry Team then asked for clarification by the elders of what the team's role would be. The elders determined that the Safety Ministry Team's responsibility will be to verify that background checks have been completed and that the records are stored in the church office safe.
- Once a background check provider is selected the CRMP will be updated/edited to name that particular organization. Staff and volunteers who work with children will be subject to these background checks; their names will be submitted by Robin Paul, Director of Christian Education, which will initiate the process of background checks.
- The monthly Bible Study on the Book of 1 Timothy was continued with a reading and study of 1 Timothy 5:17-25.

GBTLSA (Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School Association)- Jean Borchardt reported that there was no meeting last month.

NEWLSA (Northeast Wisconsin Lutheran School Association) Angela Truskowski reported from the October 2026 meeting:

- Governance and Boards: Wisconsin Act 89: Board approved updated policy language to comply with Wisconsin Act 89, effective September 1, 2026
  - This new law requires all Wisconsin public and private schools to establish policies governing appropriate communication between school employees, volunteers and students, including communication outside school hours.
  - Its purpose is to protect students by establishing professional boundaries, preventing inappropriate conduct and grooming and ensuring accountability. Annual employee training on identifying, preventing and reporting violations is also required beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
- Building and Grounds : Security Enhancements — updates were made to the school's security system to improve staff door- access controls and correct the faulty emergency alert functionality. These improvements address previous issues that could have prevented emergency personnel from being properly notified during an incident.
- Fundraising and School Events: 36th Annual Dinner and Auction Gala: Planning is on track for Saturday, November 14, 2026 at Rock Garden:

Board of Property -Wesley Pett reported that they met on Tues. October 6, 2026. The next meeting will be November 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

- Storage Shed — Organizing with tables, shelves and hanging tools — 75% of this has been completed
- Cameras– Doug Laatsch continues to work on the 17 cameras. Much is finished and hopes to soon complete the task and has connected to the monitor in the office. The key-fob door locks will also be integrated into this system.
- Need to finish ceiling tile in the church basement Sunday School room and kitchen
- Signage for the doors outside and inside of both buildings has arrived and will soon be mounted in accordance with the Safety Team's plan
- Closet doors in the altar Guild room are done

Financial and Treasurer Report –Dianne Rentmeester reported that:

- Offering gifts are down 13% from last year at this time and down 17% from budget through the first two months of this fiscal year. We are down $9,000 from this point a year ago.
- Expenses are still in line with the budget.

Old Business:

- Constitution changes: Approved last month by the Executive Committee and will be presented to the congregation at the next 2 Congregational Meetings.
- Switching Internet and phones from Spectrum to TDS – in process
- New signage on the Ministry Center Building — 3 signs will cost about $10,000. There was a suggestion to just take off the "SCHOOL" logo for the time being and then put the awning as an idea for Memorial Funds.

New Business

- Keyless Lock System — Update from Nate Losinski: Phone and office done. Has tested a "fake" door. In the next week he will install in Pastor's office and train Cathy at the same time. In the next 4 weeks he plans to get the real doors done. Thanksgiving is still his time frame to have completed.
- October 25th Congregational Meeting – Election of Officers, Redeemer updates and financial updates

Upcoming Meetings

1. Congregational Meeting (Update/officers) October 25th, 2026
2. Executive Committee Meeting November 17, 2026

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Llewellyn Kramer made motion for adjournment, seconded by Ben Kiley. Pastor Pett led us in Luther's Evening Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Kramer

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2026

The meeting was begun by Chairman Randy Pfister, at the conclusion of the Church Service.

Redeemer Updates:

- Roof repair was completed in July 2026. The cost was $184,015. The Elmer dotz Estate donated $92,000, an anonymous member $30,000 and the Redeemer Congregation $62,015. THANK YOU!
- Board of Property: Received a new zero-turn lawnmower, the church meeting room was remodeled, added additional sound-dampening panels to the gym walls, and 17 security cameras are now in place throughout the Redeemer campus.
- Board of Mission and Ministry: Had the Parables in the Park in June, A PB & J Drive in August, the Church Picnic on August 30th and Trunk or Treat on October 24.
- Board of Elders determined that the Thanksgiving Eve Service will remain at 6:30 PM.
- The Safety & Security Team, consisting of Jane Muhl, Lorin Sternberg, Verchelle Dehn, Rob Dufek and Green Bay Police Dept., has been very busy.
- A Narthex Assistant has been assigned to each service to watch narthex, lock outer doors, etc.
- Additional signage, including door numbers have been installed to direct police/fire.
- Automated Keyless Door Entry System will be installed by the end of November with new cards, a viewing station and remote management for four outer doors.
- They are also working toward an implementation of a Medical Emergency Team.
- As per Green Bay Police Department, we are WAY ahead of other churches/facilities in
- the area.

Financial Updates: While we are fiscally stable, our offering giving is down about $9,000 for August & September.

Amendments to Church Constitution: They are presented to the congregation today for review and announced that the vote will be made at the next congregational meeting. These changes include: adding a congregational representative for the Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School Association (GBTLSA). The terms and duties for both the GBTLSA and NEWLSA representatives are defined. See the revisions at the end of these minutes. These changes were agreed upon by a unanimous voice vote.

Elections: A big THANK YOU to the out-going officers! Randy Pfister, Chairman, Jodie Ellingson, Financial Secretary, Wesley Pett, Board of Property and from Mission & Ministry: Joe & Joy Goin, Marsha & Randy Gomoll.
Ben Kiley will take over duties as Chairman.
We voted in by a voice vote: Ross Corey as Financial Secretary, Melissa Kiley and Heather VanderVyver on the Board of Mission & Ministry. The Elders each year are also re-elected. They are :Tim Ahtonen, Jeff Goin, Llew Kramer, Doug Laatsch, Bryan Nehring, Bob Rivers, Perry Wegener and Jim Wirch.
We still need a Vice Chairman and another on the Board of Property.

Closing Prayer led by Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Kramer, Congregational Secretary

CHURCH NEWS

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Choice Dollars were directed to Redeemer in October by:

- Bea Buchholz
- Steve & Linda Druckrey
- Brenda Olson
- Rick & Ginny Somers
- Vicky Wozniak

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

REDEEMER 2026 TRUNK OR TREAT:

The Board of Mission and Ministry would like to say "Thank You" to all who helped make this outreach event a success! This year we had 19 vehicles decorated and 422 visitors including 240 children and 182 adults.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU:

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our Redeemer Church family for your prayers, kind thoughts, words of comfort, and support during this time of loss. We find great comfort in knowing that Neal has gained his eternal crown and is now in Heaven with God. While we will miss him dearly, we rejoice in the promise that we will see him again. Thank you for surrounding our family with your love, faith, and prayers. Your kindness has meant more to us than words can express. With grateful hearts, The Neal Anderson Family

The Constitution and Bylaws of Redeemer Lutheran Church

Recommended Revisions

To be Voted on / Approved at the October, 2026 Congregational Meeting
AND at the February, 2027 Congregational Meeting

Article V – Officers and Boards

The officers of this congregation shall be: a Chairman; a Chairman Elect , a Secretary; a Treasurer; a Financial Secretary; congregational representative on the Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran School Association (NEWLSA) Board; **and a congregational representative on the Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School Association (GBTLSA) Board.**

Article VII – Terms of Officers

7.1 The term of office of the Chairman, Chairman Elect, shall be two (2) years, the Chairman Elect becomes Chairman for a two year term. In total the Chairman Elect may serve four consecutive years, two as Chairman Elect, and two as Chairman.

7.1.1 The Secretary, Treasurer and the Financial Secretary shall be elected to a two year term and may be re-electe once for a total of two consecutive terms.

7.1.2 The congregational representative on the NEWLSA Board **and GBTLSA Board term will be defined by the respective board Governance Policies.**

Article VIII – Duties of Officers

9. Auditing Committee –The Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee ~~in May~~ **at the end of the Treasurer's term, prior to turning over the books to the incoming Treasurer** and shall present their report with recommendations at the Executive Committee meeting preceding the ~~October~~ Voters' Assembly. They shall audit all the books and accounts of Redeemer Lutheran.

PRAYER LIST

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS:
- Persecuted Christians
- Natural Disaster Victims,
- People of Columbia, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Menasha, Nepal, Ukraine, & Venezuela
- Victims of Senseless Violence

HOSPITALIZED:
- Bea Buchholz
- Cathy Haber

PREPARING FOR SURGERY:
- Belinda Hunter

UNDERGOING TREATMENT:
- Thea Beaudette
- Mark Brefczynski
- Sarah Brancefield
- Taylor Brancefield
- Adam Cayemberg
- Jill Davies-Kern
- Brenda Gunder
- John Hanmann Jr
- Marie Harder
- Ken Herman
- Tom Hickey
- June Jabas
- Bill Jones
- Tom Klatt
- Lisa Kosmoski
- Kaydra Lee
- Dave Lindsley
- Jean Palomino
- Lolly Pleshek
- Payton Sanoval
- Mark Stindt
- Melodie Wardecke
- Joan Zittlow

RECOVERING:
- Randy Gomoll
- Marie Hableman
- Carol Knapowski
- Emily Meyer
- Roger Nowak
- Keith Pearson
- Sany Oelkers
- Francis Thyes
- Neal Zastrow

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS:
- Naomi Bahrke
- Dorothy Bloede
- Denise Brefczynski
- Sharon Eichman
- Ed Forel
- Cindy Gentz
- LouAnn Gerzmehle
- Penny Grambihler
- Debbie Hribel
- Vi Howard
- Ron Howard
- Tom Jablonski
- Sue Kienitz
- John Kiley
- Roy Krouse
- Carol Kuske
- Sydney Miracle
- Josh Moede
- Kim Rorrer
- Bob Zittlow
- BJ Zittlow
- Laurie Zoellner

ALL CAREGIVERS
SCHOOL MINISTRY:
- NEW Lutheran High School
- Trinity Lutheran School

MISSIONARIES:
- Ashley Lehr
- Katie Ludwig

MILITARY PERSONNEL:
- Kaden Dabbs
- Jeremy Nelson
- Paige Ramon
- Tess & Shaun LaRue
- Roy & Esmeralda McDonough
- Nathan Schroeder

Updated: November 3, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

NOVEMBER
1 Susan Frye
2 Steve Wassenberg
5 Jack Koivisto
7 Danielle Paradise
8 Julie Krause, Ann Marks
9 Ron Antonneau, Jessica Bongel
14 Michelle Larsen, Aleena Mangold-Case
14 Paul Pett
16 Taylor Truskowski
17 Isabelle Boettcher, Lyla Borchardt
19 Rachel Sawyer, Ryan Wozniak
21 Micah Pieper
22 Wayne Peters
23 Tammy Umentum
26 Tim Ahtonen, Ryan Pett
27 Jaden Ferron
29 Riley Borchardt, Lorri Sternberg
30 Bud Aprill, Declan Kiley

ANNIVERSARIES:

November 6th
Lyndon & Laurie Zoellner

November 8th
Keith & Shanley Pearson

November 18th
Don & Julie Smith

November 24th
John & Deb Kiley

November 30th
Nate Kern & Jill Davies-Kern

OFFICIAL ACTS:

NEW MEMBER:
Jayden Lee

RECEIVED HOLY CROWN:
David Fenner
September 30, 2026

Neil Anderson
October 10, 2026

HOLY BAPTISM:
Zayden Elliott Alexander LaRue
Parents: Shawn & Tess LaRue

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ADVENT WORSHIP:
Wednesdays
December 2nd, 9th, 16th
4pm & 6:30pm

ADVENT MEALS:
Wednesdays
December 2nd, 9th, 16th
5pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm
The Church Office is located in the Redeemer Ministry Center building.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study/Sun School	**2** 6:00p Handbells 6:00p Elder Mtg 7:00p Choir	**3** 7:00a Voting (gym) 9:30a Bible Study 6:30p Bd of Property Mtg	**4** 9:00a Quilting 10:30a Caregiver Support Group 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	**5** 1:00p Cribbage 3:45p Trinity BB (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	**6**	**7**
8 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study/Sun School 12:00p Redeemer Women in Mission	**9** 6:00p Handbells 6:00p Safety Team Mtg 7:00p Choir	**10** 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 3:45p Trinity BB (gym) 5:30p Mission & Ministry Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	**11** Veterans' Day 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	**12** 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 3:45p Trinity BB (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	**13** 8:00a Pickle Ball (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	**14** 9:00a TKD Tournament (gym)
15 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study/Sun School	**16** 3:45p Trinity BB (gym) 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Choir	**17** 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:00p Exec Comm Mtg 6:15p TKD (gym)	**18** 8:00a Pickle Ball (gym) 5:00p Confirmation 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	**19** 9:30a Bible Study 1:00p Cribbage 3:45p Trinity BB (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	**20** 8:00a Pickle Ball (gym)	**21**
22 9:15a Worship HC 10:25a Bible Study/Sun School	**23** 3:45p Trinity BB (gym) 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Choir	**24** 9:30a Bible Study 2:00p TKD (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym)	**25** 8:00a Pickle Ball (gym) 6:15p TKD (gym) 6:30p Worship HC	**26** Thanksgiving	**27** 8:00a Schulz Family (kitchen)	**28**
29 9:15a Worship HC	**30** 3:45p Trinity BB (gym) 6:00p Handbells 7:00p Choir					

GREEN BAY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

On Eagles' Wings

News for our association congregations

November 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

Greetings, **Christ of the Bay, Faith, Hope, Our Saviour, and Redeemer**! October was full of learning, fellowship, and service at Trinity. As we enter this season of thanksgiving, we give thanks to God for you and your faithful support.

PROTECTED & PREPARED: THE ARMOR OF GOD

The Belt of Truth

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **John 14:6**

October highlights

Grandparents Day

Grandparents joined us on Oct. 16 for breakfast, the book fair, games and crafts, and a chapel service where our students sang.

6th Grade at Camp Luther

Four days of outdoor education: archery, fire building, challenge courses, and daily songs and devotions praising God.

Marty Party

We celebrated the Reformation and God's grace on Oct. 30 as the first quarter came to a close. We had fun activities celebrating our Lutheran identity rooted in Christ.

5th Grade

Studied fossils and dinosaurs from a Christian perspective: what you see in God's Word, you see in God's world!

7th Grade

Explored how wonderfully God made the human body, and modeled different forms of government with gummy bears!

Go Eagles!

Both volleyball teams competed in the conference tournament, and basketball season tipped off on Oct. 19.

Missions & November events inside →

Missions: faith in action

360 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

Packing Day is almost here! Students have collected toys, combs, washcloths, and more. Would you help us pack?

Sunday, Nov. 15
4–6 pm · Set up

Monday, Nov. 16
8:15–10:30 am · Pack

Scan to sign up, or email **imaginecjsirish@yahoo.com**

Raisa & Akim

Through Food for the Hungry, we support two children in Periaria, Indonesia, with monthly gifts and letters. Please pray for them!

Veterans Home at King: We're also collecting puzzles (750 pieces or less), large-print puzzle books (word search, sudoku, crossword), and bags of individually wrapped chocolate candy.

Coming up in November

Nov 4	**Feed the Teachers** on conference night. Email Megan Baye at megan.baye@gmail.com.
Nov 6	**First basketball game** of the season vs. Pilgrim
Nov 11	**Veterans Day.** Honoring our veterans with coffee & cookies, 8–8:30 am in the gym, then chapel and a program, 8:30–9:30 am in the sanctuary.
Nov 13	**Friday Night Fish Fry** at Our Saviour Lutheran. Serving 5–6:30 pm; carryout available.
Nov 14	**N.E.W. Lutheran High School Dinner Auction**
Nov 17	**Happy Joe's Impact Night** supports Trinity. Thanks for raising $393.74 at Chipotle!
Nov 25–27	**Thanksgiving break.** No school. Happy Thanksgiving!

Ways to serve

Coach with us

Our Girls B basketball team (grades 4–6) needs a coach, and the Boys C team needs an assistant. Contact Aliza at ad@greenbaytrinity.org.

Join our team

We're hiring a part-time custodian, 15–19 hours a week. Contact Mr. Kerrick Sawyer at sawyerk@greenbaytrinity.org.

Substitute teachers

Requires a B.S. from an accredited university and willingness to complete safety training and a background check. Email principal@greenbaytrinity.org.

We give thanks to God for you!

Join us for chapel every Wednesday at 8:30 am. Visitors are always welcome!

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