

The Herald

June 2026



Our Core Values drive everything we do towards accomplishing our mission of serving all through spirituality and God's Love.

Redeemer Lutheran Church * ELCA

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Dear fellow redeemed,

Hopefully by the time you read this, it is well into the warm summer weather! And that means that everything is green, growing, and alive all around. Not only the plants and animals, but also people as we gather outside for walks, picnics and all kinds of outdoor recreation.

The life of the Church also continues through the summer. As God continues to bless us with His presence and love and grace! With this in mind, I have a couple of things to bring to your attention:

- 1). I am thinking of adding a monthly Wednesday evening event at Redeemer. Similar to the "Conversations with God", as it will be a casual gathering to pray, read the Scriptures, and discuss and share our lives in Christ. It will be called "Dwelling in the Word". I welcome your response to this idea. I am hoping to reach those who are not available during the day. Please let me know your thoughts!
- 2). As we continue in the "Adventures in Renewal", I am always looking for new ways to interact with our community, bringing the love of God to all. Our Council is reading a good book on this topic ("Leading Faithful Innovation: Following God into a Hopeful Future" by Zscherlle, Binder, Pinkstaff). I encourage you to consider joining us in reading this book. I really appreciate how it focuses our attention on God's work, through us, in our community. I welcome your participation in the service that we can do together as the Body of Christ!

The bottom line: God is here and doing His work in our congregation, community and world. I look forward to joining you in the service and fellowship we have as people whom God so dearly loves!

With you in Christ,

Pastor Steve



Pastor Steve's Office Hours:

For June Pastor Steve plans to be in the RLC office from 9am - Noon.

If possible, he asks that you please call ahead for an appointment.

Thursday, June 4th

Thursday, June 11th

Thursday, June 18th

Thursday, June 25th

He will be in town at other times for visits, meetings, etc.

He is also available at other places, by phone or email,

whichever is most convenient for you.

You can call or text him at: [715-271-3028](tel:715-271-3028).

Presidents Message

Greetings,

When I write this monthly update it's always my intent to make it joyful and uplifting. Some months that's easy to do and others are more challenging. This month I want to provide an update on some property issues and I do so with great joy.

As you are reading this, Redeemer has a new roof and gutters/downspouts thanks to the generosity of so many. This costly project was necessary both due to the age of the roof and the amount of hail damage sustained over the years. It's one of the necessities we all face as homeowners and we're always glad when it's done (and paid for).

Also, we had a good bit of our "spring cleaning" done by students from Hartford Union High School on their Day of Service (May 20). Carpets were cleaned, windows washed and general housekeeping done under the direction of Don Horen and Bruce and Laurie Horst. Thanks to all involved for a job well done.

In July, we will be observing the 40th anniversary of the Redeemer Lutheran Church Foundation with a picnic and short program following a Sunday morning worship service. More details will be forthcoming. The Foundation has been a great partner over the years providing much needed financial support for our church and we look forward to celebrating this milestone together.

I will be attending the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly on May 29th and 30th along with Don Horen and Pastor Steve. Look for updates during an upcoming worship service and in the Herald.

Forward in Faith,

Tom Hostad



THE CHURCH'S FOUNDATION

Redeemer Lutheran Church Foundation – a helping hand for 40 years



“He who gives while he lives, gets to know where it goes!” This famous philosophy was the guiding motto of self-made millionaire and philanthropist Percy Ross. It advocates for the joy and satisfaction of giving during your lifetime rather than waiting for it to be dispersed after you’ve departed.

I became familiar with this concept in the 1990’s when Mr. Ross developed a syndicated radio program titled “Thanks a Million” that aired on over 400 stations including WTKM in Hartford. We see this concept coming to fruition with opportunities like our just completed “Raise the Roof” campaign to add new life to our church home. And, with our commitment to fund our pastor on a $\frac{3}{4}$ time salary from $\frac{1}{2}$ time, we again are being challenged to rethink our ongoing pledge to Redeemer to enable us all to enjoy the fruits of our generosity.

Your Redeemer Foundation thanks you for your gifts also. Your gift made today will provide a well-spring of support to Redeemer Lutheran Church for generations to come. Be sure to reserve Sunday July 26 for a mid-summer picnic celebration to honor those who paved the way for this investment vehicle... that has become a bit of a “silent member” making a significant impact funding past ministry projects... while holding the key to a brighter financial future.

And remember... giving while your living ensures you know where it will go... “For God loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Your Redeemer Foundation board:

Scott Lopas, President; Lynn Nettesheim Secretary; Laurie Horst

Treasurer; Tom Hostad Director; Gabriele Priesgen Church

Treasurer; Kurt Hintz Council Vice-President liaison.

Special Giving Highlight for June



FRANCISCAN PEACEMAKERS

Our special giving this month will benefit the Franciscan Peace Makers. The Faith & Giggles store used to sell their products, soap and lotions. Since 1995, Franciscan Peacemakers has provided a compassionate presence to women engaging in prostitution on Milwaukee's streets. By going to the street with our outreach van, distributing bag lunches and hygiene supplies, the Franciscan Peacemakers have built relationships of trust with women managing multiple traumas - poverty, sexual abuse and exploitation, addiction and homelessness.

Many recovery programs serving women last only 60-90 days. The complex histories of trauma that women who are trafficked and exploited experience required something more than these short-term options. Franciscan Peacemakers was determined to create a better solution to truly support the healing of wounds faced by the women being encountered on outreach.

Inspired by the model of Thistle Farms in Nashville, Franciscan Peacemakers opened Clare Community in 2014 to provide a more concrete, holistic and long-term option for women seeking a pathway to healing.

Clare Community is a 2-year, spiritually based program which provides rent-free housing while women attend full-time to their recovery and healing. These two years of living in community allows for a woman to really transform her life - building skills, confidence and a strong network of support. **Franciscan Peacemakers Social Enterprise provides meaningful, living wage employment for the women of Clare Community and other women survivors in the Milwaukee area who are committed to their healing and recovery.** Through the production and sale of all-natural, handmade bath and body products, Franciscan Peacemaker Social Enterprise employees learn skills in manufacturing, packaging, marketing, sales and administration. The women also learn leadership skills and teamwork - getting first hand experience in building relationships of trust and care.

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Education and Advocacy is woven into everything Franciscan Peacemakers does: from the logo-wrapped van circling the streets of Milwaukee accompanying women on the streets to the labels on our soaps sold at community events, churches and farmers markets throughout the Milwaukee area - Franciscan Peacemakers spreads the message throughout Southeastern Wisconsin that a community-wide effort is needed to end human sex trafficking.

Women survivors sharing their stories of hope and healing is a powerful antidote to the climate of secrecy surrounding sexual exploitation. Through their work and witness, the employees of Franciscan Peacemakers Social Enterprise are strong advocates for an end to human sex trafficking.

The work to end trafficking starts by standing with and for survivors, reminding them and the world of their inherent dignity.

This includes:

- raising awareness of this dignity to those who create the demand for and who benefit financially from the sexual exploitation of women;
- the coordinated effort of community members who can recognize the signs of exploitation;
- a strong law enforcement effort to bring traffickers to justice ;
- an abundance of support for the healing needed for survivors, physically, mentally and emotionally.

You are invited to stand with survivors and work for the end of sexual exploitation—because ALL of us were created to enjoy peace + all good. (Peace + all good is the name of their Podcast).

Like always you can find much more information on their website : Franciscanpeacemakers.org.

Thankful and blessed

Gabriele Priesgen

What's Up, Fiona?

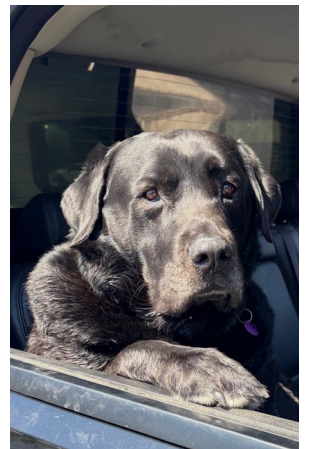
Hello friends of Redeemer!

This is Fiona, the foreman of TBL - the contractor you folks hired to put on your new roof. Katie informed Bruce that she needed his column for the Herald. As usual, he's off talking to someone so I thought I'd do it for him. I try my best to keep everyone on task making sure they do a great job for our customers. We started off with rain our very first day, but since then we've been moving right along. We're trying our hardest to be done by Memorial Day.

I overheard Bruce telling Tom that the fire department inspection did not go as well as he'd hoped this year. The inspector doesn't like the stove in the kitchen and some wiring in the boiler room. He made the comment that the inspector was being a pain "where you sit"! On Wednesday the 20th there were about 10 high school students at your church to help out with some cleaning tasks. They did a lot of vacuuming, cleaning windows, cleaning carpets in the gathering room and coffee bar area as well as cleaning outside. Be sure to thank them for their help.

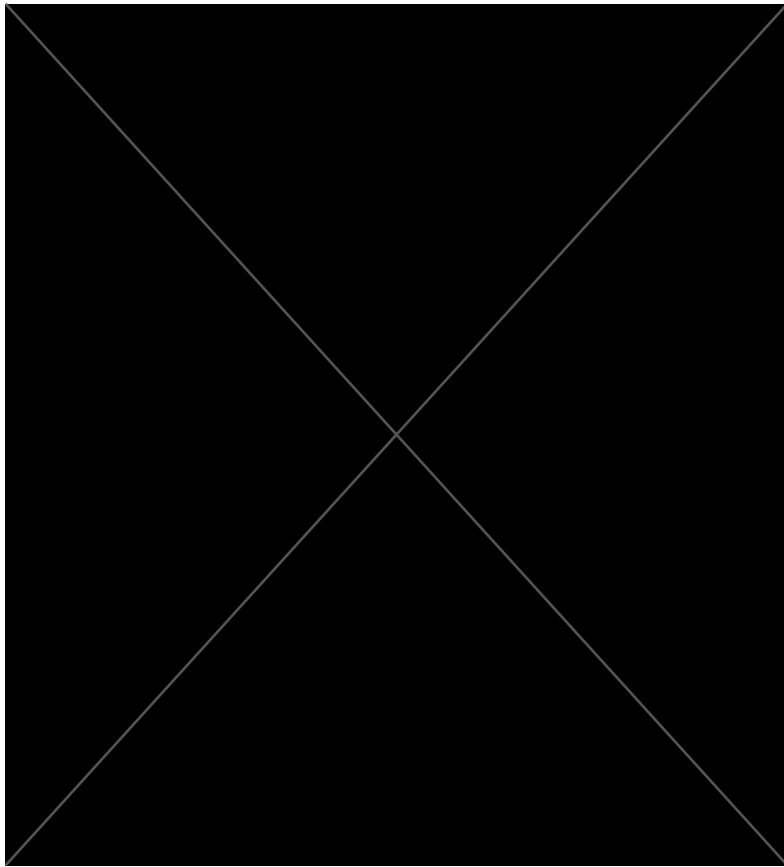
I better get his turned in to Katie so she can get the Herald done. Thank you for choosing "my people" (TBL) to do your roof. As some of you may have seen, I like my snacks!

Fiona





Scott Lopas	June 9
Thomas Hostad	June 10
Tim Henning	June 12
Rick Ninmann	June 13
Donna Lee	June 15
W. Alex Burton	June 25
W. John Burton	June 27



The Hartford Senior Center offers free blood sugar and blood pressure checks with a nurse. Please call or stop in the center to schedule an appointment, 262-673-4005



A Community Lunch is served on the last Saturday of each month. It is held at the United Methodist Church, 738 W Monroe Ave. This outreach would not be possible without the many volunteers from the four ecumenical churches: First United Methodist Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and St. Kilian's Catholic Church. Lunch service starts at 11:30am, fellowship prior. Volunteers arrive by 9:30am.



Please join Women's Ministry on the second Monday of the month for fellowship and Bible/book study in the Gathering Room.

Bring a sack lunch.

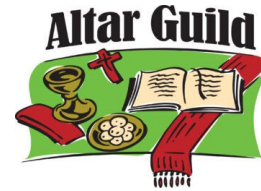
Dessert is provided.

Save Your Cans

If you don't plan on selling your aluminum cans, please consider bringing them to church and place them under the coat rack downstairs for recycling



Called to Serve



June 7 **9:30 am**
 Ushers: Don Horen
 Lector: Kurt Hintz

June 15 **9:30 am**
 Ushers: Bruce and Laurie Horst
 Lector: Scott Lopas

June 21 **9:30 am**
 Usher: Donna Lee
 Lector: Michelle Burton

June 28 **9:30 am**
 Ushers: Kurt & Wendy Hintz
 Lector: Tom Hostad

June 7	Laurie Horst
June 15	Laurie Horst
June 21	Laurie Horst
June 28	Laurie Horst




Join us in person Sunday mornings 9:30am








Redeemer's Worship Service is live streamed through Facebook at 9:30 am.

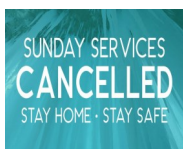
Redeemer's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/redeemehartford/>



The service is also broadcast over WTKM Radio, 104.9FM at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. The service can also be heard on the net at www.wtkm.com



In addition, you can now watch our live streamed worship on our YouTube Page. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpIKz-cdNTRqT2LM3V7P7oA>



Weather Cancellations

Please tune into Radio Station WTKM 104.9 FM to check for church related cancellations due to weather.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

The next Conversations with God we will be following the “The Dwelling in The Word” format, as we read a passage of scripture and then ask ourselves three questions: What do you notice in this passage? What questions does this passage create for you? What might the Spirit be nudging us to consider through this passage

When: Thursday, June 25

Time: 10am

Where: Gathering Room

This Month's Topic: Psalm 103



The Redeemer Monthly Fish Fry group meets the first Friday of each month. January through April we meet for lunch at noon. May through November we meet for dinner at 4:30pm. We do not meet in December. We go to a variety of restaurants and bars in the area. Call or text me by the Monday before the first Friday of the month so I can make reservations for the group. I will let you know about the location. You may drive yourself, or if you need a ride arrangements will be made to pick you up.

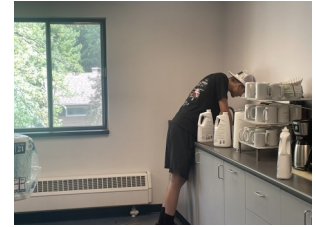
Our monthly fish fry will be on Friday, **June 5th at The Mayville Country Club** restaurant "**The Meating Place**", **325 S. German St., Mayville**. We will meet there at 4:30. Please let me know if you will be joining us by **Monday, June 2nd** so I can make a reservation. If you need a ride, please let me know too and arrangements will be made to pick you up.

Anne 262-227-6921

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Washington County is offering Senior Farmers' Market vouchers, available after June 1st 2026. If you qualify, you can receive \$25 in coupons to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs at participating markets and farm stands. The ARDC will not be holding on site or in person distributions this year. Applications will be mailed out the last week of May. If you would like to be added to the list, please call 262-335-4497. Quantities are limited and applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

HUHS DAY OF CARING

Big thanks to the group of Hartford Union High School Students
who came and helped out on May 20!



“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4:10

We are partnering with Lincoln Elementary School. They have expressed a need for several items

Snack needs include:

Goldfish, Individually wrapped food items, Animal Crackers, Granola Bars... **NO NUTS**

Food drive/pantry needs (most helpful in Feb – Spring – Summer) include:

cereal, shelf stable microwave meals, canned goods mac and cheese with cheese sauce (not add milk and butter).



Casa Guadalupe, who meet at the church through The Nest Program, continue as our partner. They too have expressed needs.

Looking for volunteers to help with concessions at Brewer Games, see the Giving Tree board for more information!

Snack needs include:

Kid snacks **NO NUTS**, fruit cups, cereal, canned goods

Other Items:

Books (gently used is ok), new toys





June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6pm Casa Guadalupe	2 10am-2pm Office 5pm- Girl Scouts	3 10am-2pm Office 6pm Casa Guadalupe	4 9am- Pastor in office 10am-2pm Office 7pm- Al-Anon	5 Monthly Fish Fry Group	6
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Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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