

The Herald

October 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,

A while ago, I asked you in a sermon, "Why are you here? Why a member and/or participant at Redeemer congregation? I'd like to follow up with a few more words about our participation here, and as Christians.

I suppose we each have our own reasons for being with us on Sunday mornings, and whatever else we may do on behalf of Redeemer Church. And I suppose there are many reasons that people are not active in a church.

Here's a truth that we all can agree on: there are many who are not with us at Redeemer, or at any church. The percentage of people who are participating at churches, and who are claiming to have faith in God, are down. Our own history at Redeemer is one of many congregations with evidence of this truth.

So what should we do in response to that discouraging news? Do we just remember the "good 'ole days", grieve, complain? In a book that our council is reading, we have learned that "listening" is very important. Listening to one another, to our family and friends, neighbors and community.

I'd like to ask each of us to see what we can learn from those who are both active with us at Redeemer (or another church), and from those who are not with us at Redeemer or at another church. I'm sure that we can learn much from one another. No, I'm not thinking that we will learn just exactly what needs to be done to get more people back into church. That's not the point: people need to be heard. Listening is one way that we can serve God and one another.

Which leads to the best reason for any of us to be here at Redeemer, and to be a Christian. In response to what God has told us and done for us. As the Heavenly Father told us at Jesus' transfiguration, "Listen to Him." And as we listen to God, we will learn of His love and mercy for all people. He now asks us to love one another. And that doesn't mean that we need to bring them into the church to love them. We can love people wherever they are and whatever they are doing.

I look forward to joining you as we listen to one another, and as we live in response to the Good News of the God who loves us all! May we now share that love with one another.

With you in God's grace

Pastor Steve



PASTOR

Pastor Steve's Office Hours:

For October 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, October 1st

Thursday, October 8th

Thursday, October 15th

Thursday, October 22th

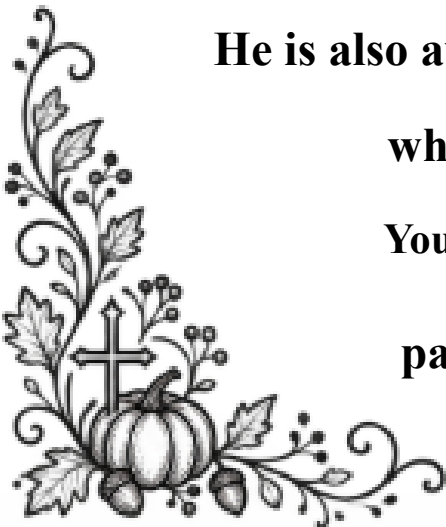
Thursday, October 29th

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.

pastorsteve25redeemer@gmail.com.



Presidents Message

Greetings,

In last month's Herald, I talked about property needs at Redeemer and Bruce Horst's article in the same issue identified some specific project for us to consider. This is a topic that deserves more discussion and an opportunity for everyone to ask questions and express their thoughts. To facilitate that discussion, we are scheduling a special congregation meeting on October

11 immediately following the worship service. Please plan to attend.

Forward in Faith,

Tom Hostad

Church Council President





THE CHURCH'S FOUNDATION

Redeemer Lutheran Church Foundation – a helping hand for 40 years

Have you ever considered making a memorial gift in honor or memory of one of our members? Have you thought of using the Redeemer Lutheran Church Foundation to honor that person?

The Foundation is a great way to turn that memorial into an ongoing remembrance as that gift is returned to the church multiple times over. We are thankful for the many members who have used this vehicle to manage their memorial gifts to Redeemer. We also encourage you to give the Foundation consideration if you ever have a loved one or fellow member you would like to memorialize into the future.

Your gift made today will provide a well-spring of support to Redeemer Lutheran Church for generations to come! Just as it has now for over 40 years.

Since the start of 2016, a bit over 10 years, Redeemer's Foundation has returned over \$279,000 back to your congregation! It makes you wonder where we'd be today had Foundation support not been in place.

Our sincerest gratitude to those who have and continue to support this element of our church ministry. No gift is too small. As you can see, together we can accomplish mighty things!

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



Special Giving Highlight for October



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

This month we have selected the Boys and Girls Club to be our recipient of the monthly special giving.

The Mission

To enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. To achieve our mission, we offer character building experiences for the youth of Washington County through the form of social, educational, and recreational experiences. Regardless of background, our Clubs help Washington County youth develop the qualities needed to become responsible leaders and citizens.

Membership includes after school programming and day hour and summer day attendance from 10am to close. Before-school programming is offered at an additional cost. There is time dedicated Monday through Thursday at each club location for members to work on homework.

Youth ages 6 to 17 are eligible to join for \$125 per membership year, September 1st through August 31st.

Financial assistance is available to those that meet requirements. There is additional documentation that is needed, so talk with the appropriate club's Unit Director.

How can you get involved?

Do you have a hobby you want to share with youth? Be a mentor or just play with kids in your community? Be a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County!

Monetary donations and Amazon wish list

Monetary donations go towards afternoon snack for over 500 members, help with program fees, buy sports equipment for members to play with and more!

As always more info can be found on the website: wcbgc.org

Thankful and blessed

Gabriele Priesgen



PROPERTY REPORT

A note from Bruce



Hi everyone,

I'd like to start off this month's property report by thanking all of you for your continued support of your church. We have had, and still continue to need, a number of projects to maintain our building.

Many of you remember Dave Zander, who took very good care of the building. As you know, Dave has been gone from here for a number of years. Many maintenance items were "put off" because we didn't have anyone to fill his shoes. Now we have to play catch-up on these repairs.

Many of these are not major expenses, but they do add up. Most are in the \$1,000-\$2,000 range, and some are even less.

Current and upcoming projects include:

- Painting our utility shed
- Repairing the west entry door threshold and locks
- Tightening the carpeting on the steps to eliminate trip hazards
- Updating the lights in the church
- The parking lot — our biggest item

If anyone has any questions about any of these projects, please feel free to ask me about them.

Again, thank you for all that you've already done. See you soon!

— Bruce

GOD'S GYM IS STILL OPEN!

Looking for a little exercise?

Come on in if you're willing to do a little vacuuming, window washing, bathroom cleaning, or painting.

All help is greatly appreciated!





WHAT WE'RE ACCEPTING

(Youth & Adults)
NEW or Gently Used
CLEAN
Winter Jackets and Boots

Drop-off donations between NOW and OCTOBER 16TH, M-F 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Drop Off Location:
323 S 5th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095

WHAT WE'RE ACCEPTING

Hygiene Kits (New Items Preferred)

Youth & Adults
HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES
BLANKETS & SLEEPING BAGS
TENTS & SLEEPING MATS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
1:00 – 4:00 PM
LOWER LEVEL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL (ADDRESS BELOW)

Fifth Ave United Methodist Church and Casa Guadalupe have partnered to provide our neighbors in need in our community with items needed to help sustain them during the winter months.

Fifth Ave United Methodist Church

CASA GUADALUPE
Multicultural Center Inc.

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. Gently used winter items and non perishable items

Snack needs include:

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



Treasurer's Report

Month	Income	Expense	Net Income
Jan	\$8,568	\$17,266	-\$8,698
Feb*	28,700	\$413,777	\$14,923
Mar**	\$47,078	\$21,807	\$25,271
Apr***	\$16,419	\$16,238	\$181
May****	\$69,689	\$88,186	-\$24,498
June	\$14,232	\$11,942	\$2,290
July	\$6,812	\$24,379	-\$17,567
Aug	\$9,449	\$18,891	-\$9,442
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			
Yearly total	\$185,498	\$191,595	-\$8,097

*Income Incl. \$16,350 Roof Campaign

**Income Incl. \$30,670 Roof Campaign

***Income incl. \$7,500 Roof Campaign

****Income incl. \$53,970 Matching Funds and \$75,600 Roofing Bill
! Expenses include \$11,420 Gutter Installation



Sandra Rutter	October 2
Joseph Peterson	October 2
Marge Smits	October 6
John Zuest	October 9
Cathy Feutz	October 17
Jeanine Gable	October 26
Karl Lindert	October 27
Don Horen	October 30

Progressive B-I-N-G-O (Pays BIG)

Bingo is played at the Hartford Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month

Doors open at 4:30p.m. The kitchen opens at 6:30p.m.
The second session begins at 7:45p.m. Progressive Bingo starts at 9:00p.m.

All proceeds support programs at Senior Friends Inc!



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.

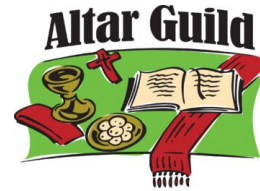
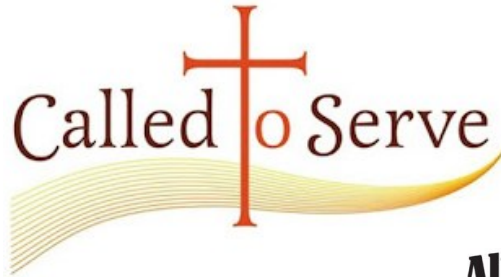
Save Your Cans

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



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

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October 4 9:30 am
Ushers: Bruce and Laurie Horst
Lector: Tom Hostad

October 11 9:30 am
Ushers: Kurt and Wendy Hintz
Lector: Michelle Burton

October 18 9:30 am
Usher: Donna Lee
Lector: Tom Hostad

October 25 9:30 am
Ushers: Don Horen
Lector: Kurt Hintz

October 4	Laurie Horst
October 11	Laurie Horst
October 18	Laurie Horst
October 25	Laurie Horst

Join us in person Sunday mornings 9:30am



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

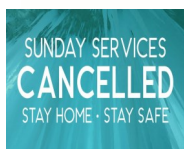
Redeemer's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/redeemerhartford/>



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



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

When: Thursday, October 22nd

Time: 10am

Where: Gathering Room



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.

Everyone is welcome!

Our Friday Fish Fry will be on October 2nd

The Drinking Well 5327 WI-175, Hartford, WI on Friday, October 2nd

. Please be there by 4:00 pm.

Please get in touch with **Jeanette Weber at 262-673-4109** to let her know if you are coming and if you need a ride .

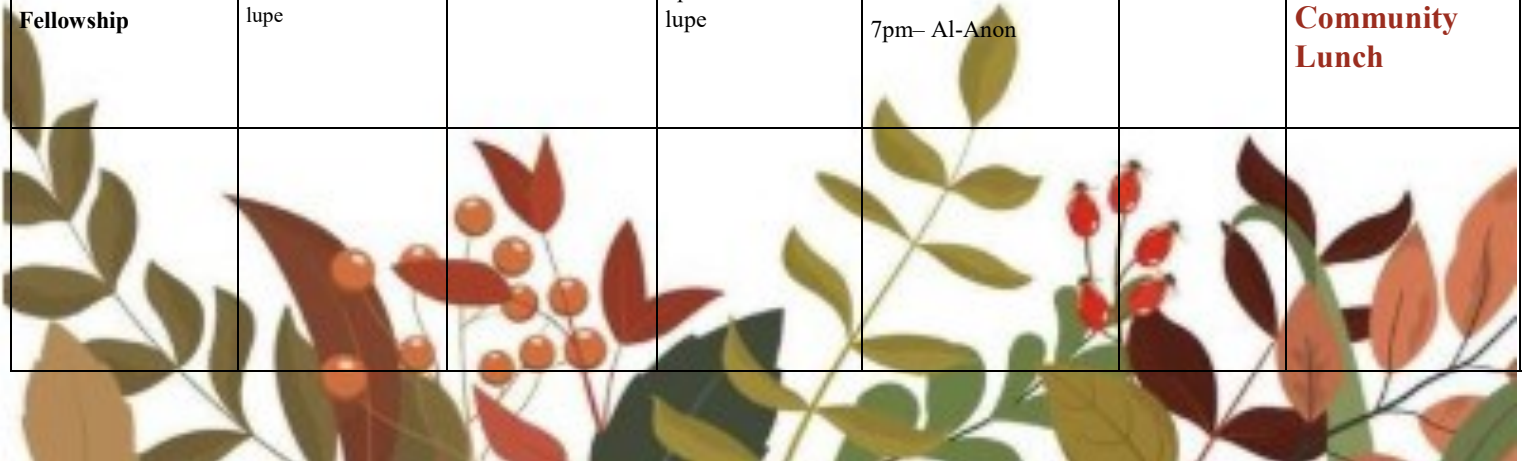
A Community Lunch is served on the last Saturday of each month. It is held at the United Methodist Church, 738 W Monroe Ave. This outreach would not be possible without the many volunteers from the four ecumenical churches: First United Methodist Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Aidan's Episcopal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





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10am-2pm Office 7pm- Al-Anon	2 Monthly Fish Fry Group	3
4 9:30am- Worship 10:30am- Fellowship	5 6pm- Casa Guadalupe	6 10am-2pm- Office 5pm- Girl Scouts	7 10am-2pm Office 6pm Casa Guadalupe	8 9-12 Pastor in office 10am-2pm Office 7pm- Al-Anon	9	10
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Sunday Worship 9:30 am

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH—STAFF:

Pastor.....Steve Rutter
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Keyboards.....Lori Pawlak
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