The Herald

November 2026

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

Dear fellow redeemed,

A lot is happening this time of the year! And I'm not even yet thinking about the holidays. Though I see things picking up already, as we look toward Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas! Here's some things coming up here at Redeemer that I'd like to highlight:

- Sunday, October 25 - We will be celebrating Reformation Sunday, remembering the history of the Lutheran Church, and especially celebrating the grace of God through Jesus Christ!
- Thursday, October 29- 10am, Conversations with God in the Gathering Room.
- 1st and 4th Thursdays- 1:30pm, Conversations and Prayer at Washington Heights and Harthaven
- 3rd Thursdays- 1:30pm Ecumenical Chapel service at the Gardens
- Sunday, November 1 - Consecration Sunday. This is when we will be asking God to consecrate (set aside for the holy purpose of glorifying God) our commitments for the upcoming year of 2027.
- Sunday, November 8 - I look forward to recognizing and praying for those who have more recently begun to worship and serve with us at Redeemer.
- Monday, November 9 - Women's Bible Study, Council meeting
- Saturday, November 14 - The Hartford Christmas Parade, and we look forward to passing out our "Helping Hand" fliers and treats to the families attending.
- Wednesday, November 25- 7 pm, the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at First United Methodist Church, Hartford

And of course, there is more! Every Sunday we have opportunity to gather here at Redeemer Church for a worship service, receiving of Holy Communion, and the good conversation and food that we share every week. We also have ways to serve our Lord, on the council, lectors, ushers, altar guild, music leaders, tech, coffee and food preparations, custodial and maintenance, and the prayers and encouragement that we offer to one another.

I look forward to sharing all of the above with you! And thank you for your prayers and service to God our Savior and Lord!

With you as one of God's redeemed,

Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve's Office Hours:

For November 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, November 5

Thursday, November 12

Thursday, November 19

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.



President's Message



Greetings,

As we begin the final quarter of 2026 your church council is busy with year end preparations. We have set the date for our Annual Congregation meeting and it will be held on Sunday, January 31, immediately following the worship service.

Work has already begun on the budget with a first draft reviewed at our October 12 council meeting. More information will follow as we get closer to the date of the meeting.

We had a good informational meeting on October 11 to discuss property needs and upgrade possibilities. Our property team will be seeking estimates on the various projects we discussed so that we can make some decisions on how to proceed at the Annual meeting.

We all received a letter from Pastor Steve asking us to reflect on the many blessings we have received from God and wondering how we will respond with our time, talent and treasures. Please take time to prayerfully consider and return the response sheet on
Consecration Sunday, November 1.

Forward in Faith,
Tom Hostad
Church Council President





THE CHURCH'S FOUNDATION

Redeemer Lutheran Church Foundation – a helping hand for 40 years

We have all heard it. We all know it: All that we are…all that we have…is a gift. A gift from God. The question is, how do we choose to respond to this simple truth?

We have recently had the opportunity to make our annual commitments to Redeemer in response to God's grace.

Yet it's never too late to react generously to the Blessings we have all been given. An option that exists within your church is the Redeemer Foundation. You can make a memorial gift in honor or memory of one of our members, turning 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.

We are happy to report that at the end of September, the Foundation returned $7,024.30 back toward enhancing the ministries of Redeemer…the largest quarterly distribution to date. 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 liaison.



Special Giving Highlight for November

Brothers & Big Sisters of Washington County

For November we selected Big Brother Big Sisters as out special giving recipient. Most likely, many of you are aware of Scott's long association as a "Big" with his "Little". An experience he talks proudly about.

Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of Youth.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County is an independent affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the nation's oldest and largest youth mentoring organization.
Since 1969, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County has been a force for change, connecting volunteers with children to help them empower every child for their brightest future.
As part of the nation's largest volunteer supported mentoring network, we make meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Big's") and children ("Little's").
We believe in igniting our community to make Washington County strong today and tomorrow. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County develops positive enduring relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Thankful and blessed

Gabriele Priesgen



WHAT'S UP, BRUCE?



Building & Property Update

Hello to all my fellow parishioners,

This month I'll try to give you an update on what's been happening around our building and property.

The apples are finally done. Thanks to everyone that took some home to do something with. All those that you took saved me from having to take them home for the deer.

On our wish list and "have to do list," here's an update and some prices to do them (what we have so far).

The updated computer program for the heating system has been installed at a cost of $1,600.

On the wish list, gutters for the carport would cost about $200 if we put them on.

The carpeting on the steps and landing is too old and cannot be stretched. Replacing it with new carpet would cost $2,565.00.

As of now, I have not received the prices for fixing a couple of the outdoor faucets, but it's in the works. Also, the entry door at our main entrance needs to be fixed or adjusted. That quote will be coming soon.

Also, the drywall damage caused by the A/C unit's drains getting plugged will cost roughly $500.

We are trying to prioritize these items to fix what "needs" to be done versus what we would like to do.

Another wish item is to upgrade the lights in the church. The cove lights would be around $350–$400. The can lights above the altar, as well as some type of hanging lights above the pews, have not been looked into as far as cost.

That brings us to the parking lot. Asphalt is priced per ton, and this is determined by the price of oil, which oil prices mean high gas as well as higher asphalt prices. For now we have not asked for any bids to redo the upper lot and back drive (south side of church).

I would like to give a big "thank you" to Jim & Kim Baake for helping with window washing and vacuuming, cleaning up some of our unwanted house guests.

And also thank you to Stephany and Don Robinson for caring for the roses and cleaning up the plants along the railing.

Thank you, Joe Peterson, for your help in the boiler room again. We changed out the circulating pump to hopefully be ahead of that troublemaker.

Again, thanks to everyone that's helped out, and to anyone that may be able to help with time/talents. Please fill out and return the time/talent forms that you should have received in the mail.

Thank you again!

Bruce

November Happenings around Hartford!

40th Annual Hartford Christmas Parade

Saturday, November 14 • 3–5 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season as Hartford's annual Christmas parade makes its way downtown, from Highland Avenue and Main Street toward Monroe Avenue.

Hartford Union High School Presents Hello, Dolly!

November 13, 14, 15, 20 & 21

Support local students as they bring this beloved Broadway musical to the Schauer Arts Center. Performances are at 7 pm, with a 2 pm matinee November 15.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service and Social

Wednesday, November 25th 7:00pm

First United Methodist Church of Hartford.

All Are Welcome!

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

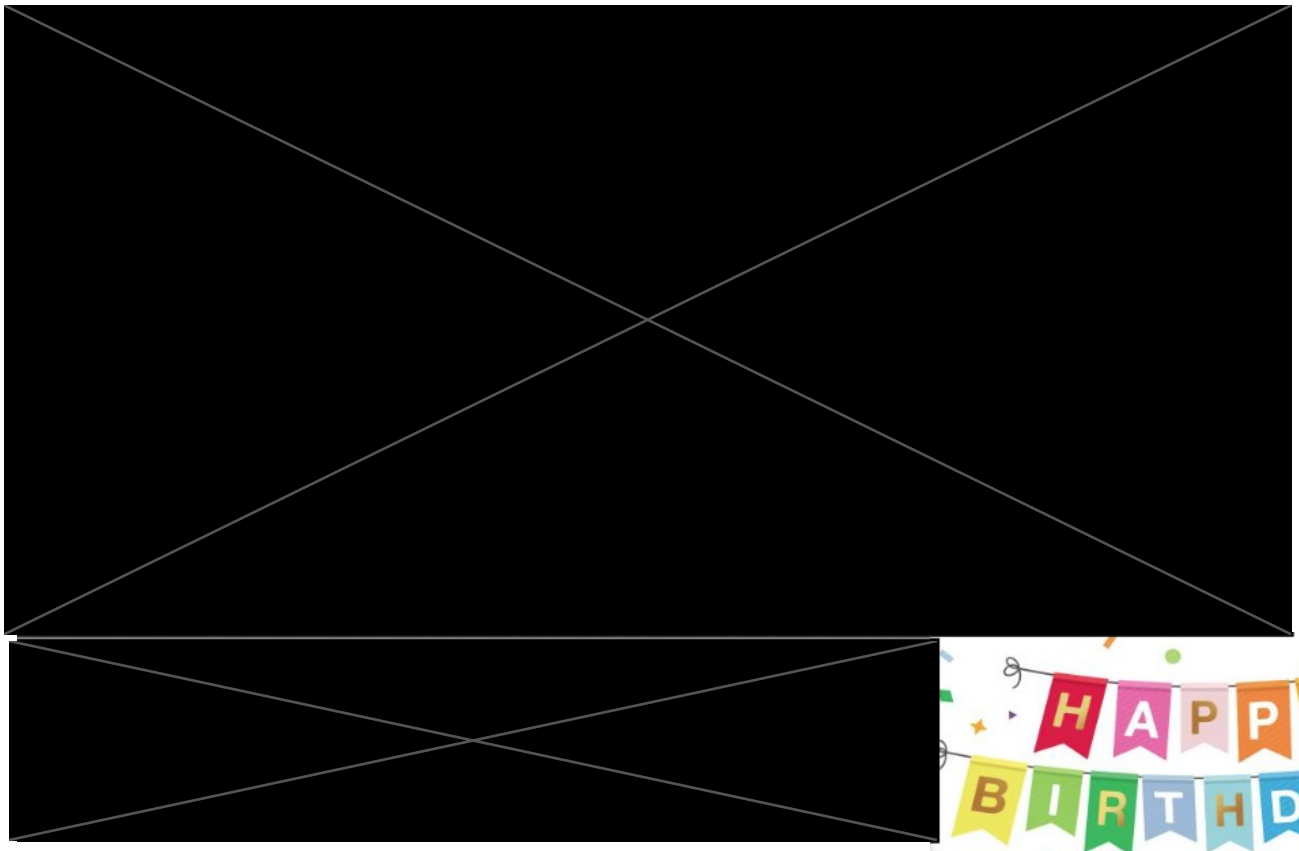
Snack needs include:
Goldfish, Individually wrapped food items, Animal Crackers, Granola Bars… NO NUTS
Food drive/pantry needs (most helpful in Feb – Spring – Summer) include:
cereal, shelf stable microwave meals, canned goods mac and cheese with cheese sauce (not add milk and butter).

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

Snack needs include:
Kid snacks NO NUTS, fruit cups, cereal, canned goods
Other Items:
Books (gently used is ok), new toys



Redeemer Lutheran Church * ELCA



Lynn Nettesheim	**November 9**
Barbara Menden	**November 16**

Your Help is Wanted! Volunteers Needed for Home Delivered Meal Program in Jackson

West Bend, WI - The Washington County Senior Dining Program is looking for volunteer drivers in the Jackson area every other Wednesday and every Thursday, between 10:45am-12:00pm.
Volunteers would give approximately 1 1/2 hours to take noon meals from the Jackson Community Center to homebound persons.

Drivers can have their mileage reimbursed. Also, substitute drivers are needed any day of the week.

If you are interested, please call Amanda at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Washington County at
262-335-4497 or 1-877-306-3030.

Women's
SEEKING HIM
+
SERVING OTHERS
Ministry

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.

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

Save Your Cans

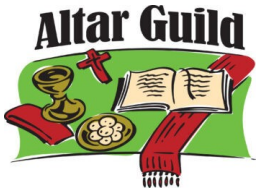


Redeemer Lutheran Church * ELCA









November 1 **9:30 am**
Ushers: Bruce and Laurie Horst
Lector: Scott Lopas

November 8 **9:30 am**
Ushers: Donna Lee
Lector: Michelle Burton

November 15 **9:30 am**
Usher: Kurt & Wendy Hintz
Lector: Tom Hostad

November 22 **9:30 am**
Ushers: Don Horen
Lector: Kurt Hintz

November 29 **9:30 am**
Ushers: Bruce and Laurie Horst
Lector: Scott Lopas

November 1	**Laurie Horst**
November 8	**Laurie Horst**
November 15	**Laurie Horst**
November 22	**Laurie Horst**
November 29	**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 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

When: Thursday, November 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 November 6th

We are going to the Red Moon on the corner of P and Highway 60 on Friday, November 6th. **We will meet there at NOON! Please let me know if you will be joining us by Monday, October 26th.** If you need a ride that can be arranged.

Please consider joining us.

Please let Anne know if you will be attending so she can make reservations.
Anne Clasen
262-227-6921

A Community Lunch is served on the last Saturday of each month. It is held at the U Monroe Ave. This outreach would not be possible without the many volunteers fron First United Methodist Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Aidan's Episcopal C Church. Lunch service starts at 11:30am, fellowship prior. Volunteers





November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **9:30am– Worship** **10:30am– Fellowship**	2 6pm– Casa Guadalupe	10 10am-2pm– Office 5pm– Girl Scouts	4 10am-2pm Office 6pm Casa Guadalupe	5 10am-2pm Office 1:30-Conversation & Prayer@ Washington Hts. 7pm– Al-Anon	6 **Monthly Fish Fry Group**	7
8 **9:30am– Worship** **10:30am– Fellowship**	9 12pm-2pm Women's Ministry 4pm-Church Council Mtg 6pm– Casa Guadalupe	10 10am-2pm– Office	11 10am-2pm Office 6pm Casa Guadalupe	12 9-12 Pastor in office 10am-2pm Office 7pm– Al-Anon	13	14 **Hartford Christmas Parade!**
15 **9:30am– Worship** **10:30am– Fellowship**	16 6pm– Casa Guadalupe	17 10am-2pm– Office	18 10am-2pm Office 6pm Casa Guadalupe	19 9-12 Pastor in office 10am-2pm Office 1:30-Chapel @ The Gardens 5pm– Girl Scouts 7pm– Al-Anon	20	21
22 **9:30am– Worship** **10:30am– Fellowship**	23 6pm– Casa Guadalupe	24 **OFFICE CLOSED**	25 **OFFICE CLOSED**	**OFFICE CLOSED** **Thanksgiving**	27	28
29 **9:30am– Worship** **10:30am– Fellowship**	30 6pm– Casa Guadalupe					

Please support our generous sponsors as they generously support us.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Communications Sponsors



The Hoch Haldemann Group
Jen Haldemann, CFP®
Financial Advisor, Director
414-398-7545
jhaldemann@rwbaird.com

Kmtours1.com
262-223-0234



Fehring's Landscaping & Lawn Care LLC
2987 Oil Spring Rd,
Hartford

RIEGLEMAN Chiropractic
Healing since 1986
262-644-8488 / Hwy 60 - Slinger

Shimon Funeral Home
262-673-9500
Matt & Mike Shimon, Kelly Christman
Funeral Directors
824 Union Street Hartford, WI
Independently owned & operated

RICK'S PLUMBING, INC
262-673-6284
Repair-Remodeling-Sewer & Drain Cleaning
Water Heaters-Softeners-
Bath & Kitchen Remodeling
24 Hr. Emergency Service
28 E Sumner St
Hartford, WI
RicksPlumbingHartford.com

Espinosa Family Dental
ORTHODONTICS & IMPLANT SOLUTIONS
709 Grand Avenue
Hartford, WI 53027
262 673-2288



BERNDT-LEDESMA Funeral Home
226 South Main St
Hartford, WI 53027
262-673-4700

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH—STAFF:

Pastor……Steve Rutter
President of Congregation……Tom Hostad
Vice President of Congregation……Kurt Hintz
Council Secretary……Laurie Horst
Keyboards……Lori Pawlak
Treasurer……Gabriele Priesgen
Financial Secretaries…… Jeanine Gable and Jeanette Weber

PHONE:……Church Office, 262-673-2550
E-mail:……redeemerhartford@gmail.com
Web site:……http://www.redeemerhartford.com

FROM:
Redeemer Lutheran Church
255 W Lincoln Ave
Hartford, WI 53027