



Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

May, 2026

From Pastor Anne Wickland

Happy May, everyone!

May is one of my favorite months of the year, partially because it's my birthday month, but mainly because this is when it truly starts to feel like spring. The sun is shining more, the flowers are really starting to bloom, and hockey playoffs are in full force!

Sunday, May 24th, we will not have service due to Bonnet Prairie's Memorial Day Weekend service in the cemetery (9:30am). According to the church calendar, that Sunday is Pentecost. Because Pentecost is an important church holiday where we celebrate what is basically the birthday of the Christian Church, we will be celebrating it Sunday, May 31st. Oftentimes, when reading Acts 2, where the Holy Spirit is a large gust of wind and fire, and everyone starts speaking in different languages but understanding each other, congregations will have people do the reading in different languages. And this made me wonder what languages do the people of Redeemer know? I know a little bit of Swedish (due to studying abroad there in college) and German (from high school and college classes), and of course the smallest bit of Spanish.

Part of the reading of Acts 2 lists where all the people were coming from, to show just how diverse all the languages they were speaking. So, when researching more about Pentecost, I found maps and a reading that showed where those places are in modern times.

"Afghanistan and Turkmenistan, Iran and Iraq, Israel and Palestine and many parts of Turkey, including near Istanbul and Ankara; some of us are from Egypt and northern Libya, or visiting from Rome in Italy, from the island of Crete or from Saudi Arabia."

To me, modernizing the places makes it easier for us to understand the scope of all these people gathering together and that we have always been a global church!

I hope you all have a great month of May.

Blessings,

Pastor Anne

On-Going Prayers

We continue to hold in prayer those who have requested ongoing prayer: Katie (Gorman) Pilston; Mary Risgaard (sister-in-law of Bob and Helen Risgaard); Laura Johnsrud (Nancy Washington's daughter); Justin Yonkie (relative of Helen Risgaard); June Bennett (friend of Barbara Nelson); Brian Von Ahsen (Barb Von Ahsen's son); Alfred & Barb Nelson; Nancy and Spencer Wescott; Kim Huber Ross; Wayne and Norma Nelson; Janet Corning; Carter Schultz (age 6, great grandson of Nancy Wescott's cousin, Caryn Schultz and her husband, Carl); Kay Meier (Susan Brusveen's sister); Knute Nelson (Susan Brusveen's brother); Dave Hinzman; Stacie Wheeler; Nancy Drehmel; April Landphier; Bob Adams; Bev Stankiewicz; Bob Strauss; Gloria Lang; Sue Pulver; Virginia Olson; Ken Wescott; and Raymond Endres.

With Deep Appreciation

Our family would like to thank everyone who prayed for Stewart and our family!
The lungs were a good match and the surgery was a success. Thanks be to God.
Stewart has many days of therapy, he will be taking many pills for the rest of his life and many days of healing in his future.

I always say, "we never know what God has in store for us when we get up in the morning". Whether it be a challenge or a gift it is good to accept it with grace and understanding.

Again " thank you to everyone who has been remembering our family" during one of the most challenging times we have encountered.

God's blessings,

**Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock and Dale
Sons, Josh, Mike and families**

**Stewart and Rachel Reidelbach-Pribbenow
Siblings: David, Staci, Jon and families**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 17, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

Approved Minutes

Present: President – Beth Laufenberg, **Vice President** – Ben Brusveen, **Secretary** – Kristi Fehrman, **Treasurer** – Austin Dahnke, **Trustee** – Lynn Bubolz, and Pastor Anne Wickland.

Absent: Trustee – Rick Olson, excused.

1. **Meeting was called to order by President, Beth Laufenberg at 6:03 pm**
2. **Approve Agenda**
Motion by Pastor Anne Wickland to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ben Brusveen. All were in favor. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Devotions** were given by Pastor Anne Wickland. Beth Laufenberg will have devotions for April 21, 2026.
4. **Review and approve minutes from February 17th, 2026 Council Meeting**
Motion by Pastor Anne Wickland to approve the minutes. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Correspondence and/or Guest Comments:** None
6. **Financial Reports – Review/Approve**
 - a. **General Fund:** See Report. We were short in February. \$1900 was transferred from Bennett Savings to cover the shortfall.
 - b. **Bennett Mutual Fund:** See Report
 - c. **Memorial Fund:** See ReportMotion by Kristi Fehrman to approve financial reports. Seconded by Austin Dahnke. All were in favor. Motion carried.
7. **Standing Committee Reports – Review/Approve**
 - a. **Property** – Report provided
 - b. **WELCA** – Not actively meeting.
 - c. **Social Concerns** – Not actively meeting.
 - d. **Outreach** – Not actively meeting.
 - e. **Stewardship** – Not actively meeting.
 - f. **Lay Ministry** – Not actively meeting.
 - g. **Education** – Not actively meeting.
 - h. **Worship Team:** Pastor Anne reported that the team has been busy preparing the Order of Worship, Bulletins, and Music through Easter Sunday and throughout the month of April.
 - i. **Policy Committee** – Not actively meeting.Motion by Pastor Anne Wickland to approve standing committee reports. Seconded by Lynn Bubolz. All were in favor. Motion carried.
8. **Staff Reports – Review/Approve**

- a. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Anne reported that the confirmation retreat at Lutherdale went well. We have 2 more Soup Suppers that include a Bible Study for those interested and Worship afterward. She has visited one shut in and has others scheduled to visit this month.
 - b. **Other Staff:** None
- Motion by Austin Dahnke to approve Pastor's Report. Seconded by Ben Brusveen. All were in favor. Motion carried.
9. **Boiler Update** – Lynn Bubolz continues to keep in touch with Paul on a regular basis to stay informed of progress.
 10. **Standing Committee Plan** – Council will continue to have discussions on how to move forward with the current model of Standing Committees.
 11. **Synod Assembly Delegates** – We still need to have a male and female delegate to attend the Synod Assembly on Saturday, May 16. Announcements will be made on Sundays.
 12. **Thanksgivings** –Thanks were given for all the individuals who helped plow and snowplow for their neighbors and others after the storm on Sunday/Monday.
 13. **Adjourn/Closing Prayer** – Motion by Pastor Anne Wickland to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Seconded by Kristi Fehrman. Motion carried by voice vote. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Dates to Remember:

- Next Council Meeting: April 21st, 2026 at 6pm
- Synod Assembly: May 15th & 16th Woodman's Center, Janesville

Kristi Fehrman
Council Secretary

May Birthdays

Larry Wavra	May 8
Beverly Hepler	May 14
Jennifer Baerwolf	May 15
Harper Wittmann	May 19
Pastor Anne Wickland	May 21
Jon Pribbenow	May 22
Leslie Berndt	May 23
Beth Laufenberg	May 25
Larry Gorman	May 28
Molly Wittmann	May 29
Scott Nelson	May 29
Joseph Severson	May 30
Tom Krueger	May 31

May Anniversaries

Beth & David Laufenberg	May 4
Kevin & Kristie Falk	May 15
Skyler & April Severson	May 22
Larry & Geri Gorman	May 24

THANK YOU, GAYLE!

It is with extreme sadness that we accept Gayle Krueger's resignation as Redeemer's Senior Choir Accompanist.

For forty years, under the direction of at least four choir directors, Gayle has been the ANCHOR of the Senior Choir and has *VOLUNTEERED* her time and talent.

It takes a person with special skills to accompany a group. It is a complex job, to be able to rehearse a group of voices, playing parts as they learn a new song, and then accompanying them once they can put the entire song together. Not every musician can do that. Gayle has been EXCEPTIONAL!

Besides her weekly hour of practice with the choir nine months of the year, and the many worship services, sometimes four in a week like Holy Week, and usually at least three Sundays a month, she spends hours at home practicing. That is a HUGE COMMITMENT!

PLEASE take time to offer your appreciation to a very special member of our congregation. She will be immensely missed in her capacity as Senior Choir accompanist.

I am happy and thankful that Gayle will continue her role on Redeemer's Worship Team. We have also invited her to continue as a member of the choir as a singer.

May God Bless You, Gayle!

Sincerely,
Geri Gorman, Music Director



Redeemer's "MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA"

Twice a year, at Christmastime and in the Spring, Redeemer holds a worship service that features our dedicated musicians. We call it "Music Sunday."

April 26, 2026 was indeed a "MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA." Each special musical offering as well as all the congregational hymns were selected deliberately to celebrate and praise God.

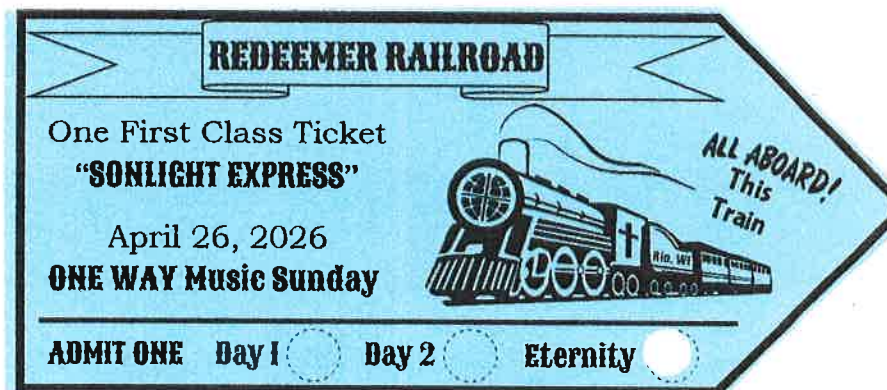
Besides the Senior Choir and the Bell Choir each singing or ringing four songs, we heard solos on the flute by Trish McNeill, the accordion by Nancy Washington, and the piano by Oleg Rudnytsky. Our "Quartet Minus One" (Kurt Johnson was home, sick), sang a robust version of "I Saw the Light!" accompanied by Gayle Krueger.

Each person in the congregation received a ticket to ride the "Redeemer Railroad Sonlight Express" with a one-way ticket to eternity as the Bells rang "This Train," and Pastor Anne's message told us all about the Good Shephard.

Thank you to all the participants in this festive and fun worship service.

And thank you to everyone who attended this service to celebrate God!

Sincerely,
Geri Gorman, Musical Director



MUSIC SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:

PIANIST: Oleg Rudnytsky **CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:** Gayle Krueger

FLUTE: Trish McNeill **ACCORDION:** Nancy Washington

QUARTET: Bob Risgaard, Kurt Johnson, Steve Gilbert and Trish McNeill

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Geri Gorman

BELL CHOIR:

Bonnie Pribbenow-Paddock
Stephen Gilbert
Kathy Lueloff
Beth Laufenberg
Kristi Fehrman
Trish McNeill
Linda Olson
Debbie Reiersen
Hope Fenske
Joleen Frank
Melanie Gilbert

SENIOR CHOIR:

Bob Risgaard
Kurt Johnson
Stephen Gilbert
Trish McNeill
Nancy Washington
Debbie Reiersen
Renee Miles
Darlene Cutsforth



Trish McNeill's flute solo



Oleg Rudnytsky on piano



Nancy Washington on accordion



Bell Choir performing 'This Train'



Bob Risgaard, Stephen Gilbert, and Trish McNeill



Geri Gorman preparing the train to leave the station



Senior Choir performing one of their many songs

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Worship/Communion YouTube via Facebook FM 101.7	4 Office and Pastor's Hours: 9:00 – Noon	5 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	6 Confirmation 7 pm	7 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	8	9
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17 9:00 Worship/Communion YouTube via Facebook FM 101.7	18 Office and Pastor's Hours: 9:00 - Noon	19 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	20 Confirmation 7 pm	21 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	22	23
24 Memorial Service at Bonne Prairie at 9:30 <i>No Service at Redeemer</i>	25 Office Hours: 9:00 - Noon Pastor out of Office <i>June Newsletter Articles Due</i>	26 Office Hours: 9:00 – Noon Pastor's Hours 9:00 – 3:00	27	28 6:00 pm- AA Meeting	29	30
31 9:00 Worship/Communion <i>Celebrating Pentecost</i> YouTube via Facebook FM 101.7						