



Redeemer Lutheran Church
and 3K/4K Preschool

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Newsletter – April 2025

From the Desk of Pastor Huehn

Who's Your Christian Mentor?

In a recent sermon, I spoke of the importance of having other Christians we want to emulate. Our Lutheran Confessions (bookofconcord.org) also speak to this in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession about the saints who've gone before us being examples for the Christian congregations to emulate today and help cultivate our members' character. **"Our confession approves giving honor to the saints... The third honor is imitation: first of their faith, then of their other virtues, which people should imitate according to their callings."** (*Book of Concord, 238 (Apology 21, 6)*)

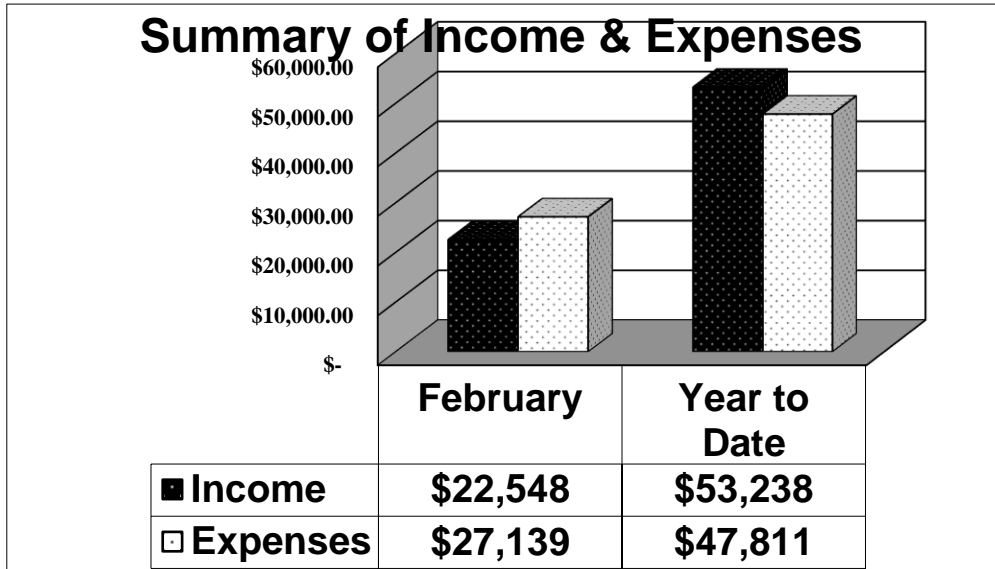
I have several mentors I look up to in addition to the Biblical examples to emulate. One of them is the great Lutheran theologian **Johann Gerhard (1582-1637)**. When it comes to a pious man of God that I want to emulate, even though I never knew the guy personally, I can find that I want to emulate his Christian walk with the Lord in my own life, both devotionally and for others to follow in me as your Pastor and as a man of God for my wife, my children, and those in my community. In his book, *The Daily Exercise of Piety*, Gerhard exemplifies his desire to imitate Christ in four areas: First, he focuses on meditation and confessing his sins. From the seriousness of original sin to the daily lapse into sin to the severity of God's wrath against sin considered in the Passion and death of Christ, it's the right first step in examining our lives daily. Second is the contemplation of God's Divine gifts bestowed on us sinners. And our thanksgiving for them, including first our being formed and created by God in our mother's womb, to God preserving us, redeeming us, and giving thanks in all things for Jesus' Passion, calling us through the Word, and the forgiveness of our sins, to our Baptism into Christ, the thankful reception of the Lord's Supper, and Jesus guarding me from all evils, and the eternal promises of our salvation. Third is a focused meditation on prayer and our Christian life in sanctified, holy Christian living. We should follow many Christian virtues as we desire to walk with a heavenly perspective: mortification (killing) of the sinful flesh, the Old Adam, increase in faith, hope, love, humility, patience, gentleness, and chastity, as well as prayer for comfort in adversity and true peace of conscience, victory in temptation, and safekeeping from the plots of the devil.

And lastly, for fleeing or fighting against those worldly earthly sinful vices, namely, for the disdain of earthly things, denial of self, victory over the world, and prayer for a blessed end (to this life) and a blessed resurrection unto eternal life. Finally, the fourth focus to model and imitate is prayer for the neighbor as we desire to live out the second table of the law in Christ. Preservation of the Word of God and the increase of the Church through our witness. Prayer for pastors and those who hear the preaching, including ourselves. Prayer for our government and those in authority over us. Prayer for the household estate, relatives, and even our enemies and persecutors, as well as those suffering hardship and affliction.

I pray for you to find a good Christian mentor you desire to follow in addition to the most important example for our life and walk of faith, Jesus. A blessed and holy Passiontide and joyous celebration of our Lord Jesus' resurrection from the dead at Easter!

Your shepherd in Christ,
Pastor Huehn

Financial Update



Second Time Singles

- The next outing will be on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. with a concert by the Capitol Community Chorale at the Capitol Civic Center. This is a local group providing music from diverse genres including songs by Dolly Parton, John Denver, John Lennon, Paul McCartney and others. Sign up at the tract rack in the lobby and use one of the envelopes provided. Drop it in the offering box by May 6. Cost is \$17 with checks made out to Redeemer or cash. Questions, ask Mary Eisenschink.
- On another note, please sign up to host a picnic or Sunday breakfast during June, July or August. There is a sign up sheet in the tract rack. All you need to do for a picnic is pick a date and bring a dessert. For breakfast, just pick a date and make a reservation. Let Mary know the details and she will make a sign up sheet and put it in the newsletters and bulletins.



2025-26 Preschool Registration Update!!

We are still accepting registrations for our 4K and 3K preschool classes but both classes are almost full. If you know anyone interested in our preschool program, please tell them to turn in registration materials asap. All forms are available in the office or on our website.

Sunday School Reminder: Sunday school students will sing the processional (with palm branches) and also the doxology (with drums, recorders, bells, xylophones) on Palm Sunday, April 13. All participants need to be at church by 8:30 am that day.

Join us for worship on Sunday, April 27th when Family Ministry will be handing out new Bibles to many of our Youth members!

Ladies Night Out

Ladies of the congregation are invited to meet at Bricks in Manitowoc on April 11th @ 6 p.m. to enjoy dinner and to better get to know other women in the congregation. All women are welcome and encouraged to join us! Contact Beth Utecht 952-240-4817 with questions.

Men's Night Out

Men of Redeemer are invited to meet at The Fat Seagull in Manitowoc on April 25th @ 6 p.m. to enjoy dinner and to better get to know other men in the congregation. All men are welcome and encouraged to join us! Contact Pastor Huehn 309-706-9925 with questions.



Preschool Rummage Sale Info

- **Save the Date:** preschool is hosting a rummage sale May 8th, 9th and 10th @ Redeemer.
- **We are collecting items now, we will take your gently used items (no furniture or appliances, please).** All items can be brought to the church office. If you have any questions, see Jaime Wiles.

HARTMAN'S GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SALE!

BEGINNING ON APRIL 6, REDEEMER PRESCHOOL IS ONCE AGAIN SELLING HARTMAN'S GIFT CERTIFICATES. CERTIFICATES ARE \$10/EACH AND CAN BE USED FOR ANYTHING SOLD AT HARTMAN'S. THEY MAKE WONDERFUL



GIFTS (MOTHER'S DAY, FATHER'S DAY, TEACHERS, ETC.) ALL PROFITS FROM THESE CERTIFICATES GO DIRECTLY INTO THE PRESCHOOL BUDGET FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES. WE WILL HAVE ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER, OR YOU CAN ALWAYS STOP IN THE OFFICE TO PURCHASE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 13th @ 9:00 am

Monday: April 14th @ 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday: April 17th @ 6:00 pm

Good Friday: April 18th @ 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday: April 20th @ 8:00 am & 10:00 am

NO WORSHIP ON MONDAY, APRIL 21st

****Please note that on Friday, April 18th & Monday, April 21st the church office will be closed.**

EASTER Egg hunt

Redeemer's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am

Please invite your friends and family to join us for treats and crafts. Separate hunt areas for 3 and under and 4 and up.

Rain or shine!! If the weather is poor, we will hide the eggs inside the church building.

- ❖ Volunteers are needed for set up and help with the snacks and beverage tables.
- ❖ We will be decorating on Friday, April 11st at 3:45pm... help is needed!!
- ❖ Donations of cookies, bars, and juice are welcome! Sign-up sheets are by the Welcome Center.
- ❖ Donations of candy (please no hard candies! "Bite size" works best) that can fit inside an egg can be left in the box by the Welcome Center. Please have them at the church by Monday, April 7th. **This year we are also asking for more plastic eggs!**



Take Stock in Our Youth!

The National Youth Gathering is only four months away, and our youth are preparing with a Bible study focused on "Endure." To help cover travel, hotel, and meal costs for seven youth and two chaperones, we need additional funds. Please consider supporting our Youth Stock fundraiser.

There are two ways to participate this year:

1. Choose an envelope from the Youth Stock wall, with each number representing a donation amount. For example, if you select envelope 25, donate \$25 inside the envelope.
2. If your number is taken or not available, use the flyer from the folder posted near the envelopes to make your donation.

If writing a check, please note "youth gathering" in the memo. You can also learn what excites the youth most about the upcoming gathering on the stock wall.



April Book Club will be meeting at church on Saturday, April 26th at 10am. The books are available to sign out at the welcome center. All interested readers are welcome. Any questions, call Lisa Battin 920-323-6456.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 1 Ramona Kowitz, April Eichmann, Angela Lettenberger,
Ryley Schaefer, Daniel Loiselle

April 2 Joan Barnard*

April 3 Kendall Lettenberger

April 5 Adam Martell, Gerry Pieper, David & Amaya Kurth,
Tina Troullier

April 6 Dennis Yurk, Nolan Lettenberger, Maleah & Erika Meyer

April 8 April Eisenschink

April 10 Ellyn & Josie Matthies

April 11 JoAnn Noffke, Breckin Wotruba

April 12 Hailey Stasiak

April 13 Tom Baryenbruch, Shayne Larsen, Sarah Matthies

April 14 Betty DeGodt

April 15 Eric Troullier, Willow Leicht

April 16 Gina Wotruba

April 18 Glenn Griepentrog, Jessica Gomm

April 19 Connor Carty

April 21 Maddi Troullier, Carolyn Huske

April 22 Cole Cayemberg

April 25 Judy Pieper, Ken Krajnik

April 26 Randy Berres, Abigail Reigles

April 27 Joshua Schnake

April 28 Emily Fricke

April 30 Kevin Lipski, Aaron Utecht, Jordan Walters, Michaela Ambrose

*Shut-in



April 7: Craig & Tina Troullier

April 11: Jim & Sandy Schultz

April 15: John & Debbie Lindemann

April 18: Jason & Crystal Selsing

April 23: Scott & Sonja Hansen

April 24: Jeff & Jerri Rathjen

April 28: Glenn & Doris Griepentrog

Lee & Lynn Qualman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	2) Confirmation 5pm Lenten Supper 5pm Lenten Worship 6pm	3)	4) Pastor Huehn's Family Day off	5)
6) Worship 9am Fellowship Educ. Classes 10:20am	7) Worship 6pm	8) Finance 8:15am No Bible Study	9) Confirmation: 2 nd year only 4:45pm Lenten Supper 5pm Lenten Worship 6pm	10) Executive Board Mtg 6pm	11) Pastor Huehn day off Decorate for Egg Hunt 3:45pm Ladies Night Out @ Bricks 6pm	12) Easter Egg Hunt 10am STS to CCC 3pm
13) Palm Sunday (Sunday School students will sing) Worship 9am Fellowship Educ. Classes 10:20am	14) Worship 6pm	15) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	16) No Confirmation	17) Maundy Thursday Worship 6pm	18) Good Friday Worship 1pm & 6pm Office Closed	19)
20) Easter Sunday Easter Worship 8am & 10am	21) No Worship Office Closed	22) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	23) Confirmation: 2 nd year only (last class) 5pm	24)	25) Pastor Huehn day off Men's Night Out @ The Fat Seagull 6pm	26) Book Club 10am
27) Worship 9am (Youth Bibles handed out) Fellowship Educ. Classes 10:20am	28) Worship 6pm	29) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	30)	May 1)	May 2) Pastor Huehn day off	May 3) Save the date: Confirmation Sunday May 4 th

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