



Redeemer Lutheran Church
and 3K/4K Preschool

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Newsletter – May 2024

Letter from the President:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:6-7

This is a bible verse that I have printed out and tacked onto my office wall. It is one that I read often – and one that I find solace in as the stresses of life weigh me down. We have been facing a lot of uncertainty at Redeemer over the past several months – and many of you have expressed the concerns that you have, which mirror many of mine!

Times are uncertain, and it's natural to feel concern. Let's take a moment to acknowledge these anxieties and bring them before God.

The Bible is filled with verses that remind us of God's faithfulness. In Isaiah 41:10, He says, 'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'

We are not meant to face these challenges alone. We have a community here in this church, and most importantly, we have God by our side.

We are also blessed to have a board and a call committee and so many wonderful volunteers that have dedicated hours upon hours of their time addressing the needs of the church. Our pulpit has been blessed with faithful Pastors who fill our hearts with God's word every Sunday and Monday - along with a music program led by Gary Neustadter that brings so much joy. We have Pastor Schmitt who continues to serve the needs of our church, alongside his home congregation – and what a blessing he has been. Financially speaking, through the grace of God and our congregation, we are strong - and that is something to be very thankful for.

God has blessed us beyond measure and though the future may seem unclear, let's face it together with faith and hope. God has a plan for each of us, and He will see us through.

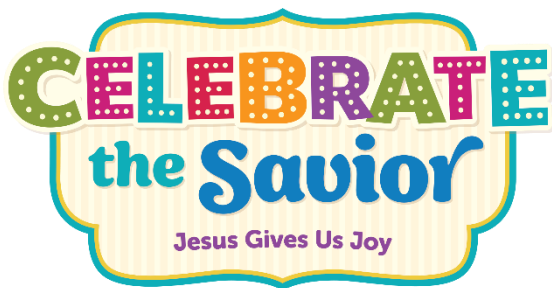
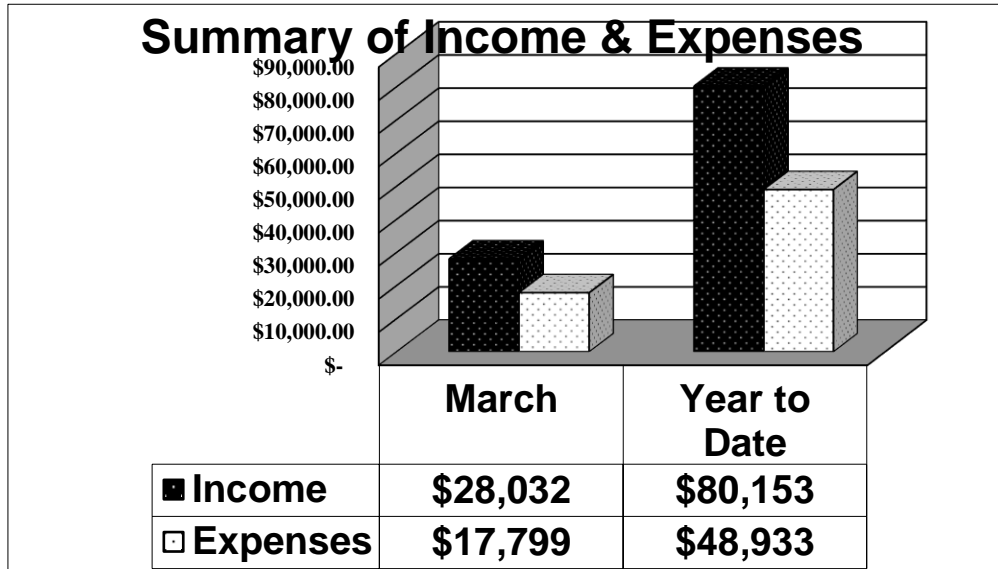
Sunday School Update & Thank Yous

We hope to see everyone in Sunday school for the last few Sundays of the year. The last Sunday for Sunday School will be May 19th!

Thank you to Johanna Harris, Cory Van Sickle and Aaron Utecht for teaching Sunday School this year. They have taught the children lessons from the Bible and how to fix their eyes on Christ.

Thank you also to Gary Neustadter for leading the children in music. It is a beautiful sound to hear children sing praises to God. Thank you Mr. Neustadter.

Financial Update



**Mark your calendars for
Vacation Bible School!**

June 10 - 13, 2024
9:00 – 11:30 am
Geared to ages 4 to 10

Registration is appreciated to help us prepare a great week for you!

Paper forms are available at the Welcome Center or the online link is
<https://vbsmate.com/events/RedeemerManty/28718>

A bulletin board with sign ups to volunteer and bring donations of treats and juice will be by the Welcome Center as well. We will need many volunteers to bring our VBS to life!



**No Worship Service on Monday, May 27th,
Memorial Day.**

Youth Game Nights

Youth Game Nights will be on Wednesday May 1st, 15th, and 29th.

Haiku from Acts 3:

By faith in Jesus

This man you see was made strong
...faith that comes through _____.

Bible Study Update

For the month of May, the men's and women's bible study will be combined. The combined bible study will be Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. Bible Study will be paused for the summer; the last meeting will be Tuesday, May 21st.

Usher Training

There will be a short Usher Training session on Sunday, May 5th following worship. This training is for all new and current ushers. If you have any questions, see Bob Gregurich.

HARTMAN'S GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SALE!

REDEEMER PRESCHOOL IS ONCE AGAIN BE 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, THANK YOUS, BIRTHDAYS, 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!



2024-25 Preschool Registration Update!!

We are still accepting registrations for our 3K and 4K preschool class but we have very limited spots available in both. All forms are available in the office or on our website. Please share this information with friends and family! Word of mouth is our best advertising.

Baby Bottle Campaign



Once again, Redeemer will be participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Crossing of Manitowoc County. Change a Life and donate today! Here's how to help:

- Pick up a baby bottle on Mother's Day May 12th, 2024
- Fill it with donations
- Return it on Father's Day June 16th, 2024
- Give online <https://www.crossingmanitowoc.org/change-a-life>

Preschool Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, May 5th after the 9am service to celebrate and honor Director Patti Fellows and Teacher Jerri Rathjen who will be stepping down from their staff positions with Redeemer Lutheran Preschool at the end of this school year. Refreshments will be provided. Take time to congratulate and thank Patti and Jerri for their service these past years using their God-given talents. Current and past students are encouraged to join us as well to reminisce about their time in preschool.



Preschool Job Search

Redeemer Lutherans preschool program is currently searching for a new director and teacher to join our team. If you know of anyone who possesses the necessary qualifications, experience, and shares our commitment to providing quality education and nurturing environments for our young learners, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter. Your recommendations could make all the difference in finding the right individuals to lead and teach within our preschool. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any board member or the church office with recommendations.

Update from the Call Committee

The Call Committee has been working through the latest list sent from the District and we are happy to say that this coming week, we will be speaking with Pastor Sherry, Pastor Stowe and Pastor Skovgaard. You can find more information on these Pastor's in the bulletin or by reviewing their PIF's and SET's, which are available in the church office. The committee will continue to review information from the District on other potential candidates if/as necessary. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the committee.

Call List: Pastor Profiles

Jacob Sherry: Onekama, Michigan

In personal skills Pastor Sherry receives the rating very good in tact, patience, cooperation, administration, leadership, innovation, people skills, personal grooming, conference and continuing education participation, use of computer, attitude toward synod and district. Pastor Sherry receives the rating outstanding in team ministry and attitude toward Christian day school.

In congregational ministries Pastor Sherry receives the rating very good in children's youth, and older adult ministry, personal witnessing, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, worship, and music ministry. Pastor Sherry has received the specialized training and/or experience in Disaster Response and Evangelism. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, contemporary flexible.

His district president writes, "Pastor Sherry is a fine pastor who is faithful to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, dedicated to caring ministry, and much loved by his people. Pastor Sherry has a laid back and friendly approach. He is ready to be stretched in ministry." His circuit visitor writes that Pastor Sherry's community involvement is limited right now, but that is primarily because he and his wife having young children in the home.

Eric Skovgaard: Brookfield, Wisconsin

In personal skills Pastor Skovgaard receives the rating very good in tact, patience, cooperation, initiative, leadership, innovation, creativity, community involvement, personal grooming, conference participation; as well as attitude toward Christian day school and synod. Pastor Skovgaard receives the rating outstanding in people skills and attitude toward district.

In congregational ministries Pastor Skovgaard receives the rating very good in children, and young adult ministry, assimilation of new members, lay leadership development, counseling, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, worship; as well as sick, shut in and home visitation. Pastor Skovgaard receives the rating outstanding in personal witnessing and outreach visitation. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, contemporary flexible.

Eric brings to bear his gifts of patience, forbearance, and his steadying influence to a large parish with a large school and the challenges of change. He is insightful,

caring, and sensitive; while being able intellectually, he continues to “pastor” very well; loves God’s people and is loved by his people. Eric is the senior pastor, doing a good job of serving God’s people and tenderly guiding the church.

Douglas Stowe

In personal skills Pastor Stowe receives the rating very good in administration, personal grooming, conference participation, use of computer, attitude toward Christian day school.

In congregational ministries Pastor Stowe receives the rating very good in young adult, singles, older adult, and small group ministry, personal witnessing, counseling, preaching delivery, worship, stewardship, sick, and shut-in visitation. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, contemporary flexible.

He leads well. He is well read and puts his thoughts together well. He is professional, organized, energetic and motivated. He has also demonstrated strength in preaching and teaching. He currently serves on the district board of directors.

Post-Easter Reflections

*The outline of the cross we dimly see.
Good Friday was the day we knelt at Calvary.
The jeers and jesting of the crowd which seemed so near
Now at this distance we can scarcely hear.
Nor does the sight of nail-pierced feet and hand
Or the low cry of those who bravely took their stand
Beneath that cross to comfort and sustain
Now touch our heart.*

*We’re hardened now to pain!
Oh Father, Father, give us eyes to see
It was our guilt that nailed Christ to the tree.
And let the vision of that cross upon the hill
Draw us to love and serve You better still.*

*Then let this love like Easter candles glow
Shedding their light and warmth - that we might know
The Easter joy, the faith, the hope
No longer need we in sin’s darkness grope.
The door to heaven now is open wide.
“Come unto Me,” your wants shall be supplied.
All things are ours through Christ, then let us give
Our heart’s devotion and unto God’s glory live!*

Eunice MacDonald

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Birthday: Aug. 29

Soon we will be enjoying colorful flowers as our temperatures warm up. Eunice MacDonald and her garden helpers will be back working in our Memorial Garden and other flowerbeds here at Redeemer. How did Eunice learn her garden talent? She says as her grandma aged and could not bend to care for her garden, Eunice went to live with her for a couple years and it was there that she learned about gardening.

Eunice (Troullier) comes from a large close-knit family, many you may have met here at Redeemer. When her parents, Elmer and Anna, first married, they lived with Anna's parents in rural Kossuth, in Kellnersville area and four children were born while there. In the mid 1930's, the family built a house on N. 17th Street across the street from what was the first Redeemer church. Redeemer's pastors, including Huber, Mack, Barg and Gumz, often visited with Elmer in his garage where he used his mechanically inclined talents while he was also a Manitowoc County foreman. Anna and children all joined Redeemer and old-timers remember how Anna was an outstanding baker and cook at church as well as at home. Sounds like most of the family took advantage of her results rather than continuing her talents.

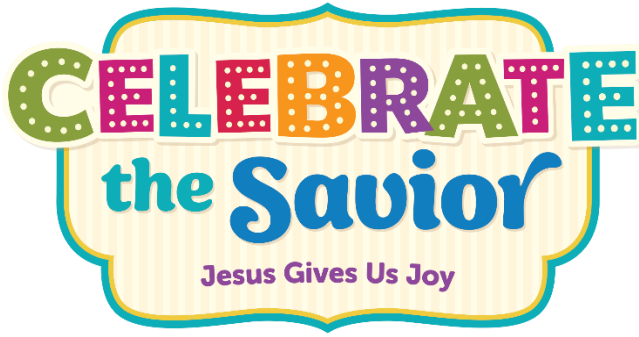
Over the years, the family grew to 12 children: (D-deceased). Norman-D, Kenny-D, Cliff (Elaine), Eunice MacDonald, Josie (Bob-D) Novak, Vern (LaVonne-D), Milt-D (Janice), Dorothy (Tom) Klein, LaVerne (Ron-D) Schmidt, Allan (Linda), Bonnie (Steve) Wagner, Tommy-D. When Redeemer built the present church all members walked and carried belongings from the old chapel as they closed the doors and arrived at 1712 Menasha Ave. on Oct. 23, 1960. (You can read history in the Anniversary Directory.)

Eunice's school years were in Manitowoc, after which she took a bookkeepers job at a drug store in Milwaukee where she met her husband. Other bookkeeping jobs followed with David Douglas, Northwestern Mutual, A & P Milk Company until they moved and then she worked at Manitowoc Company until she retired. Eunice was blessed with three children: Mike-D, Michele (Einai) Hanson, Hudson, WI, and Mark (Parvene), Wheaton, IL along with eight grandchildren.

Many of the Troullier siblings lived elsewhere over the years but have all now returned to Manitowoc. Oh, the good times and memories they share and treasure. They never had to worry about a friend as they had each other. There are about 90 at their Christmas get-togethers. Several gather at Wagon Wheel or elsewhere on Thursdays and admit it gets noisy.

Eunice has been volunteering her garden skills ever since this church was built but shrubbery and flowerbeds have changed locations. In the fall of 2000, Rev. Miller presented the idea of a Memorial Garden. Landscaping began in the area north of the fellowship hall and developed into the beautiful garden, which we now enjoy. Eunice has had several excellent hard-working helpers and at present are Doris Griepentrog, Shirley Bowe and Ramona Kowitz. She could use more volunteers.

Over the years, Eunice has also been involved in Ladies Aid activities, Women's Missionary and choir while she tends to her beautiful yard and home with special treasures.



REDEEMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

June 10 - 13
9:00 – 11:30 am
For ages 3 through 10

FREE to attend and open to the public, so please invite your friends & family!

A snack will be provided daily. Please bring your own if you have food sensitivities.

Student Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Age (as if 6/01/2024): _____ Grade entering: _____

Student Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Age (as if 6/01/2024): _____ Grade entering: _____

Student Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Age (as if 6/01/2024): _____ Grade entering: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Best Phone Number: _____

Does your child have any allergies: _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the Redeemer Sunday School staff to administer basic first aid to my child(ren) (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me. PLEASE INITIAL _____

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child(ren) (named above) to attend Redeemer Sunday School. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Parent Signature

Date

Please return to the church office by May 26. Space is limited, preregistration is helpful!!

Mailing address is: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1712 Menasha Ave, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Extra copies available at the Welcome Center.



BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Judy Morvak, Neil Hopka, Tim Zinkel, Amy Hawker, Alex Delmore, Sam Yurk, Austin Gorzelitz
May 2	Sandra Gauger, Diane Newberg
May 3	Adam Blanchard
May 4	Graysen Gomm
May 5	Nick Neilson
May 6	Nicholas Meola, Landon Eichmann, Jeanne Matthias
May 7	Jill Stramm, Lillian Van Sickle, Kira Weina
May 8	Brandon Luckow
May 9	Steve Newberg, Wendy Backhaus, Skyler Lisowe
May 10	Samuel Martell
May 11	Rachel Strzyzewski
May 12	Ken Kohlwey, Michelle Meyer, Cindy Pressnell
May 13	Sarah Etheridge
May 14	Nolan Reinke
May 15	Renee Kielsmeier, Tahj Moorehead
May 18	Hayley Kurth, Chris Ausprung
May 21	Brandon Elliott
May 23	Jim Nadeau, Corey Van Sickle
May 24	Ron Borchardt, Richard Wenzel, Mike Gregurich, Sue Leschke, Hunter Carty
May 26	Sandy Neuser
May 27	Jeff Baryenbruch, Paul Blasius, Deanna Blasius
May 28	Mary Troullier, Ryan Schaefer, Linda Krueger
May 29	Aaron Hayon, Finley Larsen, Dennis Borkenhagen
May 30	Kyle Newberg

*Shut-in



May 1	Dennis & Shelley Yurk
May 2	Adam & Ashley Martell
May 4	Scot & Amy Eisenschink
May 10	Keith & Laurie Magyar
May 11	Pat & Cindy Korte
May 12	Dan & Renee Kielsmeier
May 26	Kevin & Jessica Gomm

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May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1) Youth Game Night	2)	3)	4)
5) Worship 9am Preschool Celebration Usher Training Sunday School 10am	6) Worship 6pm	7) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	8)	9) Exec. Board Meeting 6:30pm	10)	11)
12) Worship 9am Fellowship Sunday School 10am	13) Worship 6pm	14) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	15) Youth Game Night	16)	17)	18)
19) Worship 9am Fellowship Sunday School 10am	20) Worship 6pm	21) Finance 8:15am Bible Study 9am	22)	23)	24) Office closed on Fridays during summer	25)
26) Worship 9am Fellowship Sunday School 10am	27) Memorial Day Office Closed No Worship	28) Summer Office Hours Begin 9am-12pm Finance 8:15am	29) Youth Game Night	30)	31) Office closed	June 1)

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