

## Newsletter – May 2023

I remember sitting down in my office for the first time in July of 2011, the day after I was installed as the associate pastor here at Redeemer, and thinking to myself “well now what?” I received a world class, theological education, but in the seminary they don’t tell you what to do once you actually get to the place where God has placed you.

So, I just started to do what I thought I was supposed to do. I began preparing for my first sermon that upcoming weekend. I made my first hospital visit. I visited my first homebound member at Rivers Bend. I started to think about what Catechism class might look like that September and I even had a couple call me asking about a wedding for later that year.

In all of those different things that happened in that first week and in the dozen years that would follow there was one common theme: Jesus. Once that simple, yet profound, theme of what I was “supposed” to do was fully realized, I then realized how blessed I truly was to be at Redeemer and serve as your pastor.

Being a pastor is no different than any other job. There are days that are absolutely wonderful and there are days that can be less than great. But you let me tell you about Jesus, the Lord and Giver of life, and that means that I have had and still have the greatest job and for that I am forever grateful.

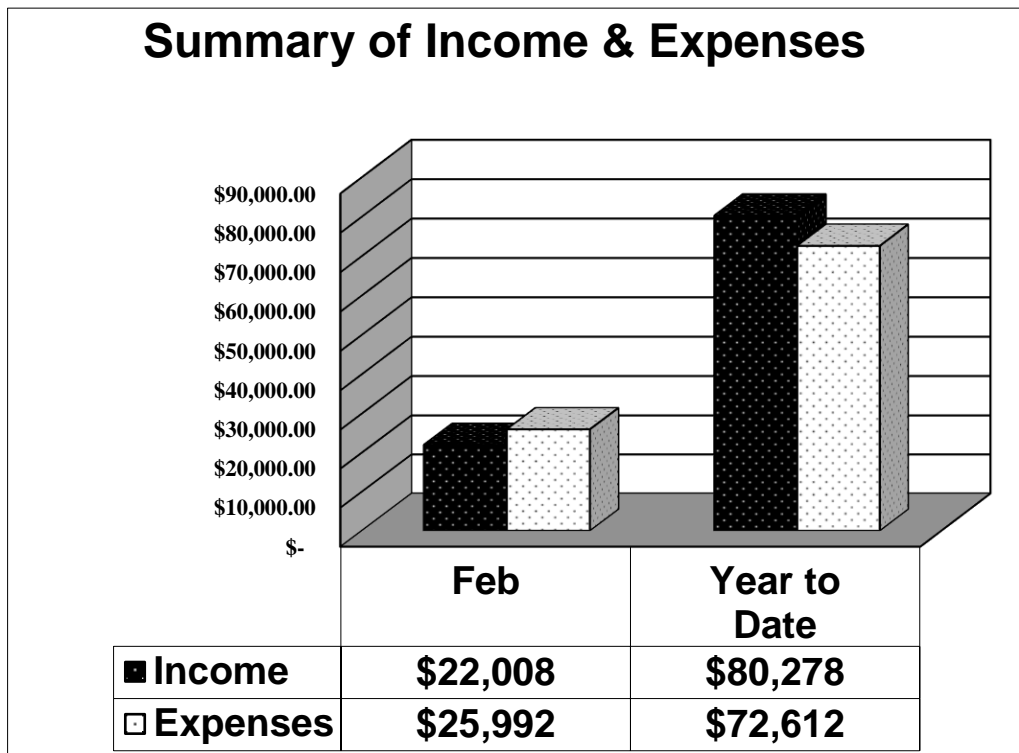
Whether you know it or not *you* have taught me so much about Jesus as you have shared your lives with me. In your moments of joy and your moments of great sorrow that you’ve shared with me, and you have taught me so much about God’s love for us through Jesus. You have shown me the comfort of the peace that only He can give that surpasses anything that the world has to offer.

I feel like I could continue writing so many things and I tossed around for a long time what I wanted to say in this brief article. But in the end, I simply want to say thank you, I love you, and most importantly Jesus loves you.

In Christ,

*Pastor DeArmond*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



**Farewell Reception** for Pastor DeArmond will be hosted by the Quick Responders on Sunday, May 21. Watch the weekly bulletin for more details as they become available.

### MEMORIALS

- ♥ In loving memory of Marvin Kliment from family and friends a gift to Redeemer's Music Program.
- ♥ Pastor & Courtney DeArmond donated the Common Cup in memory of Pastor's mom, Heidi DeArmond.
- ♥ John & Laurie Larson have donated the cruet that is used along with the Common Cup in memory of Laurie's parents, Ralph & Marie Ihde.

**Second Time Singles** invites all ladies of the congregation to join them on Saturday, May 6 at the Capitol Civic Center at 7:30 for the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble concert, "An American Salute" This is a musical tribute to our country, our state, our veterans and our freedom. Sign up at the tract rack in the lobby. Tickets are \$21 (cash or check payable to Capitol) with payment due by April 30. Please use the envelope provided and drop in the offering box.

### **Youth Game Nights**

**Youth Game Nights will be on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm. Haiku for May from Acts 2:**  
... and you will receive  
The gift of Holy Spirit  
God calls to \_\_\_\_\_

## **A note from Mike Kaczowski...**

### **Pastoral / Call Committee Update**

Greetings! We have some significant leadership changes coming our way, so I will share what I know and understand so far. As we know, Pastor DeArmond's final service with us will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. There is a person designated within our region to schedule interim preachers and pastoral support for Redeemer as we call a new Pastor. His name is Pastor Thomas Schmidt and he currently serves St. Martin Lutheran Church in Chilton. We will likely have several different pastors working with us during this transition. We look forward to Pastor Schmidt's help.

The Executive Board is assembling a call committee. Once the committee members are all in place, we'll place an update in the bulletin listing the members, so you may ask questions and/or offer input. As we go through the call process, we will also place periodic updates in the bulletin to communicate our progress.

In the almost 30 years I have been attending Redeemer, we have been very fortunate in that all of pastoral transitions have been 'successive' changes wherein we called an associate pastor, or had an associate pastor assume the senior role, and then called a new associate pastor. This change will be a bit different as we have to go out in the 'open market' for senior pastor candidates. However, Redeemer is a solid, stable church that can offer a new Pastor a decent region in which to live, a great membership, an outstanding preschool with a strong reputation in the community, and meaningful work. We should all keep Redeemer in our prayers and feel confident God in his will, will delivers us a pastor suited to our needs.

### **Executive Board Update**

I am excited to say that as of April 13<sup>th</sup>, we have a full Executive Board serving Redeemer! Your board members are as follows:

President – Mike Kaczowski

Treasurer – John Brixius

Director of Spiritual Growth – Kyle Olson

Director of Property/Legal – Kyle Weidmayer

Director of Education/Fellowship – Beth Utecht

Executive Board Member – Lisa Van Sickle

Executive Board member – Lee Matthias

Please feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions, comments, concerns, or anything you wish to discuss. And of course, although not technically a board member, you can also reach out to Pastor DeArmond through May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mike Kaczowski



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

**June 12-15, 2023**

**9:00 – 11:30 am**

**Geared to ages 4 to 10**

Registration is appreciate 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/27156>

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!

### **Free Fishing Event**

Please join us for a fishing event at Silver Lake in Manitowoc on Sunday June 4th at 10:30 AM. This event is open to children and adults, and no fishing license is required.

All fishing gear will be supplied for free, so whether you are a seasoned angler or new to fishing, you can enjoy shore fishing by the lake. However, if you prefer to bring your own fishing gear, you are welcome to do so.

A hot dog lunch will be provided.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends while enjoying the great outdoors. We hope to see you there!



Use your phone's camera to scan the code and add the event to your calendar.

## ***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!



### **Pulaski Park Spring Clean Up**

Join us for our Spring Clean-Up on May 6th at 9am. We are looking for volunteers to help us clear away brush and trash from our beautiful park. This is a great opportunity to make a positive impact on our community and enjoy the outdoors with your neighbors.

Please bring gloves, comfortable clothes, and sturdy shoes. We will provide tools and refreshments. Let's work together to keep our park clean and safe for everyone to enjoy.

Pulaski Park is located at the corner Division and 17<sup>th</sup> St. Manitowoc.

See you there!



Use your phone's camera to scan the code and add the event to your calendar



### **2023-24 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.

## **Matt & Marti Conrad – Riley & Harper**

**917 Sarah Miles Lane Manitowoc, WI 54220**

**Marti's Cell: 919-800-1932**

**Anniversary: Aug. 4, (2012)**

**Birthdays: Matt Oct. 3 Marti Oct. 30**

**Riley Oct. 15, 2015 Harper Dec. 4, 2018**

Aurora Hospital, Two Rivers, was in need of a OBGYN doctor and Dr. Matt Conrad answered that call in July, 2021. Matt's training included undergraduate work at U. of North Carolina, PHD Medical training at U. of Illinois and his residency at Ohio State in Columbus.

Marti, a Wisconsin native, and Matt met while both students at U. of Illinois. They were married ten years ago as of Aug 8, 2022. Marti had an accounting position at U. of Illinois and continues part time remotely from here in Manitowoc.

Aurora was chosen for Matt's profession partly because it was a chance for Marti to be closer to family. They had been living near Columbus, Ohio. Marti was actually born in Sheboygan. Her parents now live in Hartford, WI and have visited Redeemer. Marti has a married sister living in Waterford, WI. Matt was actually born in Arizona, grew up in North Carolina where his parents now live. Then it was off to Illinois and Ohio for training. Matt has a single brother living in St. Louis, Missouri.

Matt and Marti's family includes two darling daughters you may see singing or playing bells with our children's music program here at Redeemer. Riley is 7 and is a 1st grader at Riverview. Harper is 4 and attends our Pre School here at Redeemer. Both girls are involved with soccer through the Manitowoc Futbol Club which Marti coaches, they swim and enjoy gymnastics at the Y along with Sunday School here at Redeemer.

Matt and Marti truly enjoy living in Manitowoc. They don't come from a Lutheran background. They live near Gregurich's. They were extremely impressed with outstanding comments and recommendations about our Pre School which Harper attends. They enjoy the smaller town feeling of Manitowoc and all the friendly people both in town and at Redeemer.

Free time is at a minimum for the family but Matt has an interest in his tanks of fresh water fish and caring for them along with playing his guitar. He's on call for work one weekend a month. Marti enjoys exercising and walking their two dogs along with coaching the girls soccer team.

Welcome to the Conrads. It's great to have you as part of our Redeemer family.

## Boyd & Linda Krueger

1729 Cedar Court, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Phone: 920-374-4440 Cell: 414-379-2489

Boyd's Birthday: June 27 Linda's Birthday: May 28

Anniversary: March 14, 1981

Are you a Manitowoc native or why did you move to Manitowoc? Boyd & Linda Krueger relocated to Manitowoc about two years ago. Why? They were living in Milwaukee where crime was getting bad. Gun shots were heard & earlier Linda, had been attacked when returning home, was knocked down with resulting severe arm injuries & her purse was stolen. It was time to think about relocating. They had enjoyed weekend camping at their trailer by Algoma for 20 years. They would often stop at various towns along the way to check out a future location. Manitowoc was an interesting place & eventually they checked realtor listings with homes for sale. One condo seemed appropriate but it had just sold. However, another on Cedar Court was empty & soon a deal was completed which they now call home. Then a search for a church began. They visited several & Redeemer was chosen for their soul searching needs.

Boyd & Linda have moved around. Boyd's roots are from Wisconsin Rapids. He served in the Army '66 – '68 at Fort Mead during the Vietnam conflict. He was part of the Homeland Security or Riot Control & remembers the March on the Pentagon. He then enrolled at Dr. Martin Luther College at New Ulm, MN & became a parochial 6-7 grade teacher at St. John's, Burlington for 10 years & also at Big Bend. Meanwhile, Linda grew up in Brookfield, graduated from Brookfield East H.S. & from U.W.-Whitewater. She held a variety of positions for lawyers, doctors, Siemens & eventually Badger Ham in Milwaukee over the years. While Linda was working at Children's Hospital in the Research Dept., a co-worker whose daughter was a student of Boyd's, suggested they meet since both were single. That led to dating but Linda wanted to spread her wings & live elsewhere so moved to Minneapolis. Love draws, so Boyd decided to move to Hudson where his cousin lived so he could continue dating Linda. They married on March 14, 1981, living in Minneapolis for two years before returning to Milwaukee. Boyd then worked in a warehouse until he retired in 2006. Linda retired in 2017..

Boyd & Linda have one married son living in Waukesha with a son, 9, & daughter, 4. Boyd has a married twin brother living in Wis. Rapids who has four children, a deceased older brother with three children & a sister living in Maryland with four children. Linda has a younger brother with failing health issues who is in a Wausau nursing home. Linda & Boyd keep busy with health issues & caring for family members. But they do enjoy a game of Dominoes or Kings in the Corners. Linda shared interesting tales how she enjoyed free time in a row boat fishing or reading her book while Boyd and her father fished. But she was often “delegated” to do the rowing against her wishes.

Welcome to Manitowoc & Redeemer while members Joan Champeau & Betty DeGodt are also your neighbors. Boyd & Linda usually attend Monday night services.

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### 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Fill it with donations
- Return it on Father's Day June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Give online <https://www.crossingmanitowoc.org/change-a-life>



# Redeemer Lutheran Church

1712 Menasha Ave., Manitowoc, WI

Phone: 920-684-3989

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am-1:00pm Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

Senior Pastor: Zachary DeArmond (Home: 629-4833)

Associate Pastor: Scott Hirssig (Home: 629-2949)

## May 2023

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                          | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|
|   | 1)<br>Worship 6pm                                  | 2)<br>Men's Bible Study 7am<br>Finance 8:15am<br>Women's Bible Study 9am  | 3)<br>Women's Bible Study 1pm<br>Youth Game Night 6pm  | 4)                                | 5)  | 6)<br>Pulaski Park Cleanup 9am<br>STS Concert 7:30pm |
| 7)<br>Worship 9am<br>Fellowship<br>Bible Study 10:20am  | 8)<br>Worship 6pm                                  | 9)<br>Men's Bible Study 7am<br>Finance 8:15am<br>Women's Bible Study 9am  | 10)<br>Women's Bible Study 1pm                         | 11)<br>Exec. Board Meeting 6:30pm | 12)   | 13)  |
| 14)<br>Worship 9am<br>Fellowship<br>Bible Study 10:20am | 15)<br>Worship 6pm                                 | 16)<br>Men's Bible Study 7am<br>Finance 8:15am<br>Women's Bible Study 9am | 17)<br>Women's Bible Study 1pm<br>Youth Game Night 6pm | 18)                               | 19)   | 20)  |
| 21)<br>Worship 9am<br>Pastor DeArmond Farewell          | 22)<br>No Worship                                  | 23)<br>Finance 8:15am<br>Women's Bible Study 9am                          | 24)<br>Women's Bible Study 1pm                         | 25)                               | 26)   | 27)  |
| 28)<br>Worship 9am<br>Fellowship<br>Bible Study 10:20am | 29)<br>Memorial Day<br>Office Closed<br>No Worship | 30)<br>Summer Office Hours<br>Begin 9am-12pm<br>Finance 8:15am            | 31)<br>Youth Game Night 6pm                            | June 1)                           | June 2)<br>Office closed on Fridays during summer | June 3)  |

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