



## Newsletter – July/August 2023

Dear saints of Redeemer,

Summer is upon us – officially, the first day as I type this (June 21). Sunscreen is a must as I build away on a cabin that I recently began for some clients. The temp. was 88° today and not a cloud in the sky. More high 80's and low 90's over the next few days. An inch of rain or so about a week ago gave the topsoil a little drink, but I can't imagine it went much deeper. The cracks in the lawn closed for a day or two before they reappeared, and what green did infuse the grass blades was only momentary it seems. And, I'm no farmer, but farmer friends tell me that their crops are in desperate need of water. So, we will pray for seasonable weather – just the right amount of sun and rain to bring “life” back. God will give growth. I'm reminded of St. Paul's words to the Corinthians.

What then is Apollos? What then is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth (1 Cor. 3:5-7).

Now exchange Apollos and Paul for Pastor Brassfield and Pastor Kilps - the servants through whom you still believe the Gospel of Jesus. The Word of God was likely planted in most of you many years ago through a different servant in the waters of holy baptism. Now, your baptismal faith is watered with the same Word of God in which the Holy Spirit works to keep you in the faith of Christ, our Lord. Yet, the servants aren't anything. We preach, teach, and speak the Word into your lives in all of life's situations and circumstances – the good and the bad ones. But, *only* God gives the growth.

How important it is to hear the Word of God as regularly as possible for growth! If your faith goes without water, it will begin to wilt and turn brown. In these hot summer months, do not neglect to meet together in church where you find refreshing water for your soul by God's Word.

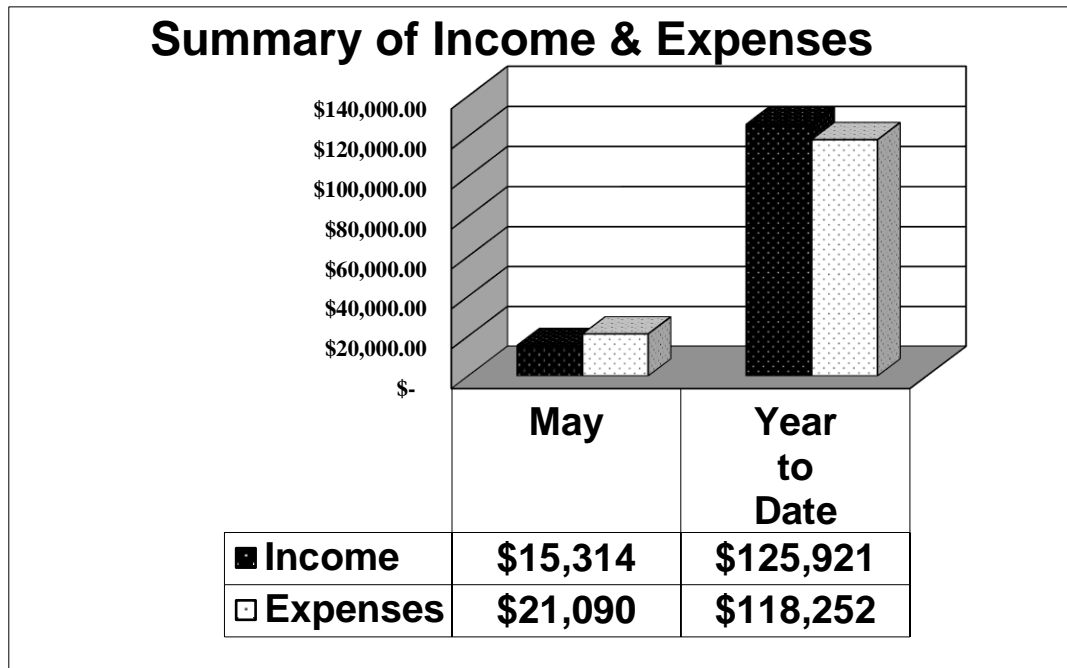
During these scorching days, I don't have to make a well thought out decision to drink water at work. I just do it because I know that if I don't, the lack of water will be detrimental to my health and well-being. Don't overthink church. Just do it. Whether you know it or not, you'll be watered, and God will give growth for your spiritual health and well-being now and into eternity.

God bless you and yours this summer. Enjoy it! Stay hydrated. Drink your water!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Brassfield

## Financial Update



### Second Time Singles (All Redeemer ladies invited to attend any STS outings)

- ❖ Picnic at Lincoln Park near Cabin 1 area on Tuesday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, beverage and lawn chair. Dessert will be provided. In case of inclement weather, meet at church. Jill Bruss is the hostess.
- ❖ Sunday, July 23, breakfast at Lighthouse Inn in Two Rivers. Please sign up by Wednesday, June 19 so we can make reservations. JoAnn Noffke is the hostess.
- ❖ Watch the bulletin for events in August.

### Scholarships Available

Application forms at the Welcome Center. Please drop application forms in the offering box by August 28<sup>th</sup>.

- ✓ Frailing Scholarships are available for female students studying for careers in either health care or education (white Form).
- ✓ Redeemer Scholarships are given to those who plan for careers in the ministry of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod as pastors, Directors of Christian Education or parochial school teachers. (Orange Form)

### MEMORIALS

- ♥ In loving memory of Gerry Panosh from family and friends, a gift to Redeemer's Music Program and Memorial Fund.
- ♥ Six Mallet Orff instruments were donated to Redeemer's Sunday School Music Program by Gary and Kristen Neustadter in honor of their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **Pastoral / Call Committee Update**

As noted in June, we had our meeting with the district president, Reverend John Wille, and our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Thomas Schmitt, on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Schmitt is our “go-to” during the call process, and he will communicate with Reverend Wille and the District on our behalf. Pastor Schmitt is the Senior Pastor at St. Martin in Chilton. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, our call committee received the call packet and an explanation of the forms and studies to complete to support the process. The call committee has completed the call packet and sent it off to the district. We’ll now await a response with a list of potential candidates for our call committee to begin screening and, hopefully soon, interviewing.

Our Call Committee members are as follows:

Michael Gregurich – Leader

Beth Utech – Co-leader

Steve Hamann

Lee Matthias

Alysha Olson

Cory Van Sickle

If at any time you have questions about how our search is going, feel free to ask any Call Committee or Executive Board member. If we don’t have an immediate answer, we’ll get one. Let’s all keep Redeemer in our prayers and feel confident God in his will, will deliver us a pastor to lead and serve our church.

## **Executive Board Members**

Here are your executive board members:

President – Mike Kaczkowski

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.

Mike Kaczkowski

**Please Note:**

**No Worship on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Church Office Closed July 3<sup>rd</sup>-7th**

## **Youth Game Night**

Youth game night: one night only in July! Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm.

Puzzle for July:

Fill in the missing word from haiku based on Psalm 91:

I say to the Lord  
My refuge and my fortress  
God, in whom I \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Update On the Former Library**

The former church library is being worked on this summer. The books have been sorted through and the keepers are being put in the conference room and the children's books will be put in the renovated children's playroom. The room is being converted into a children's playroom for active children before, during and after church services or other church events. While in this area, children will be supervised by their parents. A special thank you to Brooke Weidmayer for painting the room and Jerri Rathjen and Carissa Luedtke for working on the decorating. We are hoping to be done by the end of summer.

If you have any questions please let me know. Beth Utecht (Director of Education/Fellowship)

### **VBS Update**

We had a wonderful VBS week. We had 28 children sign up. The theme for the week was space. We learned about God making the universe on the first day. The second day was Jesus birth. Day three was Jesus the Savior is risen and the last day was Jesus our Savior reigns.

Special thank you to our helpers and leaders Mrs. Harris, Pastor Meier (from Two River), Mrs. Redwine, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Rathjen, Mr. Van Sickle, Mrs. Van Sickle, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Utecht and several helpers who stopped by each day. Thank you also for everyone who donated items and food to make this year VBS so special.

We look forward to next year.

Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Utecht

## **Redeemer Directory Albums**

It is a work in progress. The 2015 Redeemer Directory is constantly being updated. Hopefully, before the summer is over more collage pages can be added with pictures of new members. Some families have added children or children have grown considerably since the last picture. Other things are added in the albums such as shut-in stories and information about new members. Sadly, more members have joined out Lord in Heaven and the published obituaries and added pictures are included in the albums. There are two three ring binder albums so take a look when you have a chance. They will be on one of the tables or cabinet before going into church. If you have anything to add, talk to Rosemary Kautzer.

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### **Rev. William. and Lori Kilps**

**3504 Pierce Ct.**

**Two Rivers, 54241**

**Wm. Birthday: Dec. 26 Cell: 920-901-5776**

**Lori's Birthday: June 30 Cell: 920-901-5786**

**Anniversary: Dec. 30, 1978**

Perhaps some of you Redeemer Senior members recall when Roger and Charlotte Gottschalk moved to Manitowoc from Shawano and joined Redeemer in 1962. Roger had become a pharmacist at Margenau Drug and became very involved with BarberShoppers and church choirs with singing and directing. At the time, son, Kenton, was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and daughter, Lori, was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Roger's musical talents were passed on to the family.

Cannot explain how those years "flew by" but Kent and Lori had successful careers of their own and married. The family became involved with Good Shepherd in Two Rivers.

Lori met Bill Kilps while they were students at Concordia College in Milwaukee. They married at Redeemer, December 1978. They were blessed with two amazing sons. Nathanael is a Middle and H.S. Art teacher at Fredonia. Billy is a semi-truck driver and has a darling son, Wynn, 4, who recently attended Redeemer's VBS.

Redeemer welcomes the entire Gottschalk/Kilps family who have joined our congregation or attend now that Rev. Kilps retired from Good Shepherd. There are many memories from the past as new experiences occur. Lori and Rev. Kilps have both joined our Mixed Choir. Brother, Kenton also joined our Mixed Senior choir as well as Bell Choir. He and his wife Christina live on JJ, almost to Collins Marsh and have five children. They are involved with horses. He, too, has an interesting career. I hope that his story will be written later.

We are fortunate to have Rev. Kilps use his pastoral talents now that he has retired as he has substituted at Redeemer and elsewhere.

Following is more information about Pastor William and Lori Kilps.

## **Lori Kilps**

Lori was born in Beaver Dam, WI, to Roger & Charlotte Gottschalk, and was raised in Shawano where she went to church and school at St. James Lutheran. The family moved to Manitowoc in 1962 and joined Redeemer Lutheran Church. She attended Jackson Elementary and Wilson Junior High, along with her older brother, Kenton, and spent her high school years at Lincoln, graduating in 1973. She was confirmed at Redeemer by Pastor Gumz.

She enrolled at Concordia Junior College in Milwaukee and graduated with an Associate's degree in 1975. She took a year off her studies to join in the Christian touring group, Joy Inc., along with her future husband, Bill. Lori completed her teaching degree with a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois in 1978.

Lori married William Kilps at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Manitowoc on December 30, 1978. A few weeks later, the Kilps moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where Bill began his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, earning his Master of Divinity degree in November of 1982. It was there, in Fort Wayne, where Lori would begin her 35-year career as a Lutheran School Teacher.

Following his ordination at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Two Rivers, the Kilps moved to Marengo, Wisconsin, where Rev. Kilps was installed at his first congregation. Shortly after, they welcomed their first son, Nathanael.

Pastor Kilps congregation merged with Trinity Lutheran Church in Glidden, Wisconsin to form a dual parish relationship. The Kilps moved to the parsonage there and two years later, their second son, Billy, was born.

In 1986, Pastor Kilps accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church in East Moline, Illinois. During this time, both Pastor Kilps and Lori were instrumental in starting a Lutheran grade school in the community as well as a preschool at Zion. Lori served as a teacher/principal at the grade school and as the teacher/director of the preschool.

In 1999 Pastor Kilps accepted a Call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Two Rivers, back to the congregation where he first was ordained. Lori took over duties there as the preschool teacher/director in the congregation, a position in which she continued to serve for 20 years. In addition to those duties, she also taught four-year old kindergarten for the Two Rivers Public School District in a satellite classroom site at Good Shepherd.

From 2004-2008, Lori taught early childhood education at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Many of her students were of Hmong nationality with whom she established a strong and trusted rapport.

In 2014, Mrs. Kilps was duly honored by the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as their Administrator of the Year, recognizing her tremendous achievements in the field of education. She retired from teaching in 2020. The Kilps joined Redeemer in the spring of 2023. Lori immediately became a member of the choir

Music has always been one of Lori's passions, a gift that she came by naturally from her folks, especially her father, Roger, who just celebrated his 71<sup>st</sup> year in barbershop music/directing. Lori began playing the viola in fifth grade and spent time playing in college orchestras as well as in the Manitowoc Symphony Orchestra. She has always been physically active in running, swimming, hiking and biking. Other hobbies include gardening, camping, reading, and her favorite pastime of being with her four-year old grandson, Wynn. She pledges that one day, she will start quilting again.

## **Rev. William R. Kilps**

The Rev. William R. Kilps was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and raised in the suburb of Hales Corners. He began his education at Hales Corners Lutheran School and spent his high school years at Martin Luther High School in Greendale, Wisconsin.

He enrolled at Concordia College in Milwaukee and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois in 1978. In February of the following year, Pastor Kilps entered Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

He was awarded the Masters of Divinity degree in November 1982. A few weeks later, he was ordained into the Holy Ministry at the home church of his wife and in-laws, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. He then was installed at his first congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Marengo, Wisconsin. Six months later, Rev. Kilps also accepted the Call as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Glidden, Wisconsin, after the two congregations entered into a dual parish relationship.

Pastor Kilps continued to serve both congregations until 1986, when he accepted the Call to Zion Lutheran Church in East Moline, Illinois. During his ministry there, Rev. Kilps also functioned in other capacities as Circuit Counselor, Second Vice President of the Central Illinois District as a Synodical and District Reconciler and on the Synod President's panel for dialogue with Renewal in Missouri.

In 1999 Pastor Kilps accepted the Call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, back to the church where he first was ordained. Over the past 23 years, he also served as a Circuit Visitor, has chaired convention committees for the South Wisconsin District, was an adjunct instructor at Concordia University-Wisconsin and is a charter member of Doxology, The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel.

In his retirement, Pastor Kilps plans to pursue his hobbies of golf and photography, spending time with family, camping, and traveling to new destinations.



**Save The Date! The Men's Club of Redeemer Lutheran Church is having a Brat Fry at Robb's Market on Saturday, July 22nd.**

## July Birthdays

July 1 Betty Stasiek  
July 2 Emily Budnik, Autumn Gauger, Scott Hirssig  
July 5 LaVerne Schmidt, Brian Matthies  
July 6 Elizabeth Krajnik, Delilah Remiker, Nick Whitney,  
Jason Heinzen, Pinto Hang  
July 7 Taylor Hansen, Joanne Thompson, Bryce Erdmann  
July 8 Ginger Baryenbruch, Al Troullier, Caina Hafeman  
July 9 Keith Magyar, Brooke Weidmayer  
July 10 Andrea Behnke, Nancy Boprey, Jessica Schnake  
July 11 Trisha Loiselle  
July 13 Steve Hamann, Byron Kowitz, Scott Kamke  
July 14 Ashley Martell  
July 16 Kylee Schwoerer, Jacob Siebold, Eugene Gauger  
July 17 Eira Decker, Ryan Kamien  
July 18 Brenna Cayenberg, Katie Gorsuch, Timothy Utecht  
July 19 Owynn Gregurich, Cassandra Kue  
July 20 Louise Gomm, Connor Seiler  
July 21 Brian Blandin, Becky Borkenhagen  
July 22 Lisa Battin, Don Hafeman, John Leicht, Gabrielle Baalke, Jett Olson, Roger Gottschalk  
July 23 Shirley Bowe, Dawn Lutze, Jeff Rathjen  
July 25 Justin Gomm, Ashley Block  
July 26 Rosemary Kautzer, Gavin Lettenberger  
July 27 Megan Block, Kathy Rabenhorst, Chris Bessler, Maranda Yurk  
July 28 Anita Thrasher, Brittany Liermann, Rodney Strzyzewski, Collin Massart  
July 29 Larry Gauger  
July 31 Audrey Wilson, Carissa Luedtke, Craig Redwine



July 4 Joe & Audrey Wilson  
July 7 Tom & Ginger Baryenbruch  
July 9 Brian & Sarah Matthies  
July 12 Corey & Lisa Van Sickle  
July 23 Jim & Beth Nadeau  
July 27 Dave & Pam Roehrig  
Erik & Carissa Luedtke  
July 29 Scott & Cari Larsen

\*indicates shut-in



# Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Vacancy Pastor: Joel Brassfield

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

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2) Worship 9am	3) Office Closed No Worship	4) Office Closed Finance 8:15am	5) Office Closed	6) Office Closed	7) Office Closed on Fridays during summer	8)
9) Worship 9am	10) Worship 6pm	11) Finance 8:15am	12)	13) Executive Board Mtg. 6:30pm	14)	15)
16) Worship 9am	17) Worship 6pm	18) Finance 8:15am STS Picnic	19) Game Night 6pm	20)	21)	22) Men's Club Brat Fry
23) Worship 9am STS Breakfast	24) Worship 6pm	25) Finance 8:15am	26)	27)	28)	29)
30) Worship 9am	31) Worship 6pm					

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

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1) Finance 8:15am	2)	3)	4) Office closed Fridays during Summer	5)
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