



Redeemer Lutheran Church
and 3K/4K Preschool

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Newsletter – March 2024

Call Committee Update and Voter's Meeting

We will be having a Voter's Meeting on *Sunday, March 3rd* immediately following the 9am service, to review the candidates from the Call Committee and to vote on Redeemer's new Senior Pastor.

The Pastors that are being presented for the congregation's consideration are:

- Pastor Gregory Hovland
- Pastor Craig Niemeier
- Pastor James Robinson

As per Redeemer's Constitution, the vote shall be by written ballot cast by the Voters' Assembly members present, so anyone wishing to vote must be present at the meeting on March 3rd.

Additionally, Voting members are communicant members who have reached the age of eighteen (18).

Voting shall continue until a clear majority has been established after candidates receiving the lowest number of votes have been eliminated in each succeeding ballot.

We strongly encourage the congregation to read through the Pastor's Profiles (which are available during church office hours or outside that time by speaking to a member of the call committee) and to look up the Pastoral Candidates online to better acquaint yourselves with their personality, preaching style and other attributes. If you need help finding any online information or have any questions regarding the process, please speak to a call committee member.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: March 24th 9:00 am

Holy Monday: March 25th 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday: March 28th 6:00 pm

Good Friday: March 29th 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday: March 31st 8:00 am & 10:00 am

NO WORSHIP ON MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

Call List: Pastor Profiles

Gregory (Greg) Hovland of Portage, Wisconsin



In personal skills, Pastor Hovland receives the rating very good in administration, leadership, people skills, personal grooming, continuing education participation, and use of computer.

In congregational ministries, Pastor Hovland receives the rating very good in lay leadership development, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, as well as worship. Pastor Hovland has received the specialized training in Crisis Intervention. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, contemporary flexible.

A young pastor who has matured nicely in his ministry skills. Makes a nice first impression. Dresses professionally. Possesses good people skills. Respected by his members. Enjoys preaching and teaching, especially adult Bible class. A respectful individual. Has matured nicely as a senior pastor. Wants to serve in a congregation which is financially stable and has the potential for growth and the desire to grow numerically and spiritually. Very supportive of Christian education in the parish and through the Christian day school. An organized individual. Has vision. Possesses good leadership skills. Likes to have a plan for ministry in place. Has a lovely, supportive wife.

Link:

Greg Hovland, St. John's Lutheran Church

<https://www.stjohnsportage.com/live>

Craig Niemeier of St. Libory, Nebraska



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

In congregational ministries Pastor Niemeier receives the rating very good in children's, youth, older adult and family ministry, assimilation of new members, lay worship, sick, shut-in, and home visitation. Pastor Niemeier receives the rating outstanding in teaching ability. Pastor Niemeier has received the specialized training and/or certification/experience in Conflict Resolution, Congregational Healing, Dissolution, and Evangelism. His worship style is noted to be traditional rigid, high liturgical flexible.

His district president writes, "Pastor Craig Niemeier has been serving since 1998 as a sole pastor. His wife is a computer programmer who has Spanish skills. Pastor Niemeier can serve in medium sized churches with Lutheran schools. He is best suited to serve as a sole pastor. He is a kind and gentle man, a good leader who takes initiative and makes things happen. He has a great personality, is excellent at personal relationships, has a good sense of humor, and is a sensitive and empathetic man. He is highly regarded by the people of his parish and his peers. Review his SET to gain insight into the values, priorities, and approaches he takes toward ministry. He is evangelical in his theology and practice."

Link:

Craig Neimeier, Zion Lutheran Church

<https://zionworms.org/sermons-2/>

**This link leads you to audio of the sermon only

<https://zionworms.org/visual-messages/>

**This link leads you to a video of the entire service

James Robinson of East Lansing, Michigan



In personal skills, Pastor Robinson receives the rating very good in tact, patience, administration, team ministry, leadership, people skills, community involvement, conference and continuing education participation, use of computer and social media; as well as attitude toward Christian day school. Pastor Robinson receives the rating outstanding in cooperation, attitude toward synod and district.

In congregational ministries Pastor Robinson receives the rating very good in youth, young adult, singles, older adult, and family ministry, lay leadership development, personal witnessing, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, worship, music ministry, stewardship, and outreach/evangelism. Pastor Robinson receives the rating outstanding in sick, shut-in, outreach, and home visitation. Pastor Robinson has received the specialized experience in Conflict Resolution, Disaster Response, Counseling, and Police/Fire Chaplaincy. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, blended flexible, contemporary flexible.

His district president writes, “He is involved with campus ministry and is a talented communicator. He has a military background and a dedicated wife. James is very communicative and serves well as a loving pastor. He is a hard worker and works well in a team setting. He desires to serve the Lord in the best way possible.”

Link:

James Robinson, Martin Luther Chapel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvSzID-EpLQ&t=437s>

***PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Robinson is the Associate Pastor. In the video linked, he gives the sermon. If you watch any of Martin Luther Chapel's videos, please make sure you are watching the correct pastor.

Holy Week Office Hours

Monday, March 25th – Thursday, March 28th

Office Open 9am-12pm

Friday, March 29th & Monday, April 1st

Office Closed

Midweek Lent Worship

We will continue to gather every Wednesday during Lent at **6:00 P.M.** to worship as we prepare our hearts and minds on our Lord's Passion, death, and resurrection.



Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily (or other flower) to help decorate the sanctuary for the celebration of the Resurrection, please make sure to sign-up at the Welcome Center by March 4th. Please use a flower fund envelope found in your offering envelopes or an envelope found at the Welcome Center.

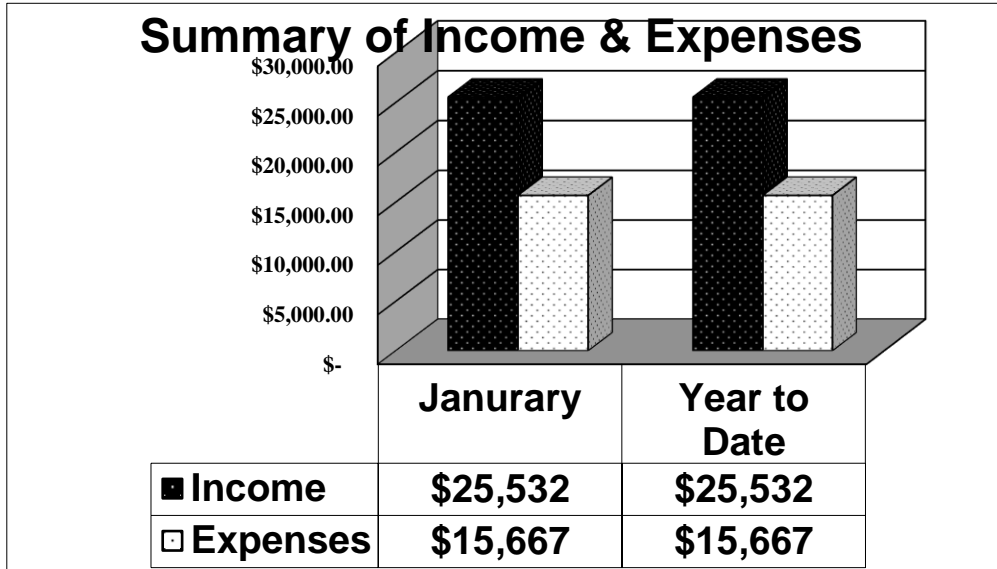
Redeemer Preschool Update

Our Preschool continues to be a blessing to our church and a blessing to our community – and we give thanks to God for that, and for the amazing team of teachers that make the program the success that it is. Two of our staff, Preschool Director Patti Fellows and Preschool Teacher Jerri Rathjen have advised the Board that this will be their last year at Redeemer.

Firstly, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible impact they have had on the lives of so many young children that have come through the doors at Redeemer. Their dedication, passion, and nurturing spirit have created a foundation of learning and love for Jesus that will last a lifetime.

Now, we start the search for those that will fill the shoes left behind. As we work towards finalizing the details and documents to officially start the search, we also ask the members of Redeemer to think of whom they might know that could step into one of these roles or to reach out to others that might be able to offer insight or recommendations. Should you have any names to pass along – or any questions, please feel free to contact Beth Utech or Michael Gregurich.

Financial Update



2024 Offering Envelopes – If you have not picked up your new packet, they are now at the Welcome Center. You may have a new #, therefore do not use any previous envelopes.

Lenten Coin Folders have been mailed out. To receive credit on your contribution record, please indicate your offering envelope # on the folder as well as the amount enclosed. You can drop them in the offering box anytime between now and Easter Sunday.

THANK YOU!

*Thank you to Rosemary Kautzer for donating the children's Bibles that will be given to all new preschool students this year. What an amazing way to share her faith with God's youngest children.
The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Staff*

**Preschool Registration
NOW OPEN**



2024-25 Preschool Registration Is Open

We are now accepting registrations for preschool. 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.

EASTER Egg hunt

Redeemer's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 16th 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.
- ❖ 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, March 11th. **This year we are also asking for more plastic eggs!**

"Help for the Homeless" Hygiene Drive

The Help for the Homeless hygiene drive will be held through Sunday, March 3rd. There is a list of "most needed items" on the collection box in the Narthex. All items can be placed in that box. Donations remain in the Manitowoc/Two Rivers area.



Charlotte Weber

546 S. 34th St. Manitowoc, WI 54220 Phone: 920-682-4732 Birthday: Aug. 28

Charlotte (Rice) was welcomed to a newly built farmhouse where she was delivered by her father and older sister on Aug. 28, 1934 near Ogdensburg, WI. She was so little and had no bed to be placed as it was being used by her sister's baby. Instead, a dresser drawer was substituted for a bed. When the doctor finally arrived, Charlotte weighed in at 2# and her parents were told she would not live. He was wrong.

Charlotte grew and attended a one-room country school, grades 1-8. Her sister had taught at that school but had changed jobs one year earlier. It was then off to Waupaca H.S. graduating in 1952. Her first job was on the maturity floor with no training at a new hospital in Clintonville. The hospital was so crowded that a Marine was a patient on the maturity floor. He taught Charlotte how to make up a hospital bed. Soon after she had an appendix surgery followed by an infection. An office job opportunity arose after recovery. It was then that she met her future husband, Ed, who was a physical therapist at the hospital. Meanwhile, Ed moved to Sheboygan and Charlotte started an accounting job in Oshkosh at Wisconsin Public Service. Ed and Charlotte were married in Ogdensburg on June 5, 1954 and settled in Sheboygan. Charlotte's job took her to Sheboygan Hospital where she worked in admissions. When Ed became the first and only physical therapist at Holy Family Hospital in Manitowoc, a move was made to their new home here along with sons, Mark and Brian. After third son, Steven, arrived and was in school, Charlotte worked at Sigman's Curtain Shop until the store closed. She then moved on to Leede Research as a supervisor until retirement.

Ed and Charlotte became members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in 1963 when they moved to Manitowoc. Ed passed away in 2012. Charlotte attends Bible Class, is a member of choir, and has been active in Ladies Aid activities. She has three sons: Mark (Devina), Eagle, WI, Brian (Kelly), Racine, WI and Steven, Manitowoc. Charlotte is blessed with seven grandchildren. Her five sisters and two brothers are deceased.

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March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1)	2)
3) Worship 9am Fellowship Sunday School 10am	4) Worship 6pm	5) Men's Bible Study 7:30am Finance 8:15am Women's Bible Study 9am	6) Lenten Supper 5pm Lenten Worship 6pm	7)	8)	9)
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17) Worship 9am Sunday School: Living Last Supper Fellowship	18) Worship 6pm	19) Men's Bible Study 7:30am Finance 8:15am Women's Bible Study 9am	20) Lenten Supper 5pm Lenten Worship 6pm	21)	22)	23)
24) Palm Sunday Worship 9am Sunday School Singing Fellowship	25) Holy Monday Worship 6pm Office Hours 9am-12pm	26) Finance 8:15am Office Hours 9am-12pm	27) Office Hours 9am-12pm	28) Maundy Thursday Worship 6pm Office Hours 9am- 12pm	29) Good Friday Service 1pm & 6pm Office Closed	30)
31) Easter Sunday Worship 8am & 10am	April 1) No Worship Tonight Office Closed					

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