



Newsletter – September 2023

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

The unofficial end of summer (Labor Day weekend) is already here. The days are growing shorter. Fall is in sight. Football is back! The Badgers (hopefully) will have defeated Buffalo at Camp Randall by the time you read this. (Who has ever heard of Buffalo?) The Packers are 1-1 in the preseason as I write this. Bow season for deer opens September 16. Cool, crisp mornings are right around the corner. The leaves will begin to change and provide magnificent scenery to God's landscape. Fall is by far my favorite time of the year.

Except, I'm reminded that the changing of the leaves means that they are dying. I'm no botanist, but high school biology taught me that the green-making chlorophyll of leaves declines as the days shorten and the cold weather increases until eventually the chlorophyll production slows to a standstill and disappears. Finally, the tree sheds its leaves. They "fall" and decay upon the earth.

In the beginning, death was not part of God's creative plan. Now, *the last enemy to be destroyed is death* (1 Cor. 15:26; cf. Rev. 21) – your death and the death of all creation.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, by because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God (Rom. 8:19-21).

While the changing of the leaves reminds us of death, in the panoramic scene of things, you may be surprised to learn that it is very much a vital, living process for the trees. If the trees do not lose their leaves, the moisture in the tiny veins of the leaves would freeze and burst rendering the nutrients in the leaves for the tree useless, and the tree would die. Because the leaves fall, the tree receives "new life" in the spring.

To free His creation, God sent His Son, Jesus, to destroy death; to make *all things* new. He died that you may live. And, not just for a time but for an eternity. To be sure, you will walk through the valley of the shadow of death (if Christ doesn't come beforehand). Scary as it may be to think about, fear no evil. Christ died and was raised to life never to die again. Where our Savior goes, we must go.

Death, that last enemy, is our gateway to life and eternal living. In death, the old self “falls” off so that life in Christ is fully realized in your resurrection. In the immediate presence of our God, all stress and pain and tears and heartache and worries are completely absent from our new way of life. Joy and rejoicing shall prevail in eternity.

Until then, we have a foretaste of life with our Lord as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. Be comforted knowing that He has already given us new life through His extraordinary means of grace! Happy Fall, y’all!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Brassfield

Labor Day – No Worship

Please note: there will not be worship service on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th.

Bible Study Schedule

Pastor Brassfield will be hosting Men’s Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00am and Women’s Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:00am. Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 19th. For now, there will not be bible study on Sundays after worship.

Catechism Update

The tentative start date for catechism class is Wednesday, Sep 20 at 5 p.m. Pastor Brassfield will be sending more information to families soon.

Call Committee Update and Pastor Profile Documents

The Call Committee had conversations with Pastor Brassfield, Pastor Kennell, Pastor Olson and Pastor Nielsen, and we hope to connect with Pastor Holden during the week of the 13th of August. We look forward to sharing our recommendations with you during the Voter's Meeting on September 10th.

We also would like to inform the congregation that the Pastor Profile Documents (i.e. Personal Information Forms and Self Evaluation Tools) are going to be available after church for approximately 1 hour, each Sunday until September 10th, for the congregation to review. This is in addition to the forms being available at the church office during office hours. Should you require additional times to review these documents, please let a member of the call committee know and we will do our very best to accommodate you.

Voter's Meeting Announcement

We would like to inform the Congregation that a Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, September 10th, 2023 immediately following the 9:00am worship service. On the agenda for this meeting will be the presentation of recommendations for the Senior Pastor position at Redeemer Lutheran Church. As per the constitution, the Call Committee will present no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) candidates. The committee will share their feedback on each of the candidates, after which a vote will be held by written ballot, cast by the Voters' Assembly members present. 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. Prior to meeting on September 10th, we encourage everyone to spend time reviewing the profiles of each of the five pastors on the list, as well as reviewing anything online that the Pastors may have posted, which will give valuable insight into their preaching styles and other characteristics. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting, and please keep Redeemer and each of these Pastors and their families in your prayers. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the call committee. Please note that babysitting will be provided during the Voter's Meeting.



Youth Game Nights

Youth game nights will be held on Wednesday, September 6th and 20th at 6 pm. The September puzzle is below.

From Isaiah 51:
Look to Abraham
and to Sarah who bore you
One when I called ____.

You are invited to Sunday School!

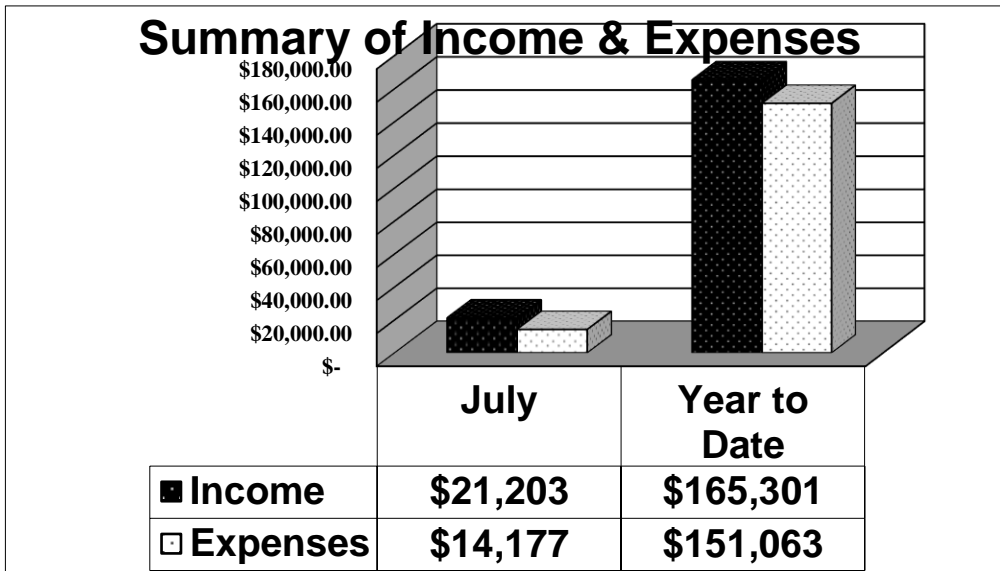
Classes start on Sunday, September 17 and we will meet every week after Sunday morning worship service until about 11:00 am.

Sunday School classes are available for ages 3K through Adult!!
The whole family can learn every week.

Light snack, music, lesson, and craft every Sunday!
Registration forms available in this newsletter or at the Welcome Center at Church.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov 22:6 ESV

Financial Update



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

The last picnic of the season will be held on Tuesday, September 12 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Lincoln Park, Cabin 1 area. Bring your own lunch, beverage, and a lawn chair. Dessert will be provided. In case of inclement weather, meet at church at 12 noon.

Baby Bottle Donations for The Crossing amounted to \$341. Your donation directly impacts the families served by The Crossing and help them come closer to realizing the vision of “A Healthy Family For Every Child”

Thanks for your gift.

Neustadter Donation

A Ghana Hand Drum has been purchased for the Redeemer Children’s Sunday School Music Program by Kris and Gary Neustadter in honor of Garth and Anna Neustadter’s first wedding anniversary.

Fellowship Sign Up

A reminder that there is a Fellowship Sign-Up sheet in the rack. If your family or group would like to host fellowship after worship, please sign up for the week in which you are available to host.

Duane Thews

1903 Division St. #211

(The Court @ Felician Village)

Manitowoc, WI 54220

920-901-7132

Birthday: June 1

Greetings from Duane Thews who no longer is able to attend Redeemer services. His legs don't allow normal walking but he motors around with his electric wheelchair which he purchased four years ago when he left his home to go to Felician Village and is now at The Court.

Duane, like many, is a transplant to Manitowoc. His parents lived with his grandparents on a farm near Weyauwega, WI where he was also born. His dad was a cheesemaker but when Duane was in 5th grade, his dad purchased the farm and took over responsibilities of ownership;. Duane attended St. Peter Lutheran School in Weyauwega through grade 4 and then a one-room country school for grades 5 through 8 before attending Weyauwega H.S. He remembers doing lots of farm work before enrolling at U.W.-Madison majoring in Spanish and English with a minor in French and later German, graduating in 1958. He had also enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1955 and joined ROTC while in college and earned 2nd Lieutenant status and was in Reserves. He had met Betty when she moved to Weyauwega and was in his year younger brother's class and they started dating.

1958 was an especially busy year. They had gotten engaged, Duane graduated from college and started teaching in Burlington and they married on Nov. 27. After one year, he did six months of active duty in the Army before returning to the classroom at Burlington. He and Betty moved to Manitowoc in 1961 where he taught Spanish in all elementary schools for 4-6 graders and they joined Redeemer. In 1966, Duane accepted a job with U.W.-Eau Claire where he traveled throughout Wisconsin supervising exchange teachers. But the job wasn't quite what he wanted and he resigned in the spring of 1968. He had been friends with Buzz Beckman, who also taught Spanish in Manitowoc. He informed Buzz that he had resigned and was out of a job. Before school started in fall, Buzz had told him a Spanish teacher was needed here and shortly after Supt. Charlie Jones called Duane that a contract was ready for him if he wanted the job. So in 1968, Duane and Betty returned to Manitowoc and Redeemer. Along with teaching at all elementary schools, Duane also taught at Wilson and Washington J.H's and Lincoln H.S. retiring in 1996 after a 37 year career and has not been in a classroom since that time.

Over the years, Duane and Betty were blessed with two children: Pam (David) Roehrig and John (Julie-deceased/Melissa) Thews, two grandchildren and three step grandchildren, a great grandson and two step great granddaughters. Duane also has two brothers, Evan and Don. Betty passed away on Oct. 4, 2014.

Betty had taken Interior Design classes and worked at Rahrs and Sigmans. Duane and Betty also did various traveling over the years. They had taken student groups to Mexico and Spain but also traveled with family to various places in the U.S., Canada, Central and South America and Europe. Duane also spent time in summer school at Guadalajara, Mexico and continued graduate studies at several universities after completing a master's degree at UW-Madison.

Duane and Betty were active members of Redeemer over the years since they joined in 1961, teaching Sunday School and involved in Bible classes. Duane was on Church Council and also congregation treasurer and a Golden K member. Betty was also active in Ladies Aid and Altar Guild.

Duane gets around in his wheelchair. Reading is more difficult but he also enjoys crossword puzzles, watching movies and sports. He greets many friends at Felician Village complex and would enjoy a visit from you.

Curt Kittleson

2005 Menasha Ave.

Manitowoc, WI 54220

920-905-2078

Birthday: Aug. 22

Curt Kittleson has returned to Manitowoc and Redeemer because God had a plan for him which will be explained later. But, first, let's go back to the beginning of Curt's story.

Curt was a farm boy living near Cameron in Barren County. Living on a farm has a special way of teaching responsibility and work ethic. Curt graduated from high school in 1954. Roller skating was common recreation there and while skating, he spied a certain girl who he asked to skate with. Well, the match was perfect. Annette was from Rice Lake and marriage resulted. They were married for 62 years when Annette met her Lord in Heaven on April 7, 2021. Their family is scattered.

Curt followed his mother's career of teaching. He graduated from Normal School at Rice Lake in 1956 and his first teaching was at New Auburn, WI teaching 7-8th grade for two years until he joined the Army in July, 1958. He was stationed at Fort Benning, GA where he trained German Shepherd guard dogs. Curt and Annette were married on Dec. 21, 1958. He returned to teaching at a two room school at Fillmore, WI. Their next move was to Manitou Springs, CO where Curt was a principal and then to Montello, WI from 1981-85 where he was also a principal along with other responsibilities. In 1985 Curt and Annette found Manitowoc their home when he became principal at Madison Elementary and later his talent extended to School Forest leadership. He actually retired twice here in Manitowoc. First as principal in 1996 and then with School Forest in 2002 which he headed for 16 years.

God had more plans for Curt and Annette as they moved to Black River Falls in Jan. 2017 to be near daughter Jody's family. It was a blessing to be supportive to Jody because her husband, Mark Gawron, was diagnosed with cancer for less than a year and was called home to Heaven, Aug. 20, 2018. Since, Jody moved to Menasha to be near her children.

Meanwhile, Curt and Annette also wanted to come back to Manitowoc to be near daughter, Kim (Don) Hafeman. But they desired a home on Menasha Ave. to be close to Hafemans, as well as to Redeemer, grocery store and gas station. God's plan finally materialized when our last charter Redeemer member, Dorothy Zimmerman, planned to move to Assisted Living at Iron Mountain, MI to be closer to her daughter. Word was given to Curt and immediate plans were made for Curt to purchase Dorothy's home, which he was familiar with. Welcome back to Manitowoc and Redeemer as of July, 2023. God did have plans for you here. Curt says it's good to be back at Redeemer where some of their children and grandchildren were baptized, confirmed and even married.

Curt and Annette were extremely involved while at Redeemer. Both were in choir and teaching. Curt was also on church council for several years and Annette was Sunday School Superintendent along with being very involved with mission projects for LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League). They contributed much to Redeemer. So, greet Curt, who with his daughter, Kim, can be seen sitting on the left front of church. Curt now keeps busy with gardening and simple woodworking projects and thankful God directed him back to Manitowoc.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sept. 1 Marilyn Wenzel, Mary Hartman
Sept. 2 John Phillips
Sept. 3 Marsha Elliott
Sept. 5 Scott Hansen, Grace Utecht
Sept. 6 Evan Stoker, Amanda Miglieri,
Aythan Thrasher
Sept. 8 Adelyn Massart
Sept. 10 Ann Hirssig*, Beth Utecht,
Cassandra Gunderson
Sept. 11 Landen Hayon
Sept. 14 Tucker Kielsmeier
Sept. 15 Renee Massart, McKenna Luedtke
Sept. 16 Jerri Rathjen, Kevin Gomm,
Roberta Ambrose
Sept. 18 Freya Horswill
Sept. 20 Connor Hafeman, Tami Fricke, Lyda Schnake
Sept. 21 Lucas Siebold
Sept. 23 Ehrick George
Sept. 25 Elizabeth Braun, Allison Neuser,
Joseph Drescher
Sept. 26 Gail Konopacki
Sept. 27 Janice Troullier, Rick Gunderson, Jaret Paltzer,
Autumn Massart,
Karen Strzyzewski
Sept. 29 Julie Troullier,, Kristin Schneider
Sept. 30 Alice Gunderson

Sept. 3 Clint & Doreen Drescher
Sept. 5 Van & Dorothy Neff
Sept. 6 Tim & Heather Carty
Sept. 8 Milt & Janice Troullier
Bill & Penny Schneider
Sept. 9 Jerry & Barb Hirssig
Sept. 11 Ron & Susan Ruebesam
Sept. 13 Steve & Sarah Reimer
Ricky & Lorenda Goertz
Sept. 14 Ryan & Kristy Schaefer
Sept. 19 Dick & Mary Orth
Casey & Jill Schramm
Sept. 21 Al & Linda Troullier
Don & Kim Hafeman
Jon & Jodi Korlesky
Sept. 22 Larry & Pam Kretsch
Sept. 25 Jerry & Sally Rettinger

*Shut-in

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Vacancy Pastor: Joel Brassfield (Phone: 920-246-2587)

Associate Pastor: Scott Hirssig (Phone: 920-629-2949)

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1) Office closed	2)
3) Worship 9am	4) Labor Day Office Closed No Worship	5) Finance 8:15am Fall Office Hours Begin Monday - Friday 8am-1pm	6) Game Night 6pm	7)	8)	9)
10) Worship 9am Voter's Meeting 10am	11) Worship 6pm	12) Finance 8:15am STS Picnic 11:30am	13)	14) Executive Board Mtg 6:30pm	15)	16)
17) Worship 9am Sunday School 10am	18) Worship 6pm	19) Men's Bible Study 7am Finance 8:15am Women's Bible Study 9am	20) Catechism 5pm Game Night 6pm	21)	22)	23)
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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**Sundays after 9:00 am worship
to about 11:00 am**

For ages 3 and up

Student Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Age (as if 9/01/2023): _____ Grade entering: _____

Student Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Age (as if 9/01/2023): _____ Grade entering: _____

Student Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Age (as if 9/01/2023): _____ Grade entering: _____

Student Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Age (as if 9/01/2023): _____ Grade entering: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Best Phone Number: _____

Does your child have any allergies: _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

Name & Phone Number of the person to call if there is an emergency during Sunday School:

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