

Hello Redeemer Preschool families and friends!

My name is Joanne Dobberstein, and I am honored to be the new lead teacher at Redeemer Preschool this school year. I'd like to share with you a bit about myself.

I am originally a Minnesota farm girl. I was raised on a hog farm near the Hastings area. I am a graduate of UW-River Falls, where I majored in Elementary Education and minored in Early Childhood Education and German. I have been teaching in some capacity for 19 years. I've taught kindergarten, first grade, and fifth grade (but not at the same time!) in my own classroom. I've also been a substitute teacher and a summer school teacher. I've taught in Christian and in public settings. For the past 7 years, I've taught in Wisconsin's four-year-old-kindergarten program. 5 of those years were in the Eau Claire area (where my husband and I owned and operated a dairy farm for 11 years), and the past 2 years were in Onalaska. During the years we were farming and raising our 5 young children, I certainly wasn't bored, but I always felt something was missing from my life if I wasn't teaching. So I always found a way to teach in some capacity.

My family and I relocated to this area two years ago. We now live near Centerville in the Marshland area. I must say, I am totally in love with the bluffs! My husband, Chad, and I have five active children, ages 17, 14, 12, 11, and 8. In my spare time (What spare time?!), I enjoy spectating at my children's various sporting events (volleyball, cross country, softball, basketball, track, etc.), reading, and walking.

I am excited to be here, and I look forward to a year filled with learning, fun, and faith!

