

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

## *Redeemer Reader*

### April 2022

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

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**Office Hours:**  
Mon.– Thurs: 9:00-4:30pm  
Fridays: Closed

#### **Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for April**



The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Walter Jacobs is coordinating the meal and Pastor Matt is presenting the program. All men and boys are invited to attend!

**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**

## Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

#### **Redeemer WELCA News for April**

WELCA will meet on Sunday, April 3rd in the church library at 3:45 PM for its business meeting. We will be discussing our duties at the convention in June. At 4:00, Claire Grosshuesch will present her three favorite hymns from Then Sings My Soul. We look forward to hearing her selections. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Redeemer WELCA has selected as its convention project, the collection of money for the SCWELCA Nursing Endowment Scholarship Fund with Newberry College.. We will be collecting donations for this scholarship fund until Monday, June 20th. Checks are to be made to SCWELCA. Please put Nursing Scholarship on the Line. Place your donation in an envelope with WELCA on the outside of the envelope and leave it in the office.

The council also approved WELCA placing a collection jar in the narthex to collect any loose change or paper money to go toward the scholarship. You will find an apothecary jar in the narthex for this purpose.

Thank you for your continued support of The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer's WELCA.

Grace and peace to each of you this month of April!

We had our ups and downs during the month of March, but we as a congregation are trending upwards. As we ended the month, attendance was up, participation in church events was up, giving was up, and – most importantly – we welcomed 15 people into our community of faith on March 27! Then, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Mission Endowment Team celebrated their third disbursement of funds from the gift that Legrand Amick donated to the church a few years ago.

It is *good* to see ministry and service thrive and grow at Redeemer.

In our second Lenten Wednesday Drama play, we watched as the characters talked about trusting in God’s presence and love. In those moments where we remember that our God *does* care for us and urges and calls us to not worry. Sometimes – most times – that is difficult to do. It is so *easy* for us to worry. But, in our faith in God, our trust in God’s love, and gathered together as a community of faith, we can and do persevere through so much.

As we quickly approach the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection and the promise of new life that God grafts us into through that sacrifice and love, let us all lean into and trust in God’s presence with us; knowing that God is indeed with us *always*. In that faith and trust we can center ourselves in that love as we live into the mission and service that Jesus calls us into, that God has created us for, and that the Holy Spirit guides us through. Amen!



New Members received on March 27, 2022



2022 Mission Endowment  
Fund Recipients

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
March 6	29	52	58	110
March 9		31		
March 13	27	112	55	167
March 16		24		
March 20	26	70	68	138
March 23		12		
March 27	24	50	82	132
March 30	24			
Average	27	71	66	137

## MARCH

Offerings      March 06 - \$5,880.46  
                       March 13 - \$6,760.08  
                       March 20 - \$5,216.55  
                       March 27 - \$13,400.85

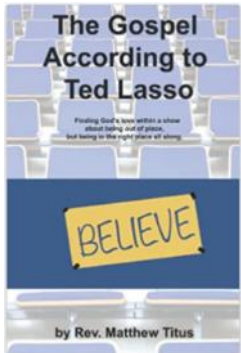
To help those who do not have internet access at their homes, a DVD of each Sunday's worship service will be available in the church office. Those DVDs *should* be available no later than the Tuesday following the service. You may call the church office to put your name on the list to receive a copy of the service on

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** has resumed and meets in the church's library every 2nd and 4th Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am. New members are invited to join this group of knitters to make baby caps and prayer shawls. For more information, contact Derryl Satterwhite or Gayle Lindley.

**Lenten Drama Series** - Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a mid-week pause as we re-turn and center ourselves in God's presence during this time. Join us at 7pm on April 6. Our drama series this year is called 'Call Me Sometime' and it was written by Pastor John Trump of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Columbia, SC.



**Church Offering** - Every person at Redeemer is encouraged to give as they are able. Your offering helps make ministry happen not only in and through the community of faith at Redeemer, but throughout the SC Synod and Churchwide through the ELCA. If you are able, you may place your offering in the tray each Sunday morning or you are welcome to use the online giving option on our church website - [www.redeemernewberry.org/giving](http://www.redeemernewberry.org/giving).



**The Gospel According to Ted Lasso** - We all know that Pastor Matt loves the TV Show Ted Lasso (available to stream on AppleTV+). Well, he loves it so much he wrote a devotional that walks through the first season of the show. That book - **The Gospel According to Ted Lasso** - is NOW AVAILABLE on Amazon for purchase as a paperback or an eBook. PM will have a few copies available for purchase in his office as well.

**Stewardship Sunday** with a covered dish meal will be held on Sunday, May 22. More details to follow.



**Redeemer's 50+ Ministry!**

50+ will meet on Sunday, April 10 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The meal will be ham, potato salad, butter beans, pineapple casserole, deviled eggs, and a strawberry dessert. Cost of the meal is \$10. Please RSVP to (803) 276-2003 or info@redeemernewberry.org to sign up.

*Holy Week*  
**SCHEDULE**

- April 10 (Palm Sunday)  
10:30AM
- April 14 (Maundy Thursday)  
7PM
- April 15 (Good Friday)  
7PM
- April 17 (Easter Sunday)  
7:00AM & 10:30AM

In-person and streaming at [youtube.com/redeemernewberry](https://youtube.com/redeemernewberry)  
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## Treasurer's report for February 2022

Summary Treasurer's report for Feb. 2022

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:		\$26,918.00
For Feb. - Income:	\$ 16,130.01	
For Feb. - General expenses:	\$ 25,807.17	
For Feb. - Income is less than expenses by:	<u>\$ (9,677.16)</u>	
For Feb. - Amick Gift Funds income	\$ -	
2022 YTD Income:	\$ 34,216.74	
2022 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 46,501.60	
2022 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	<u>\$ (12,284.86)</u>	
2022 YTD Amick Gift Funds distributions	\$ -	

### Altar Flowers

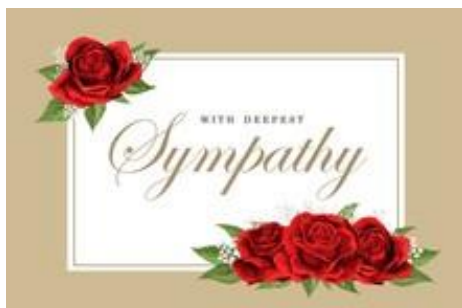
- April 3 - **LENT**
- April 10 - **LENT**
- April 17 - **EASTER**, Denise Reid
- April 24 - Angela Reid

***If you would like to sign up for any of those dates, please notify the church office.***

### Wedding Anniversaries

- April 1 - Walter & Bootsie Cousins
- April 5 - Norris & Michelle Long
- April 09 - Marty & Dana Cousins
- April 13 - Arlo & Judy Hill

These dates are according to our church records. If you see a correction, please notify the church office.\*\*



To the family of Hugh Smith upon the death of his father, Boyd Smith on March 24.



### Prayer Concerns

**Redeemer Members:** Tony Chapman II, Georgette Livingston, Dean Mayer, Debbie Metts, Heather Montgomery Kaikini, Lloyd Layman.

**Extended Parish Family:** Vernon and Maxine Koon, cousin of Debra Metts; Kent and Mary Beth Richardson, cousins of Debra Metts; James Conley, brother of June Seymour; Patricia Stiles and Reese Burdette, sister and great-niece of Ernie Shealy; Stuart Harmon, husband of Adele Saylor Harmon; Danny Burden, friend of Jessica Draeger; Donnie Brown, friend of congregation; Tom Phair, friend of June Seymour; Harriett Kinard, friend of Dale and B. L. Brown; Pastor Dick and Jeannie Webber, friends of congregation; Chris Cleveland, father-in-law of David Metts, Jackie Perry, friend of Ann Stone; Karen Chasteen, sister-in-law of Jane Moose; Stephanie Neel, friend of Mary E. Hammond ; Terri McMurtury, niece of Debbie Metts, Mia Stabile and family, great-niece and family of Ann Jacobs, Walter Jacobs, and Susan Jacobs Thomasson, Rev. Ron Hamm; cousin of Jerry Haltiwanger, Cathy Turner, and Curtis Haltiwanger; William Mature, friend of Jamie Adams; Sean Montgomery, son of Bob & Carol Montgomery, Jeanne Simmons, friend of Verna Cavanaugh.

*If you have updates to the prayer list, please notify the church office.*



Congratulations to Katerina (Long) and Patrick Koon as the welcome their newborn son, Levi Patrick Koon born March 23.

Supper Club will not meet until further notice. Stay safe!

*Happy Birthday!*



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|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|
| 02-Apr | Nancy Owen      | 24-Apr | David Wiseman     |
| 03-Apr | Robert Cole     | 26-Apr | Jason Bruce       |
| 04-Apr | Carolyn Hammond | 26-Apr | Robert Montgomery |
| 04-Apr | Dale Smith      | 27-Apr | Benji Lindsay III |
| 05-Apr | Kendyl Griffith | 28-Apr | Ella Coleman      |
| 07-Apr | Matthew Mature  | 28-Apr | Kristy Barnes     |
| 14-Apr | Joey Nicosia    | 30-Apr | Elizabeth Boozer  |
| 15-Apr | Rachel Franklin |        |                   |
| 17-Apr | Kaitlyn Stone   |        |                   |
| 18-Apr | Alexander Cole  |        |                   |
| 18-Apr | Elin Cary       |        |                   |
| 18-Apr | Kathy Lindsay   |        |                   |
| 19-Apr | Verna Cavanaugh |        |                   |
| 21-Apr | Jamie Weir IV   |        |                   |
| 22-Apr | Susan Wessinger |        |                   |

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS  
MARCH 21, 2022

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*Note that after officially approved, the full minutes of the Congregation Council meetings will be available for review in the church office*

**6:45 Devotions**

**Business Meeting 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

**Welcome**

**Members Present:** Chelsea Ellisor, Pastor Matt, John Green, Ernie Shealy, Huger Caughman, Mary Alex Kopp, Mary Maercklein, Robert Kneece, Sarah Bowers

**Members present on Zoom:** Kathy Riggan, Faith Felix

**Members Absent:** Nikki Chapman, Arlo Hill

**Celebrations/Prayer Requests:**

Celebrations: Katarina Long Koon being induced tonight and pray for a safe delivery. 15 new members joining the church Sunday, March 27.

Prayer request: Newberry Hospital and their staff

**Reports**

**Old Business**

**A. Covid** – No new business. Cases are at a minimum at this time.

**Needs and Wants** – None at this time

**Review of questions for Member Survey** – Discussing questions for survey. Goal for survey: All questions to be submitted by March 26. Executive committee to meet on March 27 to discuss. Mailing out surveys digitally on April 1 and hardcopy to be mailed out on April 13. Completion date of April 30. Motion – Ernie Shealy. Second – Huger Caughman

**Council Retreat** – May 14 – 9am to noon or May 21. Will decide what works best for all council members to have as many there as possible.

**Redeemer Website:** Matt Bowers awaiting an update. Has emailed about this.

**New Business**

**Stewardship Campaign**

**Need a volunteer to head this up for campaign ideas** – Tabeing to April's council meeting and also thinking of short term and long-term ideas.

**Monthly Newsletter**

**Discuss mailing or not** – Mailing out newsletter monthly. Motion – Mary Alex Kopp. Second – Ernie Shealy. All in favor.

**Discuss adding Weekly attendance, weekly tithing, weekly financial need to ensure we can meet specific bills** – Being done weekly and put in the bulletin

**Committee Discussions** – Nominating Committee of six members. Audit Committee to be composed of three members. Nominations being made of Clint Harshaw, Rachel Franklin, Lynn Cary. Motion made to ask these people to be on the Audit Committee – motion Mary Alex Kopp, second – Robert Kneece. Robert Kneece and Pastor Matt to notify the three listed. Staff support and review committee – reaching out to people for this committee.

**Increase hours for Youth Director to 30-35 hours** – To assess for 4 months (May to August) to see how many hours she is able to work along with the financial situation. Motion – Mary Alex Kopp. Second – Huger Caughman. All in favor.

**Discuss Jill Lawson McHugh request for using Facilities for Project Nectar** – Council is wanting to know more about her plan. We will invite her to the April meeting for a presentation regarding her work and her plan of what ages she plans on helping.

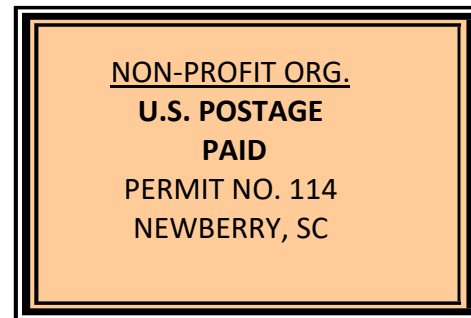
**WELCA convention:** Musical group coming to the WELCA convention. WELCA at Redeemer wanting to sell tickets to the public to help defer the cost of the concert at the convention. All in favor of WELCA being able to sell tickets for the concert.

**Executive Session** – Motion made by Huger Caughman. Motion out of Executive Session – Robert Kneece. Seconded by Huger Caughman.

**Comments for the Good of the Order**

**Adjournment** – Mary Maercklein adjourned meeting. Next Council meeting is April 18, 2022, at 7pm via Zoom or in person in the Youth Hall.

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is  
April 21, 2022. Please send submissions to  
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