

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

January 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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Mon.– Thurs: 9:00-4:30pm
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Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for January



The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission unit will on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Walter Jacobs will be the cook.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Redeemer WELCA News for January

Happy New from WELCA! WELCA will meet on the first Sunday of each month unless otherwise notified. All women and men are invited to attend.

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

Grace and peace to each of you in this new year!

During 2021 we experienced the ups and downs as we always do, but I believe each of those highs and lows were compounded by the fact that we are still in this very real pandemic.

The highs of folks – hesitantly and optimistically cautious – returning to worship each Sunday. The highs of getting to celebrate Easter as a gathered people after missing out in 2021. The highs of seeing new faces through visitors who feel they've found a community here where they see God at work and know that they are a welcomed part of that. The highs of seeing God at work in the midst of the community despite the adjustments, frustrations, curveballs that the pandemic continues to plop in our way.

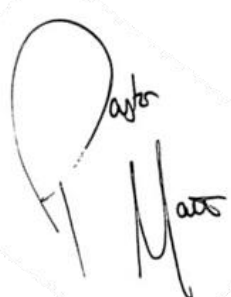
There were also lows this past year as well. Death seemed all around us. Both within and outside our community of faith. We mourned, celebrated the lives, and remembered the promise of God ten times as a community in 2021. Each of those ten deaths were beloved individuals in our community and they are deeply missed by so many.

We continue to navigate as best as we can in and through this pandemic. It seems that every time we feel like we are about to turn a corner a variant crops up, requiring us to rethink again and again how we approach gathering, worship, community, and activity. It is tiring and frustrating. Yet, I continue to give thanks that this community of faith at Redeemer has approached those moments with grace, love, care, and faith.

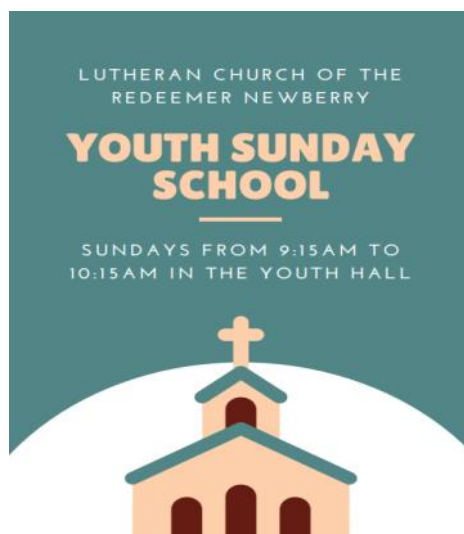
As I look forward to what 2022 might bring us, I cannot help but see God at work. I feel energized by the fact that people are itching to do service and work. I am overjoyed at the ministry that Aubrey has been doing with the youth – making those consistent deposits of love and presence to strengthen that aspect of our community. I see our ministry of livestreaming services continue to grow, improve, and blossom. As a selfish plug, I even have an actual and physical book that will be published and released (hopefully) during this month of January.

I am thankful that after six and a half years, I'm still humbled and honored to serve as your pastor at Redeemer. It has been fun getting to do ministry with each of you and I look forward to many more opportunities to see God at work in us, through us, and around us not only in 2022, but in the years to come!

God's blessings to each of you in this new year. I love y'all, and I mean it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a faint diamond-shaped border. The signature consists of a large, stylized 'P' followed by the word 'Pastor' written vertically, and a large, stylized 'M' followed by the word 'Matt' written vertically.

Opportunity - The Bereavement team needs volunteers to assist with preparing and serving meals to bereaved families. Young, young-at-heart, male, female, all are encouraged to volunteer for this mission. Please contact Eve Kneece or the church office if you are willing and able to join this great team. Also, a sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



GAAP -- God's Abundance for All People -- finished a month of Saturdays in October handing out and delivering food and other supplies for needy Newberry families.

GAAP is made of individuals from multiple Newberry County churches, including The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer. GAAP operates a food pantry complete with refrigerator and freezer at O'Neal Street United Methodist Church, 501 O'Neal Street. In addition to the food ministry GAAP also provides common household items and a free-clothes closet for those who need them.

People in need are encouraged to shop for free items from 10am 1pm each Saturday. GAAP volunteers will also deliver food to the elderly and those unable to drive.

Monetary donations and volunteer time are always needed. Harvest Hope Food Bank in eastern Columbia provides much of the food served. GAAP also is a Redeemer endowment recipient.

If you are interested in volunteering with GAAP, there will be a brief training session for new volunteers on Tuesday, November 16 at 6pm at O'Neal Street United Methodist Church. This training session is less than an hour long and is a requirement for GAAP to work with Harvest Hope Food Bank.

If you would like to donate items to GAAP, the current emphasis now is on diapers, other baby items, and Thanksgiving food. For more information you may contact the church office or The Rev. Darlene Kelly who is the pastor of O'Neal Street United Methodist Church.

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
December 5	31	53	73	126
December 12	34	77	68	145
December 19		119	72	191
December 24		90	97	187
December 26		47	42	89
Average				

DECEMBER

Offerings December 5 - \$9,272.57
 December 12 - \$4,503.71
 December 19 - \$5,201.85
 December 24 - \$1,420.00
 December 26 - \$

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 DVD!

Drive-Up Communion Changes - With a combination of the temperature increasing and more people attending worship in-person (and less people driving up for communion), there will be a slight change to how Redeemer will offer communion to those who - for whatever reason - are not able to gather in-person with the community of faith at Redeemer. A basket will be in the church office every day with communion kits. Please stop by the church office to pick-up these blessed kits. You are encouraged to use them when the entire community receives the sacrament during worship each Sunday!



Redeemer's 50+ Ministry!

50+ will meet on Sunday, January 9 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The meal will be chili, cornbread, fruit salad, dessert, and coffee/tea. Cost of the meal is \$8. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, January 5 if you plan to attend.



Senior Catering - a non-profit company chartered in South Carolina in 1984 has one of its four commercial kitchens in Newberry. They are in desperate need of cooks and drivers to continue their mission of serving meals for the elderly and disadvantaged in our community.

If you are interested in volunteering or applying for a position (\$11/hour) please call them at **803.345.1835**. They would be open to job-sharing, working only a few hours per day, working one day per week or even being a sub on driving a delivery route. There are many options for work in this needed service!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will resume on January 11 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 Derryll Satterwhite or Gayle Lindley.

A FREE MUSIC WORKSHOP is being planned for youth in grades 4 through 12 to be held Jan. 29, 2022 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The workshop will explore organ and handbells. Call the church office to register by Monday, January 24.

Treasurer's report for November 2021

Summary Treasurer's report for Nov. 2021

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$26,740.00

For Nov. - Income: \$ 19,903.42

For Nov. - General expenses: \$ 23,046.28

For Nov. - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (3,142.86)

For Nov. - Amick Gift Funds income \$ -

2021 YTD Income: \$ 228,081.01

2021 YTD General Expenses: \$ 258,641.72

2021 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ (30,560.71)

2021 YTD Amick Gift Funds distributions \$ 117,948.82

Altar Flowers

January 2 -

January 9 - LMM

January 16 - **AVAILABLE**

January 23 - **AVAILABLE**

January 30 - **AVAILABLE**

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

Wedding Anniversaries

January 22 - Sydney & Debra Metts

January 24 - Rey & June Lominack

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



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; Robert Johnson, brother-in-law of Ernest Shealy; 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; Cheryl Bedenbaugh, friend of Polly Davis; 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.

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

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

Happy Birthday!



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| 1/2 | Ledare Livingston | 1/23 | Rob Livingston IV |
| 1/6 | Marty Cousins | 1/23 | Ben Chapman |
| 1/6 | Virginia Summer | 1/24 | Matthew Titus |
| 1/7 | June Seymour | 1/25 | Charles Ragland Jr. |
| 1/7 | Barry Richardson | 1/27 | Leslie Sligh |
| 1/7 | Lisa Minick | 1/27 | Dawn Stone |
| 1/12 | Brenda Smith | 1/29 | Benjie Chapman |
| 1/12 | Mahala Melton | 1/30 | Drew Senn |
| 1/13 | Matthew Cole | 1/31 | Marie Whatley |
| 1/14 | Cherrie Longshore | | |
| 1/14 | Slade Richardson | | |
| 1/17 | Sydney Metts | | |
| 1/17 | Nikki Chapman | | |
| 1/21 | Tammy Wilson | | |
| 1/21 | Paul Loignon | | |

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 20, 2021

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

The business meeting was held via Zoom and in-person in the youth hall

Devotions 6:45 PM Business Meeting 7:00 PM

Pastor Matt opened the meeting with devotions.

Call to Order: Ernie Shealy called the meeting to order.

Welcome

Members Present:: Ernie Shealy, Matt Bowers, Sarah Bowers, Nikki Chapman, Chelsea Ellisor, Arlo Hill, Robert Kneece, Mary Alex Kopp, Mary Maercklein, Derryll Satterwhite, Pastor Matt Titus.

Members absent: Claire Grosshuesch, and David Wiseman

Celebrations and Prayer Requests

Celebrations: There was an overwhelming response this year to the children on the Angel Tree.

Prayer Request: Please keep Tony Chapman, and Beth Hipp your prayers. Also. Jim and Lynn Hockett, tornado victims, and Trish McDonald need to be in your thoughts and prayers.

Reports:

Pastor's Report - Pastor Matt – Pastor Matt officiated at two funerals, Darr Wise and Gloria Nelson. Council members were installed.

1850 Committee – David Wiseman, liaison - No report

Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, liaison – Chelsea plans to see about restarting services at White Oak Manor. Cards continue being sent to church members.

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, liaison – The investment fund is doing well. The committee is encouraging those agencies that received money to speak to the congregation and tell how they are using the money.

Faith Foundation Committee – Arlo Hill, liaison – No report

Family and Social Fellowship – Claire Grosshuesch, liaison – No report.

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report – Robert Kneece, liaison and chairperson - The church balance is "in the red" for \$ 30,560.71 for the month of November 2021. Expenses last month were \$ 23,046.28 and the income was \$ 19,903.42. Year to date: The income is \$ 228,081.01. expenses are \$ 258,641.72 and the "in the red" number is \$ 258,641.72. The Amick fund expenses are \$ 117,948.22.

Stewardship Committee – Sarah Bowers, liaison – No report

Congregational Council Highlights continued

Property Committee Report – Matt Bowers, liaison – Matt met with a representative from The Tile Roof Repair business, which is an authorized contractor for Ludovici Tiles. These tiles are on our roof. Matt is waiting for a quote for the roof repair. The electrician is to come and add some exterior lights on the family life center to be daylight sensors for extra lighting at night. Matt called two gutter companies and went with Bannister to complete the work. Productions Unlimited met with Matt for a quote on the sanctuary sound system. The paper folding machine has been fixed. Property committee is looking at covering the other walkway into the office. A third camera has been installed on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

The website design and layout has been finalized and they have started the coding process.

Worship and Music committee - Mary Alex Kopp, liaison - Mary Alex was pleased with The Tour of Homes event on December 11.

Youth – Nikki Chapman, liaison – Nikki would like to recruit some church members to help with food for Youth Night. Nikki also pointed out that the youth hall is not being cleaned and other groups are eating the youth night refreshments.

Staff Committee – Mary Maercklein, liaison – No report

President – Ernest Shealy – No report

Minutes – The November minutes were approved.

Old Business: : Covid – The numbers of people with the virus go up and go down. Precautions are still in place. People are asked to wear masks at the Christmas Eve Service. This will be mentioned on the Thursday email and on a separate email.

New Business – A motion was made by Nikki Chapman, seconded by Chelsea Ellisor, that starting in January coffee will be available in the St. John Room. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Nikki Chapman, seconded by Deryll Satterwhite, that Pastor Matt will contact the communications department at Newberry College in hopes that some students will be interested in being trained to live stream the services. The congregation will also be invited to be trained for this. The motion passed. Faith Felix will do a temple talk about the streaming opportunity.

In January, council members are asked to bring to the meeting questions for a church survey. This survey is to find out concerns of the congregation, what they think is needed, what is going well, how offerings are used and other issues. Pastor Matt, along with the finance committee, is constructing a letter telling the congregation what could be done with an increase in donations. The stewardship committee will be asked to attend the January council meeting. After the survey has been done, the council is planning to discuss the results during a retreat.

2022-23 Council Officers: President = Mary Maercklein; Vice President = Nikki Chapman; Secretary = Chelsea Ellisor; Treasurer = Robert Kneece.

Needs and Wants: -

Comments for the good of the order: -

Executive Session – Nikki Chapman made the motion, Matt Bowers seconded, that the council go into executive session. The motion passed. Huger Caughman made the motion, Nikki Chapman seconded, that the council leave executive session. The motion passed.

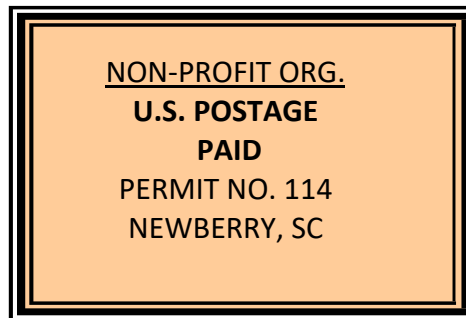
Adjournment: After reciting The Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Reminders:

Next meeting: January 17 20, 2022 in church youth hall and via Zoom

Respectfully submitted, Deryll Satterwhite.

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