

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

March 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
Fridays: Closed



Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for March

Redeemer's LMM cooked pancakes and sausage for Shrove Tuesday on March 1.

Shrove Tuesday will take the place of our normal LMM meeting, so we will not be meeting on Tuesday, March 8.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Women ^{of the} ELCA

Redeemer WELCA News for March

WELCA will meet on Sunday, March 6th, at 3:45 PM for its regular business meeting. At 4:00, Anne Caughman will present her three favorite hymns from our Then Sings My Soul books. Remember that all women and friends (including men) of the congregation are invited to attend.

SCWELCA Convention Project (one of the projects)

The project listed below is the one that Redeemer WELCA decided to participate in .

The local project for this year's convention will be to establish the South Carolina Women of the ELCA Nursing Endowment Scholarship Fund with Newberry College. We will be establishing a permanent endowment fund with an initial gift of \$10,000.

The first year's award will be presented in the fall of 2022, The award recipient(s), enrolled in the Nursing Program, will be determined by the Office of Financial Aid.. SCWELCA hopes that funds for this endowment fund will be provided for years to come.

If you would like to contribute to this fund prior to the convention, June 24th-June 25th, you may make your checks payable to SCWELCA, put Nursing Scholarship on For Line, place it in an envelope with WE:CA on outside of envelope and leave it in the office.

Grace and peace to each of you for this month of March!

As it always seems, this year continues to zoom on by! If you blink, it feels like days and weeks pass us by.

During this month, we will begin that journey we take every year – the journey of Lent. That time where we pull back and take notice of where and how we are distant from the life that God has created us for. There is not one of us in this community of faith at Redeemer or in the entirety of creation that can say we do exactly what God has called us to be all the time.

We have our moments where what we do, proclaim, and live into aligns with what God has created us for. But, if we are being honest with ourselves, we know that those moments are few compared to all those other moments in our lives. Those times when we ignore, or push away, or run like Jonah to the figurative and literal opposite way of where God might be leading and calling us.

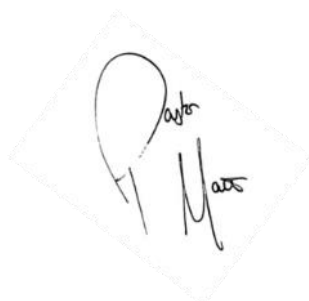
Lent is that time where we can recognize that we do indeed fall so very short from God's expectations. But, we also are given the free gift of grace that says even despite that, our God continues to love us fully and completely. Continually inviting us into this life of love and service. Lent offers us the opportunity to align ourselves – once again – with the life and love of God. Where we give up or add on aspects of devotion in our life to make that time of devotion more innate to our lives.

Yet even when we fail – and we will more than likely fail a little bit – in that space, our God will continue to love us, guide us, drag us, and lift others up to support us in this life of faith and service.

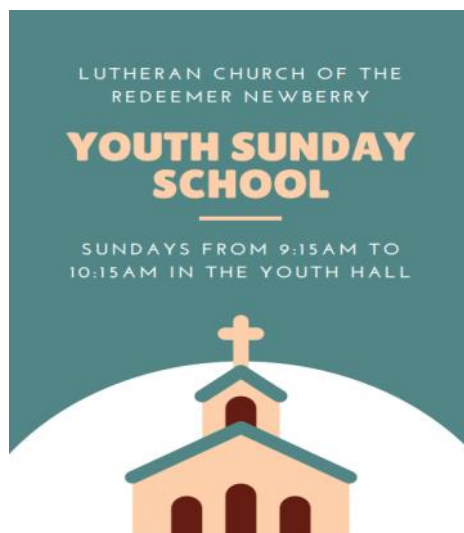
There will be moments in our lives – not just during the season of Lent – where we might feel broken, used up, even useless. God has made a habit and a promise out of gathering the broken pieces of our lives and making us whole. In those moments God fashions us into the beautiful creations we are so that we too can live out this life of faith and love – serving those around us with the same love we have already received.

Lent helps us see where we are broken and fallen short, the Gospel reminds us that that brokenness does not keep us from God's love, but that God comes to mend those broken spaces so that we might be able to love more fully.

Welcome to Lent, y'all.



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.

We are in need of individuals - of any age (3rd grade and above) - to help with being acolytes and crucifers in worship. If you are interested, please fill out the short form in our weekly church email or contact the church office. Thanks!



Redeemer's 50+ Ministry!

50+ will meet on Sunday, March 13 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The meal will consist of St. Patrick's Day (Irish) dishes as well as dessert and coffee/tea/water. Wear green and plan to join us! The cost is \$8 per person. Please contact the church office (info@redeemernewberry.org or 803-276-2003) by Wednesday, March 9 to sign up.

Easter Lily Orders - Easter Lily Cost is \$8.50 per plant

Money and information is due to the church office by Thursday, March 31



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
February 6	24	65	47	112
February 13	30	76	55	131
February 20		55	55	110
February 27	34	30	57	87
Average		57	54	110

JANUARY

Offerings February 06 - \$4,139.48
 February 13 - \$4,469.01
 February 20 - \$2,919.55
 February 27 - \$4,373.67

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!

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 March 9, 16, 23, 30, and 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



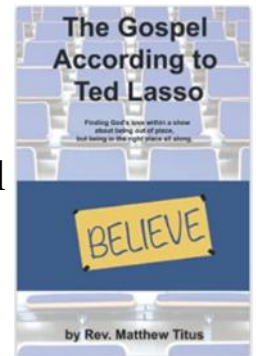
Church Offering - Every person at Redeemer is encouraged to give as they are able. Your offering helps make ministry happen not only in and through the community of faith at Redeemer, but throughout the SC Synod and Churchwide through the ELCA. If you are able, you may place your offering in the tray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

Redeemer at White Oak Manor - Starting at 3 p.m. Ash Wednesday, March 2. The devotionals will be offered every other Wednesday afternoon at White Oak Nursing Home, Kinard Street adjacent to Newberry County Memorial Hospital. Our Pew Dusters will provide music but other music is welcome for residents. Precautions will be taken to avoid Covid-19. Please see Andy Sidden for more information. March devotions are March 2, 16, and 30.



Souper Bowl of Caring Update - Thank you to all who donated food items - **FOUR FULL BINS WORTH** - for The Manna House and to all who contributed to our noisy offering. We collected over \$200 for God's Abundance for All People. Thank you!

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.



Join us for a worship experience in the community! Beer & Hymns will return on March 28 at Bar Figaro in downtown Newberry. The fellowship and fun begins at 6:30pm!

Treasurer's report for January 2022

Summary Treasurer's report for Jan. 2022

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>	\$26,918.00
For Jan. - Income:	\$ 18,086.73
For Jan. - General expenses:	\$ 20,694.43
For Jan. - Income is more than expenses by:	<u>\$ (2,607.70)</u>
For Jan. - Amick Gift Funds income	\$ -
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2022 YTD Amick Gift Funds distributions	\$ -

Altar Flowers

March 6 - **LENT**

March 13 - **LENT**

March 20 - **LENT**

March 27 - **LENT**

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

Wedding Anniversaries

March 5 - Nick & Claire Grosshuesch

March 6 - Adam & Alexis Lockyer

March 18 - Von & Kathy Dennis

March 18 - George & Donna Franklin

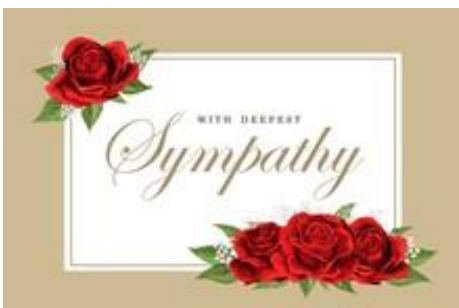
March 19 - John & Julie Dennis

March 22 - Tommy & Helen Fellers

March 25 - Joshua & Mary Nance Joseph

March 31 - RJ & Casey Dowd

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Congregational sympathy is extended to the families of Betty Westwood who died on February 9; Roy Mills who died on February 16, and Mary Sue Clary who died on February 27.



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, Jeanne Simmons, friend of Verna Cavanaugh.

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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| 3/1 Polly Davis | 3/14 Jimmy Weir III | 3/28 Justin Felix |
| 3/1 Huger Caughman Sr. | 3/14 Zarek Reid | 3/28 MaryAlex Kopp |
| 3/1 Austin Longshore | 3/18 Joye Senn | 3/29 Michelle Long |
| 3/4 Christie Whitaker | 3/18 Christy West | 3/30 Davy Wilson III |
| 3/7 Margery "Sis" Williamson | 3/18 Erin Derrick | 3/31 Tessie Bannister |
| 3/7 Mike Mature | 3/19 Steve Sligh | |
| 3/10 Helen Fellers | 3/19 Andrew Cousins | |
| 3/10 Benji Westwood | 3/21 Mary Sue Clary | |
| 3/10 Stevie Sligh III | 3/22 Mitchell Lewis Jr. | |
| 3/12 Sybil Cousins | 3/22 Erin Titus | |
| 3/12 Walter Cousins | 3/23 Joshua Joseph | |
| 3/13 Andy Sidden | 3/24 Grace Lindsay | |
| 3/13 Ronnie Dickert Sr. | 3/27 Arlo Hill | |
| 3/13 Miles Hawkins Jr. | 3/27 CJ Clary | |
| 3/13 'Tres' Newell III | 3/28 Kirsten Lindsay | |

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Reports

Pastor's Report – Prayers for confirmation as two of the four pastors are moving to a different church/retiring. End of April to beginning of May, Pastor Matt and family will be on vacation. Pastor David Coffman will be the supply pastor on Sunday, May 1.

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery – Endowment committee is in the process of going over the applications received for the Endowment fund

Family/Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggan, liaison – sign-up sheet remains in the Narthex for bereavement meals. Will soon start working on a new plan for the Bereavement meals.

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Robert Kneece, liaison – \$2607.70 over spent income for the month of January. Still waiting on bids for sound system.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, liaison – Have been waiting on roofer to come to start working on roof over organ for three weeks.

Worship & Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison – Ash Wednesday is in two weeks (Wednesday March 2, 2022). Lent services on Wednesday in person and online. It will be a short drama each week. Silent movie on February 27th in the sanctuary with organ accompaniment.

Youth – Faith Felix, liaison – Faith Felix and Nikki Chapman had a meeting with Aubrey regarding needs for youth. Need adult participation for meetings and events along with meal planning. There is a sign-up sheet for food and participants in meetings. Have applied for an endowment fund for renovating the Youth Hall.

Minutes from January meeting – No changes needed to be made. Robert Kneece made a motion to approve January minutes, Huger Caughman seconded – motion passed.

New Business:

WELCA fundraising: WELCA is interested in endowing a nursing scholarship at Newberry College. Each congregation to donate. Will set up something in the narthex. WELCA will be using our facility on June 25th for their annual meeting. Motion made by Huger Caughman and seconded by Robert Kneece to allow WELCA to fundraise.

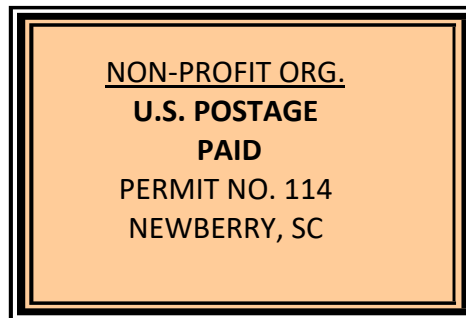
Lifeline Screening Request: A one day community health screening in June that is wanting to use our facility in June. As of now, this has been tabled.

Proposal from Boys and Girls Club: Boys and Girls Club has emailed requesting to use our facility from June 6 to July 29 for a day camp Monday through Friday from 7:00AM to 6:30 PM. Nikki Chapman made a motion to not accept Boys and Girls Club proposal due to Redeemer calendar events and previous commitments. Ernie Shealy seconded.

Next meeting: March 21, 2022 at 7PM in the Youth Hall and via Zoom

Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Ellisor

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