

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

May 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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Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for May

Redeemer LMM Meeting: Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Chef: John Hammond

Program: Speaker from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Spring Heartland Conference LMM Meeting: Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center

We are the host church for the Spring Heartland Conference LMM Meeting. We need a strong showing from our men's group that night. We will also need help serving the meal. Shealy's is preparing the food for us, but will not be serving it.

Meal: Fried Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Lima Beans, Creamed Corn, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Tea, and Dessert (Cost is \$10 per person). Please RSVP to me by Sunday, May 15 if you plan to attend.

Program: Heartland Conference Officers provide the program

Committee of 100 forms are in the church office and narthex. Please join again this year and invite someone else to join.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Women of the ELCA

Redeemer WELCA News for May

WELCA will meet on Sunday, May 1st, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. At this time we will continue discussing plans for the SCWELCA Convention which will be held at Redeemer on Friday and Saturday, June 24th-25th. At 4:00 our program will begin. Mary Martvklrin will be presenting her three favorite hymns from Then Sings My Soul.. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

One of the projects for the SCWELCA Convention is the establishment of a Nursing Endowment Scholarship Fund with Newberry College. The women of Redeemer have decided to focus on this project.

SCWELCA 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. Each year the award will be determined by the College's Office of Financial Aid and may be awarded to one or more recipients enrolled in the Nursing Program at Newberry College.

In the narthex, you will see an apothecary jar in which you can place coins, cash or checks toward this endowment scholarship fund. Checks need to be made out to Redeemer WELCA. We will be collecting these funds until Sunday, June 19th. The money will be collected, counted and deposited. One check will then be made out to SCWELCA and taken to the convention.

As always, we appreciate your support in all of WELCA's projects.

Grace and peace to each and every one of you!

We've made it to May – the season of change within our world.

The ending of school. Graduations. Spring showers that lead to blooming flowers. The 'meat' of the season of Easter. We get to see new life all around us.

More so than any other year (I'm writing this newsletter article not even a day after the news of Janna Longshore's death) I am looking, hoping, yearning, to see the Good News of God's promise made known to me and to our community. As I preached on Easter Sunday – sometimes that 'fog' of confusion and anxiety seems so thick even when we are in the midst of the celebration of the Resurrection. In so many ways, that 'fog' seems so present and full.

Yet, I hope for and lean into the promise of God's presence in and with us because of the empty tomb. When we are surrounded by the awful news of death and more, we need to hear that new thing that God is up to. That death has been vanquished. That sin has no hold over creation any longer. That God has been victorious in all and every imaginable way.

Of course, that still doesn't mean we cannot hurt or experience pain and loss. Those moments still happen. And when they do, like the death of a vibrant and wonderful 29-year-old, it hurts in more ways than we can imagine. But, our hope is that we will see those whom we lost once more. We will gather around that table. We will share in that laugh and life once more with those we love.

As a friend mentioned a few weeks ago on Easter Sunday, the tomb wasn't opened to let Jesus out. It was opened so that we could see the tomb was empty. Resurrection wins.

During this month and time where we see that change leads to new life may we all find those moments to lean into the wonder and glory of God's grace, love, and presence.

I love y'all. I really, really do.



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
April 3	22	62	80	142
April 6		31	22	53
April 10	28	55	74	129
April 14		29	36	65
April 15		46	34	80
April 17	21	57	41 151	249
April 24	24	49	76	125
Average	24	47	74	120

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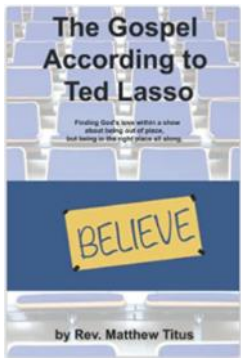
Offerings April 03 - \$10,909.91
 April 10 - \$10,865.25
 April 17 - \$3,555.15
 April 24 - \$15,025.55

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!



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.

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



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.

Abednego Ministries \$12,000 – Holds outdoor worship services in Columbia, SC for homeless population serving more than 120 people. Has performed more than 40 baptisms and started a Wednesday Bible Study. Support applied to McDonald's gift cards, clothing wear, and toiletry items.

Boundary Street Elementary School \$7,500 – “Reaching every child every day”. Serving children 3K through 5th grade. Sending each student home with a bag of high interest books for them to read over summer. This is a response to studies that students are not gaining knowledge over summer unless they participate in a summer school program.

Boy's Farm \$6,300 – Funding program called Pathways to Independence which provides physical, social, and emotional structure and support for young men between ages 15 to 25 who are preparing to emancipate from Foster Care and transition into complete independence.

Chapin We Care \$3,000 – In order for Chapin We Care to provide services to those in need in our community through food and other necessities, we need strategic partnerships to allow us to assist clients with necessary expenses, most notably utility assistance.

Living Waters Foundation \$4,880 – To continue our mission we must have careful standards of our funds and resources. The costs of watering gardens are excessive, so we respectfully request funding for installing a well, drilling and its installation.

Newberry Adult Education (A. Caughman) \$225– Grant requested for project “Let’s Read” which is for reading language Arts at Newberry Adult Education. Order 10 books and they will be shared with English as a Second Language class.

Newberry Family Literacy \$5,000– Our project will empower families to spend quality time together through hands on learning experiences and enhance leadership skills through mentoring and presentations.

The Newberry Museum \$4,200– The grant will allow us to continue in person and virtual education and outreach programs for Newberry County children and learners of all ages.

Redeemer Property Committee \$3,600 – To assist in updating and upgrading our sound system for use in proclaiming the word of God as we nurture those within and beyond our congregation (inside the church and broadcast on various platforms.)

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer (Pastor Matt/Lutheridge) \$5000 – Providing opportunities for children, youth, and adults to experience the joy of camp ministry and other programming at Lutheridge, other Novusway gifts or SCLCY retreats/events during the 2022 calendar year.

Sistercare, Inc. \$15,000 – To provide group counseling and emergency assistance to domestic violence victims and their children from Newberry County for rent, utilities, gift cards and safe space so they can live free from abuse.

Sisters of St. Frances \$2,000 – We have an afterschool program for children living in the poor and needy part of Albania. This will provide computers that are needed to do research, to learn IT and do different projects for their classes.

SC Lutheran Retreat Centers \$2,000 – To support the outdoor ministry at Camp Kinard in building a wonderful new chapel, new accessible swimming pool and updated entranceway.

Thornwell \$6,500 – Building Families is an evidence-based, trauma-informed intervention that is provided by master’s level therapists, trusting families in need over the course of 12-15 weeks.

Grant Recipient Ceremony \$1,000 – To host a reception for all grant recipients and their presentation of how the Grant will be used. The grant will be awarded to them following their delivery.

Treasurer's report for March 2022

Summary Treasurer's report for Mar. 2022

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>		\$26,918.00
For Mar. - Income:	\$33,197.77	
For Mar. - General expenses:	\$27,942.12	
For Mar. - Income is more than expenses by:	\$5,255.65	
2022 YTD Income:	\$67,414.51	
2022 YTD General Expenses:	\$74,443.72	
2022 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	(\$7,029.21)	

A detailed treasurer's report is available in the Church office during regular office hours.

Altar Flowers

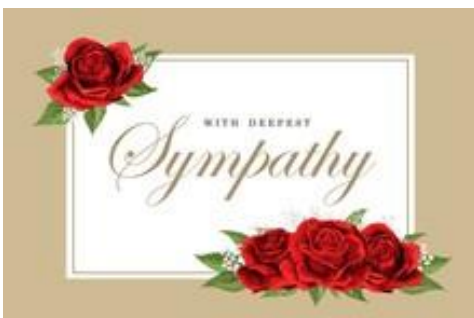
- May 1 - Polly & Lee Davis
- May 8 - WELCA
- May 15 - **AVAILABLE**
- May 22 - **AVAILABLE**
- May 29 - Huger Caughman, Jr.

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

Wedding Anniversaries

- May 1 - J. D. & Dawn Stone
- May 5 - Townsend & Susan Wessinger
- May 6 - Jerry Haltiwanger & Anna Marie Nicosia
- May 15 - Tommy & Jane Moose
- May 15 - Chuck & Laurel Keen
- May 18 - Eddie & Ann Felker
- May 18 - Kevin Dove & Andy Sidden
- May 18 - Brian & Jessica Wheeler
- May 22 - Jimmy & Ginger Weir
- May 23 - Joshua & Becky Miller
- May 29 - Huger & Anne Caughman

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



Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Janna Longshore who died on April 26.



Prayer Concerns

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

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!



5/1	Hu Mills III	5/12	Kristen Chapman	5/25	Lesley Diener
5/1	Brad Zais	5/12	Gavin Garner	5/27	Miriam Titus
5/3	Sandy Senn	5/13	Derryll Satterwhite	5/27	Mason Willingham
5/4	Connor Chapman	5/13	William Summer II	5/28	Carol Montgomery
5/5	Doggett Whitaker	5/13	Lydian Wessinger	5/28	Debra Willingham
5/8	Johnny Lindsay	5/14	Briley Derrick	5/28	Alfred Dominick
5/8	Beth Singletary	5/14	Jonathan Benton	5/29	Harriet Guy
5/9	Fae Cousins	5/15	Tommy Moose	5/29	Chelsea Ellisor
5/10	Sheila Ellisor	5/15	J. D. Stone	5/31	Mary Sue Green
5/10	Isaac Davis	5/16	Austin Westwood	5/31	Jana Ritter
5/10	Lindler Wessinger	5/19	Woody Cornwell		
5/10	Graham Flynn	5/19	Cannon Taylor		
5/11	Mary Hammond	5/20	John Whitesides		
5/11	Dustin Guy	5/20	Aubrey Smith		
5/11	Justin Guy	5/21	Tony Chapman II		

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 18, 2022

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, Arlo Hill, John Green, Huger Caughman, Pastor Matt Titus, Nikki Chapman, Faith Felix, Mary Maercklein, Robert Kneece, Ernie Shealy

Members present on Zoom: Kathy Riggan, Mary Alex Kopp, Sarah Bowers

Members Absent: None

Celebrations/Prayer Requests: Pastor Matt Titus read from Devotion 365 called In the Garden.

Prayer request: : Nancy Riggan's oldest son Ryan has been deployed to Poland for 9 months. Deandre Bowers had a sibling visit and one of his siblings does not have a permanent home and are looking for placement for her.

Reports:

Pastor – Pastor Matt – Good attendance for Lenten Wednesday night services along with Holy Week attendance.

Will be out of town April 27 through May 2. Pastor David Coffman (Newberry College's new pastor) will preach that Sunday Pastor Matt is out of town.

1853 Committee – Ernie Shealy, liaison – 2028 will be 175 years of Redeemer

Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, liaison – no report

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, chairperson – In person update from Bob Montgomery involving the Endowment Fund of who received grants from the Endowment Fund this year with over 40 recipients and over \$300,000 distributed over the past 3 years.

Faith Formation – Arlo Hill, liaison – no report

Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggan – no report

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Robert Kneece – \$7,029.91 below income for the year expenses. We have exhausted the money for special musicians for this year already.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison – The roof repair over organ has been completed. Matt has talked with painters in regard to touch ups above the organ, youth hall, and youth Sunday Schools. Endowment committee granted money for the church's sound system update. The ramp for the kitchen off the Family Life Center would be an estimated cost of around \$15,000 and have already have donations of \$3000 to go towards fixing the ramp.

Stewardship Committee – Robert Kneece, liaison -

Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison – Beer and Hymns will be June 2 at Bar Figaro. May 22 will be the congregational covered luncheon.

Youth – Faith Felix – no report

Staff – Nikki Chapman – Goal is to meet with staff quarterly

President – Mary Maercklein

Minutes from February Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor – Motion to approve February minutes made by Faith Felix and seconded by Nikki Chapman. All in favor.

Old Business

A. Covid – No new business.

Review of questions for Member Survey – digital surveys to be sent out and deadline extension for digital surveys will be April 30. May 1st members from council will compile data from the surveys to discuss at Council's retreat on May 14th.

Calendar Review – Will work on this soon

Council Retreat – May 14th 9am to noon in the youth hall. Discussed possible agenda topics for the retreat.

Redeemer Website:

Update: Website will publish soon

Project Nectar: Jill McHugh is the starter of Project Nectar, the group to assist with youth mental health. Jill is a licensed clinical social worker and has worked for the past 15+ years with children and youth. Ages would be 6 and older with 8 to 10 in a group. Grief and loss would be the first topic in the group setting for 6 weeks at a time and then move to another topic. Would have insurance to protect herself and the children. Would want to start as soon as possible. We need documentation for liability insurance policies. Council discussed Jill's proposal and a proposal was made to accept Jill's offer. Motion made by Huger Caughman, seconded by Nikki Chapman. All in favor.

New Business

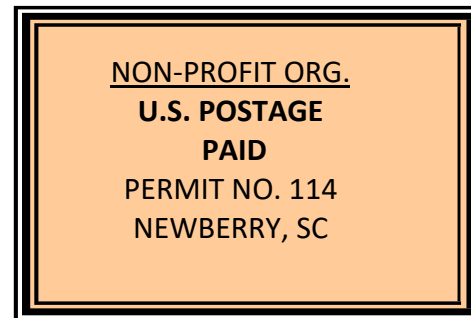
Stewardship Campaign

Update – Stewardship will be meeting next week to discuss the Stewardship campaign.

Executive Session – motion in: Nikki Chapman, seconded Robert Kneece. Motion out: Nikki Chapman. Seconded – Arlo Hill
Comments for the Good of the Order -

Adjournment – Motion: Faith Felix, seconded Ernie Shealy. Next Council Meeting will be Saturday May 14, 2022 for our council retreat.

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
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