

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

## *Redeemer Reader*

### August 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 August**

Redeemer's LMM will meet on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The meal will consist of hamburgers and hot dogs. If you are willing to help cook, please meet in the kitchen at 6:00 pm. Pastor Matt will lead a Bible study. All men and boys are invited and encouraged to attend.

Information regarding the 3rd quarterly Heartland Conference LMM meeting will be forthcoming. We have not received information about it yet. It is typically youth night, so be on the lookout for updates.

**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**



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

#### **Redeemer WELCA News for August**

WELCA will meet on Sunday, August 7th, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Annette Belger will present her three favorite hymns from our Then Sings My Soul books. We look forward to Annette's presentation. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Grace and peace y'all!

Here we are approaching the month of August and let me tell you – it's been a HOT summer. It'll be good to have some cooler weather – you know, at least in the low 90s. Though it's been hot, it has also been an active summer. Not only in my families' life, but in the life of the church as well.

We have confirmation, youth events, worship volunteers, fellowship opportunities, and more that are gearing up over the next few weeks and I'm excited about them all. Redeemer is bursting at the seams of faith and itching to do work in God's name in our community.

Our Christian Education teams are putting together some great plans for the coming Sunday School year for all ages. Aubrey is continuing to plan awesome events, faith studies, and fellowship opportunities for the youth. I am working with local pastors in the area (with Aubrey too!) in putting together a new confirmation year as we partner with other churches again. Fellowship opportunities are on the horizon with our FIRST big fellowship time of Beer & Hymns taking place on August 4 at 6:30pm at Bar Figaro in downtown Newberry.

In the middle of all of this, we continue to gather for worship, to pray and sing and hear God's word together. That same word of promise and hope that reminds us that we are not alone and that we are enough already in God's eyes. That through that gift of being enough we get to live into the life that we have been created and fashioned by God for. A life that honors, loves, welcomes, serves, and advocates for all – no matter what and with no exceptions.

That's the life of faith that I love to see lived out at Redeemer and I am so thankful that we get to do that together. We get to tell people about God's love that is for them. We get to share the Good News of a God who loves them already. We get to walk with each other as we learn and grow in faith, together.

August is always known as one of the hottest months in South Carolina. I'm overjoyed – not so much by the literal heat – that the Holy Spirit's faith shaping fire is at work in our lives. That fire that helps fashion all of us into the life of faith that we have been called into.

August is going to be a wonderful time of faith, fellowship, and fun at Redeemer! I'm thankful we all get to do it together. Amen!

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a faint diamond-shaped border. The signature appears to read "Pastor Matt".

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
July 3	17	79	54	133
July 10	20	59	64	123
July 17	23	107	47	154
July 24	23	70	58	128
July 31				
Average				

## JULY

### Offerings

July 03 - \$6,155.56

July 10 - \$4,371.12

July 17 - \$4,739.55

July 24 - \$2,682.25

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



**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).

**New Church Website** - For the past several months, we have been working with a company in Columbia to build a new website for Redeemer. It is now published and can be accessed by visiting [redeemernewberry.org](http://redeemernewberry.org)

We continue to update the site and edit information that is embedded within it. Please bear with us as we work out a few kinks and make sure it is the highest quality it can be for our church.

The calendar on the website is the official church calendar. It will be updated frequently. All events need to be scheduled through the church secretary to ensure they are on the calendar.

Live Streams of worship can be viewed through the website as well as on our YouTube channel and Facebook.

## SENIOR CHOIR

The Senior Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 pm in the McCullough Music Ministry room. The Senior Choir is open to anyone 13 and up. You do not have to read music to be in The Senior Choir. Rehearsals typically last from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm and we sing an anthem on most Sundays from mid-August thru mid-June. Anyone who is interested in singing is invited to join.

## HANDBELL WORKSHOP

A Handbell Workshop is being planned for Sunday, August 28 and will be held in the McCullough Music Ministry room. The session will begin at 4:00 pm with basic skills and activities aimed as an introduction for youth (6th - 12th grades) and those adults who are interested in learning about handbells. All are welcome for this introductory session. Beginning at 5:00 pm, The Redeemer Ringers and those interested in joining The Redeemer Ringers will practice music for church performances. (The Redeemer Ringers play at various times throughout the school year and take a break during the summer.) The workshop will conclude with a meal.

Those wishing to attend the sessions are asked to call the church office or Gayle Lindley by Wednesday, August 24 so that adequate materials may be prepared.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** has resumed and meets in the church's library each 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.

**Congratulations** to Dee Dee Westwood upon her retirement. She retired from Newberry County School District on July 1, 2022. She has 32 years tenure, the last 14 as principal at Mid-Carolina Middle School. Future plans are to enjoy more family time, read, travel and enjoy life as a retiree.



### GAAP

God's Abundance for All People is open to all in need from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at O'Neal Street UMC. GAAP is a free clothing and food pantry which now also provides a meal (beginning at 11am). Please contact the Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.



Congregational Sympathy is extended to the families of JoAnn Cousins, Bill Franklin (son of William and Sara Franklin), Joye Senn, and Allen Gilbert (son-in-law of Charles and Jane Ragland)

## Treasurer's report for May 2022

Summary Treasurer's report for May 2022

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>	\$26,918.00
For May. - Income:	\$ 19,200.32
For May. - General expenses:	<u>\$ 24,201.93</u>
For May. - Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (5,001.61)
2022 YTD Income:	\$ 130,800.79
2022 YTD General Expenses:	<u>\$ 129,176.57</u>
2022 YTD Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 1,624.22

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

### Altar Flowers

July 3 - Pastor Matt & Erin Titus

July 10 - AVAILABLE

July 17 - Dale & BL Brown

July 24 - AVAILABLE

July 31 - AVAILABLE

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

*All are welcome, no exceptions.*



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Cards are in! You can pick up a batch of cards from the narthex or from the church office!

### Wedding Anniversaries

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

August 1 - Sonny & Stewart Layman

August 1 - Matthew & Kelly Loingnon

August 4 - Jimmy Ray & Patsy Pruitt

August 4 - Ben & Nikki Chapman

August 5 - Benjie & Jenny Chapman

August 5 - Christopher Kemper & Molly Fortune

August 12 - Sandy & Joanne Fretwell

August 13 - Davy & Tammy Wilson

August 15 - John & Sandra Bodie

August 20 - Barry & Peggy Richardson

August 21 - Zeb & Angela Reid



### Prayer Concerns

**Redeemer Members:** Tony Chapman II, Georgette Livingston, Dean Mayer, Debbie Metts, Lloyd Layman, Carolyn Cromer, Mary Lou Weir.

**Extended Parish Family:** Maxine Koon, cousin of Debra Metts; Kent and Mary Beth Richardson, cousins of Debra Metts; James Conley, brother of June Seymour; Reese Burdette, great-niece of Ernie Shealy; Danny Burden, friend of Jessica Draeger; Tom Phair, friend of June Seymour; Pastor Dick and Jeannie Webber, friends of congregation; Chris Cleveland, father-in-law of David Metts, Jackie Perry, friend of Ann Stone; 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; 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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| 8/1 Andrew Livingston II | 8/12 Jill Chapman    | 8/27 Claire Doolittle   |
| 8/1 Kate Moose           | 8/12 Chris Coward    | 8/27 Connor Doolittle   |
| 8/2 Lisa Senn            | 8/13 Ginger Weir     | 8/29 Jane Moose   |
| 8/2 Brent Wilson         | 8/16 Martha Dominick | 8/30 Mary Nance Joseph  |
| 8/3 Chuck Byrd           | 8/18 Ann Felker      | 8/31 Richard Mann Jr.   |
| 8/3 Jason Long           | 8/18 Janet Long      |   |
| 8/3 Annie Reynolds       | 8/18 Zeb Reid        |   |
| 8/3 Faith Felix          | 8/18 Reese Long      |   |
| 8/3 Noel Goodwin         | 8/20 Melissa Mays    |   |
| 8/5 Nick Grosshuesch     | 8/22 Allen Pitts     |   |
| 8/6 Stephen Moose        | 8/23 Henry Chapman   | **These dates are according to our church records. If you see any errors or omissions, please notify the church office. |
| 8/7 Phoebe Lockyer       | 8/25 Les Hipp        |   |
| 8/8 Chrissy Sligh        | 8/25 My Anh Nguyen   |   |
| 8/9 Jimmy Wessinger      | 8/26 Donna Franklin  |   |
| 8/11 Bootsie Cousins     | 8/26 Ainsleigh Gray  |   |
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS  
JUNE 20, 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*

### Call to Order

#### Welcome

**Members Present:** Mary Alex Kopp, Huger Caughman, Robert Kneece, Arlo Hill, Chelsea Ellisor, Mary Maercklein - Zoom: John Green

**Members Absent:** Pastor Matt Titus, Faith Felix, Nikki Chapman, Sarah Bowers, Kathy Riggin, Ernie Shealy

**Celebrations/Prayer Requests:** Mary Alex's cousin in a pediatric study at Duke for effects from long-term COVID. She also has a new nephew named Will who has Down Syndrome and was born a month early but currently in the NICU at Richland for close monitoring. Will have to undergo heart surgery for a heart defect. Mary Maercklein's friend underwent a double mastectomy. Georgette Livingston with losing weight. Pediatric COVID vaccines are on the market and available now.

### Reports

**Pastor – Pastor Matt** – Currently at Lutheridge for Confirmation Camp from June 19 – June 25. Preached 5 Sunday services with no funerals or baptisms.

**1853 Committee – Ernie Shealy, liaison; Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, liaison; Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, chairperson; Faith Formation – Arlo Hill, liaison; – no report**

**Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggin** – Eve Kneece will resign from bereavement chairman at the end of December 2022.

**Finance Committee/Treasurer – Robert Kneece** - \$5,000 in the negative for the month of May. Quote from insurance being sent out. Current insurance went up 21%.

**Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison** – no report

**Stewardship Committee—Robert Kneece, liaison** – Working on something for the new school year in August

**Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison** – Next beer and Hymns August 4<sup>th</sup>. New acolyte and crucifer schedule to be made in August. Hosting baccalaureate for Newberry Academy and Newberry High School

**Youth – Faith Felix; Staff – Nikki Chapman; President Mary Maercklein** – no report

**Minutes from May Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor** – Motion: Huger Caughman, Seconded – Mary Alex Kopp. All in favor.

### Old Business:

**COVID:** no new updates.; **Calendar Review:** no updates at this time

**Redeemer Website Update:** Website is live but kinks are being worked out at this time.

**Needs and Wants:** Discussed some proposed items and will follow-up with the next meeting.

### New Business

**Stewardship Campaign Update:** Committee Campaign with the next covered dish luncheon getting people back involved with the church.

**FLC Usage Request-Greg Stewart** – Young Men's Basketball banquet on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm. Motion – Robert Kneece. Seconded – Mary Alex Kopp. All in favor for approval of FLC if there is nothing else on the calendar.

**Member Visitations : Pastor and Congregation** – Will add to next month's agenda.

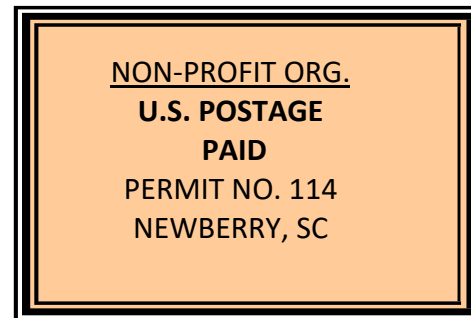
**Next Congregational Potluck:** Sunday after Labor Day (September 11, 2022)

**Oktoberfest:** We will have a booth and will be seeking volunteers.

**Reader's Choice from the Newberry Observer** – Pastor Matt won the Spiritual Leader/Pastor of Newberry. Advertisement to be placed in the Reader's Choice magazine. Motion: Huger Caughman, seconded: Arlo Hill. All in favor.

**Executive Session:** Motion made to go into executive session by Robert Kneece, seconded by Huger Caughman. Motion made to go out of executive session by Arlo Hill and seconded by Robert Kneece.

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Return Service Requested

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is  
August 15, 2022. Please send submissions to  
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