

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

July 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 July

The Lutheran Men will be traveling to Blue Ocean in Clinton on Tuesday, July 12. We will meet there at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Huger by Sunday, July 10 if you plan to attend.

River Tubing Event-July 23, 2022-Tube with us down the river.
9:30am-\$20 per person-Bring a friend or two
Meet at the Riverwalk Amphitheater
109 Alexander Road, West Columbia

The tube and life vest will be provided. LMM will have doughnuts and juice and water bottles.
RSVP Philippe Cote email: leapcote@gmail.com

Women ^{of the} ELCA

Redeemer WELCA News for July

WELCA will meet on July 3rd at 3:45 pm in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00 pm, Erin Titus will be presenting the program. We look forward to her presentation. Last month we welcomed Carol Gilson to our circle. It's great to see our circle building in number.

As you know, our project for the SCWELCA Convention was the Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund. As I am writing this, I don't know how much was raised for this fund, but you will know before this newsletter comes out because I will have told you on June 26th. However, I do know that Redeemer contributed \$1,100. Thank you so much for your contributions to this project. We also sent pictures of Mary Sue Green, Harriett Guy, Mary Louise Fellers, Chelsea Ellisor and my mother for the mural honoring nurses past, present and future.

Please have a safe and enjoyable fourth of July!

Redeemer WELCA

Grace and peace to each of you this month of July! It is so very good that we are making those positive steps – ever so slowly at times – towards returning to something close to ‘normal’ after a pandemic. Of course, it is helpful for us to realize that though the United States is making that progress, there are still many places around the world that are still suffering from the tragic effects of COVID-19. I hope and pray that we all can gather around our siblings around the world and help as we can; through prayer, advocacy, and even perhaps in some direct ways as well.

As we have moved towards a more ‘normal’ mode of being, Aubrey and I, along with five youth from Redeemer are up here at Lutheridge experiencing Confirmation Camp. It has been a wonderful week thus far and I look forward to hearing these wonderful youth share their experience with the congregation. This week, our focus has been on baptism.

How we are claimed, washed, and sent into the world that not only God has created, but created us for. And, as I looked at the promises that not only were made in our baptism, but that we affirmed when many of us completed our confirmation studies when we were younger.

When you look at those promises, they can all be summed up in two words. Freedom and service.

It seems appropriate to lift that up as we approach the celebration of Independence Day in our country on July 4th. But, I wonder if we get a slightly twisted view of what freedom means for us in the life of faith as those who follow Jesus Christ.

I think that there are many who enjoy shouting out that ‘freedom’ means that we can do whatever we want and no one can tell us what to do. Ever. Living into that thought and belief, we begin to see more conflict between people because what someone considers their ‘freedom’ at times infringes on another person’s idea of being and living. It happens a lot. And, I think all of us can get caught up in that thought.

However, the freedom that we profess, proclaim, and live out as people of faith is different than what others might want to interpret it as. Our freedom as Christians does not mean we can do whatever we want. But, instead, we are freed for service.

We are freed from the thought and belief that we have to do this life of faith in order to be loved by God. We are freed from someone – anyone – telling us that we must adhere to this hierarchy of rules in order to be ‘good’ in the sight of God. That weight is removed from our shoulders because God’s love for us has freed us.

But, our freedom doesn’t stop there. Our freedom leads us into caring and serving those around us. We get to serve, be with, advocate for, listen to, acknowledge, and love on the people we see every day. Especially those whom the world pushes to the side or who are in need.

We are freed for something. And that something is caring and loving our siblings around us. Always. Not because by doing that we will be loved more strongly by God (because that isn’t how it works), but because we are loved, we are able to live into that freedom for others.

I hope and pray that we can center ourselves in that freedom that has been given to us in our baptisms. As we watch fireworks, celebrate our country’s independence, and eat lots of good food surrounded by friends and family, we begin to ponder and wonder what it might mean for us to live into our freedom for all of those around us.

What would our lives be like if we could better live into what God has freed us for in our baptisms? What would our communities look like if we lived out that freedom as we served those in need all around Newberry and around South Carolina?

We are freed for others. Amen.



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
June 5	24	93	63	156
June 12	17	56	65	121
June 19	15	70	63	133
June 26	21	67	52	119
Average	19	72	61	132

JUNE

Offerings

June 05 - \$3,470.27

June 12 - \$6,052.84

June 19 - \$3,729.55

June 26 - \$1,567.07

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.

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

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.

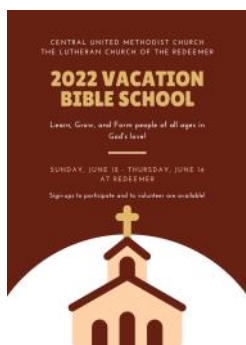
The calendar on the website is the official church calendar. It will be updated frequently. All events need to be scheduled through the church secretary to ensure they are on the calendar.

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



Volunteers are needed to work at the Manna House on July 19 and 21 from 1-2pm. Please contact PM for more information or sign up on the form on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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 Derryll Satterwhite or Gayle Lindley.

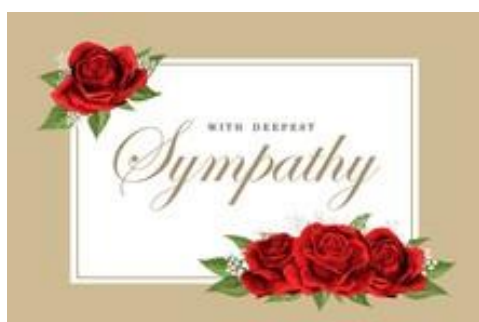


We give thanks for all those who helped out with VBS! Planning, teaching, crafting, cooking, and helping in all the ways. Thank you!



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 family of Helen Fellers, upon the death of her sister, Bonnie Sue Lewis.

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:	<u>\$ 1,624.22</u>

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.**

July 13 - Woody & Elaine Cornwell

July 14 - George & Karen Summer

July 16 - BL & Dale Brown

July 16 - David & Vickie Wiseman

July 24 - Jeremy & Cassie White

July 29 - Bobby & Cynthia Lominack

July 30 - Tim & Nancy Owen



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Tony Chapman II, Georgette Livingston, Dean Mayer, Debbie Metts, 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; Stephanie Neel, friend of Mary E. Hammond ; Terri McMurtry, 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; 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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| 7/2 Briann Pitts | 7/18 Elmer Long | 7/27 Kelly Bannister |
| 7/3 Shannon Lindsay | 7/18 Kathy Dennis | 7/28 Tommy Cousins |
| 7/3 Cooper Dowd | 7/20 Joanne Fretwell | 7/28 Norris Long |
| 7/3 Samuel Holland | 7/20 Jessica Bowers | 7/28 Jessica Draeger |
| 7/6 Grace Coleman | 7/21 Sonny Layman | 7/30 David Metts |
| 7/8 Becky Livingston | 7/21 Donna White | 7/30 Thomas Moose |
| 7/8 Ray Cooper | 7/21 Todd Guy | 7/31 Erin Whitaker |
| 7/8 Ben Lindsay | 7/23 Ryan Riggin | |
| 7/9 Amanda Richardson | 7/25 Tommy Fellers Jr. | |
| 7/12 Anna Marie Nicosia | 7/25 Danielle Abrams | |
| 7/13 Adam Westwood | 7/25 George Summer III | |
| 7/16 Joshua Moody | 7/25 "Lendy" Miller | |

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
JUNE 20, 2022

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 4th. 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 9th 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.

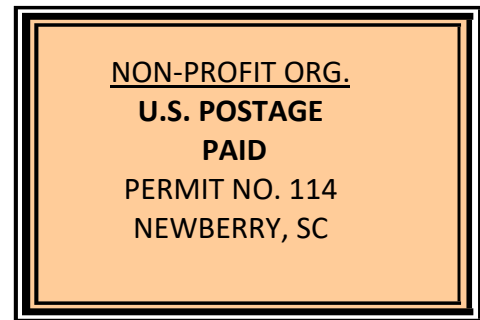
Next Congregational Potluck: Sunday after Labor Day (September 11, 2022)

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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All Members:
Ministers in Worship and Daily Life
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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
July 21, 2022. Please send submissions to
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