

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

June 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 June

The Lutheran Men will not have a regular meeting in June, but will be helping with a meal at Vacation Bible School. More information will be forthcoming.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Women ^{of the} ELCA

Redeemer WELCA News for June

WELCA will meet on Sunday, June 5th, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. We will be discussing the SCWELCA Convention which will take place on June 24th-25th at Redeemer. At 4:00, Gayle Lindley will present her three favorite hymns from Then Sings My Song.. We always look forward to hearing about the presenter's favorite hymns - most of which we know. Last month Mary introduced us to some unfamiliar hymns. But, it's nice to learn something new. We've also welcomed two new members - Kitty Summer and Susan Hayes. Last year we welcomed Mary Maercklein and Annette Belchr. How wonderful it is to see our circle grown! Remember that all women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Please remember our Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund Project for SCWELCA. We will be taking the amount Redeemer raises to the SCWELCA Convention. If you are unable to contribute, we ask for your thoughts and prayers for the Newberry College Nursing Program and its students.

Grace and peace to all of you!

We've arrived at the very beginning of summer, and I can hear the collective sigh from students, faculty, and staff here in Newberry. Every school year is long and as much as everyone loves the year, it is good to be able to take a break and relax. It's good for students and I know it is especially good for teachers!

Of course, as I write this, it is in an odd space. Today, our community grieves as not only is a student at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School is being removed from life support, but four young people in our community have lost their lives as a result of gun violence.

Sometimes it's really, really hard to see God in the middle of all this. Paul writes that we see through a mirror dimly, and I'll be honest, sometimes that mirror appears rusted, fragmented, and unkempt in so many ways making it very difficult to see God at work in this world. I'm sure that is a lament that many of you hold, and a few of you have shared that lament with me as well.

And yet, I know and rest my hope in the fact that God is at work. That the Holy Spirit continues to move through each of us and our community; pointing us to where God is active and at work.

I see God at work in the community that rallies together to care for one another. I see God at work in the leaders in our community who truly care about those they represent and seek to hear and learn from them. I see God at work in the numerous thank-you notes from Boundary Street Elementary – teeming with excitement at the new books they get to read this summer.

Y'all. God is at work in this. The love and Word of God cannot and will not be pushed aside. The bend of light towards justice is still going on, even if that bend seems so small that we fail to take notice of it. But, God bends us all towards righteousness, forgiveness, mercy, and love. That's what God does.

My hope and prayer as we enter into the summer months is that we continue to see where God is at work and then jump into that work.

That work of God that sees every person as a fellow sister and brother in Christ. That work of God that helps us capture and grow the imagination and love of learning and reading in the vivid wonder of a child's life. That work of God that helps us lean into the life that God is leading all of us towards.

My hope and prayer is that we can all jump into the life that Jesus has called us into. A life of love, service, and care for others.

I love y'all, I mean it. Amen.



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
June 5	24		63	
June 12				
June 19				
June 26				
Average				

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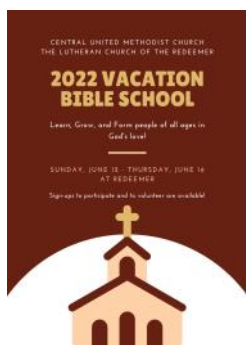
Offerings May 01 - \$2,831.08
 May 08 - \$6,075.26
 May 15 - \$3,874.41
 May 22 - \$1,479.31
 May 29 - \$5,342.07

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 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.

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.



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

Youth Group Summer Fun!

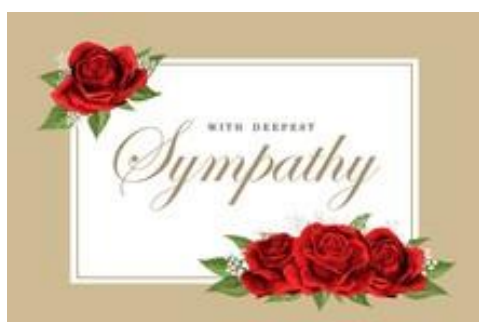


June at Redeemer

4th: GAAP Ministry from 10 to 1
 5th: Bible study at Pelicans from 2 to 3:30
 9th: Breakfast & Bible Time at Genesis from 9:45 to 11:00
 12th-16th: VBS
 17-19th: SCLCY Convention at Newberry College
 19th-25th: Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge
 26th: Bible study at Pelicans from 2 to 3:30
 26th-July 1st: Camp HUGG
 30th: Breakfast & Bible Time at Genesis from 9:45 to 11:00

Need a ride or have a question?
 Let Aubrey know at (901)734-9323

Rising 6th graders and up are going to be busy this summer!



Congregational Sympathy is extended to the family of Cornelia Long, sister of Mathilde Smith; Wade Kneece, nephew of Wayne & Eve Kneece; and Karen Chasteen, sister-in-law of Jane Moose.

Treasurer's report for April 2022

Summary Treasurer's report for Apr. 2022

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>		\$26,918.00
For Apr. - Income:	\$ 40,585.96	
For Apr. - General expenses:	<u>\$ 30,530.92</u>	
For Apr. - Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 10,055.04	
2022 YTD Income:	\$ 108,000.47	
2022 YTD General Expenses:	<u>\$ 104,974.64</u>	
2022 YTD Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 3,025.83	

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

Altar Flowers

- June 5 - Michelle Bedenbaugh
- June 12 - Vickie Wiseman
- June 19 - Robert Kneece
- June 26 - Judy & Arlo Hill

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.**

- June 1 - Doggett & Christie Whitaker
- June 3 - Slade & Amanda Richardson
- June 5 - Jeremy & Stacy Tyson
- June 5 - Frank & Frances Williams
- June 11 - Bob & Carol Montgomery
- June 11 - Mark & Lisa Senn
- June 15 - Allan & Robin Vance
- June 15 - Adam & Sarah Westwood
- June 16 - John & Carolyn Hammond
- June 16 - Stan & Linda Renwick
- June 18 - Benji & Deedee Westwood
- June 24 - Rev. Matthew & Erin Titus
- June 24 - Wayne & Even Kneece
- June 30 - James & Janet Long



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.

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

Happy Birthday!



6/1	Beth Hipp	6/17	Emma Chapman	6/29	Taylor Newell
6/1	Philip Singley	6/17	Ryan Lindsay	6/30	Robin Vance
6/2	Cathy Cannady	6/17	Vickie Wiseman	6/30	Susan Thomasson
6/4	Gayle Lindley	6/18	Stan Renwick		
6/4	Mathilde Smith	6/19	Debra Southerland		
6/7	John Hammond	6/19	Mary Maercklein		
6/7	Trey Willingham	6/23	Becky Miller		
6/8	June Lominack	6/23	Eve Kneece		
6/10	Sally Groce	6/23	Jeremy White		
6/12	Weston Vance	6/23	Trista McRacken		
6/13	Anne Holland	6/23	Wayne Kneece		
6/13	Lauryn Smith	6/25	Carolyn Cromer		
6/13	Margaret Flynn	6/25	Jessica Wheeler		
6/13	Steven Senn	6/26	Elizabeth Coppock		
6/15	Frances Williams	6/29	Georgette Livingston		

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CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 14, 2022

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

9:00 AM Devotions

Business Meeting 9:30 AM

Call to Order: Devotion led by Pastor Matt Titus followed by communion and blessing of the hands. Mary Maercklein called meeting to order.

Welcome

Members Present: Huger Caughman, Mary Maercklein, Arlo Hill, Mary Alex Kopp, Robert Kneece, Pastor Matt Titus, Nikki Chapman, Chelsea Ellisor, Ernie Shealy, John Green

Members Absent: Faith Felix, Kathy Riggan, Sarah Bowers

Celebrations/Prayer Requests:

Prayer Request: Ryan Riggan and his family as Ryan has been deployed to Poland and has been to the Ukraine. Kathy Riggan and her dad Tom Riggan. Mary Alex Kopp's boss at high risk for COVID and her son is currently diagnosed with COVID. Mary Alex's cousin suffering from long-term COVID effects and having trouble with completing schoolwork.

Celebration: Dustin Guy and Jessie had their baby this morning. ABLE SC being able to have a bill passed for sub-minimum wage for people with disabilities. Kristin Caughman taking a special test today.

Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matt – Synod Assembly June 12-14 with Mary Maercklein, Mary Alex and Robbie Kopp. Confirmation Camp June 19-25 at Lutheridge. Out of town on June 26th and Rev Earl Schafer will be the supply pastor. GAAP ministry at O'Neal Methodist Church to assist with the homeless.

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, chairperson – Next meeting is in June

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Robert Kneece - \$3.025 ahead of budget for the month of April. Insurance is due in June and has increased by 21.5%. Quotes in the process for finding a different insurance company. Quotes received for printing for cards and envelopes.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison – Painting and repairs have been completed in the Youth Hall. Continuing to work on the ramp.

Stewardship Committee—Robert Kneece, liaison – In the process of getting a Stewardship campaign together.

Youth – Faith Felix – Youth preview for 3rd grade and up Sunday May 15th. Tie-dying t-shirts for youth on May 15th. Continuing to find activities.

No Report - 1853 Committee, Ernie Shealy; Community Compassion, Chelsea Ellisor; Faith Formation, Arlo Hill; Family & Social Fellowship. Kathy Riggan; Worship & Music, Mary Alex Kopp; Staff, Nikki Chapman; President, Mary Maercklein.

Minutes from April Meeting - Chelsea Ellisor - Motion made by Nikki Chapman for approval of April meeting minutes. Seconded by Huger Caughman. All in favor.

Old Business

A. Covid- Numbers increasing again. Vaccinations are still in works for children under the age of 5.

Calendar Review

Redeemer Website: Update – In the final stages of being set-up and should release website within the next week.

New Business

Stewardship Campaign and Committee Discussion – In the works for Stewardship Campaign which will be coming up soon. We need involvement regarding committees and getting people back involved in the church after COVID.

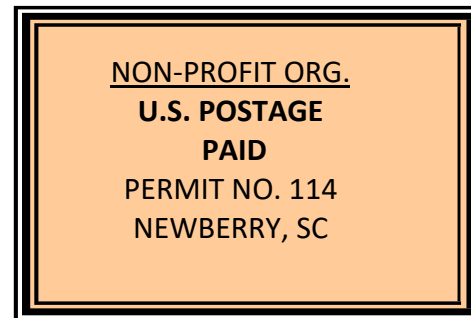
Review Member Survey Results – Will distribute survey results to congregation and begin working on topics that were frequently brought up in the surveys.

Executive Session – Motion to go into Executive session made by Nikki Chapman and seconded by Huger Caughman. Motion made by Nikki Chapman to come out of executive session and seconded by Robert Kneece.

Adjournment – Motion made by Nikki Chapman and seconded by Arlo Hill

Next Council Meeting – June 20, 2022 at 7PM in the Youth Hall or via Zoom

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
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