

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

## *Redeemer Reader*

### December 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

Monday – Thursday

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday

Closed

#### **Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for December**



Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will be gathering at Shealy's BBQ on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Huger Caughman, Jr. by Sunday, December 11 if you plan to attend.

All men and boys are encouraged to attend.

**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**

#### **Redeemer WELCA News for December**



**WELCA** will meet on Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 pm in the Church library to prepare gifts for the shut-ins and plan their distribution. There will not be a program. We look forward to preparing these gifts that bring joy to our shut-ins.



Youth!

Check out all the Youth Events for December and January. For more information please look at the Youth [Insta](#) page.

Grace and peace to each of you as we head into December and begin to close the book on 2022.

This year has been a wonderful year at Redeemer. I'm so very thankful that I get to be the pastor here and that we get to do ministry together.

This year we've seen ourselves gain better traction within the continued COVID-19 Pandemic. We've begun to be more active (once again) in the community. Our Youth and Confirmation Programs are stronger than they have been in years. We continue to reach out and proclaim the Gospel of God to a people who yearn to hear of its promise and hope.

We get to live into the promise that we *are* enough, that we *are* loved, that we *are* forgiven. That is a message that we all need to hear, and that is a message that we all get to share with those around us.

Of course, as we head into the season of Advent, there are still those times when the shadows seem to press in on us – as they did leading up to Jesus' birth. We hear of God's promise and love, we proclaim that love to the world, and yet... it seems the opposite of God's desire and care take place.

There is still violence. There is still anger. There is still hatred between creation.

Much like Martha in John's gospel, we cry out to Jesus, 'if you had been here...' But, we remember also in that same breath, Martha proclaims God's grace, strength, and love as she ends that lament with hope, 'but even now I know...'

That is what Advent feels like for me. A time of longing for the hope that is to come. That faith to cling to the promise of what God has set forth for the world. That opportunity to see the falling and failing of the world (and ourselves) and still breathe the hope of God.

May our Advent and Christmas hope continue to move us to see God at work, to cling to God's promise, and to live out the ministry of God. We *get* to do this work *because* God has claimed us as worthy and enough.

Blessed Advent and Happy Christmas to all of you, my sisters and brothers – my friends in Christ.

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Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
November 6	25	79	85	164
November 13	28	56	77	133
November 20	25	74	63	137
November 27	18	88	60	148
Average	24	66	71	146

## NOVEMBER

### Offerings

November 06 - \$6,538.26

November 13 - \$5,516.41

November 20 - \$4,949.50

November 27 - \$2,077.07



**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/give](http://www.redeemernewberry.org/give)

### Redeemer's 50+ Ministry!

50+ will not meet in December due to the Children's Christmas Program.



**Our Longest Night Service** will be held December 21, 2022 at 7pm. A time and space for solace during these often hectic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas. All are welcome to attend.



The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 11 at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Supper will be served following the program. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, December 9 if you plan to attend. (It is important that we know how many people are attending the meal.)

Any children or adults who would like to participate in the Christmas Program are invited to attend the practices during Sunday School (9:30 am) on Sunday, December 4 and Sunday, December 11 in the Family Life Center. It is important to be prompt to the practices so we can ensure that each part is covered and rehearsed.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets in the Church library each 2nd and 4th Tuesday beginning at 10:00 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.

**The Prayer & Care Class** meets on Monday afternoons from 2:30 - 4:30 in the Fesperman Classroom (Room 212) upstairs in the educational building. We will meet each Monday afternoon except when church is closed. Anyone is welcome to come and join us for some creative card making. No experience required.

**GAAP - God's Abundance for All People** is open to all in need from 10 a.m. to 12 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 Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.



The Community at Redeemer gathers to help at GAAP on the third Saturday of every month. This means, members at Redeemer are encouraged to volunteer on **December 17th**.

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.

## TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2022

Summary Treasurer's report for Oct 2022

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$26,918.00

For Oct - Income: \$ 20,063.15

For Oct - General expenses: \$ 23,009.15

For Oct - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (2,946.00)

2022 YTD Income: \$ 234,796.49

2022 YTD General Expenses: \$ 248,406.95

2022 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ (13,610.46)

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

### Altar Flowers

December 4 - Kathy Lindsay

December 11 - Guyton Family

December 18 - Kathy Riggin

December 25 - Caughman Family

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

### Wedding Anniversaries

These dates are according to our church records. If corrections need to be made, please notify the church office.\*\*

December 11 - Jason & Nikki Bruce

December 13 - Stephen & Lauren Flynn

December 19 - Les & Beth Hipp

December 20 - Bill & Karen Krouse

December 21 - Chad & Lynn Cary

December 23 - John Jr. & Laurie Hammond

*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.



### Prayer Concerns

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

**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; 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; Jeanne Simmons, friend of Verna Cavanaugh; Risa Long Nolting, friend of Kathy Livingston; Kerry Frick, friend of Ann Stone and Deedee Westwood.

*If you have updates to the prayer list, please notify the church office.*



Deepest sympathies and prayers extended to the family of Mathilde Smith upon her death on November 26, 2022.

## *Happy Birthday!*



12/1	Sandra Bodie	12/19	Clyde Miller	12/29	Karen Summer
12/3	Jeff Debacker	12/20	Sandy Fretwell	12/29	Lane Joiner
12/3	Zoe Reid	12/21	Debra Metts	12/30	Margaret Chapman
12/4	Linda Renwick	12/22	Luke Layman	12/30	Chuck Minick
12/6	Paul Fesperman	12/22	Summers Binnicker	12/31	Ellis Kemper
12/7	John Green	12/23	Becky Moody		
12/10	Lloyd Layman	12/24	Elaine Cornwell		
12/10	Jaina Richardson	12/25	Kathy Riggin		
12/12	Bobby Willingham Jr.	12/25	Anna Newell		
12/13	Griffin Long	12/25	Katerina Koon		
12/14	Hogan Miller	12/26	Huger Caughman Jr.		
12/15	Michael Reid	12/27	Matthew Loignon		
12/16	Jenny Chapman	12/28	John Bodie	**These dates are according	to our church records. If
12/17	Dale Brown	12/28	Curtis Haltiwanger	there are any errors or omis-	sions, please notify the
12/17	Anna Christina Cary	12/28	Will Hawkins	church office.	

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS  
OCTOBER 17, 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** – Meeting was started at 7:00PM with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Matt

**Welcome**

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

**Members on Zoom:** Kathy Riggan, Sarah Bowers, Arlo Hill

**Members Absent:** Faith Felix

**Celebrations/Prayer Requests:**

**Celebrations:** Mary Alex's brother gets married soon.

**Prayer Requests:** Chelsea's mom – Sheila. Mary's friend who is having a biopsy. Tony Chapman. Nikki's uncle who is undergoing chemo and not working well. The Harshaw family. Mary Alex's nephew who was born with a heart defect has upcoming surgery but also having frequent hospitalizations. Mary Alex's cousin with long-term COVID worried about his mental health but going to clinic for long-term effects. St Matthew's pastor who died last week unexpectedly. St Paul's Lutheran Church who is voting to break away from the ELCA.

**Reports**

**Pastor – Pastor Matt** – Report sent out. Will be at Rostered Leaders Convocation for the SC Synod at Lutheridge next week (9/24-9/26).

**1853 Committee – Ernie Shealy, liaison; Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, chairperson; Faith Formation – Arlo Hill, liaison; Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison; President – Mary Maercklein; Stewardship Committee—Robert Kneece, liaison; Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison** – no reports

**Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, liaison** – Oktoberfest was a success. \$80 made for GAAP from t-shirts sales. Donations for GAAP from Oktoberfest was \$145.

**Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggan** – Discussing events for the upcoming new year

**Finance Committee/Treasurer – Robert Kneece** For the month of September, we were \$3,318.37 ahead. Year to date income is behind \$13,533.40.

**Youth – Faith Felix** – no report. Updates to Youth Hall to be given to Property Committee.

**Staff – Nikki Chapman** – Discussed how many hours Aubrey has put in with youth group and continues to do an excellent job with the Youth Group

**Minutes from September Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor-** Minutes approved by council. Motion made by Mary Alex Kopp. Seconded by Ernie Shealy.

**Old Business**

**Stewardship Campaign** – no meeting this past month.

**Member Visitation** – Information to be placed in the narthex regarding who would want visitations. Contact information on the website for you to be contacted about the church.

**Youth Hall Requests** – To be sent to Property committee

**New Business**

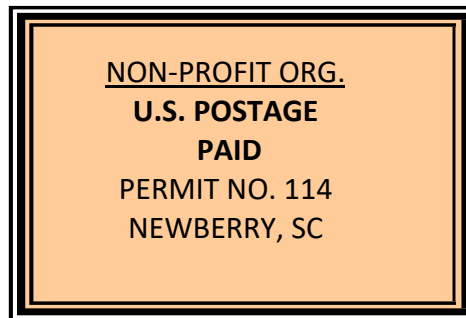
**Annual Meeting Planning** – Annual meeting – November 13, 2022. Nominating committee – Ben Bowers, Annette Belcher, Kristin Caughman, Chad Cary. Endowment Committee – Chrisite Whitaker is the only member who has an expiring. Nominating committee for next year 2023 – reaching out to Amanda Richardson, Beth Hipp, Gretchen Haskett, and Robbie Knopp. Ernie Shealy and Mary Maercklein volunteered to be on the 2023 nominating committee. Vote made to ask congregation members listed above about being on the nominating committee. Huger Caughman motion. Mary Alex Kopp seconded. All in favor.

**Staff Discussions** – Council has discussed reviewing both staffing positions and is committed to doing research to determine whether or not we want to keep the roles separate or re-visit combining the roles of secretary and book keeper.

**Rotary Club Prayer Breakfast-** To use the FLC on November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Adjournment** – Motion made by Ernie Shealy to end meeting. Meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

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Return Service Requested

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is  
December 19, 2022. Please send submissions  
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