

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

January 2023

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 January
Redeemer's 50+ Ministry! - 50+, LMM, and Newberry College-Sunday, January 8 - 50+ and Lutheran Men in Mission will meet jointly with guests from Newberry College on Sunday, January 8. We will gather at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Please RSVP to Huger Caughman, Jr. if you plan to attend. Help is also needed to prepare the meal and set up the Family Life Center.



Redeemer WELCA News for January

Instead of having a regular meeting on the first Sunday in January, some of the members of WELCA, will be helping out at GAP on the third Saturday - Redeemer's regularly scheduled time. WELCA looks forward to sharing in this ministry. In February, we will be going back to our regularly scheduled meetings.



Youth!

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

Grace and peace y'all!

I can't believe that 2022 has come to a close and we are heading into a new year. I am more than sure that there will be lots of stuff that people will look back on and look forward to in the new year. It's what we do every new year, right?

Of course, 2022 had a lot for us to be proud of and happy about at Redeemer. We continue to move forward and gain traction as we move back to a 'regular' pace of life that we remember from 2019. We continue to live into Christ's call to be with those in need in our community. We continue to support ministries within our community that help in our world. We continue to see more engagement from our Youth as Aubrey has done an outstanding job in providing a safe space for growth, faith, fun, and questions. We look forward to new opportunities to serve and share God's word to a world in need to hear it.

We continue to be the church at work in the world. We remember always that God is at work in this place, and we get to be a part of that ministry and service. I am so thankful that we all get to serve and do ministry together at Redeemer where all are welcome; no exceptions.

I so look forward to continue to see where God is at work in and through us, I look forward to our community of faith finding those new and interesting ways to see God at work in us for the community of Newberry. I cannot wait to see where God leads us in 2023.

Of course, we recognize – we have to – that not everything will go smoothly or without hiccups, twists, or turns. In those moments, may we continue to breathe in God's peace and love, as we breathe out all that which distracts us from God's presence in our lives.

Throughout 2023 (and beyond) may we continue to make space for God's Word, God's love, and God's guidance in our lives. May we be drawn to where God is at work and may we dive in and join God's work in the world.

Happy New Year y'all! May 2023 continue to guide us into God's love for all in the world!

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

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
December 4	28	73	75	148
December 11	25	82	68	150
December 18	15	83	61	144
December 21			7:00 pm - 25	25
December 24		184	7:00 pm-109	293
December 25	Didn't meet	80	37	117
Average	23	100	63	146

DECEMBER

Offerings

December 04 - \$3,622.56

December 11 - \$10,648.12

December 18 - \$8,799.55

December 25 - \$13,438.07



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 plate each Sunday morning or you are welcome to use the online giving option on our church website:

www.redeemernewberry.org/give



At the December meeting of Church Council the following individuals were elected to serve as a part of the Executive Team of Council.

President - Nikki Chapman
 Vice-President - Annette Belcher
 Secretary - Chelsea Ellisor
 Treasure - John Green



Deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to the family of Mary Hammond upon her death on November 28.

Deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to the family of Sidney Metts upon his death on December 20.

Poinsettias - The remaining poinsettias have been moved to the hallway adjacent to the Nave. If you ordered one, please pick it up or deliver it to someone. The remaining plants will be discarded on January 5.

Flower Chart - The 2023 Flower Chart is in the Narthex. Members and friends are encouraged to sign up for a Sunday. You may sign up on the chart or contact the church office to reserve a particular date.

Communion Preparation and Clean Up - Volunteers are needed to prepare and clean up communion for our worship services. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Huger Caughman, Jr..

Christmas Clean Up-Thursday, January 5 - We will gather at the Church on Thursday, January 5 at 6:00 pm to pack up our Chrismons, trees, wreaths, manger scene, and other seasonal decorations. All help is needed and appreciated.

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. **Will resume on January 9, 2023.**



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.

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 NOVEMBER 2022

Summary Treasurer's report for Nov. 2022

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>		\$26,918.00
For Nov - Income:	\$ 18,615.30	
For Nov - General expenses:	<u>\$ 18,617.51</u>	
For Nov. - Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (2.21)	
2022 YTD Income:	\$ 253,311.88	
2022 YTD General Expenses:	<u>\$ 267,024.46</u>	
2022 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (13,712.58)	

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

Altar Flowers

January 1 - **AVAILABLE**
 January 8 - **AVAILABLE**
 January 15 - **AVAILABLE**
 January 22 - **AVAILABLE**
 January 29 - **AVAILABLE**

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.**

January 24 - Rey & June Lominack



Have you felt a call to be more actively involved in our worship services throughout the year? Perhaps you would like to show off how skilled you are at reading interesting names and places to the church community? Most im-

portantly, do you feel a call to proclaim God's love through the reading of scripture, offering prayers, and helping serve communion? If any of those apply to you, contact PM and he'll put you on the Worship Assistant list for 2023! If you're already on the list, you'll remain there unless you tell PM otherwise. Thank you!

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; 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.

Happy Birthday!



1/2	Ledare Livingston	1/13	Matthew Cole	1/24	Matthew Titus
1/6	Marty Cousins	1/14	Cherrie Longshore	1/25	Charles Ragland Jr.
1/6	Virginia Summer	1/14	Slade Richardson	1/27	Leslie Sligh
1/7	June Seymour	1/17	Nikki Chapman	1/27	Dawn Stone
1/7	Barry Richardson	1/21	Tammy Wilson	1/29	Benjie Chapman
1/7	Lisa Minick	1/21	Paul Loignon	1/30	Drew Senn
1/12	Brenda Smith	1/23	Rob Livingston IV	1/31	Marie Whatley
1/12	Mahala Melton	1/23	Ben Chapman		

****These dates are according to our church records. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office.**

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
NOVEMBER 21, 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 – Meeting was started at 7:00PM with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Matt

Welcome

Members Present: Pastor Matt Titus, Chelsea Ellisor, Huger Caughman, John Green, Arlo Hill, Nikki Chapman, Robert Kneece, Kathy Riggan

Members on Zoom: Mary Maercklein, Faith Felix, Mary Alex Kopp

Members Absent: Sarah Bowers, Ernie Shealy

Celebrations/Prayer Requests:

Celebrations/Prayer Requests: : Nikki's uncle who has been moved to the nursing home for rehab and grandmother who is living with her parents. Pastor Matt's grandfather who has been having a tough time with health-related issues. Mary Alex's nephew is scheduled for heart surgery in the next couple weeks. Mary Alex and Robbie Kopp are expecting a baby due in June.

Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matt –Preached 5 services along with a wedding

1853 Committee – Ernie Shealy, liaison; **Endowment Committee** – Bob Montgomery, chairperson; **Faith Formation** – Arlo Hill, liaison; **President** – Mary Maercklein; **Family and Social Fellowship** – Kathy Riggan, liaison; **Stewardship Committee**—Robert Kneece, liaison; **Community Compassion, Chelsea Ellisor, liaison-** no reports

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Robert Kneece For the month of October, we were \$2946.00 in the red . Year to date income is behind \$13,610.46

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison – Roof leaking above piano. Matt Bowers reaching out for prices to fix roof.

Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison – Raised over \$300 for the choral scholars with the Choral Scholar Dinner. Beer and Hymns December 1st at Bar Figaro. Christmas Eve Service at 7pm. Longest Night Service December 21st at 7pm.

Youth – Faith Felix – Need extra adults and providing dinner for Youth – see Aubrey to sign up if you are interested.

Staff – Nikki Chapman – Looking over job descriptions of staff members.

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

Annual Meeting Minutes – Approved by Chelsea Ellisor, seconded by Robert Kneece

Old Business

Stewardship Campaign –Stewardship Campaign – updates will be provided after meeting

Member Visitation – sign-up sheets placed in Narthex. Pastor has been to visit several shut-in members and have had great feedback from the online service

Youth Hall Requests – Youth Hall Requests – Aubrey is working on ordering a cabinet for storage purposes in the Youth Hall along with cleaning out the closet downstairs to be used for Youth storage.

New Business

Install new members – Happening in the December meeting. Will be installed in worship during the first Sunday of December (December 4th).

Staff Discussions – will discuss in the December council meeting

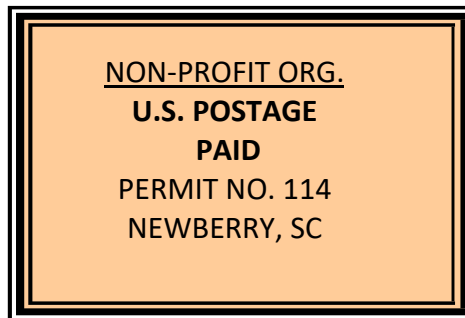
Executive Session – motion into executive session Nikki Chapman, seconded by Robert Kneece. Motion out of executive session – Nikki Chapman, seconded by Robert Kneece

Comments for the Good of the Order – attendance has been increased over the past two months with in person and online views

Adjournment – Motion Nikki Chapman, seconded by Huger Caughman.. Meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Addendum: Woody has contacted the finance committee to inform us we are in -\$300.00 in the general account. We have property insurance due \$4K and \$5.2K in payroll will be due in about a week. We discussed moving 10K from the Wants and Needs to the general account to continue operating. We are hoping in the next few weeks giving will increase and we can move that money back to Wants and Needs. Finance needs to get council's approval. If you would please respond Yes or No ASAP we would appreciate it. Council approves the move of ten thousand dollars from the Wants and Needs fund to the general fund for operating expenses. A vote was taken by email. All yes and no reply from Arlo.

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
February 20, 2023. Please send submissions to
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