

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

February 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 LMM will not meet on the 2nd Tuesday of February, but will gather on the 3rd Tuesday, February 21 to prepare pancakes and sausage for Shrove Tuesday. If you would like to help, please contact Walter Jacobs.

Heartland Conference LMM 2023 1ST Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023

RSVP to Earl Leitzsey no later than Sunday, February 12, 2023
803-924-0906 or g_leitzsey@yahoo.com

All men and boys are encouraged to attend.
AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!



Redeemer WELCA News for February

WELCA will meet on February 5th at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. During this time we will be discussing BOLD Women's Sunday, which will be on February 26th. At 4:00PM, Derryll Satterwhite will present our program. We look forward to the selection of hymns Derryl has selected from our Then Sings My Soul books. All are welcome to attend.

WELCA members - Kitty, Derryll, and Anne - worked at GAAP on Saturday, January 21st. Pastor Matt, Ashleigh, Kevin and Andy were there too. Redeemer's next day for volunteering for GAAP will be Saturday, February 18th. Please consider volunteering. The hours are from 10 AM until noon.



Youth!

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

Grace and peace to each of you!

As we enter into this second month of the new year, there's something that always gets me excited about ministry in our little corner of the kingdom of God – the work of the Endowment Team at Redeemer.

As y'all might remember, we were gifted a very generous and substantial financial gift from Legrand Amick a few years ago. His gift helped us pay off our mortgage, support numerous ministries around the area, and renovate some aspects of our building and services at Redeemer. It was truly a 'once-in-a-lifetime' gift.

The most lasting aspect of Legrand's gift, however, was the establishment of our Endowment for Mission Fund. Each year members, who we elect to that team, get to receive numerous grant proposals and then get to disburse funds from the Endowment to help those numerous ministries.

Those funds have helped send members of Redeemer to camp for reduced or no cost, it has helped provide needed food and supplies for those in Israel and Palestine during holy months, those experiencing homelessness in and around Findlay Park in Columbia, SC have found a community of faith that has blossomed through the Endowment fund. Organizations and ministries like Boy's Farm, Newberry College, Camp Kinard, The Literacy Council, Boundary Street Elementary, and so many more have been helped because of this gift.

It is a truly wonderful gift that continues – and will continue – to help so many ministries in and around the community and world.

Every year in February and March, the Endowment Team discerns – through prayer, discussion, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit – where the money accrued through the interest of the Endowment Fund might go to support greater and deeper faith formation.

As a reminder to us all, the Endowment Fund is completely separate from our Congregational Budget. The offerings you graciously give to the church continues to support the day-to-day mission and life of Redeemer. The money in the Endowment Fund is not, nor is it ever, used for the general fund and budget of the church.

I look forward to hearing about those new stories of impact and faith that are shared by those recipients. I ask each of us to be in prayer for our Endowment Team, that their choices – though not easy – are guided by the Spirit to best serve those in need around the community and world!

May we be inspired by the numerous ministries supported by the Endowment Fund to invest ourselves and our times in the life, ministry, and service of God at Redeemer in our respective communities!

Thanks be to God for the gift to serve!

Remember, God loves you, and so do I! I mean it!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Matt", is enclosed within a faint, light-colored diamond-shaped border.

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
January 1	16	81	66	147
January 8	22	83	76	159
January 15	25	96	72	168
January 22	22	147	54	201
January 29	23	75	90	165
Average	22	96	72	168

JANUARY

Offerings

January 01 - \$3,934.47

January 08 - \$4,725.96

January 15 - \$4,586.71

January 22 - \$1,483.25

January 29 - \$5,809.37

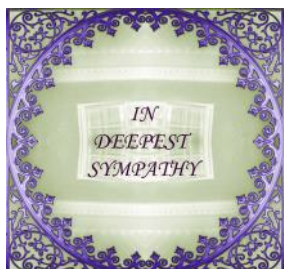


Church Offering - Every person at Redeemer is encouraged to give as they are able. Your offering helps make ministry happen not only in and through the community of faith at Redeemer, but throughout the SC Synod and Churchwide through the ELCA. If you are able, you may place your offering in the plate each Sunday morning or you are welcome to use the online giving option on our church website:

www.redeemernewberry.org/give

To the Congregation: The Hammond Family deeply appreciates all of your kind acts of sympathy at the time of Mary's death. Your phone calls, the cards, the food at a time when we needed it most, your kind remarks on her tribute page were all a source of comfort to us. Our thanks, also to all of the members who provided the meal on the day of Mary's funeral. It enabled us to be surrounded by the comfort of our families. Our Thanks, also, to Pastor Matt for his visits and prayers. We will be forever grateful for your support during this difficult time.

Love, The Hammonds



Deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to the family of Tony Chapman II upon his death on January 18.

Updated Contact Info - If your address, phone number, or email address has changed in the past year or so, please contact the Church Office so that we might update our information. Thank you!

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.

Benefit Concert for GAAP Food Pantry - Featuring Huger Caughman, Jr. and Lane Hill.

When: February 19, 2023 **Time:** 3:00 pm

Where: Mayer Memorial Lutheran Church
1307 Drayton Street
Newberry, SC 29108

Light Refreshments Served in the Fellowship Hall following the Concert!!



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 Derryl 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.

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.

50+ will not meet in February.

TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2022

Summary Treasurer's report for Dec. 2022

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>		\$26,918.00
For Dec. - Income:	\$ 46,906.82	
For Dec. - General expenses:	\$ 23,705.06	
For Dec. - Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 23,201.76	
2022 YTD Income:	\$ 300,218.70	
2022 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 290,729.52	
2022 YTD Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 9,489.18	

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

Altar Flowers

February 5 - Nikki Chapman
 February 12 - Caughman
 February 19 - Eve & Wayne Kneece
 February 26 - LENT

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.**

February 9 - Ray & Misty Cooper
 February 15 - Billy & Patty Davis
 February 21 - Rob & Becky Livingston
 February 26 - Austin & Kristian Longshore

All are welcome, no exceptions.



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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!

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



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Georgette Livingston, Dean Mayer, Debbie 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!



2/1 Mack Garner	2/11 Andrew West	2/20 Brian Pitts
2/3 Charlie Lockyer	2/12 Cayse Dowd	2/21 Lee Davis
2/4 John Cromer	2/12 Nick Layman	2/21 Laurel Keen
2/4 Lori Justice Gray	2/13 Kerri Moose	2/23 Kristin Caughman
2/4 Jacob Chapman	2/14 Pat Kelly	2/23 Lawson Cooper
2/5 George Franklin	2/16 John Hammond Jr.	2/24 Rey Lominack, Jr.
2/6 Amelia Vance	2/16 Deedee Westwood	2/27 Elizabeth Willingham
2/7 Nancy Riggin	2/17 Cynthia Lominack	2/27 Jeff Spotts
2/7 Mallory Matthews	2/17 Robert Kneece Jr.	2/27 Stewart Layman
2/7 Dylan Sligh	2/17 Jared Abrams	2/28 Sarah Westwood
2/8 Dennis Caughman	2/18 Ben Bowers	
2/9 Cathy Turner	2/18 Matthew Bowers	**These dates are according
2/9 Walter Jacobs	2/19 Molly Fortune	to our church records. If
2/9 Jessica Cole	2/19 Sabin West	there are any errors or omis-
2/11 Andy Senn	2/20 Chad Cary	sions, please notify the
		church office.

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CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
DECEMBER 19, 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 – Devotions led by Pastor Matt Titus

Welcome

Members Present – Nikki Chapman, Pastor Matt Titus, Faith Felix, Chelsea Ellisor, Robert Kneece, Huger Caughman, Annette Belcher, Kristin Caughman, Ben Bowers, Ernie Shealy, John Green

Members Present on Zoom – Chad Cary, Mary Maercklein, Arlo Hill, Kathy Riggin

Members Absent – Mary Alex Kopp, Sarah Bowers

Celebrations/Prayer Requests – Prayers requests for the family of Patsy Parks. Prayer request for the family of Tony Chapman. Prayers for the family of Sidney Metts. Prayers for Nikki Chapman's uncle Jim Hockett. Mary got her first great-nephew. GAAP has gone well, and all Angel tree presents have been delivered.

Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matt – Will be out of the office next week as family is going to Florida. Will be taking two Sundays off in the summer to go to Hawaii with family.

1853 Committee – Ernie Shealy, liaison – Committee forming and will have a meeting in January

Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, liaison – no report; Faith Formation – Arlo Hill, liaison – no report; Youth – Faith Felix – no report ; President – Mary Maercklein – no report

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, chairperson – Deadline for turning in grants January 31st

Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggin – Mathilde Smith and Mary Hammond's funeral meals

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Robert Kneece - \$13,712.58 behind for the total year. Increased giving the past couple weeks.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison – quote for \$210,000 plus damaged wood to repair roof above sanctuary. Will plan for a congregational meeting to discuss with the congregation regarding next steps of repairing roof.

Stewardship Committee—Robert Kneece, liaison – Will be mailing out offering envelopes next week.

Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison – Next meeting in January

Staff – Nikki Chapman – will discuss Secretary and Bookkeeper job descriptions next meeting

Old Business

Stewardship Campaign – no report at this time; Youth Hall Requests – Will be removing from agenda; Needs & Wants – New roof with grant proposal be sent to the Endowment fund

New Business

Install new members 1st Sunday of December and December 19th meeting: All present council members in person and on Zoom voted for the following executive council members:

President: Nikki Chapman

Vice President: Annette Belcher

Secretary: Chelsea Ellisor

Treasurer: John Green

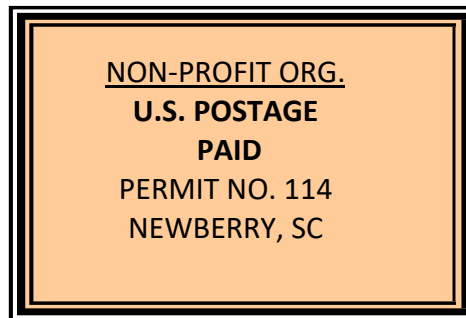
Staff Discussions – will discuss secretary and bookkeeper descriptions next meeting

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

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

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Return Service Requested

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All Members:
Ministers in Worship and Daily Life
Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary—Japan

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