

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

April 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 April



Redeemer's LMM Unit will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Walter Jacobs is the head chef. All men and boys are invited to attend.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

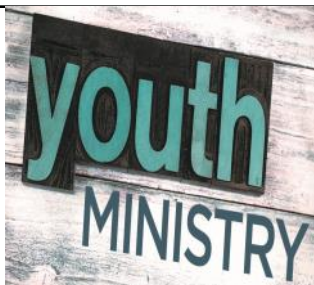
Redeemer WELCA News for April



WELCA will meet on Sunday, April 2nd, at 3:45 PM, in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Kitty Summer will present the program. We look forward to hearing about Kitty's three favorite hymns from our Then Sings My Soul books. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Youth!

Check out all the Youth Events for April. For more information please look at the Youth Instagram page.



Grace and peace to each of you as we enter into the month of April and the full swing of the season of Spring!

As a reminder, our Holy Week services gear up quite soon with Maundy Thursday coming up on April 6th, Good Friday on April 7th, and our Easter Sunday services on April 9th. This is the most holy time of the year for us who follow Christ's way. May we all enter this season renewed and hopeful for what God continues to do in us, in our community, and around the world.

Spring is about renewal, right? Where might we be in need of renewal, both as individuals in faith and as a community of faith? There are indeed opportunities for us to be renewed in all aspects of our life of faith. Perhaps you're willing to help with the youth on Sundays – an opportunity to not only help shape a form those younger than you, but perhaps to be shaped and formed by them as well. Maybe you're in need to feel like you're doing something, but you've been hesitant to help at GAAP or volunteer elsewhere in the community, what a perfect opportunity for renewal.

Maybe as you're reading this your realizing that it has been awhile since you've been in the community for worship. Life gets hectic and busy, I know – I'm helping coach a travel softball team that goes to tournaments almost every weekend – but, as a professor in seminary told me and my classmates after we as seniors had been mysteriously absent from daily chapel and weekly worship on campus, 'Where is the one place you can go that you are reminded that you are loved, forgiven, and accepted? Where can you hear that, sing that, and taste that love, hope, and grace?'

Of course, the answer is within the community of God at worship and in service for others. Perhaps April and the months after can be a sort of time of renewal as we all seek to dive deeper into this life of faith once more.

No matter where you seek renewal (or as I mentioned in a sermon at the end of March, where we replenish our oil), know always that you are loved by God, you are not alone, and the Holy Spirit continues to push and compel us to walk with Jesus towards where God is present in our lives and around the world.

Have a blessed April, remember God's saving action of all of creation in the victory over death on the cross and in the empty tomb, and may God's grace continue to form and shape all of us to live into that hope for all. Amen!



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
March 5	36	77	81	158
March 12	29	58	83	141
March 19	29	77	71	148
March 26	33	77	59	136
Average	32	72	74	146

MARCH

Offerings

March 05 - \$7,260.97

March 12 - \$10,899.63

March 19 - \$4,128.25

March 26 - \$3,650.37



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

Holy Week Schedule



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!

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.



Manna House

You can always donate food to Manna House by placing those items in the shopping carts in the narthex or outside the church office. Thank you! Redeemer will be volunteering at Manna House on the following days

July 18 and 20
November 14 and 16

We need at least two volunteers each day! For more information, please contact Annette Belcher.



This year's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 8 beginning at 10:30am. All children and youth are invited to participate in this fun event. Please contact Aubrey for more information and for where you can help out with candy donations and being a volunteer on April 8!

TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2023

Summary Treasurer's report for Feb. 2023

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:

\$27,408.00

For Feb. - Income:	\$ 18,833.48
For Feb. - General expenses:	\$ 31,231.92
For Feb. - Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (12,398.44)

2023 YTD Income:	\$ 39,139.87
2023 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 53,847.34
2023 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (14,707.47)

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

Altar Flowers

April 2 - **Palms**
April 9 - Denise Reid
April 16 - **AVAILABLE**
April 23 - Kathy Lindsay
April 30 - Angela Reid

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

Wedding Anniversaries

April 1 - Walter & Bootsie Cousines
April 5 - Norris & Michelle Long
April 9 - Marty & Dana Cousins
April 13 - Arlo & Judy Hill

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



Congratulations to Nick and Rachel (Franklin) Manos who were married on March 25, 2023.

Congratulations to Dustin and Jessie Guy who were married on March 25, 2023.



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.

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 March 18th!

Happy Birthday!



4/2	Nancy Owen	4/22	David Wiseman
4/3	Robert Cole	4/26	Robert Montgomery
4/4	Carolyn Hammond	4/26	Jason Bruce
4/4	Dale Smith	4/27	Benji Lindsay III
4/5	Kendyl Griffith	4/27	Kristie Garner
4/7	Matthew Mature	4/28	Kristy Barnes
4/14	Joey Nicosia	4/28	Ella Coleman
4/15	Rachel Manos	4/30	Elizabeth Boozer
4/17	Kaitlyn Stone		
4/18	Kathy Lindsay		
4/18	Alexander Cole		
4/18	Elin Cary		
4/19	Verna Cavanaugh		
4/21	Jamie Weir IV		
4/22	Susan Wessinger		

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
FEBRUARY 20, 2023

Call to Order

Welcome

Members Present: Pastor Matt Titus, Chelsea Ellisor, Dr. John Green, Huger Caughman, Kristin Caughman, Arlo Hill, Annette Belcher, Nikki Chapman, Kathy Riggin, Ben Bowers

Members present on Zoom: Chad Cary, Mary Alex Kopp

Members Absent: Faith Felix

Celebrations/Prayer Requests: Celebrations – GAAP concert had over 130 people in attendance and raised over \$1400. Prayer request for Mary Alex’s nephew William who is not doing well and has been on the ventilator for a while and can’t get off.

Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matt – St Paul’s Lutheran Church has voted to disaffiliate from the ELCA.

1853 Committee – Chad Cary, liaison – Next meeting will be March 5th.

Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, liaison; President – Nikki Chapman ; Youth – Faith Felix, liaison – no report

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, chairperson – Will be coming to March council meeting regarding newest funds provided by the Endowment Fund for 2023.

Faith Formation – Arlo Hill, liaison – Discussed to start sending out devotional books to church members/families.

Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggin, liaison – Lenten meals being provided by this committee.

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Dr. John Green, treasurer, Ben Bowers – financial secretary – January 2023 is in the negative by \$2,309.03. The finance committee requests for council to put into place an audit committee. Audit committee should consist of 3 voting members of the church congregation by our constitution.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison – roof information listed below in old business.

Stewardship Committee— Ben Bowers, liaison – Discussions made at committee night to have a covered dish soon. Meeting night for Stewardship first Sunday of the month at 6pm in the library. Discussed making a FAQ about the Endowment committee/funds and have already reached out to Bob Montgomery regarding this. Discussed having different events to be held in the FLC that would have an entry fee to help with finances.

Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison – Beer and Hymns to be held on March 9th at Bar Figaro from 6:30-8:00PM. Discussed having a family-friendly Beer and Hymns at Enoree River Winery. Lent services on Sunday evenings at 7pm with meal at 6:15 to all be held in the FLC. Meeting is first Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

Staff – Annette Belcher, liaison – Staff interview questions to be reviewed and then beginning meeting with staff.

Minutes from January Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor, secretary – Motion made by Huger Caughman, Sr. Seconded by Arlo Hill. All in favor

Old Business

Stewardship Campaign – will be coming in the near future

Needs & Wants -

Roof Information – Matt Bowers – Present at February meeting to speak about current roofing issues.

New Business

Staff Discussions – will discuss next month

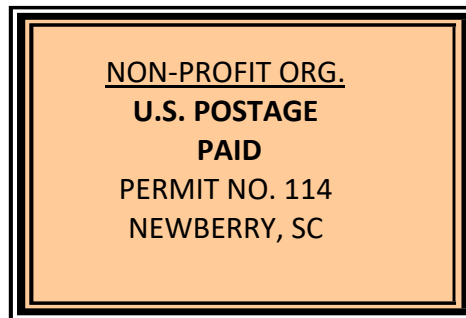
Executive Session – motion made by Huger Caughman Sr. Seconded by Ben Bowers. Motion made to come out of executive session by Ben Bowers and seconded by Annette Belcher. All in favor.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

Next Council Meeting will be March 20th at 6:30PM in the Youth Hall

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
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