

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

March 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 March



Redeemer's LMM Unit will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Walter Jacobs and Wayne Kneece are the chefs. The program is TBD. All men and boys are invited to attend.

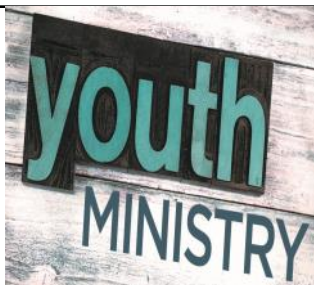
AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Redeemer WELCA News for March



WELCA will meet on Sunday, March 5th, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, we will be learning about three of Carol Ezell-Gilson's favorite hymns from our Then Sings My Soul books. We look forward to Carol's presentation.. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Congratulations to Ann Jacobs and Susan Thomasson on receiving Honorary Life Memberships in SCWELCA. Ann and Susan were recognized on BOLD Women's Sunday, February 26th.



Youth!

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

Happy March everyone!

We've begun the season of Lent with a wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Impromptu Talent Show followed by the holy and penitential service of Ash Wednesday. That time of year that we recognize that we are indeed finite – we are just dust – but, that God is infinite and breathes into our dusty selves and gifts us new life. The season of Lent begins with reality and promise. It is a beautiful, humble, and holy time.

Throughout the season of Lent we try to center ourselves on God's presence in our lives while also centering God's love in our own lives. It is something that is easier said than done, unfortunately. We are prone to looking at the nearest shiny object like a dog who catches a glimpse of movement out of the corner of their eyes, and no matter how hard we 'tug' to get that dog's attention, it stubbornly looks to that 'new' and inconsequential thing.

We do it, too. The latest fads, our appearances, our stuff, averting our eyes from tragedy and oppression, staying silent when non-helpful (and more often than not hurtful) things are said about others, the belief that we are not enough, and more always seem to hold our attention far greater than God's love and promise. Perhaps we don't hear it enough? Maybe we feel we've 'heard it all before' and it doesn't quite 'stick' with us as much as it used to.

And yet, those promises remain. That love of God – throughout our lives and especially in the season of Lent – sticks with us despite our actions and fickle attention spans. Lent offers us an opportunity to breathe, pause, and focus.

To breathe in God's spirit and love. To pause the business that life ushers our way. To focus on God's presence with us always.

You might give something up during this season, you might take something on as an added discipline. You might feel like you're just trying to keep your head above water. Whatever you hope and pray to do – know this – God is with you. Regardless. Always. Forever.

Remember that during this season of Lent and throughout your life. God is with you. God loves you. God forgives you. Always. There is nothing that can take that love and presence from you or any of us. Why? Because God's love and stubbornness for us was shown in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ our Lord – the Word made flesh who came to be with us, to pull us towards God's love that has always been with us. To remind us that we are enough.

Know that you are enough. Always. Amen.



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
February 5	26	89	88	177
February 12	19	66	87	153
February 19	21	103	78	181
February 22		115	51	166
February 26	22	98	59	157
Average	22	94	73	167

FEBRUARY

Offerings

February 05 - \$3,507.97

February 12 - \$5,872.03

February 19 - \$5,827.25

February 26 - \$3,436.37



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

	Redeemer Newberry Youth Upcoming Events
Mar 1	Homework and Hang at Genesis from 4:15 to 5:30
Mar 5	Youth Group from 5:15 to 6:45
Mar 12	Confirmation at 4 at Redeemer Youth Group from 5:15 to 6:45
Mar 17-19	Middle School Retreat at Camp Kinard!

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!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 6:15 PM TACOS	27 Cheese Dip and Salsa with Tortilla Chips	28	1	2	3	4
5 6:15 PM CHICKEN STRIPS	6 Rolls, Pickles, Mac and Cheese	7	8	9	10	11
12 6:15 PM PIZZA	13 Salad	14	15	16	17	18
19 6:15 PM SPAGHETTI	20 Salad	21	22	23	24	25
26 6:15 PM HOT DOGS	27 Chili, Baked Beans and Potato Chips	28	29	30	31	

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches and Assorted Desserts with each meal.

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.



Communion Classes

DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL
MARCH 5 - 26, 2023
FOR THOSE IN 3RD GRADE AND UP.
CONTACT PM FOR MORE INFO!



Let's Help Each Other Lenten Donation Project



Donation Period February 26 - March 26

All donations will be given to Manna House, GAAP, and the Wolves Food Pantry at Newberry College.

Drop donations off at the church office or in the bins in the narthex.

For Lent this year, we will be collecting reusable bags and can openers. Both of these items can go a long way to helping those in need within our community. Thank you!

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TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 2023

Summary Treasurer's report for Jan. 2023

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$27,408.00

For Jan. - Income: \$ 20,306.39

For Jan. - General expenses: \$ 22,615.42

For Jan. - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (2,309.03)

2023 YTD Income: \$ 20,306.39

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

Altar Flowers

March 5 - LENT

March 12 - LENT

March 19 - LENT

March 26 - LENT

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

Wedding Anniversaries

March 5 - Nick & Claire Grosshuesch

March 6 - Adam & Alexis Lockyer

March 18 - Von & Kathy Dennis

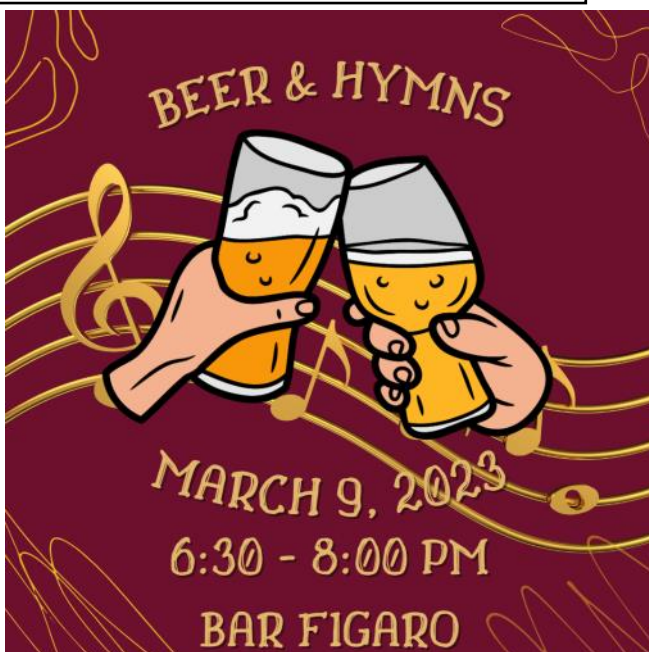
March 18 - George & Donna Franklin

March 22 - Tommy & Helen Fellers

March 25 - Joshua & Mary Nance Joseph

March 31 - RJ & Casey Dowd

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



MARCH 12!!!!



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!



3/1	Polly Davis	3/13	'Tres' Newell III	3/29	Michelle Long
3/1	Huger Caughman Sr.	3/14	Zarek Reid	3/30	Davy Wilson III
3/1	Austin Longshore	3/18	Christy West	3/31	Tessie Bannister
3/1	Colson Cooper	3/18	Erin Derrick		
3/4	Christie Whitaker	3/19	Steve Sligh		
3/7	"Sis" Williamson	3/19	Andrew Cousins		
3/7	Mike Mature	3/22	Mitchell Lewis Jr.		
3/10	Helen Fellers	3/22	Erin Titus		
3/10	Benji Westwood	3/23	Joshua Joseph		
3/10	Stevie Sligh III	3/24	Grace Lindsay		
3/12	Sybil Cousins	3/27	Arlo Hill		
3/12	Walter Cousins	3/27	CJ Clary		
3/13	Andy Sidden	3/28	Kirsten Lindsay		
3/13	Ronnie Dickert Sr.	3/28	Justin Felix		
3/13	Miles Hawkins Jr.	3/28	MaryAlex Kopp		

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
JANUARY 16, 2023

Reports

- Pastor – Pastor Matt – Pastor Matt will be out of town on February 19th with a supply pastor for that Sunday. Pastor Matt will be taking a two-week vacation to Hawaii in July, one Sunday is covered and looking for another pastor for the next Sunday.
- 1853 Committee –, Chad Cary liaison – no report
- Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, liaison – no report
- Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, chairperson – no report
- Faith Formation – Arlo Hill, liaison – no report
- Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggin, liaison – no report
- Finance Committee/Treasurer – Dr. John Green, liaison and chairman – December 2022 income \$46,906.82 with general expenses for the month of December 2022 \$23,201.76. This includes the \$10,000 moved from Wants and Needs to add to the general expense account.
- Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison – Light fixture on the inside and canopy has been replaced. Awaiting on the sound system update. Ramp for kitchen outside of FLC have been placed on hold due to the rise in cost significantly. All female bathrooms have handles installed. Discussions being made regarding update on roof. Property committee will be joining Council meeting in February regarding costs and plans of new roof.
- Stewardship Committee —Ben Bowers, liaison – no report
- Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison – Reviewed the advent season and began discussing a new source for poinsettias/Easter lilies. Beer and Hymns have been set for the year and will be doing the quarterly at Bar Figaro (March 9, June 8, September 7, and December 7). Discussions being made regarding doing a family-friendly/ all ages Beer and Hymns at the Winery is being scheduled. Discussed having another Silent Movie Night.
- Youth – Faith Felix, liaison – no report
- Staff – Annette Belcher, liaison – no report
- President – Nikki Chapman – no report
- Minutes from December Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor – Minutes from the December meeting approved. Motion made by Huger Caughman, seconded Arlo Hill. All in favor.

Old Business

- Stewardship Campaign – plans are being made regarding Stewardship Campaign
- Confirm Council Contact information – all e-mails have been updated
- Needs & Wants – Roof project that will be discussed next meeting

New Business

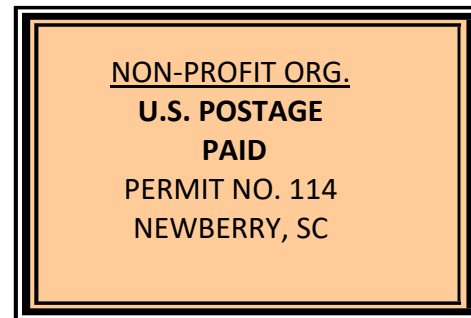
- Staff Discussions – Will follow-up next meeting
- Congregational and Council Constitution—Huger Caughman, Jr. – reviewed the Congregational constitution and asked questions accordingly.
- Synod Video and Council Devotions for 2023 – will be sent out in an e-mail to council
- Review of Committees – New liaisons appointed for each committee. Each liaison is to reach out to members of the church about joining a committee to be involved in before the February meeting. Committee Kick-off February 5, 2023 at 6:30pm in FLC.
- Bold Women’s Sunday to be February 26th – Motion made by Huger Caughman, seconded by Chad Cary. All in favor.

Executive Session – Motion made to go into Executive Session by Ben Bowers and seconded by Chad Cary. Motion made to go out of Executive Session by Ben Bowers and seconded by John Green. All in favor.

Comments for the Good of the Order: Mary Alex Kopp reported on statewide news that the Lutheran Services Carolinas disability branch has lost all of its contracts with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) due to systemic medical neglect and abuse of people with disabilities living in the Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) institutions and group homes,

Adjournment – Motion made by Kristin Caughman and seconded by Arlo Hill. All in favor.

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
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