

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

May 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 May



Redeemer's LMM Unit will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Huger Caughman, Jr. is the head chef and will present the program. All men and boys are invited to attend.

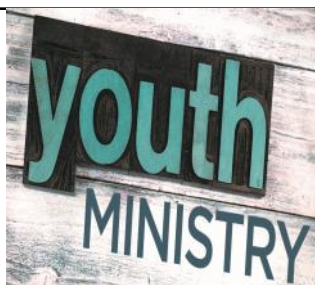
The Heartland Conference LMM will meet on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm at Silverstreet Lutheran Church. The cost of the meal is \$15. The meal is pork tenderloin, green beans, cheese pie, sliced tomatoes, pickles, rolls, dessert, and tea/water. The keynote speaker is Deaconess Laura Sharp Waites from Bethany Lutheran Church. Please let Walter Jacobs know by Sunday, May 14 if you plan to attend.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Redeemer WELCA News for May



WELCA will meet on Sunday, May 7th, at 3:45 PM, in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Anne Caughman will present the program. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.



May 7 – Confirmation at 4 and Youth group at 5:15 - Still need a second adult and help with dinner

May 14 – No events

May 21 – Hang at Pelicans at 3:00 to 4:14

May 28 – No events

Grace and peace to each of you as we enter into the hot summertime at Redeemer! As I'm writing this, I am beginning another meeting with the South Carolina Synod Candidacy Committee. As a reminder, this is the group within our church structure where individuals who feel a call to ministry leadership as a pastor or deacon come. We get to talk, walk with them, and share stories about who God calls us to be and where God has been at work in our lives.

And that part is the part that I love most – sharing and telling those stories. Hearing how God, church, and faith life have been integral to the formation of all these folks who feel a calling to do something even more in the church is so life-giving. What a joy it is to hear those stories!

With that in mind, I'm excited to see the stories that leadership at Redeemer will share in the coming weeks and months. What a joy to hear how God has been at work in the lives of those whom we've known for so long. I can't wait to hear those stories and to share them with y'all.

My hope and prayer is that we will all feel the call to share our own stories – not only with one another – but, with those in our circles of life. To share with them the love that we know of God and how that love and presence continues to guide us and call us to service and faith with and for all.

May we always continue to share our stories – to share them with passion and grace – with all we meet and know. All of us have stories to share. Those stories are deep, loving, and faithful. What joy it will be to hear and share them always!

May we continue to be a part of the story that God has written us into and turns the page on each day of our lives! Amen!

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

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
April 2	27	154	94	248
April 9	12	88	22 165	275
April 16	20	85	67	152
April 23	29	73	85	158
April 30	Will be	Included in	June issue	
Average	22	100	108	208

APRIL

Offerings

April 2 - \$5,416.26

April 9 - \$6,506.03

April 16 - \$4,608.64

April 23 - \$5,234.55



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

CHURCHWIDE BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Ephesians

5 Sunday Nights

April 30; May 7, 14, 21, & 28

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

All are invited to attend

The Gathering

Sunday School Class Room

(Next to the Men's Bible Class)

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2023

Summary Treasurer's report for Mar. 2023

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

For Mar. - Income: \$ 27,514.13

For Mar. - General expenses: \$ 27,412.72

For Mar. - Income is more than expenses by: \$ 101.41

2023 YTD Income: \$ 66,654.00

2023 YTD General Expenses: \$ 81,260.06

2023 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ (14,606.06)

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

Altar Flowers

May 7 - John & Carolyn Hammond

May 14 - WELCA

May 21 - Kathy Riggan

May 28 - Huger Caughman, Jr.

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

Wedding Anniversaries

May 1 - J.D. & Dawn Stone

May 6 - Jerry Haltiwanger & Anna Marie Nicosia

May 15 - Tommy & Jane Moose

May 15 - Chuck & Laurel Keen

May 18 - Eddie & Ann Felker

May 18 - Andy Sidden & Kevin Dove

May 18 - Brian & Jessica Wheeler

May 23 - Joshua & Becky Miller

May 29 - Huger, Sr. & Anne Caughman

These dates are according to our church records. If corrections need to be made, please notify 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; Helen Campbell, sister of Huger Caughman; Dean Wise, friend of the Caughmans.

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 May 20th!

Happy Birthday!



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| 5/1 Hu Mills III | 5/13 Derryll Satterwhite | 5/28 Carol Montgomery |
| 5/1 Brad Zais | 5/13 William Summer II | 5/28 Debra Willingham |
| 5/3 Sandy Senn | 5/13 Lydian Wessinger | 5/28 Alfred Dominick |
| 5/4 Connor Chapman | 5/14 Briley Derrick | 5/29 Harriet Guy |
| 5/5 Doggett Whitaker Jr. | 5/14 Jonathan Benton | 5/29 Chelsea Ellisor |
| 5/8 Johnny Lindsay | 5/15 Tommy Moose | 5/31 Mary Sue Green |
| 5/8 Beth Singletary | 5/15 J. D. Stone | 5/31 Jana Ritter |
| 5/9 Fae Cousins | 5/16 Austin Westwood | |
| 5/10 Sheila Ellisor | 5/19 Woody Cornwell | |
| 5/10 Lindler Wessinger | 5/19 Cannon Taylor | |
| 5/10 Graham Flynn | 5/20 John Whitesides | |
| 5/11 Dustin Guy | 5/20 Aubrey Smith | **These dates are according to our church records. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office. |
| 5/11 Justin Guy | 5/25 Lesley Diener | |
| 5/12 Kristen Chapman | 5/27 Miriam Titus | |
| 5/12 Gavin Garner | 5/27 Mason Willingham | |

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

Call to Order

Welcome

Members Present: – Pastor Matt Titus, Annette Belcher, Chelsea Ellisor, Mary Alex Kopp, John Green, Kristin Caughman, Ben Bowers, Kathy Riggin, Arlo Hill

Members present on Zoom: Nikki Chapman

Members Absent: Faith Felix, Huger Caughman, Chad Cary

Celebrations/Prayer Requests: Celebrations – Mary Alex’s nephew is still in the hospital and has been since January. Huger Caughman caring for his sister along with his health. Bob Montgomery’s daughter got her port removed today. Lion King Jr put on by the Newberry County school district. Ben Bowers’ new job in Laurens County as the Fire Marshall.

Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matt – Will have Holy Week services April 6, 7, and 9. Summer Memorial called their new pastor Rebecca Wicker who will begin in May.

No Report - 1853 Committee – Chad Cary; Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor; President Nikki Chapman; Staff – Annette Belcher, liaison;

Youth – Faith Felix, liaison – 2 middle schoolers went to the Middle School Retreat.

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, chairperson – Present in person to discuss the Endowment funds that were awarded this year. Balance of March 2022 3.5 million and balance of March 2023 3.3 million. 16 grant applications received and rewarded 13 applications.

Faith Formation – Arlo Hill, liaison – Communion class held from 3rd grade up. 2 middle schoolers went to the Middle School Retreat at Camp Kinard.

Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggin, liaison – Lenten meals are continuing to go well.

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Dr. John Green, treasurer, February 2023 negative for \$12,398.44. 2023 is in the negative of \$14,707.47. Major Maintenance required \$8000 for sound system update this month.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison - Checking with roofer to see if the quote that was given still remains along with quote for shingles, and who else does this type of roof.

Stewardship Committee— Ben Bowers – Working with Endowment to do the FAQ. Working on events to be held. Discussed how to get people back involved in church.

Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp, liaison - no meeting. 46 lilies purchased for Easter.

Minutes from January Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor, secretary – Motion made by Mary Alex Kopp. Seconded by Kristin Caughman. All in favor

Old Business

Roof Information – Matt Bowers & Bob Montgomery; New committee for roof – Council executive committee, stewardship liaison, finance liaison, and property liaison; List of active & non-active church members – looked over list regarding possible committee participation

Need to create an Audit committee – will follow-up next meeting

New Business

Staff Discussions – will discuss next meeting; Breaking down sections from the constitution – will discuss next meeting; Security Bond information – Discussing with Synod Finance committee recommends a congregation meeting to discuss the new roof after discussing during their committee meeting that they don’t see another way to pay for the new roof when looking over available funds.

People wanting to use our facility – Girl Scout Leadership for Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event - April 22nd (FLC, Sunday School rooms, and Youth Hall) from 11am until; Coach Greg Stewart – Rec League Basketball to use the gym for April 4, 5, 6. – Motion made by Matt Titus and seconded by Arlo Hill. All in favor.

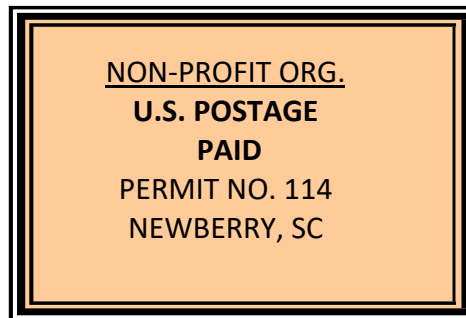
Executive Session – motion made to go into session. Motion made to out of session.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

Next Council Meeting will be April 17th at 6:30PM in the Youth Hall

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
May 18, 2023. Please send submissions to
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