

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

## *Redeemer Reader*

### July 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 July**

The Lutheran Men in Mission will journey to Blue Ocean in Clinton for our July meeting. We will gather at Blue Ocean on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Huger Caughman, Jr. by Sunday, July 9. All men and boys are invited to attend.

**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**



#### **Redeemer WELCA News for July**

WELCA will meet on Sunday, July 2nd, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Mary Maercklein will present the program.



#### **July Events**

2ND - HANG AT PELICANS FROM 3 TO 4  
7TH - GAMES AT GENESIS FROM 4 TO 5:30  
9TH - HANG AT PELICANS FROM 3 TO 4  
15TH - GAAP MINISTRY FROM 10 TO 12  
16TH - HANG AT PELICANS FROM 3 TO 4  
23RD TO 27TH - VBS AT CENTRAL  
LOOKING FORWARD: FAMILY EVENT ON  
AUGUST 5TH WILL BE TUBING IN COLUMBIA.  
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!



Grace and peace to each of you!

As we begin the summer months, I know that the opportunity arises that lots of us will go on fantastic trips, see friends and families, and find ample amounts of rest and restoration for ourselves. It is *good* to take in that sabbath time. It energizes us and feeds our souls in wonderful ways so that our lives at home can be that much fuller and more impactful! In fact, my family will be going on vacation this month as well as we are heading out to Wyoming, Yellowstone, and Denver. I cannot wait to see the beauty of God's creation in places I've only seen pictures of before. I'll also get a chance to see a Colorado Rockies game, so it is a win all around.

What I'm asking of us this month is that we remember that when we are *at home* that being in community and worship can be and is restful and energizing as well. A few Sundays ago, one of our youngest members – was excited beyond belief – when I told him that he got to be the acolyte for that day's service. Cal Triplett exclaimed, 'Oh bet!!' Which, I've discovered is a good and authentic 'yes' to being a part of worship leadership!

Seeing Cal's enthusiasm to not only wanting to be a part of worship, but *being in* worship was energizing. Here in this holy space, he and all of us get to hear about how much God loves us, cares for us, and is closely present with us. It is in worship that he and all get to hear that we are *good enough* to not only be loved by God, but to be used by God so that others might know of God's love as well.

I see that joy of faith within worship not only on Cal's face, but on so many of the faces of our community as we sing hymns, profess our faith, receive communion, and share in God's love for all. Seeing that faith lived out as we are sent to work and serve in our community – in the work that GAAP does, in the work of The Manna House, helping members of our community in need, and caring for the world that God has given us to be good stewards.

In worship, in this community of faith at Redeemer, we are strengthened and encouraged to live out God's love for others. Our Lord Jesus invites us to see where God is at work and the Holy Spirit directs us to where that love and service is needed.

So, as we have fun this summer, doing all sorts of wonderful things to bring relaxation and revitalization to our lives, may we also remember the care and love we receive in worship. May we remember how vital our gathering for worship together as a community truly is – for us and for others. Finally, may we join in exclamation and enthusiasm like Cal.

We get to worship? Oh bet!



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
June 4	29	81	100	181
June 11	27	85	70	155
June 18	21	58	71	129
June 25	17	110	61	171
Average	24	84	76	159

## JUNE

### Offerings:

June 04 - \$4,812.63

June 11 - \$7,080.44

June 18 - \$6,837.55

June 25 - \$4,937.25



**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:

I wanted to reach out and say a grateful “ Thank You “ to Pastor Matt for his prayers and checking in on me during these cardiac events. Thanks for the beautiful handmade cards from our ladies at Redeemer. Thanks to the lap robe committee I truthfully feel God’s healing when I lay it over me. To Donna Price for stepping in and up to offer assistance at any time. For the texts, cards, asking my sweet nurse/daughter Deedee, JD and Eddy about me. Also, all manners of communication.

Dr. Rhinehart will make a decision in 30 days as to when the next cardiac procedure is to be. I have no choice but proceed. He wants my body to heal from the last trauma which produced a heart attack. It’s really been tough being a nurse winding up in ICU and just having to go with it. Anxiety has a whole new meaning. Please continue to keep my children and myself in your prayers. They’ve never nor or they used to me being down. God is awesome, if I didn’t die on May 3rd he’s got a plan for me yet. Again God Bless,  
Ann Stone

**Congregational Sympathy** is extended to the family of Barry Richardson upon the death of his sister, Cindy Richardson Mills on June 6 and to the family of Mrs. Dorothy Park upon her death on June 20. Mrs. Park was 101 years old.

**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 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. Everyone 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.



**LOCATION:** Central United Methodist Church

**DATES:** Sunday, July 23 – Wednesday, July 26

**TIME:** 5:30 – 7:30 (Supper & Activities)

**AGES:** All ages welcome!

**Please register online at:**

<https://forms.gle/xEJrA3F22FePgR279>

**There are also registration forms available in the narthex.**

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer celebrates with Pastor Matt who was voted #1 Best Pastor/Spiritual Advisor for the 2nd straight year by the readers of the Newberry Observer!



## TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2023

Summary Treasurer's report for May 2023

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

For Apr. - Income:	\$ 25,696.37
For Apr. - General expenses:	\$ 18,862.41
For Apr. - Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 6,833.96

2023 YTD Income:	\$ 114,275.84
2023 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 120,004.49
2023 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (5,728.65)

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

### Altar Flowers

July 2 - **AVAILABLE**

July 9 - **AVAILABLE**

July 16 - B. L. & Dale Brown

July 23 - **AVAILABLE**

July 30 - Cynthia & Bobby Lominack

***If you would like to sign up for any of those dates, please notify***

### Wedding Anniversaries

July 13 - Woody & Elaine Cornwell

July 14 - George & Karen Summer

July 16 - B. L. & Dale Brown

July 16 - David & Vickie Wiseman

July 24 - Jeremy & Cassie White

July 29 - Bobby & Cynthia Lominack

July 30 - Tim & Nancy Owen

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 July 15th!

## *Happy Birthday!*



7/2	Briann Pitts	7/21	Sonny Layman
7/3	Shannon Lindsay	7/21	Donna White
7/3	Cooper Dowd	7/21	Todd Guy
7/3	Samuel Holland	7/23	Ryan Riggan
7/6	Grace Coleman	7/25	Tommy Fellers Jr.
7/8	Becky Livingston	7/25	Danielle Abrams
7/8	Ray Cooper	7/25	George Summer III
7/8	Ben Lindsay	7/25	McLendon "Lendy" Miller
7/9	Amanda Richardson	7/27	Kelly Bannister
7/12	Anna Marie Nicosia	7/28	Tommy Cousins
7/13	Adam Westwood	7/28	Norris Long
7/16	Joshua Moody	7/28	Jessica Draeger
7/18	Elmer Long	7/30	David Metts
7/18	Kathy Dennis	7/30	Thomas Moose
7/20	Joanne Fretwell	7/31	Erin Whitaker

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS  
MAY 15, 2023

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6:45 Devotions

Business Meeting 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Welcome

Members Present – Pastor Matt Titus, Nikki Chapman, Chelsea Ellisor, Annette Belcher,  
Dr John Green, Huger Caughman, Kristin Caughman, Ben Bowers, Chad Cary

Members Present on Zoom – Mary Alex Kopp, Faith Felix, Arlo Hill

Members Absent – Kathy Riggin

Celebrations/Prayer Requests – Prayer request for Eve Kneece and Ann Stone regarding their health. Mary Alex’s nephew will be able to come home in a couple weeks. Erin Titus won Prosperity Rikard Teacher of the Year and Anne Caughman won Retired Teacher of the Year from Newberry College.

Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matt – Baptism for Liam Felix on 4/30, Wedding for Leigh and Jeff Tondini 4/29, and funeral for Sandra Bodie 4/27. New Member Sunday on June 25<sup>th</sup> with 17 potential new members. Synod will be using the Youth Hall this coming week for a meeting for a Synod Vitality team. Will be absent for June and July meeting due to Lutheridge and vacation.

1853 Committee – Chad Cary – Discussing with Pastor Albert to come back and preach for a Sunday.

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery – Received notes from Endowment Committee regarding their thoughts on using money from the Endowment to repair the roof. Following-up with Bob Montgomery regarding their notes and our wishes.

Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggin – Assisted with Sandra Bodie’s funeral

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Dr. John Green – For the month of April, we are in the positive by \$2043,45. For the year we are in the negative by \$12,562.61. Dr Green discussed with Robbie Kopp who runs Thrivent in Newberry about finances regarding the roof and churches finances.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr. – Matt reached out to another roofing company (Baker Roofing Company in Columbia, SC) regarding quote for the roof. Waiting for the company to reach back out regarding quote.

Stewardship Committee— Ben Bowers – Discussing the GSB fundraising Stewardship Campaign. First meeting would be May 23 via Zoom at 11am.

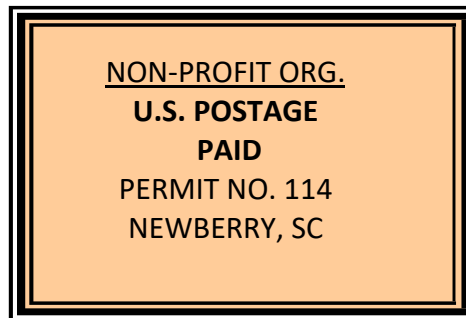
Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp – Baccalaureate service this coming Sunday at 4pm. Next Beer and Hymns is June 8<sup>th</sup> at Bar Figaro. Confirmation Sunday will be June 4<sup>th</sup> and will be recognized with our graduates. Wine and Worship will be October 29<sup>th</sup> at Enoree Winery from 2:30-6:00pm.

Youth – Faith Felix Liaison – Went bowling recently. 2 new potential members assisted with chaperoning.

No Report - Staff – Annette Belcher – no report; President – Nikki Chapman – no report; Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor – no report; Faith Formation – Arlo Hill – no report

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor – Motion made by Kristin Caughman. Seconded by Huger Caughman. All in favor.

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Return Service Requested

**The Redeemer Directory**

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor  
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Children's Choir Director and Senior  
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Huger P. Caughman, Jr., Organist and  
Junior Choir Director  
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All Members:  
Ministers in Worship and Daily Life  
Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary—Japan

The next Redeemer Reader deadline is  
June 19, 2023. Please send submissions to  
*dprice@redeemernewberry.org*



Old Business

Roof Information/ Congregation Letter – Ben Bowers has spoken with South State Bank regarding loan information. Per the bank, the church should be able to receive a loan, but the interest rates would be 6-7%. Proposal made to council regarding the roof would be to pause on sending out the Congregation Letter and go back to the property committee for a secondary quote and assessment of the roof to include timing and full accounting of projected cost and need of complete roof replacement. All in favor.

Audit committee – Colony Lutheran Church and our church members would be each other's audit committees regarding finances. 2 finance committee members have agreed so far; awaiting on more members to join the audit committee.

Waldorf Montessori School – Ran by Lane Joiner. Established in 2017. Currently looking for bigger space. Current enrollment is 10 confirmed for next year with possibility of more. Grade levels are K5-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Looking to add preschool but unable to have it on Main Street due to zoning. Current school day is 9-1 meeting Monday-Thursday. Start the week after Labor Day until the week before Memorial Day with holidays off (September to May). Currently provide snacks and students bring their own lunches. Would never have more than 20 students enrolled. Students are enrolled as home school students. Have their own liability insurance and follows the school no matter what building they use. Liability insurance does not cover teachers to drive students around. Students sign waiver forms for any activities. Max rent they could pay us would be \$400 per month. Latest date needed for a response from Council would need to be June 19. Would need 2 classrooms and potential common space. Ben Bowers made a motion to deny the request and seconded by Dr. John Green – all in favor of denying their request.

New Business

Staff Discussions – Gayle Lindley retiring July 31, 2023 as choir director. Need a search team to find a new choir director. Worship and Music committee to lead us in the right direction.

Breaking down sections from the constitution – tabled for next meeting

GSB Fundraising Stewardship Campaign – May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am via Zoom would be the first meeting to start the Stewardship Campaign. Pastor Matt Titus, Ben Bowers, and Nikki Chapman would be attending. Motion made to begin with GSB Fundraising Stewardship. Motion made by Chelsea Ellisor seconded by Faith Felix. 10 in favor, 1 abstained with regard to timing of the launch of campaign.

State Walk/Bike Trails Summit to have two individuals from Greenville who are biking through to tent camp in the overflow parking lot on Johnstone. Motion made by Huger Caughman, seconded by Ben Bowers. All in favor.

Executive Session – Motion made to go into executive session by Chelsea Ellisor and seconded by Pastor Matt Titus. All in favor. Motion made to go out of executive session by Ben Bowers and seconded by Faith Felix. All in favor.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment with The Lord's Prayer – Motion made by Kristin Caughman and seconded by Chad Cary. All in favor.

Next Council Meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Hall or via Zoom at 6:45PM