

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

## *Redeemer Reader*

### September 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 September**



Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will feed the Newberry High School football team on Friday, September 15. If you would like to help, please let Walter Jacobs know.

### **Redeemer WELCA News for September**



WELCA will not have its regularly scheduled September meeting. Instead, WELCA members will be attending the WELCA Heartland Conference Fall Meeting at Mt. Tabor in Little Mountain on Sunday, September 10th, at 3:00 PM.

Throughout the month of September, Redeemer's WELCA group will be collecting toiletry items and more for GAAP. These are items that are needed and run out very quickly each Saturday at GAAP. Items can include (but are not limited to) soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet paper, tissue paper, bandages, razors, women's care products, diapers, full size toothbrushes and toothpaste, and much more! Please place items in the bin in the narthex or drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

Grace and peace to each of y'all! I feel like each day and every month goes by faster and faster the older I get... sometimes it is great... other times... well, it isn't quite as fun. So, with that in mind, I cannot believe that it is September!

With September we get into a 'higher gear' when it comes to church programming and events! Youth Group has started back up, Confirmation classes begin on the 10th, the Choir is back in full swing, we've got Beer & Hymns coming up on the 7th, a New(ish) Member Celebration Dinner on the 15th, and our 170th Homecoming on the 17th! This of course doesn't even include the fact that Newberry College Football (and all those other schools) begin their season this month, MLB heads into its final full month of games, and of course there are so many more things popping up within our area that are fun and exciting!

As we head into the (still blistering hot) season of fall, new things are beginning and with that we get to look back on who God has made us to be and how God has been with us each and every day throughout history. One of my very favorite things that we have been able to participate in these last few years is the "Narrative Lectionary." This lectionary series helps place us in God's story from the beginning, through the stories of the Old Testament (prophets, judges, and more), leading into the great story of Jesus our Christ, into the time after Jesus' ascension, and how we are still placed in that story and an integral part of that story!

This year, our lectionary will begin with the Garden of Eden, move through the prophets and kings, connect us to the story of Jesus as told through the Gospel of Mark, and then hopes and promise of God's presence after Jesus' ascension.

What I love most about the Narrative Lectionary is that we get to hear stories we might not be quite familiar with but, are still pivotal stories to our faith. We also get to hear and read more of those stories each Sunday. It truly is a wonderful way to read and learn through the story of our faith, even if it does mean that Sunday lunches with our friends from other churches will have heard a different story from our faith than we did. That just means we have even more to talk about and share in our time with others!

September always brings the 'busyness' of life in the church. It is good and wonderful that we can take a moment to sit back and see how we are a part of this incredible story of God's love, promise, hope, and salvation that has been with us from the very beginning. Not only that we have been part of that story, but that story of God continues through us every day!

Love y'all, mean it!

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

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Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
July 30	24	68	72	140
August 6	32	71	74	145
August 13	26	66	93	159
August 20	21	74	90	164
August 27	35	88	82	170
Average				

## AUGUST

### Offerings:

July 30 - \$3,178.95

August 06 - \$2,152.25

August 13 - \$6,764.40

August 20 - \$5,545.25

August 27 - \$1,982.23



**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](http://www.redeemernewberry.org/give)

**OMISSION FROM JULY NEWSLETTER:** Thank you all for the cards, phone calls, texts, food and especially your prayers during my recent surgery. We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family. Thanks also to Pastor Matt for his visit after I came home from the hospital. God bless you all! *Eve Kneece*

### CHORAL SCHOLARS

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer started a choral scholarship program around 2014. Since the beginning of this program, Redeemer has enjoyed the talents of 25 Newberry College students. This program enables us to add to the music education of college students at the same time benefits the music ministry at Redeemer. The scholarships are funded totally through donations.

The following note was received from Nathan Lee's parents. Nathan was a Choral Scholar from 2016 through 2020.

*Hey Mrs. Gayle,*

*We wanted to share our exciting news about our Nathan's wedding. It was just lovely. Also wanted to thank you, Huger and the choir for being such an awesome support for him during his time there with the Choral Scholars. I've included a donation for the church to use to help continue that ministry. Not many can say their college age kids were active in church all 4 years of college. We're grateful for your and Redeemer's encouragement and love which brought Nathan a step closer to who he is today – mentoring through Young Life and his community at Genesis! Take Care! Lisa and John Lee*

Donations are needed to continue this program. If you would like to support the scholars, please mark your envelope Choral Scholar Fund.

**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. 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

**November 14 and 16**

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



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!

**The Handbell and Senior Choirs** rehearse on Wednesday evenings. The Handbell Choir rehearses at 6:30 pm and the Senior Choir rehearses at 7:30 pm. Both groups always welcome new members to come and join in the music ministry of Redeemer!

**The Church Council** would like to recognize and thank the family of Gloria Nelson for the gift in their mother's memory. They have established a perpetual altar flower fund whereby the worship committee will place flowers yearly on or near their mother's birthday. Council appreciates this gift and could foresee how other families may want to utilize a similar arrangement in the memorial planning.

# TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2023

Summary Treasurer's report for Jul 2023

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>		\$27,408.00
For Jul - Income:	\$	19,472.12
For Jul - General expenses:	\$	<u>23,006.43</u>
For Jul - Income is less than expenses by:	\$	(3,534.31)
2023 YTD Income:	\$	157,628.05
2023 YTD General Expenses:	\$	<u>162,105.79</u>
2023 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$	(4,477.74)

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

## Altar Flowers

- September 3 - Ben Bowers
- September 10 - Angela Reid
- September 17 - Ernie Shealy
- September 24 - Vickie Wiseman

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

## Wedding Anniversaries

- September 8 - Bobby & Debra Willingham
- September 11 - Michael & Denise Reid
- September 15 - Todd & Harriett Guy
- September 18 - Steve & Tonya Sligh

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



**Let's eat and celebrate!** Over the last few years, we have welcomed in a number of new members here at Redeemer, so on September 15 beginning at 6:30 pm, we will host a drop-in dinner to meet with one another, have great food, and share in wonderful stories! Please join us for this fun and faith-filled event!

Our meal will be a Low Country Boil cooked by Mack Garner (who with his family, joined the church in 2019). Let us eat, drink, and be merry as we celebrate this journey in faith together in the life that God has gifted each of us!

It will be very helpful if you would also RSVP for this event (so Mack has a rough number on how much food to prepare). Thank you!



### Prayer Concerns

**Redeemer Members:** Georgette Livingston, Dean Mayer, Debbie Metts, Lloyd Layman, Carolyn Cromer, Mary Lou Weir, Cindy Mills, Ann Stone.

**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; 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 September 16th!

## *Happy Birthday!*



9/1	Susan Bowers	9/9	Stacy Tyson	9/21	Cullen Binnicker
9/2	Tim Owen	9/9	Amelia Long	9/24	Judy Hill
9/2	Jamie Adams	9/9	Foster Bruce	9/24	Kathryne Wiseman
9/2	Kadyn Miller	9/11	Bryan Derrick	9/25	Doug Riggin
9/3	Von Dennis	9/12	Preslea Coleman	9/26	Susan Hayes
9/4	Heidi Cole	9/13	Sullivan Flynn	9/26	Hugh Smith
9/4	Stevie Sligh Jr.	9/16	Joey Westwood	9/26	Angela Reid
9/5	Catharine Summer	9/16	Evan Connelly	9/29	Mary Lou Weir
9/5	Marty White	9/17	Gaillard Smith	9/29	Brad Joiner
9/5	Carson Moody	9/17	Julianna Smith	9/29	Will Mature
9/6	Bobby Lominack	9/17	Olivia West	9/30	Jimmy Ray Pruitt
9/7	Jerry Haltiwanger	9/18	Christopher Kemper	9/30	Jennifer Nguyen
9/7	Cameron Doolittle	9/18	Ashleigh Titus		
9/8	B. L. Brown Jr.	9/20	Patty Davis		
9/8	Brantlee Coward	9/21	Lynn Cary		

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS  
JULY 17, 2023

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6:30 Devotions

Business Meeting 7:00 PM

Welcome

Members Present – Huger Caughman, Kristin Caughman, Dr. John Green, Nikki Chapman, Chelsea Ellisor, Annette Belcher, Ben Bowers

Members Absent – Pastor Matt Titus, Faith Felix, Mary Alex Kopp, Kathy Riggan, Chad Cary

Celebrations/Prayer Requests – Prayer request for Reverend Henry Bishops who lost his wife Carolyn this past week. Celebrations – Mary Alex and Robbie Kopp’s new baby boy Cal, Juliette Nyguen and the birth of her new baby, Ben Bower’s new job as the Fire Marshall of Newberry County. Pastor Matt Titus and family for safe travels back from vacation.

Reports

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery – Provided the Super Roof Group team a breakdown regarding Endowment committee and funds. Provided the finance committee an endowment finance report.

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Dr. John Green – June income is more than expenses by \$4,785.22. 2023 YTD income is less than expenses by \$943.43

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr. – Property committee has decided that they are only going to get the one leak fixed above the Sanctuary and have the company look at the roof to see what the rest of the roof look likes regarding its condition.. Roofing companies coming this week to give us a bid. Will get a price to see how much it would cost to fix the lighting on the steeple. Property Committee to look into sound system to have sound in the choir.

Stewardship Committee— Ben Bowers – Abundance - Creating a Culture of Generosity is the stewardship book used to move forward the upcoming Stewardship campaign and ways to help further develop the church. Pastor Matt, Nikki and Ben had a zoom meeting with the author of the book Pastor Michael Ward regarding the stewardship campaign.

Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp – Gayle Lindley retiring effectively July 31<sup>st</sup>. Recommendation be made by the Worship and Music committee that Huger Caughman Jr be made the Music Director in addition to his duties as organist. It is the recommendation of the Worship and Music committee that we seek a choral person to assume the position of Children’s choir, Jr Choir director and senior choir director. It is the recommendation of the worship and music committee that the handbell choir director become a separate position from any choral director jobs but can be the same person if the choral person is interested and qualified to direct the handbell choir. It is the recommendation of the worship and music committee that the salaries for each of the said positions be evaluated and updated. Council agrees to have Huger Caughman Jr be named the Music Director as of August 1<sup>st</sup> – all in favor – unanimous. Job will be posted for the choral director and that Annette will work with the Worship and Music committee in finding a choral director. In conjunction with staffing, worship and music committee will review resumes and make a staffing decision for choral director recommendation.

Youth – Faith Felix Liaison – Budget for Youth Committee to \$3998.24 – to bring forward to youth committee to see what is in the plan for spending money

President – Nikki Chapman – Requested a list from Donna of all new members since 2019 to reach out to about being a new member of the church. List of members from before COVID to current active members to see who is still active/inactive.

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor – no June meeting

Old Business

No meeting was held in June related to not enough members present to form a quorum

Roof Information – see Property report

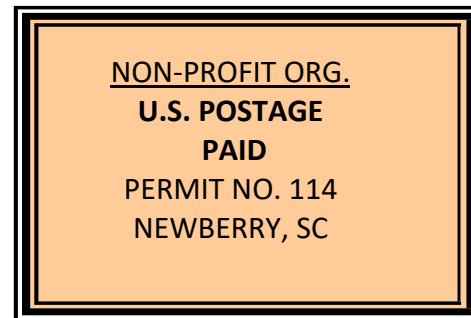
Audit committee – Books to be audited by Colony Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer to audit Colony Lutheran Church’s books.

New Business

Staff Discussions – Gayle retiring July 31<sup>st</sup>. Adjournment – Motion made for adjournment by Ben Bowers. Seconded by Huger Caughman Sr. All in favor

Next Meeting will be August 21, 2023 in the Church Youth Hall or via Zoom

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