

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader

November 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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Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for November

The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Robert Kneece is the head chef.

The Heartland Conference Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 pm at St. Philip Lutheran Church. (This is ladies night.) The menu is country fried cubed pork, rice and gravy, butter peas, macaroni and cheese, corn, rolls, beverage, and dessert.

The cost is \$15 per person. RSVP to Walter Jacobs or Huger Caughman, Jr. by Sunday, November 12 if you plan to attend.



Redeemer WELCA News for November

WELCA will meet on Sunday, November 5th, at 3:45 PM, in the church library for its business meeting. We will be finalizing our plans for our new program for the 2024 year. Please be ready to discuss the possibility of using one of Shannon Bream's books. If you have any other ideas for programs, be willing to share them at our meeting. Our program will begin at 4:00. We look forward to having Erin Titus share some of her

favorite hymns with us. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Thank you so much for answering WELCA's call for assistance with items for GAPP. Your response was overwhelming. We take for granted items like bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish detergent, and other items like this. But there are many who come to GAPP that don't have these things. But with what you sent, you made a difference in many lives.

Once again, WELCA "Thanks you" for doing God's work by answering His call to help those in need.



Grace and peace to each of you this month of November!

I for one and incredibly excited for what is to come at Redeemer. There truly is a bright and faithful future in store for us here in this place...

On November 12th we have our annual meeting where we vote on those who are willing and able to serve on our church council, the nominating team, and the endowment team. We will also vote on our 2024 church budget. It really is a great day in the 'business' of the church that we get to look to the future to where God is guiding us. With opportunities to strengthen and grow our music & youth ministries and bring needed upkeep to our facilities, it is a good time to be thankful for what we have and for what God continues to do in this place.

Thank ALL OF YOU for all that you do to help participate in the work of God at Redeemer. Thank you!

November – for me – will also bring new challenges and I ask for your prayers. Towards the end of October, it was discovered that one of the religion professors at Newberry College – Dr. Mike Beggs – was not doing well health wise and needed to step away from his teaching responsibilities. I was asked if I would be willing to teach one of his Religion 110 classes for the rest of the semester, which I agreed. This is new territory for me, so I covet your prayers. Not just for me, but for the students who get(?) to hear me talk about scripture for this month.

In all, during November, as we barrel ever so quickly towards the end of the year, we offer up ways in which we are thankful for what God has given us and what life has offered up to us this past year. I am thankful for so many things... much of that thankfulness revolves around the work here at Redeemer (and the Texas Rangers 2023 season...). Thank you, truly, from the bottom of my heart for all that each of you do.

Be well, have fun, and remember always that God is with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a faint diamond-shaped border. The signature appears to read "Pastor Mike" with a stylized initial "M" and "a" below it.

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
October 1	27	69	72	141
October 8	20	85	67	152
October 15	23	110	75	185
October 22	22	93	97	190
Average				

October Offerings: October 01 - \$7,446.25
 October 08 - \$3,522.71
 October 15 - \$13,708.41
 October 22 - \$5,694.26



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's Annual Musical Showcase and Banquet will be on Sunday, November 12 at 6:00 pm. The meal will be baked ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, potato salad, mixed berry cobbler with ice cream, and a beverage. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students ages 13 and up, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and under 5 is free. We will also have a bake sale. All proceeds will benefit the music ministry of Redeemer. Tickets are available in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday morning.

The musical showcase will begin at 7:00 pm in the church. All are welcome!

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 Deryll Satterwhite or Gayle Lindley.

The Prayer & Care Card Class meets on Monday afternoons from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Fesperman Classroom (Room 212) upstairs in the Educational Building. They meet every Monday afternoon unless the Church Office 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 cart 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.



Music Notes

If you would like to contribute to the Music Ministry or Choral Scholar program, please make sure to mark those donations on your contribution envelope or contact the church office. If you are interested in joining the Handbell Choir or Senior Choir, please contact Gayle or Huger.

Do you play a brass instrument? Are you interested in participating in a brass ensemble at Redeemer? If so, please contact Huger for more information.



Operation Christmas Child - The boxes for Operation Christmas Child are in the narthex. They may be returned to the library November 13-17. Please contact Jane Moose for additional information.

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TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

Summary Treasurer's report for Sep 2023

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

For Sep - Income: \$ 17,606.19

For Sep - General expenses: \$ 25,403.09

For Sep - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (7,796.90)

2023 YTD Income: \$ 192,098.70

2023 YTD General Expenses: \$ 213,993.86

2023 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ (21,895.16)

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

Altar Flowers

November 5 - Ben Bowers

November 12 - Polly & Lee Davis

November 19 - Martha Dominick

November 26 - Gloria Nelson Family

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

Wedding Anniversaries

November 14 - Johnny & Kathy Lindsay

November 15 - Townsend & Susan Wessinger

November 20 - Steve & Leslie Sligh

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



We surround our prayers of thankfulness and love with Anna and Corbett Miller as they welcomed Beckett Andrew Miller on October 19. Anna and Beckett are doing well. Please pray for the Miller family (including Clyde, Lendy, and Hogan) as they adjust to life as a family of six.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of James "Jim" Conley, brother of June Seymour on his death on October 3.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Elizabeth Livingston Boozer on her death on October 22, 2023.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of James Renwick, brother of Stan Renwick on his death on October 16.



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Georgette Livingston, Debra 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; Reese Burdette, great-niece of Ernie Shealy; Danny Burden, friend of Jessica Draeger; Tom Phair, friend of June Seymour; Jackie Perry, friend of Ann Stone; Terri McMurtury, niece of Debra Metts, Mia Stabile and family, great-niece and family of Ann Jacobs, Walter Jacobs, and Susan Jacobs Thomasson; Kerry Frick, friend of Ann Stone and Deedee Westwood; Dean Wise, friend of the Caughman family; Stan Lathren.

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 10:00 am to 12:00 pm each Saturday at O'Neal Street UMC. GAAP is a free clothing and food pantry which also provides a meal (beginning at 11:00 am). Please contact Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.

The Community at Redeemer gathers to help at GAAP on November 18.

Happy Birthday!



11/1	Alexis Lockyer	11/16	Robbie Kopp	11/29	Billy Davis
11/4	Levi Richardson	11/18	Ernie Shealy Jr.	11/30	Belle Wheeler
11/5	Juliette Nguyen	11/18	Morgan Harshaw		
11/6	Mark Senn	11/20	Betty Cummings		
11/7	Lee Ringer	11/20	Anne Epting		
11/7	Claire Grosshuesch	11/21	Jane Doolittle		
11/8	Cindy Mills	11/21	Jamie Newell		
11/8	Mary Beth Pease	11/22	Lib Rodelsperger		
11/8	Jordan Cary	11/22	Kelly Loignon		
11/9	Ann Jacobs	11/25	Patsy Pruitt		
11/9	Sheryl Fincher	11/25	Vanessa Harshaw		
11/10	Karen Krouse	11/26	Peggy Richardson		
11/10	Misty Cooper	11/26	Beth Lominack		
11/13	Mary Linda Hill	11/27	Anne Caughman		
11/16	Lauren Flynn	11/28	Britany Alexander		

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

5:45 Devotions

Business Meeting 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Welcome

Members Present – Pastor Matt Titus, Nikki Chapman, Chelsea Ellisor, Annette Belcher, Kristin Caughman, Dr. John Green, Huger Caughman, Mary Alex Kopp, Ben Bowers
Members present on Zoom – Arlo Hill, Faith Felix, Chad Cary, Kathy Riggan

Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matt – John Whiteside’s funeral. Upcoming funeral of Dean Mayer this coming Wednesday. Member contact/visits – 65 with non-member contacts – 100.

1853 Committee – Chad Cary – Successful homecoming and working on Directory stuff.

Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, Faith Formation – Arlo Hill, – no report

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery – Been able to share over 40 grants equaling over \$340,000. Balance in the Endowment fund remains over \$3 million. 8.3% growth over the past 5 years from the original balance to where we are now.

Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggan – Took food to Whiteside and helped with food for Sunday after Homecoming service. Will assist the family of Mayers.

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Dr. John Green – Worked through projected budgets for the new year. For the month of August, we were in the negative for \$9620.52.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr. – Roof & Steeple lighting – conference call with the roofer & electrician. Steeple lighting will cost around \$13,000 – Need council approval – Motion brought forward from committee and council approved to use \$13,000ish to repair the lights on the steeple. Life Expectancy list for major appliances is still being worked on. Leak in boiler room – Working on this. Water heater in the boiler room appears to be leaking and will be checked and repair/replace. Windows/siding on FLC – waiting on numbers from Newberry Glass for replacement windows. After windows are replaced, we will look into siding repair/replacement. Signage – This has been done. Drain in the flat roof possibly clogged that will need to be looked at.

Stewardship Committee— Ben Bowers – New member celebration was successful with a Thrivent donation of \$250 plus generous donations from members. 23 testimonials received during the New Member Celebration regarding what do you love about the church/what drew you to the church, etc.

Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp - After reviewing applications and having interviews for choir director, the committee has submitted a recommendation for Nicholas Shumate to council. Currently the choral director at Chapin High School, previous experience at different ministries in the area, and strong ties to Newberry College. He has a master’s degree in choral conducting. Starting salary request \$25,000 which falls under current rate for choir directors. Motion made that no decision be made at this council meeting and this will be discussed at top priority next council meeting. Motion made by Ben Bowers, seconded by Kathy Riggan – All in favor. Temple talk will be given to the congregation by Nikki Chapman and Huger Caughman Jr this Sunday.

Youth – Faith Felix Liaison – Aubrey and Pastor Matt are talking about joining with Central UMC and Summer Memorial for monthly Youth group beginning October 1 at Central UMC. Lutheran Youth Day was Saturday at Newberry College. Youth Hall updates continue.

Staff – Annette Belcher – We have met with all the Staff and sent our request to Finance. Continue to discuss finding replacement for Woody who plans to stay on until 2026.

President – Nikki Chapman – Thank you notes have been sent out to the congregation thanking them for their help. Have also been assisting with Youth Hall repairs.

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor – Approved.

Executive Session

Next Council Meeting will be October 16th in the Church Library/Zoom

Adjournment – Motion made by Ben Bowers and seconded by Annette Belcher. All in favor.

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