

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader

January 2024

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 January



Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. BL Brown is the head chef. During the meeting, we will be planning our calendar for 2024. All men and boys are invited to attend.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Redeemer WELCA News for January



HAPPY NEW YEAR from WELCA.!

WELCA will meet on Sunday, January 7th, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, we will begin our new book study Love Stories of the Bible. Please try to read the introduction and Chapter 1. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Ready for more in 2024!

Newberry Faith

Interchurch Youth Group

Sunday, January 7th
Central United
Methodist Church,
1005 College St.,
Newberry

Sunday, February 4th
Summer Memorial
Lutheran Church,
1609 Milligan St.,
Newberry

Sunday, March 3rd
Lutheran Church of
the Redeemer,
1515 Boundary St.,
Newberry

All events are from 5:00
p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Open to all youth grades
6-12

Grace and peace to each of you as we enter into a new year!

January always brings a time of thoughtful pondering and celebrating – and not just because my birthday is at the end of the month. No, we ponder about what has been and what the future might hold. We celebrate the triumphs of the past year while recognizing those moments that were not so great.

A new year allows us an opportunity to think and envision. Not only for ourselves but for our communities and our church family as well.

There were so many places where we, as the community of Redeemer, have thrived this past year. We welcomed new members, we celebrated baptisms, we gave of our time and more to ministries throughout the year. We gathered for worship, we sang, and we shared the gospel with all. We took risks and have leaned into the trust and hope of God that shines through the work we get to participate in.

As we venture into this new year, where are those additional ways that God calls us to expand who we are and how we live faithfully in the world? As we ponder that new vision, there will – undoubtedly – be moments where that expansion stretches our understanding of what it means to be faithful and loving. That's a good thing. There will be moments when we jump enthusiastically into the work of God in our midst, and there will be times when we are a bit more hesitant and anxious in the faithful work. And that's OK.

And yet, no matter what this year brings, no matter how we live into the opportunities that we are presented, God is right there with us. Pointing us, directing us, sometimes dragging us, into the places where love and service are to be made known. I look forward to those moments. I am anxiously excited about where our Lord and Savior continue to show up and invite us to love and care for all. I cannot wait to step into those moments with you in 2024.

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

God's peace and love – always and forever – be with us all. Amen!

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
December 3	21	109	92	201
December 10	26	91	100	191
December 17	20	123	67	190
December 24	20	96	81	177
December 24 pm		107	162 (5:00 pm)	269

ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE



Beginning on December 3 and throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we will have our Good Gifts Tree where you can purchase needed items for people and communities in need from around the world.

December Offerings: December 03 - \$5,906.99
 December 10 - \$4,313.64
 December 17 - \$5,301.98
 December 24 - \$7,567.48

There are times that Pastor Matt and Donna both have to be away from the office at the same time. So as not to leave the office unattended, we are asking for volunteers that will answer the phone and take messages during these times. If you are available and can help out, please let Donna know.

Congratulations to new council members. Officers for 2024 are as follows:

- President - Ben Bowers
- Vice President - Annette Belcher
- Secretary - Gretchen Haskett
- Treasurer - John Green

Beth Hipp and David Wiseman were elected to Endowment Committee.

Flower Chart - The 2024 Flower Chart is in the Narthex. Members and friends are encouraged to sign up for a Sunday. You may sign up on the chart or contact the church office to reserve a particular date.

HELP NEEDED! Help is needed with the audio/visual operations. If you are able to assist with this, please contact the church office or Annette Belcher.

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:
January 20, 2024

Music Notes



Nicholas Shumate began his role as choir director on Wednesday, November 29. Nicholas is a graduate of Limestone College (BA in Music Education with a concentration in Choral/Vocal music education) and Winthrop University (MMus in Choral Conducting). Nicholas is the choral director at Chapin High School.

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 Nicholas 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.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

Summary Treasurer's report for Nov 2023

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

For Nov - Income: \$ 24,113.29

For Nov - General expenses: \$ 30,717.01

For Nov - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (6,603.72)

2023 YTD Income: \$ 248,556.93

2023 YTD General Expenses: \$ 268,823.29

2023 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ (20,266.36)

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

Altar Flowers

January 7 - AVAILABLE

January 14 - Mike & Denise Reid

January 21 - AVAILABLE

January 28 - Anna Marie Nicosia

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

Wedding Anniversaries

January 24 - Rey & June Lominack

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



Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Walter Cousins, husband of Bootsie Cousins and father of Beth Hipp.



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 McMurtry, 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).

Redeemer has been helping GAAP quite a bit on the THIRD Saturday of each month, you are all welcome to come volunteer every Saturday, but especially SATURDAY, January 20, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.

Happy Birthday!



Ledare Livingston	1/2	Nikki Chapman	1/17
Marty Cousins	1/6	Tammy Wilson	1/21
Virginia Summer	1/6	Paul Loignon	1/21
June Seymour	1/7	Margaret Bucher	1/22
Barry Richardson	1/7	Rob Livingston IV	1/23
Lisa Minick	1/7	Ben Chapman	1/23
Dick Webber	1/12	Matthew Titus	1/24
Brenda Smith	1/12	Leslie Sligh	1/27
Mahala Melton	1/12	Dawn Stone	1/27
Matthew Cole	1/13	Benjie Chapman	1/29
Cherrie Longshore	1/14	Drew Senn	1/30
Slade Richardson	1/14	Marie Whatley	1/31

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

5:45 Devotions

Business Meeting 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Welcome

Members Present – Pastor Matt Titus, Chelsea Ellisor, Annette Belcher, Chad Cary, Kathy Riggin, Huger Caughman

Members present on Zoom – Nikki Chapman, Mary Alex Kopp, Arlo Hill, Ben Bowers, Kristin Caughman

Absent - Faith Felix, Dr. John Green

Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matt – 1 Baptism for Cal Kopp. 1 funeral for Elizabeth Boozer. Pastor Matt will be teaching next semester with the surprising death of Dr. Mike Beggs

1853 Committee – Chad Cary; Faith Formation, Arlo Hill; Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery; Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor; Annette Belcher – No report

Family and Social Fellowship – Kathy Riggin – planning an upcoming fellowship event in January along with the commitment Sunday in February.

Finance Committee/Treasurer – Dr. John Green – Month of October was more than expenses by \$8,232.52. Year to date income is less than expense by \$13,662.64

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr. – Lights are on order for the steeple.

Stewardship Committee— Ben Bowers – Working on the kickoff for the Stewardship program .

Worship and Music – Mary Alex Kopp - Decorating the church for Christmas on Dec 2nd at 10AM. Nicholas Shumate’s first Sunday will be December 3rd and first choir practice will be this coming Wednesday. Christmas Eve service at 5pm.

Youth – Faith Felix Liaison – – Multi-youth church event on December 3rd at Redeemer from 5-6:30.

President – Nikki Chapman – Nicholas Shumate has been hired with start date December 3rd. Able to approve the annual budget at the annual meeting.

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Chelsea Ellisor – Approved.

Old Business

Roof Information – no new information at this time.

New Business:

A. Gayle’s last Sunday as choir director is November 26th.

B. Breaking down sections from the constitution

Executive Session

Adjournment –

Next Council Meeting will be December 18th in the Church Library/Zoom

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
January 18, 2024. Please send submissions to
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