

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader

## February 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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### Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for February



Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission will be providing pancakes and sausage for Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday, February 13. At 6:00 pm, we will gather in the Courtyard to burn the palms for Ash Wednesday. The meal will follow. After the meal, members and friends are invited to share a talent with the group. All members and friends are invited to attend.

The Heartland Conference Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Thursday, February 15 at Grace Lutheran in Prosperity at 7:00 pm. The meal will be catered by Bill and Fran's (eggs, sausage, bacon, grits, biscuits, gravy, fruit, coffee, tea, and water) and costs \$13.50. The program will be presented by Tom Counts, President of SC Lutheran Men in Mission. Please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by Sunday, February 11 if you plan to attend.

The SC Lutheran Men in Mission will host their annual convention on Saturday, February 17 at St. James, Leesville. Registration begins at 9:30 am and the Convention begins at 10:00 am. If you would like to attend, you may register online through [sclmm.org](http://sclmm.org).

### Redeemer WELCA News for February



WELCA will meet on Sunday, February 4th, in the church library at 3:45 PM for its business meeting.. During that time we will be finalizing plans for BOLD Women's Sunday which will be on Sunday, February 25th. At 4:00, we will be reading about Samson and Delilah in our The Love Stories of the Bible Speak. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Yes, it's time for BOLD Women's Sunday. It's always the last Sunday in February. The women look forward to participating in the service.

Just a note to say "Thank You" to the congregation for your support of WELCA during 2023. You are always there for us, and we are truly grateful.

May 2024 be a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year for us all. And may we find peace in the world.

Grace and peace to you from God our creator! God is good! So good, all the time!

As we enter into this slightly longer, shortest month of the year, we realize that even though February doesn't have a lot of days in it compared to the other months (even in a leap year), it is still packed with ministry opportunities and faithful life!

Commitment Sunday. Shrove Tuesday. Ash Wednesday. Bold Women's Sunday.

All are big and faithful moments for us this month.

That doesn't include the opportunities for Youth, Choir, GAAP, and more that take place every month. Then, we also get to be a place where people in the community get to have fun, find space and comfort, and be welcomed through multiple groups who use our facilities to host their meetings and events.

Redeemer truly is a place where God is at work, and I'm thankful for every one of you as we enter into this second month of the year.

We get to begin the season of Lent (February 14th for Ash Wednesday). We get to continue reading through the Gospel of Mark during worship. We get to gather during this season of prayer and contemplation of God's work in our lives and the world together. Pitchers and Catchers report this month as the Texas Rangers begin the defense of their 2023 World Series Championship!

There is a lot that goes on in this short month.

Through it all, through the highs and lows, through the rapid and dull, through all the moments in-between, God is with us. Jesus is walking with us. The Holy Spirit is guiding us.

Friends... take a deep breath. God is here. God is with us. God sends us out to proclaim love, welcome, mercy, and forgiveness to all. Really.

Let's jump into this busy and faithful time of the year with God's love in our hearts and Jesus' desire to point us to the kingdom of heaven in our midst.

Thank y'all for being y'all. It truly is a pleasure and an honor to journey in this faith with you!



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
January 7	23	105	90	195
January 14	28	98	94	192
January 21	29	72	152	224
January 28	23	115	85	200
Total				

## ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE



January Offerings:    January 07 - \$5,048.84  
                                   January 14 - \$15,759.75  
                                   January 21 - \$4,997.25  
                                   January 28 - \$4,231.97

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.

**COMMITTEES** - On Tuesday, February 6th, beginning at 6 pm, we will host a committee night at Redeemer. Have you felt a call or a push from the Holy Spirit to be more involved at Redeemer? Come check out the many committees that all do faithful and fulfilling work at Redeemer! Perhaps you just don't want to cook on a Tuesday night? Either way, a light meal will be provided, and God's will continue to be done in this place!

**Calling all Singers and Handbell Players.** If you have an interest in joining either the Senior Choir or Handbell Choir, please contact Nicholas Shumate, Senior Choir & Handbell Director, for more details. This is a great time to come and check out what we are all about!

Nicholas Shumate-(803) 448-7361 or [nshumate@redeemernewberry.org](mailto:nshumate@redeemernewberry.org)

Handbell Choir-Wednesdays 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Senior Choir-Wednesdays 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

**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.

**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; dates will be announced soon.



I wish to thank the congregation for the wonderful celebration of my retirement as music director. All of the gifts, good wishes, Love Offering and expressions of love made me feel really appreciated meant so much to me. I have enjoyed my time as director and now I look forward to being a regular member of the music groups at Redeemer. Thank you again for all of your support.

*Gayle Lindley*



*Commitment Sunday  
February 11, 2024*

*Let us join in melody of God's ministry at  
The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer*

## TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2023

Summary Treasurer's report for Dec 2023

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

For Dec - Income:	\$ 36,677.01
For Dec - General expenses:	\$ 42,463.74
For Dec - Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (5,786.73)

2023 YTD Income:	\$ 285,233.94
2023 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 311,287.03
2023 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (26,053.09)

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

### Altar Flowers

February 4 - Nikki Chapman  
February 11 - Caughman  
February 18 - LENT  
February 25 - LENT

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

### Wedding Anniversaries

February 9 - Ray & Misty Cooper  
February 14 - Billy & Patty Davis  
February 21 - Rob & Becky Livingston  
February 26 - Austin & Kristian Longshore

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

**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)**



Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Nikki Chapman upon the death of her grandmother, Beatrice Riddle.





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

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5:45 Devotions

Business Meeting 6:00 PM

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**Celebrations/Prayer Requests** – Prayer request for Carol Gilson as she was hit by a car yesterday. She is fine and was not significantly hurt. Justin Felix recovering from ACL surgery.

**Call to Order**

Welcome

Members Present- Nikki Chapman, Chelsea Ellisor, Pastor Matt Titus, Annette Belcher, Dr. John Green,

Mary Alex Kopp, Kristin Caughman, Huger Caughman, Faith Felix, Ben Bowers, Kathy Riggan,

New members present: Walter Jacobs, Jerry Haltiwanger, Gretchen Haskett, Denise Reid

Members present on Zoom: Arlo Hill

Members Absent: Chad Cary

**Reports**

**Pastor** – Pastor Matt – instillation of new council members and Nicholas Shumate as Choir director. Gayle Lindley's completion of ministry as choir director.

**1853 Committee** – Chad Cary – no report

**Community Compassion** – Chelsea Ellisor; **Faith Formation** – Arlo Hill; **Youth** – Faith Felix Liaison; **Staff** – Annette Belcher; **President** – Nikki Chapman – no report

**Endowment Committee** – Bob Montgomery – Update provided by Bob Montgomery regarding the Endowment committee. 2023 – 13 grants provided with a total of \$82,000 gifted.

**Family and Social Fellowship** – Kathy Riggan – Feb. 11 will be stewardship luncheon after church. Meal to be catered.

**Finance Committee/Treasurer** – Dr. John Green – In the negative for the month of November by \$6,603.72. Yearly income in the negative by \$20,266.36.

**Property Committee** – Huger Caughman, Sr. – Installation of the new steeple lights to be installed this Thursday. Mailed termination letter to Reynolds cleaning company effective January 20<sup>th</sup> as their pricing was increasing and not providing appropriate services.

**Stewardship Committee** – Ben Bowers – no meeting this past month but offering envelopes will be sent out via mail starting next week

**Worship and Music** – Mary Alex Kopp – No meeting this past month. Nicholas Schumate has started his position. Christmas Eve service to start at 5pm.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Chelsea Ellisor. Minutes approved by Huger Caughman. Seconded by Dr. John Green. All in favor.

**Old Business**

Roof Information – no new information at this time

**New Business**

Vote in new Council member committee liaisons

1. Community Compassion - Denise Reid
2. Worship and Music – Kristin Caughman

Faith Formation – Walter Jacobs

Vote in new Officers for executive positions – all members in the executive positions approved by Council

1. President: Ben Bowers
2. Vice President: Annette Belcher
3. Secretary: Gretchen Haskett

Treasurer: Dr. John Green

Select date & Time for Council meetings for 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:45pm starting with devotions

Breaking down sections from the Constitution

Executive Session – Motion made to go into executive session by Huger Caughman, seconded by Annette Belcher. Motion made to go out of executive session by Faith Felix and seconded by Dr. John Green.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment with the Lords Prayer

Next Council Meeting in the library or via Zoom on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:45PM

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is  
February 22, 2024. Please send submissions to  
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