

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader

April 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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Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday
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Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for April

Redeemer LMM will meet in the Family Life Center on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm. Walter Jacobs is the head chef.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!



Redeemer WELCA News for April

WELCA will meet on Sunday, April 7th, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, we will be discussing the story of Joseph and Mary in our Love Stories of the Bible. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

As you know, each year there are several action team projects for WELCA units to sponsor prior to the convention. Each unit can focus on one, or you can choose to focus on all of them. At our meeting in March, we decided to help build a SHE SHED for the ladies in Tanzania through donations. More information will follow concerning this in a TEMPLE TALK. Stay tuned.

Grace and peace to each of you as we enter the month of April! It has been a long – but good – season of Lent and celebration of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. What joy it was to walk with y'all as we learned about saints within our church each Sunday during Lent and then to sing some familiar and new hymns of our faith. It was good to share those moments with you. Moments shared around good conversation and delicious food! Hearing of the Wesley brothers, Harriet Tubman, Oscar Romero, Joseph, and more was wonderful. I look forward to more opportunities to learn and grow with you as the year continues.

As I look forward to the Summer, I hope to offer and present at least part of the Bible class I've been teaching at Newberry College. I'm still finalizing how to approach that, but it will likely be a class about the Old Testament—taught in a college setting—for us at Redeemer. Once a week, we will walk through the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings of our earliest scriptures. Stay tuned for more info to come on that!

As we enter this Easter season, we of course look to the new opportunities that God has given us. We celebrated and remembered Jesus' sacrifice and death upon the cross, and the empty tomb that followed. Spring always brings that new life that God invites us into as we see plants and flowers showing their greenery and budding blossoms.

We at Redeemer are also looking towards those new things that are in store for us during this time. God, indeed, has been and continues to be present with us through so many things in the life and operation of the church. For the past eight years, we have been blessed to have been served by Donna Price as our Church Secretary. She has helped craft bulletins, answered phone calls, and been that first warm voice and face that has greeted those who have reached out to Redeemer. Sadly, Donna is retiring this month and ends her ministry here at Redeemer. In the coming weeks, we will celebrate her faithful ministry at Redeemer. I have truly been blessed as your pastor to have Donna working by my side and the side of the church these almost nine years.

But, with every ending comes new beginnings. You'll see in the calendar that we were expecting a new Office Assistant to start this month, unfortunately, as she and her family made some faithful and prayerful decisions, she will not be joining our staff at Redeemer as she purses a work opportunity that allows her to work from home and take care of their 10-week-old daughter. While we are understandably saddened by this, we look forward to where God is at work and where we will be led to the person who will build upon the work and ministry that Donna has done for almost nine years. Continue to keep this search process in your prayers.

As we move through this Easter season, may you take each moment that God offers you to give thanks and praise for the gifts that God has given us, as well as the gifts and opportunities to come. Indeed, God has been, is, and will always be at work at Redeemer and Newberry. I give thanks that I get to do this ministry with y'all!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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

| Attendance | Sunday School | Online Views | 10:30 am | Total Worship Attendance | Lenten Service |
|------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| March 3 | 19 | 121 | 85 | 196 | 57 |
| March 10 | 23 | 90 | 72 | 162 | 35 |
| March 17 | 17 | 70 | 81 | 151 | 23 |
| March 24 | 17 | 165 | 111 | 276 | |
| March 31 | 15 | 350 | 25 173 | 548 | |
| Total | 91 | 796 | 547 | 1,333 | 115 |

March Offerings: March 03 - \$5,121.63
 March 10 - \$3,847.15
 March 17 - \$5,630.50
 March 24 - \$3,232.23
 March 31—\$6,746.17

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

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

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

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.



Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Wayne Kneece upon his death on April 4, 2024.

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.



Please accept our apologies for the Reader being late this month. Holy week and the end of the month hit at the same time and caused delays.



We will welcome those new to our community on April 28th. If you are interested in joining with the community at Redeemer please let pm know and which date fits best with you and your family.



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are needed on the following Sundays: June 30; July 7, 21, and 28; September 29; October 13, 20; November 17; and December 8. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex or contact the church office.



A wonderful and heartfelt thank you to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter services happen smoothly and faithfully. An especially heartfelt thanks to our musicians, volunteers, ushers, and behind-the-scenes workers who helped set-up, clean, and breakdown things for each worship service. Thank you so much for all that you do.

TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

Summary Treasurer's report for February 2024

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$28,810.00

For Feb. - Income: \$ 24,895.42

For Feb. - General expenses: \$ 25,631.05

For Feb.- Income is less than expenses by: \$

2024 YTD Income: \$ 55,427.62

2024 YTD General Expenses: \$ 51,729.83

2024 YTD Income is more than expenses by: \$ 3,697.79

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

Altar Flowers

April 7 - Beth Hipp

April 14 - Ernie Shealy

April 21 - Franklin Family

April 28 - Zeb & Angela Reid

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

Wedding Anniversaries

April 5 - Arlo & Judy Hill

April 9 - Marty & Dana Cousins

April 13 - Norris & Michelle Long

*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



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; 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; James Hunter, friend of Jane Moose.

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, April 20, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.

Happy Birthday!



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| 4/3 | Robert Cole | 4/15 | Rachel Manos | 4/22 | Susan Wessinger |
| 4/4 | Carolyn Hammond | 4/17 | Kaitlyn Stone | 4/22 | David Wiseman |
| 4/4 | Dale Smith | 4/18 | Kathy Lindsay | 4/26 | Robert Montgomery |
| 4/5 | Kendyl Griffith | 4/18 | Alexander Cole | 4/26 | Jason Bruce |
| 4/7 | Matthew Mature | 4/18 | Elin Cary | 4/27 | Benji Lindsay III |
| 4/9 | Donna Price | 4/19 | Verna Cavanaugh | 4/27 | Kristie Garner |
| 4/14 | Joey Nicosia | 4/19 | Verna Cavanaugh | 4/28 | Kristy Barnes |
| | | 4/21 | Jamie Weir IV | 4/28 | Ella Coleman |

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
MARCH 18, 2024

5:45 Devotions

Business Meeting 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Welcome

Members Present: Paster Matt Titus, Annette Belcher, Dr. John Green, Ben Bowers, Walter Jacobs, Denise Reid, Huger Caughman Sr., Jerry Haltiwanger, Kristin Caughman and Gretchen Haskett.

Members on Zoom: Faith Felix, Kathy Riggin, and Chad Cary.

Reports

Pastor's Report – Pastor Matt: Need to point out that Newberry College has asked current adjunct pastors to continue through fall 2025.

There were a few questions from the council regarding adjunct position.

Pastor Matt has not confirmed with the college about future semesters.

Positive response to the Stewardship Campaign

Thank you, response letters will go out soon.

Received 35 commitment cards = pledge increase of \$40,000.

No report from Community Compassion – Denise Reid, liaison; Endowment Committee Dr. Elmer Long, chairman; Faith Formation – Walter Jacobs, liaison; Stewardship – Jerry Haltiwanger, liaison; 1853 Committee—Chad Cary, liaison;

Family and Social – Kathy Riggin, liaison: email; have helped with several meals and continue through Lent.

Finance Committee /Treasurer's Report – Dr. John Green, liaison and chairman: – added \$2,400 to general and \$2,000 to maintenance budgets.

The Constitution states to provide a written report of all transactions to the council. This was recently realized, and we want to ensure the council gets the desired material.

Discussion highlighting the council's desire not to have a detailed report of all transactions.

The current report method to the council each month is appropriate.

Note: Change needed to the Constitution. This is a goal for this year's council.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison: emailed report.

Question: Is the roof going to fall in? Was work completed from the last repair?

Still working to fix leaks in the roof. As we fix one area, problems shift to new locations.

Testing tiles, but underlayment still seems to be the significant issue.

Worship and Music – Kristin Caughman, liaison: report emailed.

Youth – Faith Felix, liaison: report emailed and stressed helping Aubrey.

President's Report – Ben Bowers: report emailed.

Minutes from January Meeting- Gretchen Haskett: Will email the council immediately following the meeting. Will make sure to email out before meeting so approval can occur.

Old Business

Committee Night Report

Nice evening with dinner and discussion. Ben has a list of all the individuals serving on each committee. Learned we might need to consolidate how to define and explain committees.

Administrative Assistant Position

The committee has met and is working to finalize details of this position.

Church Cleaning Services Update

Positive start for our new cleaning service

Executive Session

Motion: Huger Caughman Sr. 2nd: Walter Jacobs. Move into Executive Session.

Motion: Huger Caughman Sr. 2nd: Walter Jacobs. Move out of Executive Session.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

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