

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader

**May 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  
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## **Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for May**

Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Huger Caughman, Jr. is the head chef. John Green will present the program.

All men and boys are invited to attend.

**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**



## **Redeemer WELCA News for May**

WELCA will meet on Sunday, May 5th, at 3:45 PM, in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, we will be looking at the story of Esther and Xerxes from our *Love Stories Of The Bible* book. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Please be sure to visit our She Shed display in the narthex. We will be accepting donations until Thursday, June 11th. Thank you!

Grace and peace, my friends!

Wow, the year is surely flying by as we are entering into May.

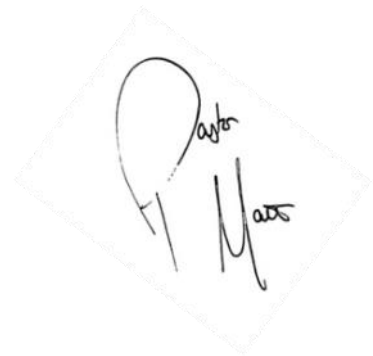
Recently, I had a conversation with Derryll Satterwhite about what she and others could write in the Prayer & Care Cards that the church sends out to our homebound members and others going through significant moments in their lives. I thought that maybe something like, “May God’s love and grace grow in you and all” would be a wonderful thing to lift up. It is a nice play on words and a wonderful sentiment to pass along to others. May God’s love and grace grow in you and all, indeed!

During May, we get to see the full burst of creation grow within our world. Flowers bloom, rain falls, and the grass *always* needs to be cut in our yards. In the church's life, the month of May ends with the Day of Pentecost (May 19) and Holy Trinity Sunday (May 26). Two incredible opportunities to remember what God has done and continues to do in the world. The Holy Spirit – which we can never fully understand or control – is at work in the world guiding us, refining us, and reminding us in God’s love for the world and all.

No matter how you look at the world – through faith, through life, through sports, through literally anything – the month of May is an opportunity to celebrate growth in all its ways. The growth of faith, the growth of grace, the growth of love lived out for the world. The growth of accomplishment, the growth of beginning new ventures, the growth leading into the end of a school year.

Growth is all around us – and in the center of all of it – is God’s love and grace, guiding, leading, and inviting us into how we are to live for the world.

So, may God’s love and grace grow in you and all.  
Always. Amen.



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
April 7	17	134	82	216
April 14	24	113	70	183
April 21	20	119	107	226
April 28	20	117	100	217
Total	81	483	359	842

**April Offerings:**            April 07 - \$5,639.52  
    April 14 - \$7,648.42  
    April 21 - \$7,217.43  
    April 28 - \$11,607.16

**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

*Thank  
You*

Dear friends,

I want to thank you for the prayers, love, and kindness we received when Wayne went on to be with the Lord.

During this time, we were blessed with many flowers, texts, cards and phone calls that let us know we were being prayed for.

The meals that were brought over to the house so we didn't have to think about cooking were so helpful, especially as we made the arrangements.

And I am grateful for the assistance that was offered for the funeral, plus the meal afterwards.

We had so many things to think about, and it was very kind of you to help with these details. Psalm 147:3 tells us, "He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds." Continue to pray for me and my family as we carry on in our grieving, that we would cling to the Lord as we work through our grief.

The comfort and strength that the Lord provides through these prayers is a great blessing to us in our time of need.

God be with you,

Eve, Robert, Jason and family

**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 Card Class** will meet on Monday, May 6 and Monday, May 20 from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Fesperman Classroom (Room 212) upstairs in the Educational Building. The summer schedule is June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 26 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. 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.

**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.

**Altar Flowers** are needed on the following Sundays: July 7, 21; November 17; and December 8. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex or contact the church office.



### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**



**The Boozer Family**

Andrew, &  
Lindsay

Thomas, Adam,  
& Elizabeth



**The Boozer Family**

Kevin & Alanna



**Nick Manos**



**The Webber Family**

Rev. Dick &  
Jeannie

## TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2024

Summary Treasurer's report for March 2024

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>		\$28,810.00
For Mar. - Income:	\$	21,071.46
For Mar. - General expenses:	\$	<u>25,349.35</u>
For Mar.- Income is less than expenses by:	\$	(4,277.89)
2024 YTD Income:	\$	76,499.08
2024 YTD General Expenses:	\$	<u>77,079.37</u>
2024 YTD Income is more than expenses by:	\$	(580.29)

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

### Altar Flowers

May 5 - Christie Whitaker  
May 12 - WELCA  
May 19 - John & Carolyn Hammond  
May 26 - Smith - Ohaus Wedding

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

### Wedding Anniversaries

May 1 - J. D. & Dawn Stone  
May 6 - Jerry Haltiwanger & Anna Marie Nicosia  
May 15 - Tommy & Jane Moose  
May 15 - Chuck & Lauren Keen  
May 18 - Eddie & Ann Felker  
May 18 - Andy Sidden & Kevin Dove  
May 18 - Brian & Jessica Wheeler  
May 23 - Joshua & Becky Miller  
May 29 - Huger & Anne Caughman

***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)



### 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; Jodie Hazel, sister of Debra Willingham.

*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, May 18, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.

## *Happy Birthday!*



5/1 Hu Mills III	5/13 Lydian Wessinger	5/29 Harriet Guy
5/4 Connor Chapman	5/14 Briley Derrick	5/29 Chelsea Ellisor
5/5 Doggett Whitaker Jr.	5/14 Jonathan Benton	5/31 Mary Sue Green
5/8 Johnny Lindsay	5/15 Tommy Moose	5/31 Jana Ritter
5/8 Beth Singletary	5/15 J. D. Stone	
5/9 Fae Cousins	5/16 Austin Westwood	
5/10 Sheila Ellisor	5/19 Woody Cornwell	
5/10 Lindler Wessinger	5/19 Cannon Taylor	
5/10 Graham Flynn	5/20 Aubrey Smith	
5/11 Dustin Guy	5/23 Steve Stubbs	
5/11 Justin Guy	5/27 Miriam Titus	
5/12 Kristen Chapman	5/27 Mason Willingham	
5/12 Gavin Garner	5/28 Carol Montgomery	
5/13 Derryll Satterwhite	5/28 Debra Willingham	
5/13 William Summer II	5/28 Alfred Dominick	

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS  
APRIL 15, 2024

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5:45 Devotions

Business Meeting 6:00 PM

**I. Call to Order**

a. Welcome

· Members Present: Paster Matt Titus, Annette Belcher, Dr. John Green, Ben Bowers, Walter Jacobs, Denise Reid, Huger Caughman Sr., Kathy Riggin, Faith Felix, Kristin Caughman and Gretchen Haskett.

· Members on Zoom:

· Members Absent: Chad Cary and Jerry Haltiwanger.

b. Celebrations and Prayer Requests- Prayers for community members dealing with challenges.

**II. Reports**

a. Pastor's Report – Pastor Matt: I emailed the report. Reminder of Holy week, next week; New member Sunday (9 joining as of now) and a baptism coming up in April.

b. Community Compassion – Denise Reid, liaison: Help is needed on June 16-18, 2024.

c. Endowment Committee (quarterly) – Dr. Elmer Long, chairman: no report - will be invited to next meeting.

d. Faith Formation – Walter Jacobs, liaison: Emailed report. Working on Bible School.

e. Family and Social – Kathy Riggin, liaison: Emailed report. Meals finished.

f. Finance Committee /Treasurer's Report—Dr. John Green, liaison and chairman: I emailed the report; February expenses exceeded income by \$735.63 but are still ahead overall.

g. Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison: Emailed report. Waiting on more information.

h. Stewardship – Jerry Haltiwanger, liaison: no report.

i. Worship and Music – Kristin Caughman, liaison: report emailed. Prepping for Palm & Easter Sundays; Future Beer & Hymns scheduled for June 6, September 5, & December 5.

j. Youth – Faith Felix, liaison: report emailed. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on 3/30/24 at 10:30 am. There is a need for adults to help hide eggs and candy donations.

k. 1853 Committee—Chad Cary, liaison: no report.

l. President's Report – Ben Bowers: report emailed.

m. Minutes from January & February Meetings- Gretchen Haskett: Emailed report. Motion to approve both January & February meetings by Huger Caughman Sr. Seconded by Faith Felix. Vote approved.

**III. Old Business**

a. Administrative Assistant Position

· Pastor Matt shared an email from Donna Price: Donna asked to revise her last day of regular employment to April 4, 2024. Donna will work 2-3 days per week until the next person is hired and help with training.

o Motion to Accept: Dr. John Green. 2nd Walter Jacobs. Vote Approved.

· Job description shared with the committee.

o Discussion stressing the need to clearly state work expectations/hours and how this impacts the current and future budgets.

o Motion to vote for approval of job description presented to council by Dr. John Green. Seconded by Gretchen Haskett. Vote Approved.

b. Picture Directory: no update.

**IV. New Business**

a. FLC use requests:

· Dorthy Park use FLC on Thanksgiving Day 2024

Motion: Huger Caughman Sr. 2nd: Faith Felix. Vote Approved.

**V. Executive Session**

· Motion: Faith Felix. 2nd: Annette Belcher. Move into Executive Session.

· Motion: Faith Felix. 2nd: Walter Jacobs. Move out of Executive Session.

**VI. Comments for the Good of the Order**

**VII. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer**

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is  
May 23, 2024. Please send submissions to  
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