



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to each of you as we make our way into September! School is in full swing, church activities are gearing up, and we truly get to see God at work in this place where we get to be a part of that ministry and service.

One of the questions I get asked quite frequently - especially since the height of the time of COVID-19 - is, 'Pastor... how can we get more people here?'

I'm reminded of this question being asked at a former congregation of mine, where a sweet older lady within the church exclaimed, 'I just don't get it. We're nice. We're open. We're friendly. Why aren't more people coming to see what were about?'

Thankfully, someone else chimed in before I could and said, 'Maybe having the door open isn't enough. Maybe we need to step outside and invite them in.'

And that's genuinely what it's about: sharing what we experience here and inviting others to participate. What would it look like if we shared what we enjoy here at Redeemer with others? You might be surprised at what God can do with a simple invitation to another person.

But I do have a warning, though. Two actually.

First, there is a fine line between invitation and nagging. We invite someone to worship, service, or ministry because we want to share the joy of being a part of this community. Invite folks, please, but be cool about it.

The other warning is this: new voices, histories, and ideas bring change. The more new folks join any community, the more that group will change. But don't get me wrong; change is good. Change, stretching, and the Holy Spirit cause us to change constantly. We get to see the new ways God is directing us to be a community and the kingdom of God because we are open, inviting, and welcoming new people to journey with us.

So, my hope and call for all of us this month (and beyond) is to share the life of ministry here at Redeemer with someone else. Share what you love about this community and where God is at work. There are no strings attached; you just want to share with them what you love about this community and God's work here.

Share this joy that we know here so that others might also know it. Amen!



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..... **Announcements**

Heartland Conference Confirmation Schedule - Classes will be held at Summer Memorial Lutheran Church at 4pm.

Fall/Winter 2024

- September 8 - Baptism: One Lord, Faith, Baptism
- September 29 - Baptism: Newness of Life
- October 13 - Communion: Passover to Last Supper
- October 27 - Communion: Taste and See
- November 10 - Worship: Gathering
- November 17 - Worship: The Word
- December 8 - Worship: Meal and Sending

Winter/Spring 2025

- January 12 - Confessing My Faith
- January 26 - Confessing My Convictions
- February 9 - Claiming My Calling
- March 9 - Hear God's Word and Share God's Supper
- March 23 - Proclaim the Good News in Word and Deed
- April 6 - Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus
- May 18 - Strive for Justice & Peace in the World



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Redeemer WELCA News - WELCA will not be having its regular meeting in September. Instead, we will be attending the **WELCA Heartland Fall Conference at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Prosperity Sunday, September 8th at 3pm.** Anyone wanting to attend is asked to contact Anne Caughman.

A total of \$48,700 was collected for the **She Shed Project**. The total cost for the project was \$60,340. SCWELCA raised 62% of that total! The tractor and implements were ordered in July and should arrive in Tanzania by the first week of September. By mid-September, hopefully, the tractor and implements will be on the mountain, ready for potato planting.

WELCA Retreats for 2025

- Camp Kinard – February 28-March 1
- Isle of Palms – May 16-18



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Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News - Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission will meet Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm at Dempsey's Pizza in Clinton.



Families are invited to attend this gathering. If you plan to attend, please let Huger, Jr. know by Thursday, September 5. If you have been a member of the Committee of 100 or would like to join, there are forms in the Narthex or you can talk with Johnny Lindsay. The Heartland Conference Committee of 100 will be meeting on Tuesday, October 1 at Grace Lutheran Church. More information will be sent out about that gathering

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!



Farewell and godspeed - to Donna Price, former Office Assistant, will be held during worship Sunday, September 8th with a meal following in the FLC. Please join us as we give thanks to Donna for her 9+ years of service to our church. A love offering will also be collected in her honor.

GAAP - The GAAP Food Pantry is open 10am - 12pm every Saturday for ANYONE who needs it. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize clothing in the Clothes Closet. Redeemer has been helping quite a bit on the THIRD Saturday of each month. You are all welcome to volunteer every Saturday, especially Saturday, September 21st. Do not hesitate to contact Kevin Dove for more information.



Volunteer Drivers Needed - a few students from Newberry College signed up for rides to worship, if you are able to help these students get to worship on Sunday mornings call the church office



Altar Flowers

Altar Flower Donation - if you would like to donate your altar flowers to patients at NCMH, Angela Bowers will gladly take them and distribute the arrangements among patients (4-8 small or bud vases) in order to brighten their day. Reach her at 803-405-7130.

Acolyte & Crucifer Training - training session for acolytes and crucifers will follow worship Sunday, September 22nd. If you currently participate in these roles or would like to participate, please plan to attend this training session.



The 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 Derryl Satterwhite or Gayle Lindley.

The Prayer & Care Card Class - will meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:30 am September 9th and September 23rd. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for some creative card making. No experience required!

Manna House - You can donate food anytime by placing those items in the shopping cart in the narthex or outside the church office. For more information, please contact Annette Belcher about this wonderful ministry in our community!

1 Corinthians 16:14 -
Let all that you do be done in love.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September 8 - Bobby & Debra Willingham

September 11 - Michael & Denise Reid

September 15 - Todd & Harriet Guy

September 18 - Stevie Jr. & Tonya Sligh

BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Susan Bowers

9/9 Stacy Tyson

9/24 Kathyryne

9/2 Jamie Adams

9/11 Bryan Derrick

Wiseman

9/2 Kadyr Miller

9/12 Preslea Coleman

9/25 Benny Ferguson

9/3 Von Dennis

9/13 Sullivan Flynn

9/25 Doug Riggin

9/4 Heidi Cole

9/16 Evan Connelly

9/26 Susan Hayes

9/4 Stevie Sligh, Jr.

9/16 Joey Westwood

9/26 Angela Reid

9/5 Carson Moody

9/17 Gilliard Smith

9/26 Hugh Smith

9/5 Kitty Summer

9/17 Julianna Smith

9/29 Brad Joiner

9/5 Marty White

9/17 Olivia West

9/29 Will Mature

9/6 Bobby Lominack

9/18 Chris Kemper

9/29 Mary Lou Weir

9/7 Cameron Doolittle

9/18 Ashleigh Titus

9/30 Jennifer Nguyen

9/7 Jerry Haltiwanger

9/20 Patty Davis

9/30 Jimmy Ray Pruitt

9/8 B.L. Brown, Jr

9/21 Cullen Binnicker

9/8 Brantlee Coward

9/21 Joseph Bucher

9/9 Foster Bruce

9/21 Lynn Cary

9/9 Amelia Long

9/24 Judy Hill

**These dates are according to our church records. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office via telephone (803) 276-2003 or email info@redeemernewberry.org.

..... **Keep In Prayer**

Christian Sympathy goes out to the family of Cindy Mills after her passing.

Redeemer Members: Georgette Livingston, Debra Metts, Lloyd Layman, Carolyn Cromer, Mary Lou Weir, Ann Stone

Extended Parish Family: Hayden Wilson, fiancé of Kaitlyn Stone - granddaughter of Ann Stone; Wayne Boozer, father of Kevin & Andrew Boozer; Clayton Smith, son of Clay and Kimberly Smith and friends of the Titus Family; Peach Fralick, friend of Cathy Turner; 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; 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 Dee-dee Westwood; Dean Wise, friend of the Caughman family; Stan Lathren; James Hunter, friend of Jane Moose; Rick Nelson

If you have updates to the prayer list, please notify the church office.

..... **The Numbers**

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
August 4	22	78	77	155
August 11	27	152	78	230
August 18	25	164	72	236
August 25	22	193	99	292
Average	24	147	81	228

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2024 *A detailed copy of the treasurer's report is available in the church office

Summary Treasurer's report for July 2024

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

For July - Income: \$ 26,995.27

For July - General expenses: \$ 27,231.49

For July - Income is more than expenses by: \$ (236.22)

2024 YTD Income: \$ 208,104.45

2024 YTD General Expenses: \$ 175,201.63

2024 YTD Income is more than expenses by: \$ 32,902.82

August Offerings: July 28 - \$4,582.04
 Aug 04 - \$4,844.18
 Aug 11 - \$2,976.77
 Aug 18 - \$6,613.95
 Aug 25 - \$5,591.22

ONLINE CHURCH OFFERING OPTION: WWW.REDEEMERNEWBERRY.ORG/GIVE

..... **Readings**

September 1 - James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 8 - Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8; Luke 11:4
September 15 - Genesis 15:1-6; Luke 3:8
September 22 - Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21; Luke 6:35
September 29 - Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8; Luke 22:14-20

..... **Worship Volunteers**

Ushers

1st Sunday - Chad Cary, Norris Long, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman
2nd Sunday - Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman
3rd Sunday - Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Aubrey Guyton, Dennis Caughman
4th Sunday – Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman
5th Sunday – Kathy Riffin, Nikki Chapman, Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

Altar Flowers

September 1 - Ben Bowers
September 8 - Zeb & Angela Reid
September 15 - Dick & Jeannie Webber
September 22 - David & Vickie Wiseman
September 29 - Kathy & Johnny Lindsay

Worship Assistant

September 1 - Lisa Senn
September 8 - Ernie Shealy
September 15 - Mary Alex Kopp
September 22 - George Franklin
September 29 - Anne Caughman

Communion Prep

September 1 - Erin Titus
September 8 - Ernie Shealy
September 15 - Mary Alex Kopp
September 22 - George Franklin
September 29 - Anne Caughman

Acolyte and Crucifer

September 1 - McKenzie Garner/Zarek Reid
September 8 - Miriam Titus/Zoe Reid
September 15 - Ashleigh Titus/Henry Chapman
September 22 - Piper Haskett/Dennis Caughman
September 29 - Gavin Garner/Thomas Boozer

..... **The Redeemer Directory**

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor
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All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life

Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary - Japan

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
JUNE 17, 2024

5:45 Devotions

Business Meeting 6:00

Call to Order

Welcome

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

Members on Zoom: Chad Cary

Members Absent: Jerry Haltiwanger

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

Reports

Pastor's Report – Pastor Matt: report was emailed

Community Compassion – Denise Reid, liaison: Emailed report

Faith Formation – Walter Jacobs, liaison: Emailed report

Family and Social – Kathy Riggin, liaison: No report

Finance Committee /Treasurer's Report – Dr. John Green, liaison and chairman: Emailed the report. June - income was more than expected at \$50,957.30, General Expenses - \$23,704.76 - Income is more than expenses by \$27,252.54.

Property Committee – Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison: Reported the possibility of changing phone services/contract for the church. Dr. Green mentioned to accept and allow the Property Committee to engage in changing the church phone contract with WCFiber. Ben called the question, and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

Stewardship – Jerry Haltiwanger, liaison: no report

Worship and Music – Kristin Caughman, liaison: No report. Meeting first Tuesday in August

Youth – Faith Felix, liaison: Report was emailed.

1853 Committee - Chad Cary, liaison: no report

President's Report – President's Report – Ben Bowers: Agenda items for the meeting

Minutes from June Meeting - Gretchen Haskett: Emailed report. Motion to approve June meeting minutes by Huger Caughman, Sr., Seconded by Walter Jacobs, vote approved

Old Business

Administrative Assistant Position - Donna's luncheon celebration for Sept 8th, with a love offering. Discussion followed on guidelines on how to accept a love offering.

Picture Directory - Haley is working on member information

New Business

FLC use requests: none

Breaking down and reviewing items to update the constitution. Discussion leads into an executive session

Executive Session

Motion: Gretchen Haskett, 2nd: Annette Belcher. Move into Executive Session.

Motion: Faith Felix, 2nd: Gretchen Haskett. Move out of Executive Session.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

..... **September**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Prop. Comm. Mtg - 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	2 Labor Day - Church Office Closed	3	4 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	5 Beer & Hymns @ Bar Figaró - 6:30-8pm	6	7
8 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Farewell for Donna Confirmation - 2pm @ Summer Mem WELCA Fall Conf - 3pm @ St Luke's	9 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	10 Prayer Shawl - 10am Finance Comm. Mtg - 6pm LMM - 7pm	11 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	12	13	14
15 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	16 Congregation Council Mtg - 6pm	17	18 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	19	20	21 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am Linda Raynell Kibler - FLC Rental
22 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	23 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	24 Prayer Shawl - 10am	25 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	26 Newsletter Information Deadline Bob Montgomery - FLC	27	28 Messiah Mauldin - Denise Ruby - Library
29 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	30 Huger Caughman, Jr - FLC	1	2 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	3	4	5

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