



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader · January 2025

A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace and happy new year!

As we enter 2025, we carry hopes and dreams for where God might lead our congregation. Wherever that path takes us, we rest in the promise that The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer will remain a place where God is proclaimed in and through all things – walking with Jesus in our hearts and letting the Holy Spirit guide our actions of love and grace to a world in need of it.

Before we fully turn our focus to 2025 and ‘close the book’ on 2024, let’s take a moment to celebrate all that God has done through this church over the past year!

· **New Members:** We welcomed thirteen new members into our community.

Many of them cited Redeemer’s intentional focus on being a place of welcome and love for all as a significant reason for wanting to join.

· **Baptisms:** We celebrated the baptisms of four children and youth, rejoicing in their welcome into the family of Christ.

· **Youth Ministry Growth:** Our youth program continues to flourish! Recent gatherings have drawn over ten youth from our church and community. We’ve also partnered with other area churches in Newberry, Prosperity, and Clinton for combined youth activities throughout the year.

· **Music Ministry:** Under the leadership of Nicholas Shumate, our choir has grown both in size and strength. Truly, we have a one-of-a-kind church choir in Newberry, and their contributions continue to enrich our worship.

· **Service Ministries:** Our acts of service have shone God’s love in countless ways – through Angel Ministry, GAAP, Manna House, partnering with Newberry College, prayer cards, knitters, serving meals with the Salvation Army, donating items for those impacted by Hurricane Helene, and so much more. Together, we have shown what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

· **Generosity in Giving:** This year’s giving has been a cause for celebration.

Those who pledged to increase their contributions for 2024 raised their giving by an average of 35%, demonstrating their faith and commitment to our shared mission.

Truly, this is a place where God is at work.

Of course, 2024 also brought its share of challenges. We are seeking ways to address our roof repairs, praying for healing amid hurt and division within local church communities, and mourning the loss of five beloved members of our church family. In all of this, we continue to hold one another in arms of care, grace, and love – just as God holds each of us through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ our Lord.



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**Worship on
Sundays at
10:30am**

..... From the Congregation Council



This month's featured committee is the Worship and Music Committee.

It shall be the function of this committee to assist the Congregation Council in seeing that the services of God's house are conducted regularly and in accordance with the liturgy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, that ushers are recruited and trained, and that hymnals and other devotional materials are provided and properly cared for. This committee shall supervise and strive to advance the welfare and effective service of the choirs of the congregation. It shall arrange for the care of paraments, vestments and musical instruments and, in consultation with the Pastor, the organist, the choir director(s), it shall furnish music supplies appropriate for use in the worship of a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. With the Pastor, the Worship and Music Committee shall assist this church's music ministry.

The Worship and Music Committee has started a new group, The Pew Crew. This group will meet once a week to go through the pew racks and make sure the hymnals, Bibles, pencils, offering envelopes, and other supplies are maintained and orderly for our worship services. When we have funerals or weddings, there may be a need for additional maintenance.

There is always a need for additional people to assist with other areas of our worship ministry: worship assistant, acolyte/crucifer, usher, and communion preparation.

If you feel called to serve in any of these areas, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office.



Volunteer Opportunities are all around us here at Redeemer. If you feel called to serve on one of the several committees, would like to assist with worship on Sunday mornings, or are willing to help tidy up the sanctuary after services let any one of the Congregation Council members know or call/email Haley in the church office or fill out the form below and return it to the church at your convenience!

**Children and Youth Ministry Committee · Evangelism Ministry
Faith Formation Committee · Fellowship Committee · Finance Committee
Social Ministry · Property Committee · Stewardship Committee
Worship and Music Committee**

Other ways to serve:

**Worship Assistant · Acolyte · Crucifer · Communion Prep · Offering Teller
Usher · Pew Crew**

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Name: _____

Other ways to serve:

Phone Number: _____

- Worship Assistant**
- Acolyte**
- Crucifer**
- Communion Prep**
- Offering Teller**
- Usher**
- Pew Crew**

I feel called to serve on the following committee(s) (circle all that apply):

- Children & Youth Ministry Committee**
- Evangelism Ministry**
- Faith Formation Committee**
- Fellowship Committee**
- Finance Committee**
- Social Ministry**
- Property Committee**
- Stewardship Committee**
- Worship and Music Committee**

If you do not wish to serve on a committee but you are willing to help in a different capacity, comment your interests below:

..... **Announcements**

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

Winter/Spring 2025

- January 12 - Confessing My Faith
- January 26 - Confessing My Convictions
- February 9 - Claiming My Calling
- February 23 - Living Among God’s Faithful People
- 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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Youth -

Sunday Night Youth Group will resume January 12th. Plan to join us for dinner and fellowship! Contact Aubrey with questions or if you would like to help in any way.



The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Ben Bowers and Huger Caughman, Jr. are the head chefs. We will discuss the programming and meeting schedule for 2025 following the meal. All men and boys are invited to attend!



Thank you to those who joined the SCLMM Committee of 100 during 2024. This is a vital ministry for our Mission Churches in SC.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!



Redeemer WELCA News -

WELCA will meet Sunday, January 6th in the church library for its business meeting at 3:45pm. At 4:00, we will be looking at the chapter on “The Friendships of Paul” - Companions for the Journey - beginning on page 197 in our Love Stories of the Bible book.

May God’s blessings be with you in the New Year, and may your home be filled with much love, joy, peace, and happiness throughout the year!



We give a heartfelt and loving THANK YOU to Woody Cornwell, who will retire as our bookkeeper at the end of December. He has faithfully served in this role for many years and has done an incredible job. If you would like to thank Woody for his faithful service, please consider donating to the art scholarship fund in his and Elaine's son's name at Newberry College. You may place a donation in the offering plate or the church office with 'Woody Cornwell Jr. Scholarship' in the memo line.

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On behalf of the church staff, THANK YOU all for keeping us in your thoughts during the Christmas season, your generosity is greatly appreciated and felt deep in our hearts.

..... **January**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 FLC Reserved	3	4
Property Comm. - 5 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45pm	6 Endowment Committee Meeting - 6pm FLC Reserved	7 Historical Committee Meeting - 6pm Library Rsvd - 6pm FLC Reserved	8 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	9 FLC Reserved	10	11
12 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	13 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am FLC Reserved	14 Prayer Shawl - 10am Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm Library Reserved - 6pm FLC Reserved - LMM	15 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	16 FLC Reserved	17	18 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am
19 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	20 Cong Council Mtg - 6pm FLC Reserved	21 Library Rsvd - 6pm	22 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	23 Newsletter Information Deadline FLC Reserved	24	25
26 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am FLC Reserved Youth - Conf Class & Dinner Committee Night	27 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am FLC Reserved	28 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Reserved - 6pm	29 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	30	31	

..... Celebrations

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

24 - Rey, Jr. & June Lominack

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Sara Westwood	12 - Dick Webber	23 - Ben Chapman
02 - Ledare Livingston	13 - Matthew Cole	23 - Rob Livingston IV
06 - Marty Cousins	14 - Cherrie Longshore	24 - Matthew Titus
06 - Virginia Summer	14 - Slade Richardson	27 - Leslie Sligh
07 - Lisa Minick	17 - Nikki Chapman	27 - Dawn Stone
07 - Barry Richardson	20 - Liam Felix	29 - Benji Chapman
07 - June Seymour	21 - Paul Loignon	30 - Drew Senn
12 - Mahala Melton	21 - Tammy Wilson	31 - Marie Whatley
12 - Brenda Smith	22 - Margaret Bucher	

**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.

..... The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday School	10:30 am	Online Views	Total Worship Attendance	Offerings Received
December 01	24	79	148	227	\$4,272.72
December 08	17	79	133	212	\$11,045.00
December 15	22	94	159	253	\$4,710.21
December 22	23	75	245	320	\$5,620.00
Christmas Eve	0	168	272	440	Combined with
December 29	13	36	244	280	\$25,423.11
Average	19	88	200	288	\$10,221.53

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

Summary Treasurer's report for October 2024

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

For Nov - Income: \$ 25,151.97

For Nov - General expenses: \$ 24,805.73

For Nov - Income is more than expenses by: \$ 346.24

2024 YTD Income: \$ 297,659.73

2024 YTD General Expenses: \$ 281,762.01

2024 YTD Income is more than expenses by: \$ 15,897.72

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

..... **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 Riggan, Nikki Chapman, Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

Altar Flowers

- January 05 - *Available*
- January 12 - *Available*
- January 19 - *Available*
- January 26 - *Available*

Worship Assistant

- January 05 - Kristin Caughman
- January 12 - Derryll Satterwhite
- January 19 - Johnny Lindsay
- January 26 - Robbie Kopp

Communion Prep

- January 05 - Huger Caughman, Jr.
- January 12 - Robert Kneece
- January 19 - Polly Davis
& Susan Hayes
- January 26 - Erin Titus

Acolyte and Crucifer

- January 05 - Levi Richardson/ Zarek Reid
- January 12 - Henry Chapman/Piper Haskett
- January 19 - Gavin Garner/Dennis Caughman
- January 26 - Clyde Miller/Thomas Boozer

..... **Readings**

- January 05 - Psalm 2:7-8; Luke 2:41-52
- January 12 - Psalm 51:6-17; Luke 3:1-22
- January 19 - Psalm 146; Luke 4:14-30
- January 26 - Psalm 90:14-17; Luke 5:1-11

..... **Faith Formation**

Join us each Sunday morning for Faith Formation! Current classes listed below. If you would like to volunteer to teach, assist, or are interested in starting a new class, please reach out to a member of the Faith Formation Committee or contact the church office.

Nursery - Room 133 · **Children & Youth** - Rooms 134 & 135 - 9:30-10:15am

The Gathering - Room 141 - 9:30-10am - Currently studying Luther the Reformer:

The Story of the Man and His Career by James Kittelson and Hans Wiersma

The Men’s Bible Class - Room 142 - 9:30-10am

Prayer & Care Card Making - Meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 9:30am in room 212

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

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor, *pastor@redeemernewberry.org*
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All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life · Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary - Japan

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Fri: 8am-12pm

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