



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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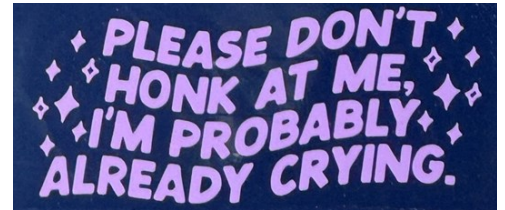
..... A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to each of you!

As we step into March, we also step into the season of Lent - a time to set our hearts on God through devotion, discipline, and prayer. Lent reminds us that God is at our center and calls us to deepen our devotion in all things. It is a season to remember who and whose we are: we are God's very own.

In words, this sounds simple. Just worship more, read your Bible, and be good. In practice - because life involves people - well, it's a lot harder. More often than we'd like to admit, we get in our own way.

Recently, I saw a friend posted this picture of a car decal on social media. At first glance, it was something to laugh at - either with the person or, perhaps a little too easily, at them. But it got me thinking.



We never really know what someone else is going through.

Most of the time, we only see what people choose to show us - the strong, capable version of themselves, the version others expect them to be. But behind that façade? There are struggles, hurts, and battles that we may never see. And maybe, just maybe, others don't see the struggles we carry either.

So, my hope for this Lenten season is this: care for others, because we don't know their struggles. There is always more to the person in front of us.

What better way to share God's love and presence - the very love Christ calls us to share - than by living into the ways God calls us to live?

Feeding. Caring. Clothing. Praying for. Serving with. Listening to. And more.

There is so much that the people in our world, our community, our congregation, and our families carry that we may never know about. So live into the love that God calls us to. Be guided by the Holy Spirit as it leads us to places where God is made known.

And remember: all of us - all of us - are God's very own.

Amen, y'all. Amen.

Church COUNCIL

Committee Liaisons:

Children & Youth - Lindsay Boozer

Christian Education - Denise Reid

Evangelism - Zoe Reid

Fellowship - Walter Jacobs

Property - Chad Cary

Social Ministry - Ben Bowers

Stewardship - Mack Garner

Worship & Music - Kristin Caughman

Finance - Corbett Miller

Staff Support - Annette Belcher

If you would like to assist a particular committee or have suggestions on ways to improve Redeemer, please speak with the liaison listed above.



Lenten Services will be held in the Family Life Center beginning with a meal being served at 6:15pm, followed by a short service at 7pm.

**Journey with us
through the season of Lent at
The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer**



**Ash Wednesday -
March 5 @ 7pm
Lenten Wednesdays -
March 12 - April 9 @ 7pm**

YOUTH GROUP

Redeemer Youth - a 'Thank You' to those who attended the youth meeting to go over the guidelines and hopes for our youth ministry.

If you would like to help with any youth projects or events or have suggestions for our youth ministry, please speak with Aubrey Guyton.

MARCH	APRIL
2nd - SC faith at Redeemer 9th - Confirmation & Youth Group 15th - GAAP 16th - Youth Group 21st - Hang at Genesis 23rd - Confirmation & Youth Group 30th - Intergeneration Sunday School & Youth Group	6th - Confirmation & SC Faith 13th - Youth at Cookout 19th - Easter Egg Hunt and GAAP 20th - Easter 27th - Youth Group Bowling
MAY	JUNE
4th - SC faith 11th - Youth Group 17th - GAAP 18th - Confirmation and Youth Group 23rd - Smores night 25th - No youth events	1st - No youth events 8th - Confirmation Sunday 13th - Family Game Night 15th - Youth at Pelicans 21st - GAAP 22-27 - Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge
UPCOMING	
July 7th-11th - VBS at Summer Memorial Lutheran Church from 5:30 to 7:30	

..... March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Property Comm. - 2 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45pm SC Faith @ Redeemer - 5pm	3	4	Choir Warm-Up - 5 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service - 7pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - after service	6	7	8
SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation Class @ Summer Mem - 4pm FLC Reserved - 5:15p Youth Group	10 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	11 Prayer Shawl - 10am Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm Library Reserved LMM - 7pm @ The Grille on Main	12 Lenten Meal - 6:15pm Service - 7pm Choir Rehearsal - 7:30-8:30pm	13	14	15 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am
SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth Group - 5:15p	17 Cong Council Mtg - 6pm	18 Library Reserved	19 Lenten Meal - 6:15pm Service - 7pm Choir Rehearsal - 7:30-8:30pm	20 Newsletter Information Deadline	21 Youth Hang @ Genesis - 4p-5p	22
SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation Class @ Summer Mem - 4pm Youth Group - 5:15p	24 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	25 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Rsvd - 6pm	26 Lenten Meal - 6:15pm Service - 7pm Choir Rehearsal - 7:30-8:30pm	27	28	29
Intergenerational SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	31	1 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Reserved - 6pm	2 Lenten Meal - 6:15pm Service - 7pm Choir Rehearsal - 7:30-8:30pm	3	4	5 FLC Reserved

..... **Announcements**

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

Winter/Spring 2025

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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The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - will be cooking for Shrove Tuesday, March 4. If you plan to help cook, please be in the FLC kitchen by 5:30pm. The meal will be served at 6:00pm

The regular Redeemer LMM March meeting will be at The Grilled on Main, Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00pm. All men and boys are invited to attend. If you have never attended LMM or are curious about it, this is a great time for you to join us! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Matt Bowers or Huger Caughman, Jr by Sunday, March 9.

SCLMM Committee of 100 forms are in the narthex. If you want more information about the Committee of 100, please talk with Johnny Lindsay

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!



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Redeemer WELCA News -

WELCA will meet Sunday, March 2nd in the church library for its business meeting at 3:45pm. At 4:00, we will be looking at the final chapter “God’s Unconditional Love for Us” in our Love Stories of the Bible book. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend!

On the last Sunday in February, we celebrated BOLD Women’s Sunday. At the beginning of the service, we honored Derryl Satterwhite with an Honorary Life Membership in WELCA for her dedicated service to WELCA and The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer.

At our February meeting, we selected as our project for the 2025 SCWELCA Convention Project to continue to support the Newberry College Nursing Endowment Fund. More information will be forthcoming concerning this project.

All women of Redeemer, whether you attend our meetings or not, are considered members of WELCA - Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

As always, we appreciate your support!

..... Christian Education Corner

Join us as we grow in faith during the Christian Education time on Sunday mornings. We start gathering around 9:15 am and classes for all ages begin at 9:30 am.

All children and youth are invited to attend music time in the Youth Hall prior to dismissal to their individual classes.

Nursery - Room 133 · **Children** - Rooms 134 & 135

Youth - Youth Hall

The Gathering - Room 141 - Currently studying Luther's 95 Theses

The Men's Bible Class - Room 142

R&R Rest & Refuel - Montessori style class

Prayer in Color

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

..... Did You Know?

This is a new column in *The Redeemer Reader* where we plan to share information about the church, its history, the liturgy, the specific appointments within the church, and much more. If you have questions that you would like answered in this column, please notify the church office.

The paraments we use on the altar, lectern, and pulpit contain Christian symbols and utilize colors for different times within the liturgical year. On Good Friday, no paraments are used.

- Black is used on Ash Wednesday suggestive of the ashes to which all things must return.
- Blue paraments are used during Advent because blue suggests hope which is a primary theme of Advent.
- Green paraments are used during Epiphany and Pentecost seasons or at other times when festive or penitent colors are not used. Green is a color that symbolizes living and growing things, suggestive of spiritual growth.
- Purple paraments are used during the Lenten season. Purple is often associated with royalty, but also represents the somberness and solemnity of the Lenten season.
- Red paraments are used on the Day of Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, anytime a saint is commemorated (lesser festivals), and when someone is ordained into the Gospel ministry. Red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.
- Scarlet, unbleached linen, and black paraments are used on Palm/Passion Sunday and Maundy Thursday. The scarlet is representative of blood, but is also a color of triumph because as Easter people, we know that Christ's passion was a triumph over death. The unbleached linen is a contrast to the bright white of Easter and the black connects to the themes from Ash Wednesday. At Redeemer, we save the palms from Palm Sunday each year and burn them the following year for use on Ash Wednesday.
- White paraments are used during the Christmas and Easter seasons and on the day of Epiphany (January 6), Baptism of our Lord (first Sunday after Epiphany), Transfiguration Sunday (the Sunday before Lent begins), and All Saint's Sunday. White is used because it suggest gladness, light, and joy.

..... Celebrations

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 05 - Nick & Claire Grosshuesch | 22 - Tommy & Helen Fellers, Jr. |
| 06 - Adam & Alexis Lockyer | 25 - Joseph & Mary Nance Joseph |
| 18 - Von & Kathy Dennis | 31 - RJ & Cayse Dowd |
| 18 - George & Donna Franklin | |

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 - Huger Caughman, Sr | 13 - 'Tres' Newell III | 24 - Grace Lindsay |
| 01 - Colson Cooper | 13 - Andy Sidden | 26 - Brittany Hazel |
| 01 - Polly Davis | 14 - Zarek Reid | 27 - CJ Cary |
| 01 - Austin Longshore | 18 - Erin Vedrani | 27 - James Hazel |
| 04 - Christie Whitaker | 18 - Christy West | 27 - Arlo Hill |
| 07 - Mike Mature | 19 - Andrew Cousins | 28 - Justin Felix |
| 10 - Helen Fellers | 19 - Steve Sligh | 28 - MaryAlex Kopp |
| 10 - Stevie Sligh III | 20 - Kerry Stubbs | 28 - Kirsten Lindsay |
| 10 - Benji Westwood | 20 - Renee Stubbs | 29 - Michelle Long |
| 12 - Sybil Cousins | 22 - Walter Lewis, Jr. | 30 - Davy Wilson III |
| 13 - Ronnie Dickert, Sr. | 22 - Erin Titus | 31 - Tessie Bannister |
| 13 - Miles Hawkins, Jr. | 23 - Joshua Joseph | |

**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
February 02	19	70	133	203	\$4,029.17
February 09	14	78	119	197	\$3,547.70
February 16	16	63	158	221	\$5,122.64
February 23	19	70	130	200	\$7,272.10
Average	17	70	135	205	\$4,992.90

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JAN 2025

Summary Treasurer's report for January 2025

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$30,794.00

Income: \$ 18,739.13

General expenses: \$ 19,414.43

Income is less than expenses by: \$ 675.30

2025 YTD Income: \$ 41,333.09

2025 YTD General Expenses: \$ 51,152.59

2025 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ 9,819.50

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

- March 02 - Ernie Shealy
- March 05 - available
- March 09 - No Flowers During Lent
- March 16 - No Flowers During Lent
- March 23 - No Flowers During Lent
- March 30 - No Flowers During Lent

Communion Prep

- March 02 - available
- March 05 - Huger Caughman, Jr.
- March 09 - Robert Kneece
- March 16 - Susan Hayes/Kathy Lindsay
- March 23 - Kathy Lindsay
- March 30 - Ben Bowers

Worship Assistant

- March 02 - Nikki Chapman
- March 05 - Kevin Boozer
- March 09 - Robbie Kopp
- March 16 - Anne Caughman
- March 23 - MaryAlex Kopp
- March 30 - Alanna Boozer

Acolyte and Crucifer

- March 02 - Zarek Reid/McKenzie Garner
- March 05 - Zoe Reid/Miriam Titus
- March 09 - Henry Chapman/Ashleigh Titus
- March 16 - Dennis/Piper Haskett
- March 23 - Thomas Boozer/Gavin Garner
- March 30 - Levi Richardson/Clyde Miller

..... **Readings**

- March 02 - Psalm 36:5-10; Luke 9:28-45
- March 05 - Psalm 5:7-8; Luke 9:51-62
- March 09 - Psalm 15; Luke 10:25-42
- March 16 - Psalm 122; Luke 13:1-9, 31-35
- March 23 - Psalm 119:167-176; Luke 15:1-32
- March 30 - Psalm 41:1-3; Luke 16:19-31

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

- The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor, pastor@redeemernewberry.org
- Dr. Huger P. Caughman, Jr., Music Director & Organist, organist@redeemernewberry.org
- Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director, music@redeemernewberry.org
- Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director, youth@redeemernewberry.org
- Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper, info@redeemernewberry.org, finance@redeemernewberry.org

All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life
Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary - Japan

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Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director

Haley Stuhr, Office Assistant



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