



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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..... **A Note from Pastor Matt** .....

Grace and peace to each of you!

Spring has officially sprung! The world is painted in pollen-yellow, tissues are flying off shelves, and Major League Baseball is back in full swing. Amid these seasonal shifts, we continue our sacred journey through Lent, moving closer each day to Holy Week and the profound celebration of our Lord Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

As we approach the incredible grace and boundless love shown to us through the cross and the empty tomb, I've noticed something creeping into our lives that troubles me – an increasing tendency toward division and negativity. These days, it seems harder for people to simply enjoy something. Instead, many feel compelled to criticize, ridicule, or tear something else down – because, unfortunately, negativity grabs attention. We're inundated with clickbait headlines like, "Five Reasons This Show is Terrible!" or "Here's Why Your Favorite Game is Overrated!" or even harsher judgments like, "If you cheer for [insert team here], you're clueless or just jumping on the bandwagon!"

We invest far too much energy into expressing outrage or negativity rather than simply allowing others – and ourselves – to appreciate the things we genuinely love. It's becoming far too easy to define ourselves by what we oppose, rather than by what we cherish and embrace.

I believe this same tendency creeps into our spiritual lives as well. Too often, we express our faith by highlighting what we're "against," rather than celebrating the love and grace that God pours out abundantly on all of us. Imagine if, instead of highlighting differences and focusing on conflict, we centered ourselves on joyfully sharing the goodness we've discovered in God's love?

Does this mean we'll never feel frustration or experience moments that prompt a weary sigh? Of course not! But if negativity becomes our primary lens, it colors everything we see, making life feel more like a constant battle than a blessing.

So, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, may we be inspired to joyfully share the abundant love, grace, and faithfulness of God – not just during Holy Week, but throughout every moment of our lives and ministry together.

I'm truly looking forward to sharing in that love with each of you – not only in these coming holy days but far beyond!

**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.

**Holy Week Services** join us as we journey to the Cross of Christ during Holy Week: Palm/Passion Sunday: April 13, Maundy Thursday: April 17, Good Friday: April 18 And Easter Sunday, April 20, choose between two services at 7am and 10:30am.



I'm happy to announce that once again Redeemer's Youth have an opportunity to attend Camp at Lutheridge or Lutherock at a reduced rate because of the Mission Endowment Fund! I know that camp can be expensive - especially when you have more than one child - so, in an effort to give every child and youth a chance to attend summer camp, Redeemer will be able to help defray *most* of the cost of camp. Each registrant will only have to pay \$100 to attend camp for a week at Lutheridge or Lutherock this summer!

Lutheridge is a place that I hold fondly in my heart and is a wonderful experience for all people - young and older - to know of God's love, see the Spirit at work, and feel Christ's presence with you! So much good comes from camp that I always want to share this experience with as many people as possible and I'm so thankful for the Mission Endowment Fund that helps make that possible for more families at Redeemer!

Please register by going to <https://lutheridge.campbrainregistration.com/>. When you finish the registration, it will ask how you plan on paying for it. Please select the option 'my church will pay/send bill to church/etc...' Then, you will write a check to Redeemer for \$100/registration.

The next question is - when's a good time for my youth to go? I plan on being at Lutheridge for Kairos Confirmation camp (which I recommend for everyone in at least their **SECOND** year of Confirmation classes to attend) which is from June 22nd - June 27th. There are regular camps scheduled that week and you're more than welcome to register your youth for one of those camps as well. The more the merrier!

If you have any questions, please contact me . Thanks y'all! - pm

# YOUTH GROUP

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

## MAY

4th - SC faith  
 11th - Youth Group  
 17th - GAAP  
 18th - Confirmation and Youth Group  
 23rd - Smores night  
 25th - No youth events

## JUNE

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

*We would like to say a huge thank you for allowing us to use your facility for youth basketball practices this season. You allowed us to have a successful season and offer more practice opportunities to over 400 youth players.*

*Thank you from the City of Newberry Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department, Newberry County Recreation, and the Newberry Family YMCA.*

*John Adams  
 City of Newberry*  
*God Caldwell  
 City of Newberry*

## ..... April .....

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Intergenerational SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	31	1 Prop Comm Mtg - 6pm FLC Reserved Library Reserved	2 Lenten Meal - 6:15pm Lenten Service - 7pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - after service	3	4	5 FLC Reserved
6 Prop. Comm. - 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth Conf. - 4pm Aubrey's Shower - 5:30pm	7 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	8 Prayer Shawl - 10am Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm Library Reserved LMM - 7pm	9 Lenten Meal - 6:15pm Service - 7pm Choir Rehearsal - 7:30-8:30pm	10 FLC Reserved	11	12
13 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation Class - 4pm Youth Group @ Cookout	14	15 Library Reserved	16 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	17 Newsletter Information Deadline Maundy Thursday Service - 7pm	18 Church Office Closed Good Friday Service - 7pm	19 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am Easter Egg Hunt - 10am-12pm
20 <b>HE IS RISEN</b> Sunrise Service - 7am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	21 Church Office Closed Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am Cong Council Mtg - 6pm	22 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Rsvd - 6pm NC Rehearsal - 7pm	23 Endowment Ceremony - 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	24	25	26 FLC Reserved
27 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am w/ NC Madrigals NC Madrigals Concert - 3pm WELCA Heartland Conf - 3pm Youth Group - Bowling Outing	28	29 Library Reserved - 6pm NC Music Dept Rehearsal - 6:30pm	30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	1 Beer & Hymns @ Bar Figaro - 6pm	2 NC Music Dept Requiem - 7pm	3 FLC Reserved



# FAITH INKUBATORS

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

Winter/Spring 2025

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** - Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission Unit will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Huger Caughman, Sr. is the head chef and Justin Baxley will present the program.

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 not have its regular meeting in April. Why?

We have been invited to attend the Spring Heartland Conference Meeting on Sunday, April 27th, at 3:00 PM, at St. James Lutheran Church, 228 Jalapa Rd., Newberry. Prior to and during the meeting, Huger Caughman, Jr. will be playing. There will be a business meeting, along with fellowship. Please make plans to attend this special event. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

## ..... Christian Education Corner .....

Join us as we grow in faith on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 am.

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

**R&R Rest & Refuel** - Montessori style class · **Prayer in Color**

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

**The Men's Bible Class** - Room 142

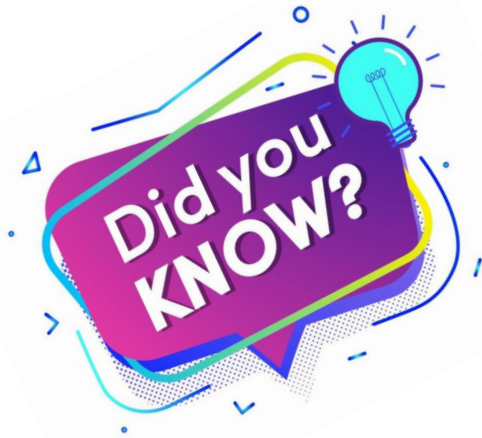
**S.P.I.R.I.T. - Seeking Presence In Relationships, Identity, and Truth** is an open, faith-based discussion group designed for high school and young adult students who desire to grow in their understanding of the Holy Spirit and His work in their lives. Together, we'll explore Scripture, ask meaningful questions, and dive deep into the mystery and wonder of God's three-in-one nature. Leading off in our first lesson with scriptures like Deuteronomy 6:4-5, John 14:15-17, and Ephesians 1:13-14, we'll uncover how the Holy Spirit shapes our identity, strengthens our relationships, and leads us into truth. Whether you're exploring your faith or wanting to grow deeper, S.P.I.R.I.T. is a space to connect, learn, and marvel at God's presence in your life. Come join us as we seek to understand His love, respond to His leading, and grow in the power of the Holy Spirit. - Room 225/226

## **Prayer & Care Card Making -**

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 9:30 am in room 212

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10 am

## ..... 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.

Redeemer's complex consists of three buildings: the Education Building (1955), the Church (1965), and the Family Life Center (1988). This month, we are going to focus on the church.

Have you ever noticed the different names for the church: church, sanctuary, or worship center/space? Our building is built in the cruciform (cross) style consisting of the narthex, nave, transepts, and chancel. We enter our church building through the narthex. The modern Gothic style of our building lends itself to an offset narthex which provides space for gathering. In 2003, the St. John Room was added to allow more space for fellowship and refreshments as well as a place for families to gather before funerals and for brides to prepare for their wedding procession. As we enter the glass doors, we enter the nave. The word nave derives from the Latin *navis* which means ship. The congregation sits in the nave and faces the altar which is situated in the liturgical east. The pulpit side is called the *gospel side* and the lectern side is called the *epistle side*.

The next part of our church is the chancel which contains the pulpit, lectern, baptismal font, choir, and sanctuary (where the altar sits). The word sanctuary is derived from the Latin *sanctus* which means holy. The word *altar* is used in various places in the Bible. When humans desired to talk with God and offer gifts of sacrifice, it was done at an altar which marked the holy spot where God had come. Our altar is free standing which allows the Pastor (Celebrant) to face the congregation (assembly). Our altar is designed with a block in the center which represents the Old Testament understanding of a pile of stones used for an altar and a table at which Jesus stood and first instituted the New Covenant of his blood. We gather at the altar rail and receive the meal, the body and blood of Jesus.

For further reading about the church building and its fixtures, please reference *Designed for Worship* by Richard Carl Hoefler and the materials prepared during the building of our new church, 1963-1965. There are also booklets in the narthex prepared by Henry McCullough about the church, fixtures, orientation, and windows.

..... Celebrations .....

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

05 - Norris & Michelle Long  
 09 - Marty & Dana Cousins  
 13 - Arlo & Judy Hill

**BIRTHDAYS**

03 - Robert Cole	17 - Kaitlyn Stone	26 - Jason Bruce
04 - Carolyn Hammond	18 - Elin Cary	26 - Robert Montgomery
04 - Dale Smith	18 - Alexander Cole	27 - Kristie Garner
05 - Kendyl Griffith	18 - Kathy Lindsay	27 - Benji Lindsay, III
07 - Matthew Mature	21 - Jamie Weir IV	28 - Kristy Barnes
14 - Joey Nicosia	22 - Susan Wessinger	28 - Ella Coleman
15 - Rachel Manos	22 - David Wiseman	

\*\*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
March 02	19	92	107	199	\$3,911.16
March 05	Ash Wednesday	63	133	196	-----
March 09	18	72	149	221	\$2,645.00
March 16	13	50	206	256	\$9,489.39
March 23	17	82	105	187	\$5,437.10
<b>Average</b>	16	71	140	211	\$5,370.66

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEB 2025**

Summary Treasurer's report for February 2025

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

Income: \$ 20,018.19

General expenses: \$ 25,916.08

Income is less than expenses by: \$ 5,897.89

2025 YTD Income: \$ 42,612.15

2025 YTD General Expenses: \$ 57,654.24

2025 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ 15,042.09

**ONLINE CHURCH OFFERING OPTION: [WWW.REDEEMERNEWBERRY.ORG/GIVE](http://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***

- April 06 - No Flowers During Lent
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 20 - Eve Kneece
- April 27 - Angela Reid

***Worship Assistant***

- April 06 - Ernie Shealy
- April 13 - Kristin Caughman
- April 17 - Robert Kneece
- April 18 - George Franklin
- April 20 - Anna Miller
- April 27 - Lisa Senn

***Communion Prep***

- April 06 - Kitty Summer &  
Rosemary Dominick
- April 13 - Huger Caughman, Jr.
- April 17 - Huger Caughman, Jr.
- April 20 - Ann Jacobs &  
Susan Thomasson
- April 27 - Erin Titus

***Acolyte and Crucifer***

- April 06 - Lawson Bannister/Jacob Chapman
- April 13 - Ellie Nguyen/Olivia West
- April 17 - Adam Boozer/Griffin Long
- April 20 - Piper Haskett/Olivia West
- April 27 - Henry Chapman/Ellie Nguyen

..... **Readings** .....

- April 06 - Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12; Luke 18:31-19:10
- April 13 - Psalm 118:19-23; Luke 19:29-44
- April 17 - Psalm 34:8-10; Luke 22:1-27
- April 18 - Psalm 31:5-13; Luke 23:32-47
- April 20 - Psalm 118:17, 21-24; Luke 24:1-12
- April 27 - Psalm 30; Luke 24:13-35

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

- The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor, [pastor@redeemernewberry.org](mailto:pastor@redeemernewberry.org)
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All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life  
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Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8am - 2:30pm

Fri: 8am-12pm

Church Staff

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor

Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr.,

Music Director and Organist

Nicholas Shumate, Choir Dir.

Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director

Haley Stuhr, Office Assistant



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