



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader · May 2025

## ..... A Note from Pastor Matt .....

Grace and peace to each of you!

Here we are in May—nearly halfway through the year already. Time seems to be moving fast.

This month brings so many things to celebrate: graduates in cap and gown, the joyful approach of Pentecost, the blooming of new love (we look forward to celebrating the weddings of Vanessa Harshaw & Austin Bercume and Aubrey Guyton & Gunner Cisko this month), and the continued celebration of Easter's triumphant promise.

And through it all, we center our lives in God's grace and goodness. It was in that spirit that I witnessed something especially beautiful this past month.

On Easter Sunday, one of our youngest members—Clyde Miller—served as the Bible bearer for worship. First of all, he did an excellent job. It's no small thing to do something new and public in front of a church full of people—on the biggest day of the church year no less. But it was the way Clyde held that Bible that truly moved me.

He clung to it—tightly, reverently, almost fiercely. Now to be fair, our pulpit Bible is not light; it has some weight to it, literally and symbolically. But what struck me most was the way he carried it—with dignity, grace, and determination. It was a moment that whispered, *this is how we carry the Word of God.*

Not as an idol, not as a burden, but as something worth holding close. Something that reminds us: *you are loved, you are seen, and I am with you always.*

This is what it looks like to cling to hope. To hold onto the promises of God with everything we've got. That image of Clyde, holding tight to the Word, stayed with me.

So, as we step into this season of celebration, of endings and beginnings, of love and light and learning—may we hold fast to the Word given to us in Christ Jesus. The risen One who calls us beloved. The One who sees us, forgives us, and sends us out.

Hold that Word tightly in your heart—and then live it out boldly with your words and your actions, every single day.

Amen.

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

*Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Joy Mann and Olivia Eargle.*

**Redeemer Members:** Georgette Livingston, Debra Metts, Lloyd Layman, Carolyn Cromer, Mary Lou Weir, Elizabeth Willingham

**Extended Parish Family:** Paul Ladd, family of Marg & Joe Bucher; Hayden Wilson, fiancé of Kaitlyn Stone; Wayne Boozer, father of Kevin & Andrew Boozer; Clayton Smith, son of Clay and Kimberly Smith and friends of the Titus 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; Terri McMurtury, niece of Debra Metts, Mia Stabile and family, great-niece and family of Ann Jacobs, Walter Jacobs, and Susan Jacobs Thomasson; Dean Wise, friend of the Caughman family

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

**If you know of, or have a pastoral care need such as an illness, hospitalization, or upcoming surgery, please contact the church office.**



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

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



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	

It's been a busy spring, and the date has snuck up on us. Unfortunately, we will not be hosting **Beer & Hymns** this Thursday, **May 1**, at Bar Figaro in Newberry. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 4**, when we will come together to sing our favorite hymns and carols during our **End-of-Year Celebration**. We can't wait to share an evening of music and fellowship with you! Thank you for being part of our church family!

..... **May** .....

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					NC/Dutch Fork Choral Society presentation of Requiem - 7pm	FLC Reserved - Harriett Guy
Prop. Comm. - 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am LMM/WELCA Luncheon SC Faith - 5pm WELCA - 3:45pm	5 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	6 Library Reserved	7 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	8	9	10
11 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth Group - 4pm	12 FLC Reserved - NCMH	13 FLC Reserved - NCMH Prayer Shawl - 10am Fin. Comm Mtg - 6pm Library Reserved	14 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	15	16	17 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am  FLC Reserved - New Vision Ministries
18 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Christian Educ. Comm Mtg - 12pm Youth: Conf. - 4pm Youth Group - 5pm	19 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am Cong Council Mtg - 6pm	20 Library Rsvd - 6pm	21 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	22 Newsletter Information Deadline	23	24 Church Reserved
25 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Harshaw & Bercume Wedding	26 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	27 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Reserved	28 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	29	30	31



# FAITH INKUBATORS

## Heartland Conference Confirmation Schedule -

Classes will be held at Summer Memorial Lutheran Church at 4pm.

Winter/Spring 2025

May 18 - Strive for Justice & Peace in the World

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**The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission** - will host a joint gathering with WELCA on Sunday, May 4, in the Family Life Center.

We will not have our regular meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in May.

If you plan to join the SC LMM Committee of 100, forms are available in the narthex, on sclmm.org, or by contacting the church office.

**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**



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**Redeemer WELCA News** - WELCA will meet Sunday, May 4 at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Derryll Satterwhite will lead us in our first program from our new book, Then Sings My Soul, Book 2. We are excited to hear which hymns Derryll has picked out for us.

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

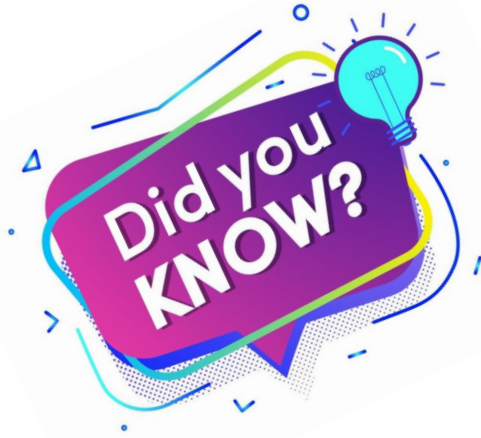
### **Prayer & Care Card Making -**

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 in the church library

## ..... 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 has a collection of banners that were made by various members of Redeemer in addition to those that were made by Alice Pollock of West Columbia. Currently on display are two of our Easter banners—one with a butterfly superimposed on a golden background symbolizing the resurrection and new birth, and the other that has various colored tabs and other Easter symbols on it. During Lent you may have noticed two other banners were used. One was purple, has a tau cross with a serpent on it, and includes an excerpt of scripture from John 3. The other banner used during Lent was used on Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday. It has the same scarlet, unbleached linen, and black scheme as the paraments and features a cross with a crown of thorns.

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In Lutheranism, the Easter season, a time of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is a 50-day period following Easter Sunday and concluding on Pentecost Sunday. It's not just a single day, but a season of joy and thanksgiving for new life in Christ. This season is marked by the color white, signifying purity and rejoicing.

### Key aspects of the Easter season in Lutheranism:

- The Easter season lasts for 50 days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.
- It's a time of rejoicing and feasting, reflecting the good news of Christ's resurrection and the victory over death.
- The liturgical color for the Easter season is white, symbolizing purity, holiness, glory, and joy.
- The season emphasizes the resurrection, new life, and the power of Christ's victory over sin and death.
- Lutheran churches often incorporate special Easter hymns, prayers, and readings during the season.



..... Celebrations .....

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

01 - Hu Mills III  
 01 - Brad Zais  
 03 - Sandy Senn  
 05 - Doggett Whitaker, Jr.  
 08 - Johnny Lindsay  
 08 - Beth Singletary  
 09 - Fae Cousins  
 10 - Sheila Ellisor  
 10 - Graham Flynn  
 10 - Lindler Wessinger  
 11 - Dustin Guy  
 11 - Justin Guy  
 12 - Gavin Garner  
 13 - Derryll Satterwhite  
 13 - William Summer II  
 13 - Lydian Wessinger  
 14 - Jonathan Benton  
 14 - Briley Derrick  
 14 - Paisley Guy  
 15 - J.D. Stone  
 15 - Tommy Moose  
 16 - Austin Westwood  
 19 - Woody Cornwell  
 19 - Cannon Taylor  
 20 - Aubrey Smith  
 23 - Steve Stubbs  
 27 - Miriam Titus  
 27 - Mason Willingham  
 28 - Alfred Dominick  
 28 - Carol Montgomery  
 28 - Debra Willingham  
 29 - Chelsea Ellisor  
 29 - Harriet Guy  
 31 - Mary Sue Green  
 31 - Jana Ritter

..... The Numbers .....

Attendance	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total Worship Attendance	Offerings Received
March 30	40	93	79	172	\$5,634.90
April 6	18	71	117	188	\$8,025.70
April 13	15	87	193	280	\$7,723.98
Apr 17, Maundy Thursday	-----	43	180	223	-----
Apr 18, Good Friday	-----	43	204	247	-----
Apr 20, Sunrise Service	-----	23	-----	-----	-----
Apr 20, Easter	4	174	296	470	\$6,115.43
April 27	21	79	117	195	\$9,317.57
Average	19	101	160	261	\$5,109.55

**Summary Treasurer's report for March 2025**

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

Income: \$ 25,896.36

General expenses: \$ 31,787.40

Income is less than expenses by: \$ 6,583.33

2025 YTD Income: \$ 67,816.22

2025 YTD General Expenses: \$ 89,441.64

2025 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ 21,625.42

**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*

May 04 - Christie Whitaker

May 11 - WELCA

May 18 - Carolyn Hammond

May 25 - Bob Montgomery

### *Worship Assistant*

May 04 - Derryl Satterwhite

May 11 - Johnny Lindsay

May 18 - Eve Kneece

May 25 - Nikki Chapman

### *Communion Prep*

May 04 - Lynn Cary

May 11 - Robert Kneece

May 18 - Polly Davis & Susan Hayes

May 25 - Kathy Lindsay

### *Acolyte and Crucifer*

May 04 - Dennis Caughman/McKenzie Garner

May 11 - Thomas Boozer/Gavin Garner

May 18 - Zoe Reid/Zarek Reid

May 25 - Miriam Titus/Jacob Chapman

## ..... Readings .....

May 04 - Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60; Luke 23:33-34a, 46

May 11 - Acts 8:26-39; Luke 24:44-47

May 18 - Acts 15:1-18; Luke 2:29-32

May 25 - Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-21; Luke 18:9-14

## ..... The Redeemer Directory .....

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All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life

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Nicholas Shumate, Choir Dir.

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