



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader · June 2025

..... A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to you, friends,

As we enter into the true summer months—school has ended, vacations begin, and the South Carolina heat gets, well... even hotter—I want to take a moment to share something meaningful with you.

This June marks ten years since I became your pastor at Redeemer. Wow. Time really has flown. These years have been full of life and ministry, of deep conversations and faithful work, of laughter, worship, challenge, and joy. I am so deeply thankful to be your pastor—and even more thankful that we’ve been able to do this ministry together.

It’s been a fun, Spirit-led journey so far, and I’m eager to see where God leads us next as a community rooted in hope, love, and grace—gifts not only for us, but for all of creation.

Over these ten years, we’ve grown and changed. We’ve tried new things, held on to meaningful traditions, and continued to point to God in every way we could. And along the way, two unofficial mottos have risen up at Redeemer:

- “This is a place where God is at work.”
- “Where all are welcome. No exceptions.”

You’ve helped make those more than just words. I regularly hear from visitors, neighbors, and even longtime Newberrians that Redeemer is seen as one of the most inclusive, welcoming churches in town. That’s not a small thing. That’s the Spirit moving. That’s you living your faith boldly and graciously. And I’m proud of us for that.

As we look toward the future and this journey we continue as pastor and people, I’m filled with hope and anticipation. I truly believe God is still stretching us, calling us, and showing up in surprising ways. Pentecost wasn’t a one-time thing. The Spirit is still lighting hearts on fire and sending us out in love.

There’s much to celebrate this month:

- We give thanks for our Confirmation students on Pentecost Sunday (June 8th).
- We pray for our SC Synod Assembly (June 12–14).
- We lift up our kids and youth headed to camp and VBS.
- And we continue to show up, give thanks, and live into the life that God created us for.

After ten years together, I’m more excited than ever for what comes next. Thank you—for your faith, your welcome, your laughter, and your trust.

Thanks be to God for you, and for the work we get to do together here at Redeemer.

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

Congratulations to Vanessa Harshaw and Austin Bercume on their recent marriage!

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Jimmy Ray Pruitt.

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

*** 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.

YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING

July 7th-11th - VBS at Summer Memorial
Lutheran Church from 5:30 to 7:30

JUNE

1st - No youth events
8th - Confirmation
Sunday
13th - Family Game Night
15th - Youth at Pelicans
21st - GAAP
22-27 - Confirmation
Camp at Lutheridge

Handbell Choir and Choir Wednesday Night Rehearsal will pause during the months of June and July - the last Wednesday rehearsal will be June 4th. Beginning Sunday, June 15th, rehearsals will be held Sunday mornings from 9:45am - 10:15am with devotions starting at 9:30am.

..... June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Prop. Comm. - 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45pm	2 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	3 Historical Committee Meeting - 6pm Library Reserved	4 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	5	6	7
8 Pentecost Sunday Confirmation SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	9	10 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm Library Reserved	11	12 FLC Reserved - NCDSN: Set Up	13 FLC Reserved - NCDSN Sneaker Ball Youth - Family Game Night	14
15 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth - Pelicans Snoballs Outing	16 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	17 Library Reserved	18	19 Newsletter Deadline Church Pianos Tuned	20	21 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am FLC Reserved - Lopez Quinceanera
22 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	23 Church Organ Tuned	24 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Reserved	25	26	27	28
----- PM @ LUTHERIDGE CAMP -----						
29 Intergenerational SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am FLC Reserved - Caughman Family	30 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	1 Historical Committee Meeting - 6pm Library Reserved	2	3	4 Church Office Closed	5

Congratulations!

to our Redeemer Graduates!

Bose Kaikini, SC Governor's School
for Science and Mathematics

Olivia West, Newberry Academy

Philip Livingston, Clemson University

Andrew Livingston, Elon University
School of Law

A.C. Cary, Converse University

Kristin Caughman, Lander University

Kaitlyn Stone, USC Aiken

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The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - will travel to Blue Ocean in Clinton on Tuesday, June 10. Please plan to be there at 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend, notify Huger, Jr. by Sunday, June 8.

Thank you to those who participated in our joint LMM and WELCA gathering on Sunday, May 4. We fed 107 people and had a fantastic time of fellowship.

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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Women of the ELCA

Redeemer WELCA News - will meet Sunday, June 1st, at 3:45pm in the church library for its business meeting. At 4pm, Anne Caughman will be presenting the program on two hymns selected from our Then Sings My Soul, Book 2 books. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

SCWELCA Convention Project - Redeemer WELCA has selected as its project to continue supporting the **Newberry College Nursing Scholarship**. Donations will be collected from June 1 until July 31. There will be a container in the narthex labeled "NC Nursing Scholarship"; envelopes will be available to put your donations; make checks payable to **Newberry College Nursing Scholarship**, memo: **SCWELCA**

..... **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 - Room 225/226

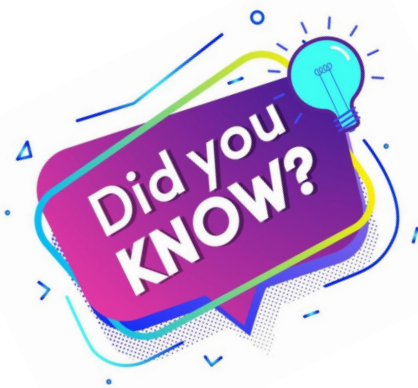
Prayer & Care Card Making -

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?



Our Sunday worship services consist of four distinct parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. This month, we are going to discuss the Gathering. We begin with Confession and Forgiveness or Thanksgiving for Baptism (during the Easter season). Next is the Gathering Hymn which often reflects the theme or season of the day. The hymn is followed by the Kyrie which comes from Greek *kyrie eleison* meaning "Lord, have mercy". Some may remember in older hymnals, the Kyrie was often a back and forth response of "Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." In the red *Service Book and Hymnal* (1958), the Kyrie took the format we find most common today. It is a translation from the 10th century plainsong translated from Latin *cantus planus*.

The Cantic of Praise has two options more commonly known as the Gloria in Excelsis or Worthy is Christ. The introduction to the Gloria is derived from Luke 2: 14. There are other stanzas of acclamation that include addresses to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. The Gloria is also from 10th century plainsong. Worthy is Christ was introduced with the green *Lutheran Book of Worship* in 1978. It uses a repetition of "This is the feast of victory for our God, alleluia" throughout. The other stanzas are derived from hymns in the book of Revelation and unite themes from Passover and Easter.

After the Cantic of Praise, comes the Greeting which is typically, "The Lord be with you" followed by "And also with you." In the SBH, the response was "And with thy spirit" which is derived from Latin *et cum spiritu tuo*. The Prayer of the Day follows the Greeting and is very closely aligned with the theme for the day. At Redeemer, we pray the Prayer of the Day together.

Stay tuned next month for more about the Word section of our service.

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Lost & Found/Free Items

Over the summer we will be cleaning up different spaces in our building. There will be a table in the hallway by the church office where lost and found items along with items that are free for the taking will be placed. The table will be cleaned off weekly so stop by and check out what is there. And please, help yourself!

..... Celebrations

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Doggett & Christie Whitaker Jr. 03 - Slade & Amanda Richardson 05 - Jeremy & Stacy Tyson 05 - Frank & Frances Williams 06 - Dick & Jeannie Webber 11 - Robert & Carol Montgomery 11 - Mark & Lisa Senn	15 - Allan & Robin Vance 16 - John & Carolyn Hammond Sr. 16 - Stan & Linda Renwick 17 - Tom & Carol Gilson 18 - Benji & DeeDee Westwood 24 - Matthew & Erin Titus 28 - Joseph & Marg Bucher
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BIRTHDAYS

01 - Thomas Boozer 01 - Beth Hipp 02 - Cathy Cannady 04 - Gayle Lindley 07 - John Hammond Sr. 07 - Trey Willingham 08 - June Lominack 10 - Sally Groce 12 - Betty Ferguson 12 - Weston Vance 13 - Margaret Flynn	13 - Anne Holland 13 - Steven Senn 15 - Frances Williams 16 - Cal Kopp 17 - Emma Chapman 17 - Ryan Lindsay 17 - Vickie Wiseman 18 - Stan Renwick 19 - Mary Maercklein 23 - Eve Kneece 23 - Trista McRacken	23 - Becky Miller 23 - Jeremy White 25 - Carolyn Cromer 25 - Jessica Wheeler 26 - Elizabeth Coppock 29 - Georgette Livingston 29 - Taylor Newell 30 - Susan Thomasson 30 - Robin Vance
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..... The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total Worship Attendance	Offerings Received
May 4	17	107	121	228	\$4,946.23
May 11	19	84	86	170	\$4,427.27
May 18	22	67	94	161	\$6,567.46
May 25	18	53	120	173	\$4,408.57
Average	19	77	105	183	\$5,087.38

Summary Treasurer's report for April 2025

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:	\$30,794.00
Income:	\$ 23,604.85
General expenses:	\$ 23,250.77
<u>Income is more than expenses by:</u>	<u>\$ 354.08</u>
2025 YTD Income:	\$ 91,421.07
2025 YTD General Expenses:	<u>\$112,692.41</u>
2025 YTD Income is <u>less</u> than expenses by:	\$ 21,271.34

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 Riggin, Nikki Chapman, Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

Altar Flowers

June 01 - Nikki Chapman
June 08 - Vickie Wiseman
June 15 - LMM
June 22 - Robert Kneece
June 29 - Hammond

Worship Assistant

June 01 - Andrew Boozer
June 08 - Robbie Kopp
June 15 - Anne Caughman
June 22 - Mary Alex Kopp
June 29 - Alanna Boozer

Communion Prep

June 01 - Kitty Summer & Rosemary Dominick
June 08 - Erin Titus
June 15 - Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson
June 22 - Ben Bowers
June 29 - Huger Caughman, Jr.

Acolyte and Crucifer

June 01 - Ashleigh Titus/Elin Cary
June 08 - Adam Boozer/Griffin Long
June 15 - Zarek Reid/Elin Cary
June 22 - Miriam Titus/
McKenzie Garner
June 29 - Zoe Reid/Ashleigh Titus

..... Readings

June 01 - Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29; Luke 1:68-79
June 08 - Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7; Luke 11:11-13
June 15 - Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
June 22 - 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Luke 8:26-39
June 29 - 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Luke 9:51-62

..... The Redeemer Directory

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