



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader · July 2025

..... A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to you, my friends!

As I write this, I'm in a quiet moment during a break at Lutheridge, right in the heart of our Kairos Confirmation week. The theme for this week is Baptism, and what a joy it's been! We've explored how baptism is not just a past event, but a living promise — that we are called, claimed, and sent by God through the waters that wash over us with grace.

One of the most moving parts of the week came on Wednesday, when our theme turned to rest. Yes, rest. A word that feels both comforting and, if we're honest, a little uncomfortable. Campers were invited to reflect on what rest looks like in their lives. Their answers were thoughtful and heartfelt: naps, sports, making music, reading, playing with pets. But then came the follow-up question: Is rest difficult for you?

That one gave them pause.

And it's no surprise — most of them said yes. Rest is hard. Their lives, like ours, are full. Constant motion, constant connection, constant expectation. Many of us carry the weight of thinking that rest is somehow a sign of weakness, or that if we're not constantly producing something, we're falling behind.

But Scripture tells a different story. Jesus took naps — yes, even in a storm-tossed boat. And in the very beginning, God rested on the seventh day — not because God was tired, but to show us that rest is part of the rhythm of creation itself.

Rest is holy. Rest is faithful. Rest is necessary.

So as we make our way through the thick of summer — and the heat that comes with it — I want to encourage you to make time for rest. Real rest. The kind that restores your soul and reconnects you with the God who made you. That might look like a quiet walk, a good book, painting, prayer, or even a glorious nap in the AC.

However you rest, know this: it doesn't make you lazy. It makes you whole. It honors the God who created you, claimed you, and still calls you to life.

So take a breath. Rest well. And know that you are loved.

..... Keep In Prayer

*Congratulations: to Aubrey Guyton and Gunner Cisko
And Emma Lindsay and Billy Hymes on their recent marriages!
Congratulations to Mark and Lisa Senn on the birth of their granddaughter,
June Alexander Senn!*

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Lisa Fischer Minick.

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. ***

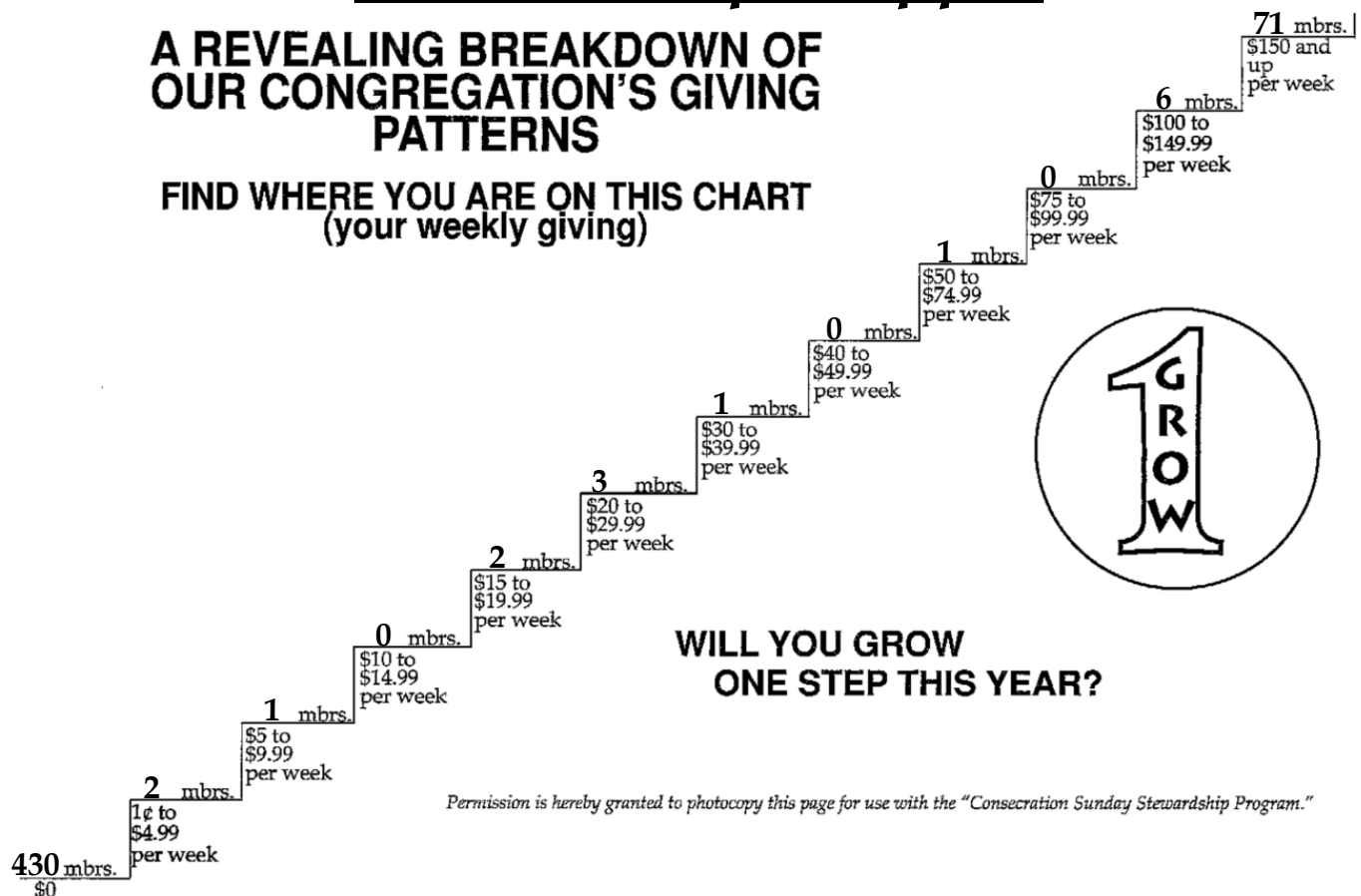
If you know of, or have a pastoral care need such as an illness, hospitalization, or upcoming surgery, please contact the church office.

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Stewardship Snippet

A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART
(your weekly giving)




VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Join us for VBS at Summer Memorial Lutheran Church July 7th-July 11th beginning with dinner at 5:30pm and ending at 7:30pm each evening. Register online at <https://forms.gle/8PkkjGhxPBAar2YP>



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Handbell Choir and Choir Wednesday Night Rehearsal will pause during the months of June and July - rehearsals will be held Sunday mornings from 9:45am - 10:15am with devotions starting at 9:30am. If you have considered joining the choir now is a great time to give it a try!

..... **July**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	1 Library Reserved	2 LMM - Dinner for VBS - 3:30pm	3	4 Church Office Closed 	5
6 Property Comm Meeting - 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45pm	7	8 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm Library Reserved	9	10	11	12
----- VBS @ Summer Memorial 5:30pm- 7:30pm -----						
13 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	14 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	15 Library Reserved	16	17	18	19 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am
20 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	21 Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	22 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Reserved	23	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26
27 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	28 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	29 Library Reserved	30	31		

Congratulations to our confirmands!

Lawson Bannister	Asha Kaikini
Thomas Boozer	Bose Kaikini
Henry Chapman	Reid Kaikini
Jacob Chapman	Lawson Ray
McKenzie Garner	Ashleigh Titus

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The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - Redeemer's LMM will prepare the meal for Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, July 9. (We will not meet on July 8.) Please plan to meet in the Redeemer Family Life Center at 3:30 pm to prepare the meal. We will transport it over to Summer Memorial and serve it there.

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, July 6th, at 3:00 PM, in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Carol Ezell-Gilson will present the program on the hymns she has selected from our Then Sings My Soul, Book 2 books. We look forward to hearing about Carol's selections.. 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

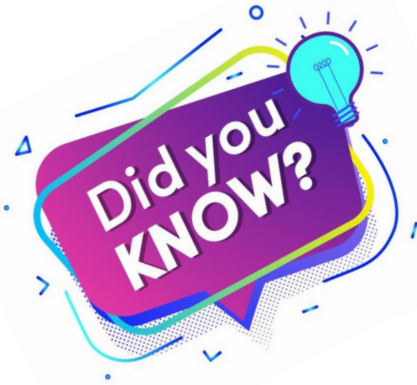
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LOST AND FOUND

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!

..... Did You Know?



Last month, we discussed the *Gathering* part of our worship service. This month, we will examine the *Word* section. During this part of worship, God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. For the past several years, we have been mainly using *The Narrative Lectionary* (workingpreacher.org if you want to read more) in addition to *The Revised Common Lectionary* which has been part of our worship resources for decades now. During this time, our pattern usually includes a reading (Old and/or New Testament), a children's message (Lil' Lutheran Talk), a gospel reading, a sermon, a hymn of the day, the creed, the prayers, and the peace. The hymn of the day is usually closely aligned with the scripture readings. The creed changes based on the season of the church year. The two creeds we use are the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed. The Council of Nicea convened in 325 and one of its main products was the Nicene Creed. So we have 1700 years of history there. The Apostles' Creed is likely a little older, but it has evolved over the centuries. It is believed that the version we use now comes from the 7th or 8th century. The prayers of the church are varied and offer prayers for the church, the world, synodical concerns, local concerns, and we also include a time of silence where people can name petitions aloud or silently. After the prayers conclude, we exchange the peace. There are many forms in which the peace may be exchanged, mostly due to people's different levels of comfort. This is a time to reconcile ourselves with each other as we prepare for the *Meal*, which we will discuss next month.

..... 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

..... Celebrations

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12 - Benny & Betty Ferguson
 13 - Woody & Elaine Cornwell
 14 - George & Karen Summer Jr.
 16 - B.L. & Dale Brown
 16 - David & Vickie Wiseman
 24 - Jeremy & Cassie White
 29 - Bobby & Cynthia Lominack

BIRTHDAYS

02 - Briann Pitts	17 - Jordan Amick	25 - George Summer III
03 - Cooper Dowd	18 - Kathy Dennis	27 - Kelly Bannister
03 - Shannon Lindsay	18 - Elmer Long	28 - Tommy Cousins
06 - Grace Coleman	20 - Joanne Fretwell	28 - Jessica Draeger
08 - Ray Cooper	21 - Todd Guy	28 - Norris Long
08 - Ben Lindsay	21 - Sonny Layman	30 - Taygen Hazel
08 - Becky Livingston	21 - Donna White	30 - David Metts
09 - Amanda Richardson	23 - Ryan Riggin	30 - Thomas Moose
12 - Anna Marie Nicosia	25 - Danielle Abrams	31 - Erin Whitaker
13 - Adam Westwood	25 - Tommy Fellers Jr.	
16 - Joshua Moody	25 - Lendy Miller	

..... The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total Worship Attendance	Offerings Received
June 1	17	72	166	238	\$4,047.23
June 8	18	92	223	315	\$7,164.25
June 15	22	54	142	196	\$7,095.54
June 22	39	83	117	260	\$3,402.11
June 29	37	71	142	213	\$15,686.89
Average	26	74	158	244	\$7,479.20

Summary Treasurer's report for May 2025

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

Income: \$ 16,574.42

General expenses: \$ 25,042.56

Income is less than expenses by: \$ 8,468.14

2025 YTD Income: \$109,068.87

2025 YTD General Expenses: \$136,784.97

2025 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ 27,716.10

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

July 06 - available

July 13 - available

July 20 - available

July 27 - available

Worship Assistant

July 06 - Ernie Shealy

July 13 - Kristin Caughman

July 20 - Robert Kneece

July 27 - George Franklin

Communion Prep

July 06 - Huger Caughman, Jr.

July 13 - Rosemary Dominick

July 20 - Susan Hayes & Polly Davis

July 27 - Rachel and Nick Manos

Acolyte and Crucifer

July 06 - Piper Haskett/Henry Chapman

July 13 - Gavin Garner/Dennis Caughman

July 20 - Clyde Miller/Thomas Boozer

July 27 - Jacob Chapman/Levi Richardson

..... Readings

July 06 - Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13 - Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 20 - Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 27 - Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

..... The Redeemer Directory

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