



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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..... A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to you, my friends!

The start of a new school year is upon us—and in our house, that's no small thing. Not only is Erin entering her ninth year as a teacher at PRES, but for the first time, all four of us will be at different schools. Miriam is heading into 7th grade at MCMS, Ashleigh is starting 9th grade at MCHS, and I'll begin my third year teaching as an adjunct at Newberry College.

Add to that our commitments at church, softball, dance, tennis—and all the unexpected twists life tosses in—and it's... a lot.

And I'm guessing we're not alone. This time of year often brings new routines, shifting dynamics, and the usual chaos of calendars and commitments. It can feel like you're juggling too many balls in the air—trying to keep it all together. Stress builds. Anxiety creeps in. Emotions flare.

And inevitably, someone will say, "Well, God won't give you more than you can handle."

Except... that's not in the Bible. Not once.

In fact, I'd argue Scripture shows the opposite. Over and over, God entrusts people with more than they believe they can bear—Abraham, Sarah, Noah, Moses, David, Deborah, Mary, Paul... Tell any of them that phrase, and I'm pretty sure you'd get a bewildered look. God put a lot on their plates—just as we sometimes feel overwhelmed by what's on ours.

But here's what is biblical. Here's what is faithful: God is present. God will provide. God makes a way.

Even in the middle of packed schedules, relationship decisions, or difficult diagnoses, we are not alone. God walks with us and promises a way forward—not around the challenge, but through it. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that God will provide a way through so that we can endure.

Friends, life is busy and unpredictable, full of joy and full of strain. But through it all, God is there. Jesus is beside us. The Spirit is guiding us.

We may not be able to handle it all. But God can. And God is with us.

Amen.

..... Member Updates

Joined the Church Triumphant

Betty Cummings • Tom Crump

Remember these special members

with a visit, a card, or a telephone call

At Home: Sybil Cousins, Carolyn Cromer, Ann Felker, Elizabeth Willingham

The Heritage at Lowman: Georgette Livingston

Springfield Place: Lloyd Layman, Elizabeth Rodelsperger, Carol Montgomery,
Carolyn Hammond

IF Hawkins: Margaret Chapman, Mary Lou Weir

*** 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.

..... Stewardship Snippet

In the July *Redeemer Reader*, our financial giving statistics were published in a level of giving step chart for the first half of 2025. 430 members contributed \$0 to the ministries of Redeemer. After publishing our giving statistics, we are now at 426 members who contributed \$0. Please consider a financial gift to help continue the mission and ministries of our church. Everyone's support is needed!

In the coming months, be on the lookout for our Time and Talents sheets. Time and Talent are huge parts of our Christian stewardship. By filling these forms out, we show ways in which we can share our gifts of time and talent within the church and community.

There are many areas in which we can give of ourselves. Remember our mission statement: The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation. Let's continue to work together to be that beacon of mission and ministry to the Newberry community!

Average Weekly Givings

\$0 - 426 members	\$30-39.99 - 1 member
\$0.01-4.99 - 2 members	\$40-49.99 - 0 members
\$5-9.99 - 1 member	\$50-74.99 - 1 member
\$10-14.99 - 0 members	\$75-99.99 - 0 members
\$15-19.99 - 2 members	\$100-149.99 - 5 members
\$20-29.99 - 3 members	\$150 and up - 74 members

..... Property Committee Updates

During the first seven months of 2025, your Property Committee has been working diligently to review the status and needs of our church campus. There are some areas that need some updating and additional maintenance.

In June, the air conditioning unit in the church office was replaced at a cost of \$7,524.00. Because of our faithful stewardship with the Major Maintenance/Capital Improvement account, we had the money on hand to pay for this. In the near future, we will be facing some significant repairs to areas of our flat roof and tile roof on the church. If you want to make a special contribution to these repairs, please make note on your offering envelope.

Are there ways that you can help the Property Committee? There are times that small repair projects arise and we can save money by taking care of them internally. If you feel called to help in this way, please notify the church office with your name and contact info.

..... August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Property Comm ³ Meeting - 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am W/M Comm Mtg WELCA - 3:45pm Youth - Sonic @3pm	4	5	6 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	7	8	9
Intergenerational ¹⁰ Sunday School Gathering & Breakfast - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Family Game Day - 3pm	11 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	12 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm LMM - 7pm Library Reserved	13 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	14	15	16 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am
17 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	18 Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	19 Library Reserved	20 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	21	22	23
24 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth @ Top Golf FLC Reserved	25 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	26 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Reserved	27 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	28 Newsletter Deadline	29	30
31 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	1 Church Office Closed for Labor Day	2 Library Reserved	3 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	4	5	6

The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. Pastor Matt is the head chef and Bob Montgomery is presenting the program. All men and boys are invited to attend.

Heartland Conference Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, August 21 at Colony Lutheran Church. The cost of the meal is \$10 and will consist of hotdogs, sides, and ice cream. Scott Sandor, Newberry YMCA Executive Director, will present the program. Please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by Sunday, August 17 if you plan to attend.

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!!



Redeemer WELCA News – WELCA will meet on Sunday, August 3, at 3:45 PM in the church library for its business meeting. We will be discussing the Fall WELCA Heartland Conference Meeting, which will be held in the FLC on Sunday, September 7. At 4pm, Gayle Lindley will be presenting a program on the **"Five Hymns Lutherans Should Know."** All who are interested in finding out what these five hymns are, are invited to attend.

WELCA would like to thank all of you who contributed to its SCWELCA Project - the NEWBERRY COLLEGE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP. As of the date that this was written, we have collected \$360. In the September newsletter, we should have a completer total. We are always grateful for your continued support of WELCA and its projects.

In September, we will be hosting the FALL WELCA Heartland Conference Meeting, please pray for us as we make plans for this special event.

..... **Christian Education Corner**

You're Invited!

The third quarter **Intergenerational Sunday School** gathering and breakfast will be held in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, August 10** at 9:30 am.

Come join in the fun and fellowship!

Pastor Matt will **"Bless the Backpacks"** during the 10:30 am worship service and each person will receive a special tag for their backpack.

New Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, August 17. Check out the bulletin board in the hallway! There's a class for you!

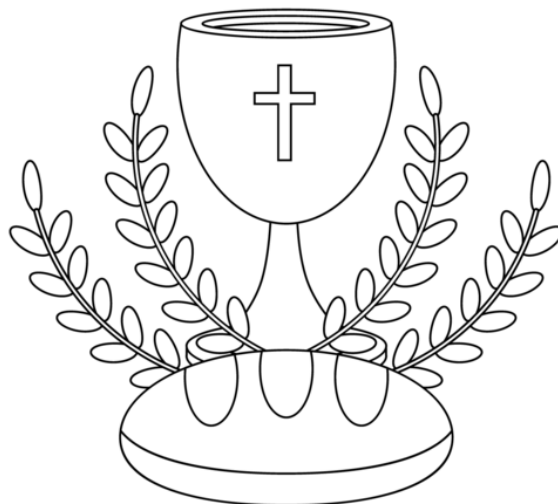
..... Did You Know?

The last two months, we have taken a closer look at *Gathering* and *Word* as part of our worship service. This month, we are going to examine the *Meal*. In our pattern for worship, *Meal* is described as *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*. At Redeemer, we receive the Lord's Supper every Sunday morning. In this portion of the worship service, we receive an offering that is used for the church's mission and ministry as a sign of giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all of God's gifts. During the reception of the offering, one of our choirs offers a Musical Offering that is closely connected with the theme of the day on the liturgical calendar.

As these gifts are brought forward, our crucifer receives them and offers a short prayer of blessing as these gifts are presented to God. Pastor sets the table and prepares for Holy Communion. Before the Lord's Supper is served, we hear the words of the Great Thanksgiving, Preface (again tied to the liturgical calendar), and Holy, Holy, Holy (...we praise your name and join their unending hymn). (This text is referenced in Isaiah 6: 3 and Revelation 4: 8.)

Thanksgiving at the Table includes the Words of Institution. The grace of God's gift is always proclaimed in Jesus' own words of command and promise at the table. The thanksgiving always concludes with the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13 and Luke 11: 2-4). The translation we most often use is derived from King James. You will notice other translations interchange trespasses with sins or debts.

Following the Lord's Prayer, we are issued an invitation to share in the Lord's Supper. At Redeemer, with our free standing altar and altar rail, we are able to gather as a family to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these gifts, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. Sometimes, we sing a communion hymn during the distribution. Otherwise, we have soft communion music that is played which allows time for reflection and meditation on what God has done for us. Following communion, the elements are covered and we have a short Prayer after Communion which gives thanks to God and implores for us to be strengthened for service to others and to proclaim God's redeeming love to the world.



..... Celebrations

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Sonny & Stewart Layman	12 - Sandy & Joanne Fretwell
01 - Matthew & Kelly Loignon	13 - Davy & Tammy Wilson, III
04 - Ben & Nikki Chapman	20 - Barry & Peggy Richardson
05 - Benjie & Jenny Chapman	21 - Zeb & Angela Reid
05 - Molly Fortune & Chris Kemper	

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Andrew Livingston III	08 - Chrissy Sligh	20 - Melissa Mays
01 - Kate Moose	09 - Jimmy Wessinger	22 - Allen Pitts
02 - Lisa Senn	11 - Bootsie Cousins	23 - Henry Chapman
02 - Brent Wilson	12 - Jill Chapman	25 - Les Hipp
03 - Chuck Byrd	12 - Chris Coward	25 - My Anh Nguyen
03 - Faith Felix	13 - Ginger Weir	26 - Donna Franklin
03 - Noel Goodwin	16 - Martha Dominick	26 - Ainsleigh Gray
03 - Jason Long	17 - Jeannie Webber	29 - Jane Moose
03 - Annie Reynolds	18 - Ann Felker	29 - Ellie Nguyen
05 - Nick Grosshuesch	18 - Kathy Long	30 - Mary Nance Joseph
06 - Stephen Moose	18 - Reese Long	31 - Richard Mann Jr.
07 - Phoebe Lockyer	18 - Zeb Reid	31 - Rosealynn Sexton

..... The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total Worship Attendance	Offerings Received
July 6	27	66	152	219	\$8,361.54
July 13	32	70	134	204	\$6,859.72
July 20	26	61	159	220	\$4,908.11
July 27	27	80	193	273	\$5,438.89
Average	28	69	159	179	\$6,392.06

Summary Treasurer's report for June 2025

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:	\$30,794.00
Income:	\$ 29,192.39
General expenses:	\$ 20,691.53
<u>Income is more than expenses by:</u>	<u>\$ 8,500.86</u>
2025 YTD Income:	\$138,261.26
2025 YTD General Expenses:	<u>\$157,476.50</u>
2025 YTD Income is <u>less</u> than expenses by:	\$ 19,215.24

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

Communion Prep

August 03 - Kathy Lindsay
August 10 - Erin Titus
August 17 - Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson
August 24 - Huger Caughman, Jr.
August 31 - Ben Bowers

Worship Assistant

August 03 - Anna Miller
August 10 - Lisa Senn
August 17 - Johnny Lindsay
August 24 - Derryll Satterwhite
August 31 - Alanna Boozer

Altar Flowers

August 03 - Kathy Riggin
August 10 - available
August 17 - Denise Reid
August 24 - available
August 31 - available

Acolyte and Crucifer

August 03 - Olivia West/Lawson Bannister
August 10 - Griffin Long/Ellie Nguyen
August 17 - Elin Cary/Adam Boozer
August 24 - Zarek Reid/McKenzie Garner
August 31 - Zoe Reid/Miriam Titus

..... Readings

August 03 - Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21
August 10 - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
August 17 - Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
August 24 - Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
August 31 - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

..... The Redeemer Directory

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