



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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

September always feels like a season of beginnings. School athletics are in full swing. College classes have started. Football is back on the gridiron. And here at Redeemer, confirmation classes are starting once again! It's a joy to walk with our youth and community through these fresh starts.

Not long ago, one of my students at Newberry College stopped me after class. We had been working through some of the early stories in Genesis, and they said, "Pastor Matt, I feel a little lost – what can I do to be better prepared?" My advice was simple: read the stories.

Of course, reading alone won't give every answer. These stories come from an ancient world, shaped by oral traditions and the questions of their time. But reading them opens the door to something even more important: seeing how God has always been present with creation.

That's exactly what our confirmation students will be doing as we begin again with Genesis and continue building on this great story of faith we share. In worship, too, we'll be returning to the beginning of God's story as the lectionary cycles back to Genesis. Each week we'll hear again how God's story is still unfolding – and how we remain a part of it.

It is good to know these stories. Not so that we can master every detail, but so that we can wonder, ask questions, and grow together. In faithful conversations and in love, we keep learning what it means that God has been with us from the very beginning.

We get to see the presence of God through the earliest stories of our faith, through the struggles of God's faithful people (those same struggles we as modern faithful still fall into), and through the model, life, and love of Christ our Lord who points us back to God's presence and love that has always been with us!

May we continue to walk together in hearing, reading, and sharing these stories of faith. Amen.

..... Member Updates

Congregational sympathy is extended to the families of Chuck Minick as well as Mark Senn after the death of their fathers this month.

Remember these special members

with a visit, a card, or a telephone call

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

The Heritage at Lowman: Georgette Livingston

Springfield Place: Lloyd Layman, Elizabeth Rodelsperger, Carolyn Hammond

IF Hawkins: Margaret Chapman, Mary Lou Weir

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

..... September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Historical Society Mtg - 3pm - FLC	1 Church Office Closed for Labor Day	2 Library Reserved	3 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	4	5 LMM to feed NHS Football Team - 4pm - FLC	6
7 Property Committee Mtg - 9:30am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA Heartland Conf - 3pm - FLC Youth - SC Faith	8 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	9 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm LMM - 7pm Library Reserved	10 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	11	12 Family Game Night - FLC	13
14 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation Class - 4pm Youth Group Kick-Off - 5:15pm	15 Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	16 Library Reserved	17 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	18	19	20 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am
21 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth Group - 5:15pm	22 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	23 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Reserved	24 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27
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..... Property Committee Updates

Property Committee is looking for members of Redeemer who can and will share their talents with the maintenance of our Buildings and Grounds. We would like to keep our assets useful to all the people. Please contact Huger Caughman, Sr. at hugercaughman@gmail.com or let the church office know.

..... Stewardship Snippet

For the past two months, we have looked at our overall giving to Redeemer as a parish family. This month, we are going to examine some questions related to Stewardship.

Question: What portion of my time, talent and treasure should I give?

Answer: Giving of our time, talent, and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It's important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed you are, of using your gifts and talents for the good of others. Once you have this change of attitude, you will be able to more readily determine, through prayer and planning, the portion of your time, talent, and treasure that you will give. In the area of time and talent, many individuals commit a certain number of hours each week to prayer and charitable activities. That prayer can be by yourself, with your family, or with others. Those charitable activities can include working in our parish, working with various community agencies, or working with an individual in need. In the area of treasure, some Christians choose the norm of giving 10 percent of their treasure. Some, because of circumstances, give more than that. Others might start at two, three or four percent. When you are at peace about the size of your gift, when you do not find yourself making excuses for its size, when you know in your heart that you have been completely honest with God and yourself, then your gift is the proper size.

Question: How can we make our fellow parishioners and our families more aware of Stewardship?

Answer: In our parish, we use the bulletin, newsletter, and temple talks to talk about being good stewards. We highlight the various ways to use our time and talent in our parish and community. The next time you work at GAAP or Manna House, invite someone to come work with you. The next time you have a little free time, come volunteer in the church office or help with tasks around the church campus. Share stories of generosity. Encourage others to fully support the mission and ministries of Redeemer.

Question: How important is it for children to be taught about stewardship of time, talent, and treasure? **Answer:** It is very important and the earlier we can begin teaching them, the better. We teach children while they are very young about Jesus, about prayer and about love. We take them to church every week. We help them understand the difference between their "needs" and their "wants." These are all important parts of the Christian life. Giving of ourselves is also an important part of our Christian life, and we need to start teaching children the meaning of giving while they are young. Parents are encouraged to take a child along with them when they visit shut-ins or people in nursing homes. Our Christian Education Committee is providing an opportunity for our children to mail cards to others who are not actively attending Sunday School. Our Prayer and Care Class mails cards to sick parishioners and our college students. Our Social Ministry Committee collects food and supplies for GAAP and Manna House. All of these are ways to help teach children about their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." ~2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 8

The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - will travel to Dempsey's Pizza on Tuesday, September 9 for our 3rd quarter outing. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by Sunday, September 7. All men and boys are invited to attend.

Heartland Conference Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, October 7 at Grace, Prosperity to celebrate the Committee of 100 and the mission work that it does throughout the SC Synod. More information will be forthcoming.

If you want more information about the 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 - On September 7th, WELCA will be hosting the WELCA FALL Heartland Conference Meeting at 3:00 PM in the Family Life Center. We will begin the meeting with a Welcome from both the conference president and our WELCA. Gayle Lindley will be having the devotions. There will be hymn singing along with a business meeting. Following the meeting, Redeemer WELCA will be serving refreshments. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

WELCA'S SCWELCA Convention Project Report - We are delighted to report that \$600.00 was collected for the Newberry College Nursing Scholarship. This money was sent directly to the college. Thank you for your support of WELCA's project for the SCWELCA Convention. As always, you are willing to lend a helping hand.

Nominating Committee - the Nominating Committee is looking for anyone who would be willing to serve on Congregation Council, Endowment Committee, and/or Nominating Committee - if you would be interested in serving on any of these committees please let Huger, Sr know by emailing: hugercaughman@gmail.com.

..... **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, 10 am, church library

..... Did You Know?

Over the past three months, we have looked at the parts of our worship service: *Gathering, Word, and Meal.*

This month, we will examine the last part of the service, *Sending*. The *Sending* is where we are sent out into the world to continue our participation in God's mission. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.

The *Sending* portion of the service begins with the Sending of Communion which is included if communion is taken from worship to those who are homebound or infirm. We have done this at different times in the life of our church. Next, is the Blessing. At Redeemer, we use a Sung Blessing each week that is a call and response. The Sending Song follows the blessing and is often tied to the scripture passages or is a song of sending, rejoicing, and praise to God. At the end of our service before the closing organ voluntary, we are dismissed with a short recap of the theme of the day which is followed by, "Go in peace, Thanks be to God!"

..... Confirmation

Confirmation is coming soon! All those in SIXTH grade and up who have not completed Confirmation requirements are encouraged to attend. This year we will hear, learn, and grow into the stories of our faith as we move through the Old Testament. The fun begins on September 14 in the Youth Hall.

September 14	January 11
September 28	January 25
October 12	February 8
October 26	February 22
November 9	March 8
November 23	March 22
December 7	April 12
December 14	April 26



..... Youth Events

September 7 - SC Faith
September 12 - Family Game Night
September 14 - Youth Group Kick-Off
September 21 - Youth Group
September 28 - Youth Group

If you have any questions about upcoming events or would like to help with an event, please let Aubrey know!

..... Celebrations

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

08 - Bobby & Debra Willingham
 11 - Michael & Denise Reid
 15 - Todd & Harriet Guy
 18 - Stevie & Tonya Sligh, Jr.

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Susan Bowers	09 - Foster Bruce	21 - Joseph Bucher
02 - Jamie Adams	09 - Amelia Long	21 - Lynn Cary
02 - Kadya Miller	09 - Stacy Tyson	24 - Allie Bruce
03 - Von Dennis	11 - Bryan Derrick	24 - Judy Hill
04 - Heidi Cole	12 - Preslea Coleman	24 - Kathryne Wiseman
04 - Stevie Sligh, Jr.	13 - Sullivan Flynn	25 - Benny Ferguson
05 - Carson Moody	16 - Evan Connelly	25 - Doug Riggan
05 - Kitty Summer	16 - Joey Westwood	26 - Susan Hayes
05 - Marty White	17 - Olivia West	26 - Angela Reid
06 - Bobby Lominack	18 - Christopher Kemper	29 - Brad Joiner
07 - Jerry Haltiwanger	18 - Ashleigh Titus	29 - Mary Lou Weir
08 - B. L. Brown, Jr.	20 - Patty Davis	30 - Jennifer Nguyen
08 - Brantlee Coward	21 - Cullen Binnicker	

..... The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total Worship Attendance	Offerings Received
August 3	28	78	196	274	\$3,141.91
August 10	41	89	124	213	\$4,204.40
August 17	24	78	127	205	\$5,450.10
August 24	28	93	247	340	\$3,123.63
Average	30	84	173	258	\$3,980.01

Summary Treasurer's report for July 2025

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>	\$30,794.00
Income:	\$ 26,494.55
General expenses:	\$ 24,811.66
<u>Income is more than expenses by:</u>	<u>\$ 1,682.89</u>
2025 YTD Income:	\$164,755.81
2025 YTD General Expenses:	<u>\$181,842.16</u>
2025 YTD Income is <u>less</u> than expenses by:	\$ 17,086.35

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

September 7 - Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson
September 14 - Rosemary Dominick
September 21 - Polly Davis & Susan Hayes
September 28 - Rachel & Nick Manos

Worship Assistant

September 7 - Eve Kneece
September 14 - Nikki Chapman
September 21 - Kevin Boozer
September 28 - Robbie Kopp

Altar Flowers

September 7 - Nikki Chapman
September 14 - available
September 21 - Vickie Wiseman
September 28 - available

Acolyte and Crucifer

September 7 - McKenzie Garner/Clyde Miller
September 14 - Lawson Ray/Ellie Nguyen
September 21 - Adam Boozer/Miriam Titus
September 28 - Zarek Reid/Dennis Caughman

..... **Readings**

September 7 - Genesis 1:1-2:4a; John 1:1-5
September 14 - Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14; John 1:29
September 21 - Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23, 28:10-17; John 1:50-51
September 28 - Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-15, 4:10-17; John 8:58

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

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