

#### Redeemer Reader · November 2025

## ···················· A Note from Pastor Matt ····················

It's November... already! I can hardly believe we're nearing the end of another year. Time certainly has a way of speeding past us — but as the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun, right?

Speaking of time flying — I want to offer a heartfelt, humble **thank you** for the celebration of our ten years of ministry together at the end of October. What a gift! The meal was wonderful, the fellowship was joyful, and getting to share that milestone with you meant the world to me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside you as pastor and people. I look forward to the years ahead and to seeing where God continues to lead us — proclaiming the gospel, serving our neighbors, and (of course) having fun doing it.

As we move through November, we enter a month filled with both remembrance and preparation in the life of the church.

- **All Saints** On November 2, we will remember the saints we have commended to God's eternal care this past year: *Verna Cavanaugh, Jimmy Ray Pruitt, and Ann Felker*. We will speak their names and toll the bell in their honor. We will also remember and give thanks for all the saints in our lives those whose faith, stories, and love continue to guide us as we follow the One who brings life out of death.
- Congregational Meeting On November 9, we gather for our annual congregational meeting. We will vote on the 2026 ministry spending plan and on leaders to serve our congregation in important ways. Those willing to serve this year are:
  - Council: Mary Sue Green, Rachel Manos, Deedee Westwood, and Gayle Lindley
  - Endowment Team: Tom Gilson
  - Nominating Team: Huger Caughman, Sr., Nikki Chapman, and the outgoing council member

I'm grateful for each person stepping forward to lead with their gifts and faith.

• A New Church Year — November also brings the close of the long season of Pentecost and a turn toward Advent — a season of expectant hope. It arrives quickly, but it always brings with it the reminder that Christ is coming — into our world, into our community, and into our lives again.

There is a lot happening in November — and I am thankful that for the past ten years, we have been able to do all of this work and celebration together. I look forward to many more Novembers with you.

Grace and peace, y'all — always!

## ..... Member Updates .....

Sympathy is extended to Chuck Byrd and family on the death of his mother, Betty.

Sympathy is extended to Elizabeth Willingham and family on the death of her sister, Claudia Setzler O'Bosky.

Sympathy is extended to Carol Ezell-Gilson and family on the death of her great-nephew.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ann Felker who died on October 23.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Stone and Hayden Wilson on their October 18 wedding.

#### Remember these special members

with a visit, a card, or a telephone call

<u>At Home:</u> Sybil Cousins, Carolyn Cromer, Elizabeth Willingham, Carol Montgomery, Carolyn Hammond

<u>The Heritage at Lowman:</u> Georgette Livingston <u>Springfield Place:</u> Lloyd Layman, Elizabeth Rodelsperger <u>IF Hawkins:</u> 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.

# ······ Worship & Music Notes ······

Our annual Musical Showcase and Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Huger Caughman, Jr. and Christopher Dukes will present a benefit concert for GAAP on Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 pm here at Redeemer. We will be collecting items and money to help them continue this valuable ministry to the Newberry Community.

# ····· Property Points ·····

The Property Committee continues to work around our church campus to make improvements and upgrades. Recently, a recirculating pump was replaced that feeds the radiators in the men's and women's restrooms and choir room.

We continue to gather information about our roofing project on the church. As we know more about it, we will share that information. If you want to contribute to this project, please make a note on your offering envelope.

#### ····· Did You Know? ·····

November 21, 2025 marks 60 years since the consecration of the new church. We have included some pictures from the commemorative booklet as well as a few notes from Pastor Henry McCullough and Harold Wagoner, AIA, who designed our beautiful edifice.

#### Excerpts from Architectural Features

- The Altar's location was chosen to be away from the wall so that the communion rail could surround it and in a true sense create the feeling of personal gathering around The Holy Table.
- The Chancel area with its open spaciousness in size and its uplift in height becomes the uncluttered focal center for worship.
- The Pulpit's location is across the chancel from the choirs and opens the way for the choirs to share more directly with the congregation and with the minister in the preaching experience.
- The close physical relationship between the Lectern and the Baptismal Font emphasizes our Lutheran understanding of the direct connection of Word and Sacrament. The marble bowl in the Baptismal Font is the one used in the former church.
- The spire stands as a symbol of Lutheran worship in Newberry and is illuminated each night by spotlights mounted on the roof.
- Beneath the spire, the 48-feet tall chancel window is flooded with light so that its Gospel witness is seen both during the day and at night.



GROUNDBREAKING SERVICE
Sunday, May 17, 1963
Pastor McCullough, N. Kibler Williamson, J. H. Drennan of Moore
Construction, Inc., W. G. Lyles of Supervising Architects, Lyles, Bissett,
Carlisle & Wolff.



CORNERS-STONE LAYING
Sunday, January 10, 1965
Dr. Karl W. Kinard, Rev. J. Benjamin Bedenbaugh, Pastor H. A.
McCullough, Jr., J. Ray Dawkins, Miss Sadie Bowers, Dr. James C.
Kinard, M. Chester Hawkins.

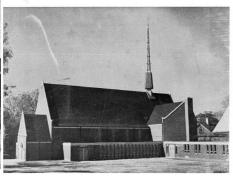




Formal Opening and Consecration Service, Sunday, Nov. 21, 1965. W. Fulmer Wells, chairman of Plans and Construction Committee; Harold E. Wagoner, Designing Architect; Dr. Karl W. Kinard, President of S. C. Synod; Pastor H. A. McCullough, Jr.; Dr. James C. Kinard, chairman of Executive Building Committee.



Interior of Church, November 28, 1965



CONSECRATED
November 21, 1965



#### 2025 Christmas Poinsettias

## Order Deadline is Sunday, November 23rd



The plants will be red in color and wrapped in foil with no bow.

A basket for completed order forms will be in the narthex or return your form to the church office.

#### Please make sure payment accompanies your order. The cost is \$13.00 per plant.

In <u>memory/honor</u> of _	
In <u>memory/honor</u> of _	
In <u>memory/honor</u> of _	
In <u>memory/honor</u> of _	
Given by	Telephone number:
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#### The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission -

Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. BL Brown is the head chef. All men and boys are invited to attend.

Redeemer will host the Heartland Conference Lutheran Men in Mission Ladies Night on Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 pm. The meal will consist of country fried steak, rice/gravy, macaroni/cheese, cole slaw, pork skins, rolls, dessert, and beverage (tea/ coffee/water). The cost of the meal is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by Sunday, November 16 if you plan to attend. The meal will be preceded by a time of

fellowship and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6:30 pm.

If you plan to join the Committee of 100 for 2025, please submit those forms and money to Kevin Wicker. Forms are available in the narthex. For more information, please contact Johnny Lindsay.

#### AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

LUTHERAN MEN IN



WELCA will meet on Sunday, November 2nd, at 3:45 PM,in the church library for its business meeting. During our business meeting, we will be discussing gifts for our shut-ins and also our choice of duties for the WELCA Convention. At 4:00, Dale Brown will present the program. We look forward to hearing about her selection of hymns from our <u>Then Sings My Soul, Book 2</u>.

## ..... Confirmation Class Schedule

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



## ·················· Youth Events ·

November 2 - Youth Group 5-6:30pm
November 9 - Confirmation 4pm, Youth Group 5-6:30pm
November 15 - GAAP @ O'Neal UMC 10am-12pm
November 16 - SC Faith hosted by Summer Memorial - details to follow
November 23 - Confirmation 4pm, Youth Group 5-6:30pm
November 30 - Games at Cookout 3:30-4:30pm
If you have any questions about upcoming events or would like to help with an event, please let Aubrey know!

## ················ Christian Education Corner ·············

**You are invited!** The next intergenerational Sunday School gathering will be held on Sunday, November 30 at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center. Breakfast will be served and there will be Advent activities for all.

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 "What is Sin?"

The Men's Bible Class - Room 142

S.P.I.R.I.T. - Seeking Presence In Relationships, Identity, and Truth - Room 225/226

If you feel called to help teach or lead Sunday School or want to start a new class, please contact Erin Titus, chairperson

Are you interested in Bible Study at a time other than Sunday morning? If so, what topics interest you? Please sign-up by contacting the church office.

# ·······Celebrations ·······

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

14 - Johnny & Kathy Lindsay 15 - Townsend & Susan Wessinger 20 - Steve & Leslie Sligh

### **BIRTHDAYS**

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01 - Alexis Lockyer	09 - Ann Jacobs	21 - Jamie Newell	
02 - McKenzie Garner	10 - Misty Cooper	22 - Kelly Loignon	
04 - Levi Richardson	10 - Karen Krouse	22 - Lib Rodelsperger	
05 - Juliette Nguyen	13 - Mary Linda Hill	23 - Townsend Wessinger	
06 - JD White	16 - Lauren Flynn	25 - Vanessa Bercume	
06 - Mark Senn	16 - Robbie Kopp	25 - Patsy Pruitt	
07 - Claire Grosshuesch	18 - Morgan Harshaw	26 - Alanna Boozer	
07 - Lee Ringer	18 - Ernie Shealy, Jr.	26 - Beth Lominack	
08 - Jordan Čary	20 - Danny Abrams	26 - Peggy Richardson	
08 - Sophia Lockyer	20 - Lawson Bannister	27 - Anne Caughman	
08 - Mary Beth Pease	20 - Anne Epting	28 - Britany Alexander	
09 - Erika Crayne	21 - Kaley Stone	29 - Billy Ďavis	
09 - Sheryl Fincher	21 - Jane Doolittle	30 - Belle Wheeler	

#### ······ Financial Facts ······

Attendance	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total Worship Attendance	Offerings Received
October 5	18	73	139	212	\$9,208.70
October 12	24	72	112	184	\$5,314.40
October 19	22	78	145	223	\$6,772.43
October 26	19	103	108	211	\$5,573.90
Average	20	81	126	207	\$6,717.35

# **Summary Treasurer's report for September 2025**

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:	\$ 30,794.00
Income:	\$ 26,954.96
General expenses:	\$ 24,955.19
Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 1,999.77
2025 YTD Income:	\$210,414.18
2025 YTD General Expenses:	\$243,595.80

2025 YTD Income is <u>less</u> than expenses by: -\$33,181.62

# ..... Worship Volunteers .....

#### **Ushers**

1st Sunday - Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman 2nd Sunday - Chad Cary, Norris Long, 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

November 02 - Christy West November 09 - Rosemary Dominick November 16 - Polly Davis & Susan Hayes November 23 - Huger Caughman, Jr. November 30 - Ben Bowers

## Worship Assistant

November 02 - Kristin Caughman November 09 - Robert Kneece November 16 - George Franklin November 23 - Anna Miller November 30 - Lisa Senn

#### Altar Flowers

November 02 - Kathy Riggin November 09 - Family of Gloria Nelson November 16 - available November 23 - Rey Lominack November 30 - Martha Dominick

## Acolyte and Crucifer

November 02 - Gavin Garner/JC Hazel November 09 - Taygen Hazel/Jacob Chapman November 16 - Clyde Miller/McKenzie Garner November 23 - Ellie Nguyen/Rosealynn Sexton November 30 - Miriam Titus/Adam Boozer

# ······ Readings ········

November 02 - 1 Kings 19:1-18; John 12:27-28 November 09 - Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24; John 7:37-38 November 16 - Isaiah 9:1-7; John 8:12 November 23 - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14; John 14:27 November 30 - Daniel 3:1, 8-30; John 18: 36-37

# ······ The Redeemer Directory ·······

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor, pastor@redeemernewberry.org
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All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary - Japan

#### ..... November .....

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Property Comm Mtg - 9:30am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth Group - 5pm	Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	Library Reserved	Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm			
SS - 9:30am 9 Worship - 10:30am Annual Mtg of the Congregation GAAP Benefit Concert - 3pm Conf Class - 4pm Youth - 5pm	10	Prayer Shawl 11 Ministry - 10am Finance Committee Meeting - 6pm LMM - 7pm Library Reserved	Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	13	14	15 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am		Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm		FLC Reserved - Rotary Breakfast	
SC Faith @ Summer Memorial	Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	Library Reserved	Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	FLC Reserved - LMM Ladies Night		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SS - 9:30am		Prayer Shawl - 10am	Newsletter Dead-	Thanksgiving Day		
Worship - 10:30am Confirmation Class - 4pm			Handbell Rehearsal	FLC Reserved - Harriett Guy	Church Office Closed	
Youth Group - 5:15pm		Library Reserved	Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm			
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Intergenerational SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth Group - Games @ Cookout	Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	Library Reserved	Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	Beer & Hymns - Bar Figaro - 6pm		
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Operation Christmas Child will accept shoe boxes in the church library November 17-24

#### The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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Mon-Thurs: 8am - 2:30pm

Fri: 8am-12pm

#### Church Staff

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor Haley Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Music Director and Organist Nicholas Shumate, Choir Dir.



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