



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader · April 2026

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

Grace and peace to each of you!

As we prepare for the celebration of Easter on April 5th, we look forward to the opportunity to celebrate the new thing that God is doing in the world - the immense and life-changing difference that God has brought to us in and through Jesus, our Christ.

Apart from Easter, we have a lot to celebrate this month as well! We get to celebrate the faithful work of our Endowment Team as they have awarded another year of grant money from the generous gift given to the church by Legrand Amick. Everyone is invited to the Endowment Celebration Dinner on April 9th at 6pm in the FLC. This is an opportunity to hear from grant recipients on how these funds have brought light, joy, and fruitful ministry to many parts of our community. Please let the Church Office know if you are planning to attend.

As we move through the first full month of Spring, we also get to celebrate with one of our members, Aubrey Cisko, as she begins the Candidacy Process in the SC Synod and meets with the Candidacy Committee on April 28-29. Please keep Aubrey in your prayers as she ventures on this path to become a deacon in the church.

We are also fast approaching the time of Synod Assembly, which will be held at Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia from June 11-13. At this year's assembly, we will be electing a new bishop, as Bishop Ginny Aebischer will be retiring from ministry at the end of her current term. If you are interested in being a part of this year's assembly, please let me know.

This month brings so many opportunities to celebrate, pray, and give thanks for the work that God has done and continues to do in this place. We give thanks for the opportunities to serve, care for, and be with those around us, where God uses our hands and feet to bring the joy and love of the Gospel to all.

Thank y'all! I mean it!

..... **Member Updates** .....

*Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:  
Georgette Livingston who died March 2; Carolyn Cromer who died March 20; and  
former Bishop of South Carolina Synod, Dr. James S. Aull, who died March 15.*

*Congratulations to Andy Sidden on the birth of his great-grandson, James Augustyne  
Stafford, who was born March 15.*

**Prayer List:** B.L. and Dale Brown · Rev. Dick Webber · Elaine Cornwell · Eve Kneece

**Remember these special members:**

*with a visit, a card, or a telephone call*

At Home: Sybil Cousins, Elizabeth Willingham, Carol Montgomery,  
Carolyn Hammond, John Bodie

Springfield Place: Elizabeth Rodelsperger, Kitty Summer

JF Hawkins: Mary Lou Weir

**Do you have membership news to share? Please notify the church office at (803)  
276-2003 or [info@redeemernewberry.org](mailto:info@redeemernewberry.org)**

..... **Did You Know?** .....

Easter is a movable feast that follows the first day of spring and the first full moon after spring begins (March 21). Easter can be celebrated as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. This “formula” was set by the Council of Nicea (AD 325) to ensure Easter was celebrated on a Sunday following the Jewish Passover. The Western Church use the Gregorian Calendar to determine this date while the Orthodox Church uses the Julian Calendar, which often results in a different date for Easter celebrations. You will also notice that the preposition “in” is used for the Sundays “in Lent” because each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection (Easter). Other liturgical seasons use “of” or “after” to denote time (i.e. of Advent, after Pentecost, etc.)



..... **Worship & Music Notes** .....

Our Senior Choir has been working to prepare special music for Easter. If you like to sing or know anyone who might be interested, please join us for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the choir room (Room 127).

Our Children's Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings after worship in the choir room. The Children's Choir is open to any children in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. For more information, please contact Huger Caughman, Jr.

**Eucharistic Ministry - Bring Christ's Table to Members' Home**

Do you have a heart for serving those who can no longer attend Sunday worship? Our Eucharistic Ministry connects our community with members who are elderly, ill, or unable to leave their homes. By visiting and sharing Holy Communion, you bring the presence of Christ and the love of our congregation to those who need it most.

Pastoral training provided.

Flexible scheduling (usually once a month).

Please call the Church Office at (803) 276-2003 or email [info@redeemernewberry.org](mailto:info@redeemernewberry.org) to learn more about this rewarding ministry.

**Holy Week and Easter at Redeemer**

**Maundy Thursday** - April 2, 7:00pm worship in the church

**Good Friday** - April 3, 7:00pm, worship in the church

**Easter Sunday** - 7:00am sunrise worship outside in front of the church

**Easter Sunday** - 10:30am worship in the church

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for worship!

..... **Stewardship Snippet** .....

**Investing in Our Digital Mission**

As we continue to grow our outreach and fulfill our mission in a digital world, your stewardship ensures the message of hope extends far beyond our physical walls. Contributions help cover the necessary costs of our virtual ministry, including high-quality live streaming services to bring worship into homes, local radio broadcasts to reach the community, targeted advertisements to welcome newcomers, and the maintenance of our church website as a welcoming online hub. These investments - from licensing fees to production costs - are essential tools for engaging and connecting with worshippers, both in our neighborhood and online. Thank you for your continued generosity in funding this vital ministry that makes us a church without walls. Our annual costs for this part of our ministry are around \$3,000.

**[www.RedeemerNewberry.org/Give](http://www.RedeemerNewberry.org/Give)**

..... **Lutheran Men in Mission** .....

The Redeemer LMM will meet **Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00pm**. Ben Bowers is the head chef and is preparing country fried steak, rice and gravy, and other side dishes.

Bob Montgomery is presenting a program on Sacred Spaces.

All men and boys are invited to attend!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Redeemer LMM and WELCA invite the congregation to a catered luncheon on **Sunday, May 3** in the Family Life Center immediately following worship. There is no cost for the meal, but RSVPs are required to ensure we have enough food for all.



The theme of this luncheon is **“Picture it, Redeemer”**. Bring your photos of Redeemer that include family, friends, activities, celebrations, etc. We will have places set up for you to display your pictures.

..... **WELCA** .....

WELCA will not have its regular meeting in April since the first Sunday in April is Easter. Instead, we will be meeting on the second Sunday, April 12th, at 3:00 PM in the Family Life Center with other members of the Heartland Conference. During this time, we will be making plans for the SCWELCA Convention, which will be held at Redeemer on Friday/Saturday, June 19th-20th.



We hope that you have a Happy Easter! Look forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

..... **Property Points** .....

The Property Committee continues to work around our church campus to make improvements and upgrades.

A water leak in the front lawn of the church has been repaired. One of the three HVAC units on the second floor of the Education Building has been replaced; it has served us since 2003.

..... **Calendar of Events** .....

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
29 Intergenerational Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt - 3:30pm	30	31	1 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	2 Maundy Thursday Service - 7pm	3 Church Office Closed Good Friday Service - 7pm	4
5 Easter Sunrise Service - 7am Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am	6 Easter Monday - Church Office Closed	7	8 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	9 2026 Endowment Reception - 6pm	10	11 FLC Reserved - Caughman Family
12 Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:00pm - FLC Confirmation - 4pm	13 Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	14 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Committee Mtg - 6pm LMM - 7pm	15 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	16 NC Madrigals Concert  FLC Reserved - Basketball	17	18 GAAP - 10am-noon - O'Neal Street UMC
19 Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am	20 Prayer & Care Card Class - 9:30am	21	22 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	23 FLC Reserved - Basketball	24	25 FLC Reserved - Velasquez Wedding
26 Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am Confirmation - 4pm	27	28 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am	29 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	30 FLC Reserved - Basketball	1 FLC Reserved - Newberry Hospital Awards Lunch	2 FLC Reserved - LMM & WELCA

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

Start your Sunday right by joining us for Sunday School! It's a warm and welcoming place to connect with others, explore faith, and grow deeper in your understanding of the Bible. We have engaging classes for all ages, from children to adults. Come as you are and find a place to belong!

Classes begin at 9:30 am.

**Nursery** - Room 133 · **Children** - Rooms 134 & 135

**R&R Rest & Refuel** - Montessori style class - Room 219 · **Prayer in Color** - Room 216

**The Gathering** - Room 141 - Studying the narrative lectionary series

**The Men's Bible Class** - Room 142

**S.P.I.R.I.T. - Seeking Presence In Relationships, Identity, and Truth** - Youth Hall

..... Celebrations .....

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

05 - Norris & Michelle Long • 13 - Arlo & Judy Hill

**BIRTHDAYS**

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 02 - Nancy Owen      | 18 - Alexander Cole  |
| 03 - Robert Cole     | 21 - Jamie Weir IV   |
| 04 - Carolyn Hammond | 22 - Susan Wessinger |
| 04 - Dale Smith      | 22 - David Wiseman   |
| 05 - Kendyl Griffith | 26 - Jason Bruce     |
| 14 - Joey Nicosia    | 26 - Bob Montgomery  |
| 15 - Rachel Manos    | 27 - Kristie Garner  |
| 17 - Kaitlyn Stone   | 27 - Benji Lindsay   |
| 18 - Elin Cary       | 28 - Kristy Barnes   |
| 18 - Kathy Lindsay   | 28 - Ella Coleman    |

..... Attendance .....

	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total	Offerings Received
March 01	18	70	157	227	\$4,785.16
March 08	24	62	181	243	\$4,194.96
March 15	27	65	102	167	\$8,196.81
March 22	24	71	44	115	\$6,169.84
<b>Average</b>	23	67	121	188	\$5,836.96

**Lenten Mid-Week Services:**

<u>02/25</u>	<u>03/04</u>	<u>03/11</u>	<u>03/18</u>
34	35	25	26

..... Financial Facts .....

**Summary Treasurer's Report for March (as of March 23, 2026)**

	Current Expenses	Major Maintenance/Capital Improvement	YTD All Accounts
Income:	\$18,287.29	\$2,115.00	\$62,370.85
Expenses:	\$17,253.74	\$0	\$74,531.33
Amount Over/Under:	\$1,033.55	\$2,115.00	(\$12,160.48)

..... **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, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

4th Sunday - Elmer Long, Mack Garner, Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

5th Sunday - Kathy Riggin, Nikki Chapman, Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

	<b>April 02</b>	<b>April 05</b>	<b>April 12</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 26</b>
<b>Communion Prep</b>					
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	No Flowers During Lent	Betty & Benny Ferguson	Polly & Lee Davis	Nikki Chapman	Angela Reid
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Joe Bucher	Andrew Boozer	Lisa Senn	Eve Kneece	Johnny Lindsay
<b>Acolyte &amp; Crucifer</b>	Dennis Caughman & Zoe Reid	Elin Cary & Griffin Long	Levi Richardson	Gavin Garner & JC Hazel	Taygen Hazel & Jacob Chapman
<b>Bible &amp; Torch Bearers</b>		Ashleigh Titus & Thomas Boozer			

..... **Readings** .....

April 02 (Maundy Thursday) - Psalm 26:3; John 19:23-30

April 03 (Good Friday) - Psalm 31:9-18; John 19:31-42

April 05 (Easter Sunday) - Psalm 118:21-29; John 20:1-18

April 12 - Psalm 145:13-21; John 20:19-31

April 19 - Acts 9:1-19a; Matthew 6:24

April 26 - Acts 16:16-34; Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

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

**The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor**, *pastor@redeemernewberry.org*

**Dr. Huger P. Caughman, Jr., Music Director & Organist**, *organist@redeemernewberry.org*

**Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director**, *music@redeemernewberry.org*

**Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper**,  
*info@redeemernewberry.org, finance@redeemernewberry.org*

All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life

Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary - Japan

**2026 VBS IS COMING SOON! JUNE 7-10, 5:30-7:30PM @  
CENTRAL UMC - MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!!**



**NEWBERRY COLLEGE SUNDAY – COMING SOON!**

On **April 12**, Newberry College invites you to join us for a special Day of Giving: **“Newberry College Sunday.”** As part of **Scarlet and Gray Week 2026**, this meaningful day calls on our extended community—including our valued local churches—to come together in support of the mission and ministry of Newberry College.

Scarlet and Gray Week is a cherished annual celebration that unites alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends in a shared spirit of generosity and pride. Throughout the week, we reflect on the traditions that shape us and invest in the future that inspires us.

Every gift—no matter the size—makes a lasting impact, strengthening scholarships, academic programs, campus ministries, and the initiatives that help Newberry students grow in knowledge, faith, and service.

**Join us. Give generously. Make a difference.**

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Mon-Thurs: 8am - 2pm

Fri: 8am-1pm

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