



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader · May 2026

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

Grace and peace to each of you!

As they say, April showers bring May flowers, right? That certainly felt true at our sunrise Easter service where... well... we got rained on. But as I mentioned that morning, it became an unexpected opportunity to remember our baptism. And honestly, that theme hasn't gone away. Over the past month—and as we look ahead—we continue to see how God's promises, poured into us through those holy waters, show up in real and meaningful ways.

First and foremost, we are reminded that we are not alone. I've experienced that deeply in these past weeks with the passing of my grandmother. I am so grateful for the many calls, texts, cards, hugs, smiles, and prayers that you have shared with me and my family. In baptism, we are called and claimed into a community of faith, bound together in ways both seen and unseen. Often, it's in the hardest moments that those connections become most clear. Please know how much your care has meant to me—I carry those prayers with me as we gather in Florida for her funeral service on May 9th. Thank you.

That same spirit of community—of showing up for one another—was also on full display at our Mission Endowment Celebration Dinner. Seventeen different ministries in our community will be supported this year, each one expanding their reach, beginning new work, or continuing ongoing efforts because of your generosity. Whether it's walking alongside those who are unhoused, providing food for those who are hungry, or supporting education and growth, the Mission Endowment Fund allows us to share God's love in tangible ways. The evening on April 9th was filled with joy, laughter, and deep gratitude. In the months ahead, you'll have the chance to hear directly from many of these grant recipients as they share their stories with us.

And as we move toward the end of the month, we look forward to celebrating milestones within our own community. On May 24th, we'll celebrate Confirmation Sunday, and we'll also recognize our high school graduates. These young people are stepping more fully into who God has created them to be, and into the world that awaits them. As we celebrate them, we're reminded that none of us walks this journey alone—we continue together as a community of faith, supporting and encouraging one another along the way.

So yes, the month began with Easter, where a few of us remembered our baptism in a very literal way. But more than that, it has been a season of seeing how God's claim on us—through those holy waters—continues to shape and guide us. In moments of grief, in acts of generosity, and in celebrations of new beginnings, we are reminded who we are and whose we are as we proclaim the good news of the risen Christ.

Amen!

..... **Member Updates**

Congratulations to Stephanie and Jared Parnell on the birth of their son, Banks Alexander Parnell, on March 31.

Congratulations to Taylor and Danton Hyman on the birth of their son, Beau Todd Hyman, on April 5.

*Sympathy to Pastor Matt and family on the death of his grandmother, Ann Titus, on April 10.
Sympathy to George Franklin and family on the death of his aunt, Joan Franklin Phibbs, on April 18.*

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

Friends of the congregation: Ember Corley · Jewel Garner · Lee Moody

Remember these special members:

with a visit, a card, or a telephone call

At Home: Carol Montgomery, John & Carolyn Hammond, John Bodie, Fae Cousins, Helen Fellers, Nancy Owen, Patsy Pruitt

Springfield Place: Kitty Summer · Chuck Minick

JF Hawkins: Mary Lou Weir · Sybil Cousins · Elizabeth Rodelsperger

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

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

The season of Easter lasts for 50 days and concludes on the Day of Pentecost. This is considered to be the highest point of the church year and our focus is on new life in Christ. The Paschal Candle is lit during each of our worship services as part of the continuous celebration of Easter. (Paschal comes from the Greek and Latin word, *Pascha*, which means “Passover”. Jesus becomes the paschal lamb during the Jewish Passover.) The liturgical colors are white and gold. Alleluia has been added back to our worship services.

The Ascension is celebrated 40 days after Easter and is based on Acts 1: 3, 9. The Day of Pentecost is mentioned in Acts 2. We consider this the birth of the Christian Church. On the Day of Pentecost, our paraments are red and represent the spirit and fire.



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

The Handbell and Senior Choirs continue to rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm, respectively. Our summer rehearsal schedule will begin on Sunday, May 31 with a short devotional/scripture lesson at 9:30 am and rehearsal from 9:45 am - 10:15 am.

Our Children's Choir sang in worship on Sunday, March 8, Sunday, April 12, and will sing on Sunday, May 3. They will take a break for the summer, and will resume rehearsals on Sunday, August 9.

Eucharistic Ministry-Bring Christ's Table to Members' Homes

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 to learn more about this rewarding ministry.

..... **Stewardship Snippet**

A message from your Stewardship Team

Your Stewardship Team has been working diligently over the past several months to identify, discuss, and plan for the stewardship needs of Redeemer. This work includes taking a closer look at the many ministries we support through our financial gifts as well as through the giving of our time and talents. We are also preparing for our annual Consecration Sunday this fall.

Thank you for your continued support with time, talent, and financial resources to continue the mission and ministries here at Redeemer.

www.RedeemerNewberry.org/Give



..... Lutheran Men in Mission & WELCA



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

The Heartland Conference LMM will meet on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 pm at Pomaria Lutheran Church. Wise’s BBQ is catering the meal: country fried steak, green beans, rice and gravy, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, banana pudding, and tea. The cost of the meal is \$16 per person. RSVP to Earl Leitzsey by May 24 (phone 803-924-0906 or email g_leitzsey@yahoo.com)



..... Property Points

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

..... 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



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..... Celebrations

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 01 – J.D. & Dawn Stone | 18 – Brian & Jessica Wheeler |
| 06 – Jerry Haltiwanger & Anna Marie
Nicosia | 23 – Joshua & Becky Miller |
| 15 – Chuck & Laurel Keen | 25 – Austin & Vanessa Bercume |
| 15 – Tommy & Jane Moose | 29 – Huger & Anne Caughman, Sr. |
| 18 – Andy Sidden & Kevin Dove | 31 – Gunner & Aubrey Cisko |

BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 – Hu Mills III | 12 – Gavin Garner | 20 – Aubrey Smith |
| 01 – Brad Zais | 13 – Derryll Satterwhite | 23 – Steve Stubbs |
| 03 – Sandy Senn | 13 – William Summer II | 27 – Miriam Titus |
| 05 – Doggett Whitaker, Jr. | 13 – Lydian Wessinger | 27 – Mason Willingham |
| 08 – Johnny Lindsay | 14 – Briley Derrick | 28 – Alfred Dominick |
| 08 – Beth Singletary | 14 – Paisley Guy | 28 – Carol Montgomery |
| 09 – Fae Cousins | 15 – Tommy Moose | 28 – Debra Willingham |
| 10 – Sheila Ellisor | 15 – J.D. Stone | 29 – Harriet Guy |
| 10 – Lindler Wessinger | 16 – Austin Westwood | 29 – Chelsea Whitlock |
| 11 – Dustin Guy | 19 – Woody Cornwell | 31 – Mary Sue Green |
| 11 – Justin Guy | 19 – Cannon Taylor | 31 – Jana Ritter |

..... Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total	Offerings Received
March 29	25	71	276	344	\$ 9,792.15
April 05	28	19/144	911	1055	\$ 5,197.16
April 12	25	84	236	320	\$16,465.38
April 19	20	64	117	181	\$22,328.84
April 26	20	69	214	283	\$32,041.16
Average	23	86	350	436	\$17,164.94

..... Financial Facts

Summary Treasurer's Report for April (as of April 28, 2026)

	Current Expenses	Major Maint./ Cap. Impr.	YTD All Accounts
Income:	\$30,039.14	\$5,467.50	\$120,034.45
Expenses:	\$25,426.42	\$9,633.00	\$111,598.86
Amount Over/Under:	\$4,612.72	(\$4,165.50)	\$8,435.59

..... **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

	May 03	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Altar Flowers	Christie & Doggett Whitaker	WELCA	Available	Available	Heather Kaikini
Worship Assistant		Robert Kneece	Ernie Shealy	Kristin Caughman	George Franklin
Acolyte & Crucifer	Roselynn Sexton/Ellie Nguyen	Adam Boozer/Miriam Titus	Zarek Reid/Dennis Caughman	Zoe Reid/Elin Cary	Griffing Long/Ashleigh Titus

..... **Readings for the Month**

May 03 – Acts 17:16-31; John 1: 16-18

May 10 – Philippians 1:1-18a; Luke 9:46-48

May 17 – Philippians 2:1-13; Luke 6:43-45

May 24 – Acts 2: 1-21; Philippians 4:4-7; John 14:16-17

May 31 – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

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

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

All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life

Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary – Japan

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26 Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am Confirmation - 4pm	27 Prayer & Care Card Class - 9:30am	28 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am	29 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	30 Bible Study w/ PM - 2pm	1 FLC Reserved - NCDSNB Dinner & Dance	2 FLC Reserved - LMM & WELCA
3 Property Comm Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am LMM & WELCA Luncheon	4	5	6 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	7 Bible Study w/ PM - 2pm	8	9
10 Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am	11 Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	12 NCMH Luncheon Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Committee Mtg - 6pm LMM - 7pm	13 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	14 Bible Study w/ PM - 2pm	15	16 GAAP - 10am-noon - O'Neal Street UMC
17 Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am	18	19	20 FLC Reserved Newberry Newcomers Club Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	21 Bible Study w/ PM - 2pm	22	23 FLC Reserved - Quinceanera
24 Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am	25 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed	26 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am	27	28 Bible Study w/ PM - 2pm	29	30 FLC Reserved
31 Senior Choir Rehearsal - 9:30am Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am FLC RESERVED	1	2	3	4 Bible Study w/ PM - 2pm	5	6

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