



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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

Greetings and faithful love to each and every one of you as we enter into the month of August!

August is always a time of new beginnings, new adventures, and, of course, continuous sweat rolling down our backs! A new school year begins for our elementary, middle, high school, and college students (as well as for all those faithful people who teach, prepare, support, and help make those days run more smoothly). Our program year at the church also kicks off with our Backpack Blessing and Sunday School Rally Day on August 2. We are looking forward to another exciting season of local sports with Newberry College, Newberry High School, Mid-Carolina High School, and Newberry Academy.

August is always busy.

But the thing I am most excited about is that on August 9, following worship, we will begin talking about the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Who's interested? What does a Youth Gathering actually entail? How are we going to get there? And is it okay for us to start getting excited now?

I attended the Youth Gathering in 2000 when it was held in St. Louis, Missouri, and it was an incredible experience. I built stronger friendships with the youth from my own church, met thousands of other young people from across the country, heard inspiring speakers and great music, worshiped alongside fellow Christians, and had an absolute blast. Unfortunately, I haven't had the opportunity to return to a Gathering since then. I would love for our youth to experience what I did.

Everyone entering 8th through 12th grade is eligible to attend, and there is even a Young Adult Gathering taking place alongside the Youth Gathering for those who are over 18 and have already graduated from high school. It certainly takes a great deal - both financially and faithfully - to send a group, but I truly believe it is something we can accomplish together, especially with the support and generosity of the Redeemer family. You'll be hearing much more in the months ahead about fundraising opportunities and the many ways you can help send our youth to Minneapolis in Summer 2027.

No matter where you find yourself as we move into the humid heat of August - starting a new adventure, deepening a relationship, returning to familiar routines, or stepping into something entirely new - know that God loves you, Jesus walks with you, and the Holy Spirit continues to guide you every step of the way. It is always good for us to pause and notice God's holy presence among us.

Thanks, everyone. And remember: God loves you, and so do I. I mean it!

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

July was a BIG month for Redeemer! On July 10, Redeemer celebrated our 173rd birthday and we are now in our 174th year of ministry to Newberry. Below is an excerpt from our history regarding our founding.

On Sunday, July 10, 1853, at a service attended by a congregation that overflowed the Court House, Luther Chapel was organized with 21 charter members under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Thaddeus S. Boinest. In November the congregation was received into the South Carolina Synod and into the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, a predecessor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In December, the congregation was chartered by the General Assembly of South Carolina.

Our Schantz pipe organ is now 60 years old. During the planning of the “new” church, there were discussions about retaining the 1903 Möller pipe organ, but the decision was made to sell it and purchase a new organ for the church. While on tour with the Newberry College Singers, Darr Wise played the new Schantz pipe organ at The Lutheran Church of The Resurrection in Augusta, Georgia and found it to be perfect for accompanying the service, hymns, and anthems. At his recommendation, a contract was signed with the Schantz Organ Company of Orrville, Ohio. Schantz was founded in 1873 and is the oldest family owned pipe organ company in the United States. Below is an excerpt from our church’s history regarding our pipe organ. Below is an excerpt from our history regarding the pipe organ.

On Sunday, July 17, 1966, the long-awaited new Schantz organ was dedicated. This three-manual instrument was initially installed having 24 ranks with a total of 1,496 pipes and the 21-note chime set from the former organ. Shortly afterwards, Mrs. Leonora Epting donated funds for the addition of two new ranks, completing the cornet division of the choir organ. A decade later, Mr. James W. Ingram, Jr. donated funds for the addition of a cymblestern in honor of Organist-Choirmaster W. Darr Wise. Next, two ranks for 16’ and 8’ Bourdon were added, these being electronic ranks, since no more space was available in the organ chamber for additional pipes. While this work was completed, a new pedalboard was installed. A gift from the estate of Mr. Kernie Wessinger made possible the addition of the Trumpet-en-Chamade, located on the back balcony wall of the Church. So in its present form, the Schantz organ has grown to a total of 29 ranks.

Our Schantz pipe organ is one of four in Newberry: Redeemer (1966), AGD Wiles Chapel (1967), Central UMC (1975), and St. Luke Episcopal (1996).



Umbrellas-need one? Missing one? Check out the narthex rack and see if yours is there. If you need an extra, please take one.



..... **Member Updates**

Congratulations to Mallory and Teal O'Dell on the birth of their son, Chief, on July 2. Proud grandparents are Mary Sue and John Green and proud great-grandparents are Tommy and Helen Fellers.

Congratulations to Austin Longshore and Adrienne Shaw on their June 20 marriage.

Congratulations to Marg Bucher for being featured in the July/August 2026 edition of The Newberry Magazine.

Sympathy to Barry Richardson and family on the death of his step-mother, Gaynell Richardson, on July 6.

Prayer List: Dale Brown · Rev. Dick Webber · Elaine Cornwell

Rosemary Dominick · Harriet Guy

Friends of the congregation: Ember Corley · Jewel Garner · Claire Whitaker Walker

Remember your church family, especially those you haven't seen in a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God's blessings.

At Home: Carol Montgomery, John & Carolyn Hammond, John Bodie, Nancy Owen,

Springfield Place: Kitty Summer · Chuck Minick · B.L. Brown

IF 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.

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

Regular Senior Choir rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, August 5; **Handbell Choir** rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, August 12. The Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, August 9 after the 10:30 am worship service.



Our **Eucharistic visitors** are important sacramental and pastoral representatives of our church community. Their visits remind parishioners who are sick or unable to physically attend Sunday services that they are still members of our community and the Body of Christ, and they are not forgotten. Eucharistic visitors bear Christ's body and blood, connecting members in their homes to the larger Body of Christ, past, present, and future.

Parishioners who would like a visit from one of our Eucharistic ministers or who would like to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the church office (803-276-2003 or info@redeemernweberry.org).

..... **Stewardship Snippet**

One of the great joys of being part of Redeemer is witnessing how God continues to breathe new life into our congregation. Week by week, we see it in the energy of worship, the questions of our children, the commitments of new members, and the steady faith of those who have called this church home for many years. We are a community rooted in God's Word, boldly living out Christ's love, and eager to follow where the Spirit is leading.

Indeed, our history tells a remarkable story. For more than 174 years, generations before us have planted seeds of faith and sacrifice so that the church might flourish in their time and in ours. They gave not only to sustain what was, but also to invest in what could be. Today, we stand on their shoulders – grateful for their vision, and mindful of the responsibility now entrusted to us.

This is a season of growth and possibility for Redeemer. We are deepening our commitments to worship, discipleship, and mission. We are asking bold questions about how God is calling us to care for our community, to nurture the next generation, and to serve with compassion and creativity in a changing Newberry and world. Together, we are engaged in a visioning process that will help us discern how best to live out our calling in the years to come.

But vision and growth require more than good intentions. They require faithful investment. Every financial gift made by our members and friends becomes part of the foundation upon which ministry is built. Your generosity equips us to welcome newcomers, strengthen families, reach out in mission, and create space where all can encounter the love of Christ.

Look at our Financial Facts as both testimony and invitation. It is testimony to the good work already being done in Christ's name – work made possible by your gifts. And it is an invitation to join in that work with renewed commitment. Whatever the size of your gift, your participation matters. Each gift is multiplied when joined with the gifts of others, creating a witness far greater than any one of us could offer alone. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might join us in supporting this shared mission.

..... **WELCA**



WELCA will meet Sunday, August 2, at 3:45 PM, in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00, Gayle Lindley will be presenting the program from our Then Sings My Soul, Book 2. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

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

Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Ben Bowers is the head chef and the meal will be eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, grits, and gravy. Bishop-elect, The Rev. Dr. Wade Roof will present the program. All men and boys are invited to attend.



The next Heartland Conference LMM meeting will be on August 20 at Mt. Horeb with Farm Boys catering the meal and Rev. Megan Lineberger as the guest speaker.

If you would like to join the Committee of 100, forms are available in the narthex or on the desk in the hallway outside of the church office. AMEN for Lutheran Men!

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

Join us August 2nd during the Sunday School hour for a Sunday School Rally Day!
Breakfast will be served – all are invited!

Remember to bring your backpacks to church as we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks during worship.

Your Children and Youth Committee is excited about ideas and plans for the future, stay tuned!

..... **Evangelism Emphasis**

Welcome Back Wolves Community Fair is on Saturday, August 22 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm on the campus of Newberry College. Redeemer has a table reserved. We need volunteers to help staff the table and to meet the new students. If you are interested in participating, please notify the church office by Friday, August 14.

..... **Celebrations**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

..... **Attendance**

	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total	Offerings Received
July 05	22	51	102	153	\$ 3,375.64
July 12	18	46	134	180	\$15,709.98
July 18	21	62	95	157	\$ 7,200.27
July 26	25	57	111	168	\$ 4,767.49
Average	21	54	110	165	\$ 7,763.34

..... Worship Volunteers

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

	Altar Flowers	Worship Assistant	Acolyte & Crucifer	Communion Prep
August 02	Available	Lisa Senn	Ashleigh Titus & Henry Chapman	Polly Davis & Susan Hayes
August 09	Available	Andrew Boozer	Thomas Boozer & Levi Richardson	Kathy Riggin
August 16	Tom & Carol Gilson	Eve Kneece	Volunteer & Griffin Long	Rachel Manos
August 23	Available	Johnny Lindsay	Gavin Garner & Jacob Chapman	Christie Whitaker
August 30	Available	Volunteer	McKenzie Garner & Ellie Nguyen	Susan Thomasson & Ann Jacobs

..... Readings for the Month

August 02 – Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 09 – 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23

August 16 – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

August 23 – Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

August 30 – Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

..... Financial Facts

Summary Treasurer's Report for July (as of July 27, 2026)

	Current Expenses	Major Maint./ Cap. Impr.	YTD All Accounts
Income:	\$26,777.91	\$2,097.50	\$192,281.00
Expenses:	\$18,029.30	\$0	\$179,416.49
Amount Over/Under:	\$8,748.61	\$2,097.50	\$12,864.51



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..... Calendar of Events

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 Property Committee Mtg - 9am Sunday School Rally Day - 9:30am - FLC Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45pm	3 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am Lutheran Services Carolina - noon-1pm	4 Library Reserved	5 Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	6 Bible Study w/ PM - 2pm	7	8
9 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	10 Lutheran Services Carolina - noon-1pm Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	11 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Com Mtg - 6pm LMM - 7pm Library Reserved	12 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	13	14	15 GAAP - 10am-noon - O'Neal Street UMC
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