



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader · October 2026

..... A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to each of you!

There is something about this time of year that makes change a little easier to notice. The days are getting shorter. The mornings are beginning to feel cooler. Leaves will soon change and fall. Summer has faded away, school routines have settled in, football is in full swing, and somehow we find ourselves already moving through October.

The seasons have changed once again.

Perhaps this changing season can also serve as an invitation for us to stop, pray, and pay attention. Not simply to what is changing around us, but to what God might be doing within us and through us.

Because one of the most important questions we can ask as people of faith is also one of the simplest:

What is God calling me to do?

That question will be at the heart of our life together at Redeemer as we move toward Consecration Sunday on October 11. We are invited to prayerfully consider the gifts God has entrusted to us and how God might be calling us to use those gifts for our neighbors, our community, this congregation, and the world.

We often hear the language of *time, talents, and finances* when we talk about stewardship. Yet, stewardship is about more than filling out a card or funding a budget. It begins with recognizing that God has already given abundantly to us – and then asking how we are called to live faithfully with what God has placed into our hands.

Because we know something about that at Redeemer.

This is a place where God is at work.

And wonderfully, beautifully, and sometimes unexpectedly, God chooses to do much of that work through *us*.

So, during these changing days of October, I invite you to spend some intentional time in prayer. Consider the gifts God has placed within your life, how you are already using them, and where God might be nudging you toward something new.

As we approach Consecration Sunday, don't begin with, "What am I supposed to give?"

Begin with the bigger – and more faithful – question: *What is God calling me to do?*

And together, let's see where God leads us.

I look forward to discerning together as a community on October 11th during worship and then celebrating together at our Consecration Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship that day.

..... **Member Updates**

Sympathy to Doggett Whitaker and family on the death of his sister, Claire Walker, on September 5.

Sympathy to Chad Coppock and family on the death of his father, Olin Coppock, on September 10.

Sympathy to Huger Caughman and family on the death of his sister, Helen Campbell, on Sept 16.

Sympathy to Shayne Whitaker Harris and family on the death of her father-in-law,

Alphonzo Hughes, on September 20.

Sympathy to Martha Dominick and family on the death of her sister, Betty Harmon, on Sept 24.

Sympathy to Chelsea Whitlock and family on the death of her father, Todd Ellisor, on September 27.

Congratulations to Matt and Erin Derrick Verdrani on the birth of their son. Proud grandparents are

Beth Singletary and Bryan Derrick.

Congratulations to Zeb Reid on being inducted into the Newberry College Athletics Hall of Fame on September 5.

Congratulations to Gayle Lindley on the birth of her great granddaughter, Simmons Lindley Ohaus, on September 19. Simmons' parents are Josh and Lauren Smith Ohaus.

Prayer List: Andy Sidden · Dale Brown · B.L. Brown · Rev. Dick Webber · Elaine Cornwell

Rosemary Dominick · Harriet Guy

Friends of the congregation: Ember Corley · Jewel Garner

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

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.

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

Wednesday Evening Rehearsals: Handbell Choir – 6:00pm · Senior Choir – 7:00pm

Sunday Morning Rehearsals: Senior Choir – 10:10am · Children's Choir – following worship

The Christmas Program for 2026 is Calling All Angels by Helen Kemp. If your child/children are interested in participating, please contact the church office. The rehearsal schedule will be announced in October.

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**

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and our church council. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Stewardship Committee

Deedee Westwood, Nikki Chapman, and Ben Bowers



Giving is easy online!

Use the QR Code to be directed to the Giving page of our website. You will be giving the opportunity to select giving One Time or Recurring through Vanco.

..... **WELCA**

WELCA will not meet in October, but instead will be attending the Heartland Fall Conference Meeting on Sunday, October 4th, at 3:00 PM, at Colony Lutheran Church.

If anyone would like a ride to the meeting, please contact Anne Caughman. Our next regular meeting will be Sunday, November 8th at 3:45pm.



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

Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, October 13. Tommy Fellers and John Green are the head chefs. Sheriff Lee Foster will present the program. All men and boys are encouraged to attend.

The Heartland Conference Committee of 100 banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran in Prosperity. For more information, please contact Johnny Merck at (803) 924-1945 or johnnymerck@gmail.com.



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!

..... **Property Committee**

Managing Redeemer's property requires ongoing care and strategic planning to support our parish's needs. Our upcoming capital improvement projects focus on maintaining and repairing what we have but also upgrading our facilities. Below is a working list of the projects on which we are focusing. If you would like to make a special contribution to any of these, please note it on your offering envelope or use our online gift giving link.

Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects:

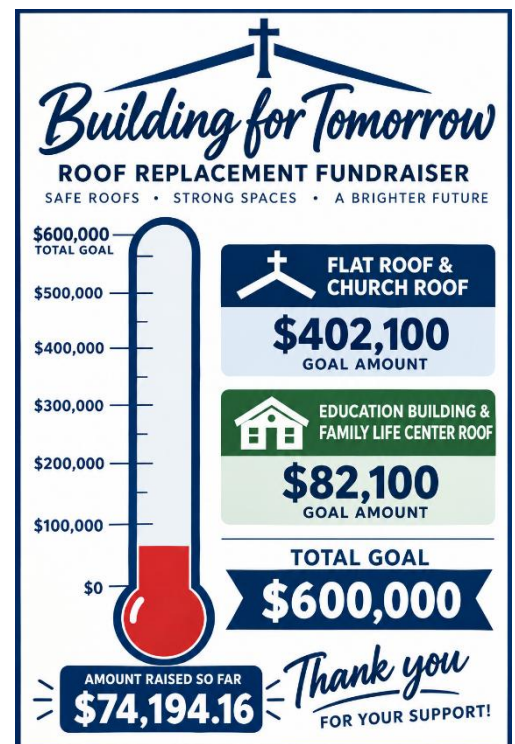
Flat Roof and Church Roof: Estimated Costs-\$402,098.49

Education Building and Family Life Center: Estimated Costs-\$82,034.86

Total Roofing Project Goal - \$600,000 (includes 25% overage for any incidentals such as decking repairs, inflation costs of materials, etc.)

Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects:

Improve/Replace Guttering • Seal, repair, and stripe/line our parking areas • Pressure Wash the exterior of our buildings and sidewalks • Paint and Floor Upgrades around campus • Upgrade Water Fountains to include bottle filling stations Upgrade Lighting around campus • Update/Upgrade Landscaping around campus



..... Financial Facts

Summary Treasurer's Report for August (as of August 26, 2026)

Amount needed for monthly budget: \$30,794.00

	Current Expenses	Major Maint./ Cap. Impr.	YTD All Accounts
Income:	\$20,166.26	\$2,085.00	\$232,749.66
Expenses:	\$23,555.83	\$0	\$234,078.63
Amount Over/Under:	-\$1,422.45	\$2,085.00	-\$1,328.97

..... Evangelism Emphasis

Evangelism and Luther

Did you know that when Martin Luther began the Reformation, he and his allies referred to themselves as “evangelicals”? That word has taken on many other meanings in our time, yet the word actually means “those with good news.” Eventually, opponents of those early reforms began to call Luther’s allies “Lutherans,” not to honor their work but to identify them as enemies of the church who followed a man, not God.

A calling to share

While the name “Lutheran” may have stuck, we are still committed to being “those with good news.” The God we meet in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus offers unconditional love and life, and invites people, through faith, to trust in that love and join in Christ’s work in the world today. We celebrate that love as a gift of grace. We continue the ministry of Jesus as a calling that shapes our lives.

God's love

God rejoices each time a person trusts in his love and joins with Jesus as an ally in the work. Our role is to inform and invite people. God’s Holy Spirit brings the gift of faith to each person’s life.

509 years after Luther’s posting of the 95 Theses on the castle church door in Wittenberg, let us continue to be reformation people! Invite someone to join you for worship! See you Sunday!

..... Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship	Online Views	Total	Offerings
September 06	15	66	99	165	\$2,705.96
September 13	20	74	108	182	\$10,290.00
September 20	19	68	93	161	\$7,455.93
September 27	19	69	106	175	\$5,049.82
Average	19	69	101	170	\$6,375.42

..... **Celebrations**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Ryan & Shannon Lindsay	08 - John & Mary Sue Green 09 - Sabin & Christy West	20 - Robbie & Mary Alex Kopp
04 - Marty & Donna White	17 - Kevin & Alanna Boozer	29 - Brad & Lane Joiner

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Danielle Connelly	09 - Rick Livingston 10 - Kevin Boozer	16 - Jeremy Tyson 17 - Kathy Livingston	24 - Reid Kaikini 26 - Laura Dominick 26 - Chris Jay
02 - John Wessinger	12 - Philip Livingston	21 - Palmer Kopp	27 - Nikki Bruce
06 - Rosemary Dominick	13 - William Binnicker III	22 - Brad Pitts	30 - Shayne Harris
08 - Clint Harshaw	15 - Emma Hymes	23 - Madeleine Long	30 - Denise Reid
09 - Trey Dowd	16 - Bose Kaikini	24 - Kevin Dove	
09 - Wyatt Hazel		24 - Asha Kaikini	

..... **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

..... **Offering Tellers**

1st Sunday - Anne Caughman & Kristin Caughman
 2nd Sunday - Walter Jacobs, Ann Jacobs, & Susan Thomasson
 3rd Sunday - Matthew Bowers & Huger Caughman, Jr.
 4th Sunday - Cathy H. Turner & Rosemary Dominick
 5th Sunday - Walter Jacobs, Ann Jacobs, & Susan Thomasson

	Altar Flowers	Worship Assistant	Acolyte & Crucifer	Communion Prep
October 04	Gayle Lindley	Chelsea Whitlock	Adam Boozer/Volunteer	Lynn Cary
October 11	John & Mary Sue Green	Robbie Kopp	McKenzie Garner/Miriam Titus	Polly Davis & Susan Hayes
October 18	Tommy & Helen Fellers	Anne Caughman	Dennis Caughman/Jacob Chapman	Christie Whitaker
October 25	Denise Reid	Kevin Boozer	Gavin Garner/Mason Willingham	Polly Davis & Susan Hayes

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

October 04: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29; Matthew 2:13-15

October 11: Exodus 19:3-7, 20:1-17; Matthew 5:17

October 18: Joshua 24:1-15; Matthew 4:8-10

October 25: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27, 12:1-9, Psalm 51:1-9; Matthew 21:33-41

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
4 Property Committee Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship WELCA - Heartland Conference - 3pm Confirmation - 4pm	5 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	6 Library Reserved	7 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	8	9 FLC Reserved	10 FLC Reserved
11 Sunday School - 9:30am Consecration Sunday Worship - 10:30am Lunch in FLC Youth Group - Newberry Fun Park - 4pm	12 Lutheran Services Carolina - noon-1pm Cong. Council Mtg - 6pm	13 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Com Mtg - 6pm LMM - 7pm Library Reserved	14 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	15	16	17 GAAP - 10am- noon - O'Neal Street UMC
18 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship Confirmation - 4pm	19 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am Lutheran Services Carolina - noon	20 Library Reserved	21 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	22	23	24
25 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal - after worship Youth Fall Fun - Summer Memorial Lutheran - 5pm	26 Lutheran Services Carolina - noon-1pm	27 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Library Reserved	28 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	29	30	31

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