

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader

July 2024

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

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Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
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8:00 am - 1:00 pm



## Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News

The Lutheran Men in Mission will assist in preparing a meal for Vacation Bible School during the week of July 8-11. Please watch the weekly newsletter and bulletin for more information.

We will not have our regular meeting in July.

SC Lutheran Men in Mission are sponsoring a "Tube Down the River" event at 8:45 am on August 3. If you want to participate, please reach out to Philippe at (803) 269-5711 or leapcote@gmail.com. The cost is \$20 per person and they will meet at the Riverwalk Amphitheater (109 Alexander Rd, West Columbia).

**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**



## Redeemer WELCA News

WELCA will meet on Sunday, July 7th, at 3:45 pm, in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00 pm, we will be looking at the chapter entitled "David and Abigail" in our Love Stories Of The Bible Speak books. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our She Shed Project. We collected \$500.00 to send to the SCWELCA Convention for the Tanzania Farming Project. Once again, you showed your willingness to lend a helping hand to those in need.

**REDEEMER - CENTRAL -**  
**SUMMER VBS**

July 8-11, 2024

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer  
1515 Boundary St.  
Newberry, SC

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Dinner provided

0-99 years old!



## A Note from Pastor Matt ...

This past month, I had two amazing experiences with my family. At the beginning of the month, we were well into our trip to Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. It was an amazing trip full of laughs and memories, and I was awestruck by the immense beauty of God's creation.

Just a week after we got back, Ashleigh, Miriam, and I headed off to Lutheridge for camp. Miriam participated in Pioneer A for the last time before she heads to middle school-aged camps next summer, and Ashleigh and I were at Kairos Confirmation Camp learning about Holy Week. It was a fantastic time for all of us, and we can't wait to go back next year.

What struck me the most between these two incredible weeks was that while we were out west, we were able to hear of the history and practices of the ancient Puebloan people and how their descendants continue to tell their beautiful stories. We went to the Cliff Dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park (and numerous other sites of these fascinating people in and around the Four Corners area) and were told that these sites are not *abandoned* nor are they considered *ruins*. Instead, they are parts of the great story of this wonderful people who continue to live in different parts of that area.

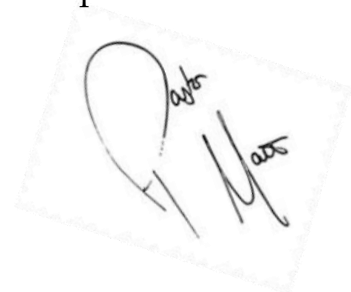
It got me thinking about the stories that are shared, the songs that are sung, and the laughs and memories that are had and made at Lutheridge. Each year is *very* different from the one before. Practices and 'norms' change with each generation, but the stories of faith and God's work are still very much alive year in and year out. Those stories that are central to our faith and life. Those stories that fill us with hope and remind us of who and whose we are. Those stories that tell of the promise, presence, and love of God for each of us and all of creation.

Those stories help continue the light and life of our faith. Reminding us again and again that God is with us, just as God always has been throughout the history of creation. We *get* to not only hear those stories, but also to tell and share those stories as well!

These ancient stories of Abraham, Moses, Miriam, Jacob, Joshua, and more continue to burn brightly, challenge us today, and inspire us to see where God is still at work. It's one of the main reasons why I've enjoyed teaching the Bible at Newberry College this past year and next semester and why I've enjoyed walking with folks through the Old Testament here at Redeemer this summer.

Keep telling those stories. Those stories, those places, and more are alive with the spirits of our ancestors in the faith. Telling and hearing those stories helps keep that flame of love close to our hearts as we see God at work in the world!

Tell the stories y'all. Always! Amen!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Matt", is written on a white, slightly tilted rectangular piece of paper. The signature is cursive and includes the word "Pastor" written above the name "Matt".

# Keep In Prayer

*Congregational sympathy goes out to Debra Willingham and family on the passing of her sister, Jodie Hazel.*

**Redeemer Members:** Georgette Livingston, Debra Metts, Lloyd Layman, Carolyn Cromer, Mary Lou Weir, Cindy Mills, Ann Stone.

**Extended Parish Family:** Maxine Koon, cousin of Debra Metts; Kent and Mary Beth Richardson, cousins of Debra Metts; Reese Burdette, great-niece of Ernie Shealy; Danny Burden, friend of Jessica Draeger; Terri McMurtury, niece of Debra Metts, Mia Stabile and family, great-niece and family of Ann Jacobs, Walter Jacobs, and Susan Jacobs Thomasson; Kerry Frick, friend of Ann Stone and Deedee Westwood; Dean Wise, friend of the Caughman family; Stan Lathren; James Hunter, friend of Jane Moose; Rick Nelson.

*If you have updates to the prayer list, please notify the church office.*

## The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
<b>June 2</b>	13	152	72	224
<b>June 9</b>	17	73	67	140
<b>June 16</b>	16	46	85	131
<b>June 23</b>	23	61	64	125
<b>Total</b>	69	332	288	620

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2024

Summary Treasurer's report for May 2024

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$28,810.00

For May - Income: \$ 19,851.67

For May - General expenses: \$ 23,420.62

For May - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (3,568.95)

2024 YTD Income: \$ 130,151.88

2024 YTD General Expenses: \$ 124,265.38

2024 YTD Income is more than expenses by: \$ 5,886.50

A detailed treasurer's report is available in the church office during regular office hours.

<b>June Offerings:</b>	June 02 - \$26,193.24
	June 09 - \$ 5,470.91
	June 16 - \$ 6,889.26
	June 23 - \$14,665.52

# Announcements

**Church Offering** - Every person at Redeemer is encouraged to give as they are able. Your offering helps make ministry happen not only in and through the community of faith at Redeemer, but throughout the SC Synod and Churchwide through the ELCA. If you are able, you may place your offering in the plate each Sunday morning or you are welcome to use the online giving option on our church website: [www.redeemernewberry.org/give](http://www.redeemernewberry.org/give)

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets in the Church library each 2nd and 4th Tuesday beginning at 10:00 am. New members are invited to join this group of knitters to make baby caps and prayer shawls. For more information contact Derryl Satterwhite or Gayle Lindley.

**Time Change!! The Prayer & Care Card Class** - will meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:30 am on July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12, and August 29. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for some creative card making. No experience required!



## **Manna House**

You can always donate food to Manna House by placing those items in the shopping cart in the narthex or outside the church office. Redeemer will be volunteering at Manna House July 16 and July 18 beginning at 1 pm. Thank you!

**The Senior Choir and Handbell Choir** will be taking a break from our regular schedule during July. **We will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 7.** If you have any interest in joining either the Handbell Choir or Senior Choir, please contact Nicholas Shumate for more details. This is a great time to come and check out what we are all about!

Nicholas Shumate-(803) 448-7361 or [nshumate@redeemernewberry.org](mailto:nshumate@redeemernewberry.org)

**GAAP** - God's Abundance for All People is open to all in need from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm each Saturday at O'Neal Street UMC. GAAP is a free clothing and food pantry which also provides a meal (beginning at 11:00 am).

Redeemer helps GAAP on the **THIRD** Saturday of each month. You are all welcome to come volunteer every Saturday, but especially

**SATURDAY, July 20**, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kevin Dove or the church office for more information.

# Celebrations

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

July 12 - Benny & Betty Ferguson  
July 13 - Woody & Elaine Cornwell  
July 14 - George & Karen Summer  
July 16 - B.L. & Dale Brown  
July 16 - David & Vickie Wiseman  
July 24 - Jeremy & Cassie White  
July 29 - Bobby & Cynthia Lominack

## *Happy Birthday!*

7/2 Briann Pitts	7/13 Adam Westwood	7/25 Danielle Abrams
7/3 Cooper Dowd	7/16 Joshua Moody	7/25 Tommy Fellers, Jr.
7/3 Samuel Holland	7/17 Jordan Amick	7/25 Lendy Miller
7/3 Shannon Lindsay	7/18 Kathy Dennis	7/25 George Summer III
7/6 Grace Coleman	7/18 Elmer Long	7/27 Kelly Bannister
7/8 Ray Cooper	7/20 Joanne Fretwell	7/28 Tommy Cousins
7/8 Ben Lindsay	7/21 Todd Guy	7/28 Jessica Draeger
7/8 Becky Livingston	7/21 Donna White	7/28 Norris Long
7/9 Amanda Richardson	7/21 Sonny Layman	7/30 David Metts
7/12 Anna Marie Nicosia	7/23 Ryan Riggan	7/30 Thomas Moose
		7/31 Erin Whitaker

\*\*These dates are according to our church records. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office.

## Readings

July 7 - Ezekiel 2:1-5; Mark 6:1-13

July 14 - Amos 7:7-15; Mark 6:14-29

July 21 - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28 - 2 Kings 4:42-44; John 6:1-21

## 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, Aubrey Guyton, Dennis Caughman

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

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

### *Altar Flowers*

July 7 - Bob & Carol Montgomery

July 14 - Dale & B.L. Brown

July 21 - Cynthia & Bobby Lominack

July 28 - Elmer & Kathy Long

### *Worship Assistant*

July 7 - Derryll Satterwhite

July 14 - Johnny Lindsay

July 21 - Robbie Kopp

July 28 - Eve Kneece

### *Communion Assistant*

July 7 - Susan Hayes

July 14 - Rosemary Dominick

July 21 - Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson

July 28 - Robert Kneece

### *Acolyte and Crucifer*

July 7 - Olivia West/Griffin Long

July 14 - Ellis Kemper/Julianna Smith

July 21 - Cal Triplett/Gavin Garner

July 28 - Ashleigh Titus/Adam Boozer

## The Redeemer Directory

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

Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director *youth@redeemernewberry.org*

Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Asst. *info@redeemernewberry.org*

Woody Cornwell, Bookkeeper *finance@redeemernewberry.org*

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

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

All Members:  
Ministers in Worship and Daily Life

Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary - Japan

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS MAY 20, 2024

5:45 Devotions

Business Meeting 6:00 PM

## Call to Order

Welcome

Members Present: Paster Matt Titus, Annette Belcher, Dr. John Green, Walter Jacobs, Denise Reid, Huger Caughman, Sr., Kathy Riggin, Chad Cary, Faith Felix

Members on Zoom: Ben Bowers

Members Absent: Kristin Caughman, Jerry Haltiwanger, Gretchen Haskett

Celebrations and Prayer Requests- Prayers for community members dealing with challenges. Ashley a friend that Kathy works with, Ben getting to MD safely and all schools, teachers and students.

## Reports

Pastor's Report - Pastor Matt: report was emailed. Matt & family will be on vacation May 29th - June 6th.

Rev. Dick Weber will be supplying on June 2nd. Matt will not be present for next Council meeting, he will be at Lutheridge for Confirmation Camp June 16th - 21st.

Community Compassion - Denise Reid, liaison: Emailed report. Two reminders for additional help - GAAP and Manna House.

Faith Formation - Walter Jacobs, liaison: Emailed report. Nothing new.

Family and Social - Kathy Riggin, liaison: Emailed report - Cleaned, reorganized, restocked kitchen pantry, equipment room and kitchen in the youth hall. Discussed the possibility of creating opportunities to open the gym for exercise and fellowship a couple times a week. Discussed having a summer family meal and get together. Discussed offering a CPR class in the gym for us and other churches.

Finance Committee /Treasurer's Report - Dr. John Green, liaison and chairman: Emailed the report. April - Income \$33,801, General expenses - \$23,765.39 - Income is more than expenses by \$10,035.74.

Property Committee - Huger Caughman, Sr., liaison: Nothing new still researching on roof and maintenance on everything.

Stewardship - Jerry Haltiwanger, liaison: no report.

Worship and Music - Kristin Caughman, liaison: Emailed report. Pastor Matt said he received positive feedback from the Lenten meals and programs. Altar Guild Update - the new fair linen was used for the first time on Easter Sunday. We have three members baking bread for communion. We would like to offer a class for anyone who might like to take part in that rotation. Usher Updates - Huger will talk to Kathy Riggin about the usher list and making sure there are plenty of people to help. Displaying archive items.

Youth - Faith Felix, liaison: Report was emailed - May 31st youth is doing a movie night at the church. June 15th river outing with other youth from Summer Memorial and Central. July VBS, looking for volunteers.

1853 Committee - Chad Cary, liaison: no report. Nothing new.

President's Report - President's Report - Ben Bowers: The ad hoc committee for an Administrative Assistant met and would like to offer Haley McBride -Stuhr the position for what was previously discussed.

Minutes from March Meetings - Gretchen Haskett: Emailed report. Motion to approve April meeting minutes by Kathy Riggin, Seconded by Chad Cary, vote approved.

## Old Business

Administrative Assistant Position

Offering this position to Haley McBride - Stuhr. Motion approved by Huger Caughman, Sr. and seconded by Walter Jacobs, vote approve.

Picture Directory: no update.

## New Business

FLC use requests:

Mrs. Wilson would like to hold her 60th birthday party on February 1st 2025. Motion approved by Kathy Riggin, Seconded by Huger Caughman, Sr., vote approved.

## Executive Session

Motion: Kathy Riggin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chad Cary. Move into Executive Session.

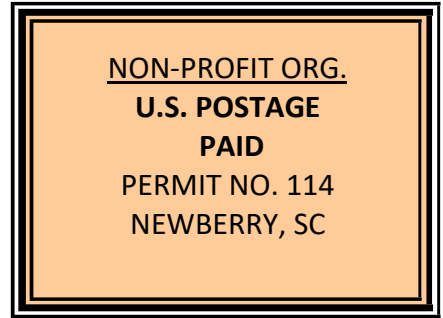
Motion: Kathy Riggin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chad Cary. Move out of Executive Session.

## Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

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Return Service Requested



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer & Care Cards - 9:30 am	2 Bible Class 11 am	3	4 Church office closed	5	6
7 Property Team - 9 am SS - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 WELCA - 3:45 - 5 pm	8 Vacation Bible School 5:30 - 7:30 pm	9 Prayer Shawl - 10 Bible Class - 11 am Finance - 6 pm	10	11 Mon-Thurs	12	13
14 SS - 9:30 Worship - 10:30	15 Prayer & Care Cards - 9:30 am Council - 6 pm	16 Bible Class 11 am	17	18 Newsletter Due	19	20 GAAP - 10 am O'Neal St UMC
21 SS - 9:30 Worship - 10:30	22	23 Prayer Shawl - 10 Bible Class - 11 am	24	25	26	27
28 SS - 9:30 Worship - 10:30	29 Prayer & Care Cards - 9:30 am	30 Bible Class 11 am	31			