



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Redeemer Reader · December 2024

A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to each of you as we enter this final month of 2024. As it usually does, December brings numerous opportunities to gather, reflect, and be incredibly busy with meetings, parties, and functions for every club, team, or group we belong to. It is fun but also exhausting at times. There is that constant push to make sure that everything is covered, all the gifts are purchased, and all the cards have been sent out. There is always a feeling of anxiety surrounding whether or not everything was completed. Typically, my response is to recognize that we need to breathe and rest. We fill our time with so much busyness that we forget why we are celebrating in the first place. While my advice and call to us to breathe and rest are still extended, I wanted to lift something else up for this year. In seminary, a beloved professor had a saying that every one of his students memorized, asked, and pondered on. WIGIAT.

Where is God in all this?

This is a question both to challenge us and to bring relief and calm.

Where is God in all this? As we shop, purchase, and participate in the wildness of the shopping season.

Where is God in all this? As we gather with friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors for a myriad of parties, get-togethers, and meals.

Where is God in all this? As we enter the season of Advent, waiting in expectant hope and joy for the celebration of Jesus' birth and the new life he calls us into.

WIGIAT challenges us to see God where God is present in the busyness that we fill ourselves in, whether it truly is the center of what we intend to do this season, while also reminding us that God is present in all of this within our lives. God is present with us in community, in the love we share as gifts are exchanged, in the work we do to serve our neighbors, in the meals and fellowship we sit down for with friends, family, and even strangers.

And of course, God is present in our expectant hope of Jesus' birth. This new thing that God has done, is doing, and continues to do to make love known more fully and deeply in the world.

WIGIAT... may it challenge and give us the comfort we so desperately need during this season of the year. Amen, y'all. Amen!



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**Worship on
Sundays at
10:30am**

..... From the Congregation Council



The purpose of the Social Ministry Committee shall be to extend Christian compassion and helpfulness to the ill, the aged, the orphaned, the underprivileged, the imprisoned and, in general, to persons of all ages in need of aid in body or soul. It shall strive to enlist in these efforts as many as possible of the individual members and organizations of the congregation, especially coordinating with the Evangelism Committee in outreach programs. This committee shall further have the duty to study social conditions, primarily in the local community, in order to bring the cleansing and healing light of Christian discussion of facts and issues.

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CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
NOVEMBER , 2024

- Welcomed and introduced new council members starting January 2025
- Elected Officers for 2025: President - Ben Bowers; Vice President - Annette Belcher; Treasurer - Corbett Miller; Secretary - Gretchen Haskett
- Thank you to all those council members ending their service on the council in December. A special thank you to Dr. John Green for serving as Treasurer for the last two years.
- Looking to celebrate the Day of Epiphany with Summer Memorial Lutheran Church on Monday, January 6, 2025.
- Anticipating a New Member Sunday sometime in January 2025.
- Christmas Program during worship service followed by a kid-friendly lunch on Sunday, December 15, 2024.
- Continued discussions about roof repair.

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As we plan and prepare for 2025, please consider serving on one of the committees here at Redeemer.

- Children and Youth Ministry
- Evangelism
- Faith Formation
- Fellowship
- Finance
- Property
- Social Ministry
- Stewardship
- Worship and Music



**Congregation Annual Meeting
November 18, 2024
Following Worship Service**

- I. Welcome / Call Meeting to Order – Vice President Annette Belcher
- II. Quorum Confirmation: Confirmed by Secretary Gretchen Haskett
- III. Explanation of voting items – Vice President Annette Belcher
 - a. 2025 Ministry Spending Plan – provided in the newsletter.
No discussion, questions, or nominations from the floor.
Motion to move to a vote. 2nd.
 - b. Congregation Council Election (term January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027) -
No discussion, questions, or nominations from the floor.
Motion to move to a vote. 2nd.
Pre-printed ballots listed: Mack Garner, Zoe Reid, Corbett Miller,
and Lindsay Boozer.
 - c. Endowment Committee - two additional nominations from the floor to
include Ernie Shealy and Tom Gilson to the pre-printed ballots listing Eve
Kneece and Benny Ferguson.
Motion to move to a vote. 2nd.
 - d. d. Nominating Committee - No discussion, questions, or nominations from
the floor.
Motion to move to a vote. 2nd.
Pre-printed ballots listed: Huger Caughman, Sr., Dr. John Green,
Nikki Chapman, Gayle Lindley, Faith Felix, and Kathy Riggan.
Motion to move to a vote. 2nd.
- IV. Ballots were distributed, marked, and collected.

..... **Announcements**

Heartland Conference Confirmation Schedule - Classes will be held at Summer Memorial Lutheran Church at 4pm.

Fall/Winter 2024

December 8 - Worship: Meal and Sending

Winter/Spring 2025

January 12 - Confessing My Faith

January 26 - Confessing My Convictions

February 9 - Claiming My Calling

February 23 - Living Among God's Faithful People

March 9 - Hear God's Word and Share God's Supper

March 23 - Proclaim the Good News in Word and Deed

April 6 - Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus

May 18 - Strive for Justice & Peace in the World



FAITH
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Youth -

December 1st - SC Faith at Central UMC 5-6:30pm

December 8th - Confirmation Class at 4pm at Summer Memorial Youth Group at Redeemer from 5:15 to 6:45pm

December 13th - Hang at Genesis from 4 to 5:30pm

December 15th - Christmas Program during worship

Youth Group Outing to Stars & Strikes after worship*

*Please RSVP to Aubrey if you plan to attend outing by Dec 13th

Regularly planned Sunday Night Youth Group will not take place between December 15th and January 5th. Confirmation and Youth Group will resume January 12th.

Children's Christmas Pageant - will take place during worship on Sunday, Dec 15th followed by a congregation luncheon in the FLC. The meal will be spaghetti and garlic bread, salad, beverages, and cookies and ice cream. Please RSVP to the church office by Wed, Dec 11th if you plan to attend. There is no charge for the meal.

If anyone would like to participate in the Children's Christmas Pageant, please let Huger, Jr. know by Sunday, Dec 8th. We will have one (1) rehearsal on Saturday, Dec 14th at 10am.

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The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - will travel to Shealy's BBQ on Tuesday, December 10th for supper. If you plan to carpool, meet at the church at 6pm. Otherwise, meet at Shealy's at 7pm. Please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by Sunday, December 8th if you plan to attend so appropriate places may be reserved.



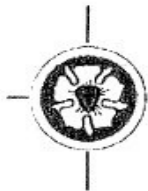
If you want to join the Committee of 100 for 2024, please make sure to complete one of the forms in the narthex and mail them to Kevin Wicker by December 31st. If you have any questions about it, please contact Johnny Lindsay

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!



Redeemer WELCA News -

WELCA will meet Sunday, December 1st in the church library for its business meeting at 3:45pm. Following the meeting we will be putting together gifts for our shut-ins. All women and friends of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania

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28th October 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Magoye in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Re: A WORD OF THANKS IN APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE YOU HAVE PLAYED IN REALIZING THE FARM EQUIPMENT PROJECT

On behalf of the ELCT SWD Executive Council, a constitutional body of our diocese that got officially informed of your contribution as a result of which procurement of a brand new 75HP Massey Ferguson Tractor, numerous implements for efficient crop production and settlement of other associated costs including shipping, transportation to Magoye and shed construction has been made possible, I wholeheartedly thank you for your love to the women of South Western Diocese and the community we are serving as a church at large.

We actually consider it to be your gift of love to us and the entire community because you could have invested or spent your money on other things for your private gain or return. Your investment in this project means a lot not only to women but also to the entire community we are serving bearing in mind that efficient crop production will result into improved livelihood at household level through improved income due to sale of crops produced in excess. On the other hand, economic well being at household level is expected to have a significant contribution in enabling parents to take their children to school with no fear of being unable to pay school fees. As a church, we expect a rise of income through offerings with which we will be able to carryout mission work further.

Having been made aware that our shipment will arrive at the Dar es salaam port on 01st November 2024, I bring to your attention that three of us from the head office namely Rev. Dr. Naibu Nyambo who serving in the capacity of Planning and Development Coordinator, our General Secretary, Geoffrey Ngogo and I will leave Magoye for Dar es salaam on 04th November 2024 for settlement of port protocols in connection to the shipment and arrangement of container transportation to Chimala and finally Magoye.

We will provide you with updates in this regard accordingly.

Yours in Ministry,

Bishop Stephen E. Nguvila
Head of the diocese



..... Celebrations

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11 - Jason & Nikki Bruce	20 - Bill & Karen Krouse, Jr.
13 - Stephen & Lauren Flynn	21 - Chad & Lynn Cary
19 - Les & Beth Hipp	23 - John & Laurie Hammond, Jr.

BIRTHDAYS

03 - Jeff Debacker	17 - Anna Christina Cary	26 - Carol Gilson
03 - Zoe Reid	19 - Clyde Miller	27 - Matthew Loignon
04 - Linda Renwick	20 - Sandy Fretwell	28 - John Bodie
06 - Paul Fesperman	21 - Tom Gilson	28 - Parker Goodwin
07 - John Green	21 - Debra Metts	28 - Curtis Haltiwanger
10 - Lloyd Layman	22 - Summers Binnicker	28 - Will Hawkins
10 - Jaina Richardson	22 - Luke Layman	29 - Lane Joiner
12 - Bobby Willingham, Jr.	23 - Becky Moody	29 - Karen Summer
13 - Griffin Long	24 - Elaine Cornwell	30 - Margaret Chapman
14 - Hogan Miller	25 - Katerina Koon	30 - Chuck Minick
15 - Michael Reid	25 - Anna Newell	31 - Ellis Kemper
16 - Jenny Chapman	25 - Kathy Riggin	
17 - Dale Brown	26 - Huger Caughman, Jr	

**These dates are according to our church records. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office via telephone (803) 276-2003 or email info@redeemernewberry.org.

..... The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance	Offerings Received
November 03	25	144	76	220	3,730.48
November 10	24	148	83	231	8,024.24
November 17	23	127	87	214	12,526.95
November 24	16	130	87	217	2,676.82
Average	22	137	83	220	6,739.62

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCT 2024 *A detailed copy of the treasurer's report is available in the church office

Summary Treasurer's report for October 2024

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

For Oct - Income: \$ 18,215.49

For Sept - General expenses: \$ 24,086.69

For Oct - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (5,871.20)

2024 YTD Income: \$ 272,507.76

2024 YTD General Expenses: \$ 256,956.28

2024 YTD Income is more than expenses by: \$ 15,551.48

ONLINE CHURCH OFFERING OPTION: WWW.REDEEMERNEWBERRY.ORG/GIVE

..... **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

- December 01 - Polly & Lee Davis
- December 08 - LMM
- December 15 - Dale & B.L. Brown
- December 22 - Caughman Family
- December 24 - Caughman Family
- December 29 - Belcher & Sexton Families

Worship Assistant

- December 01 - Nikki Chapman
- December 08 - Lisa Senn
- December 15 - Ernie Shealy
- December 22 - Mary Alex Kopp
- December 24 - George Franklin
- December 29 - Anne Caughman

Communion Prep

- December 01 - Rosemary Dominick & Kitty Summer
- December 08 - Lynn Cary
- December 15 - Polly Davis & Susan Hayes
- December 22 - Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson
- December 24 - Robert Kneece
- December 29 - Huger Caughman, Jr.

Acolyte and Crucifer

- December 01 - Dennis Caughman/Gavin Garner
- December 08 - Thomas Boozer/Clyde Miller
- December 15 - Levi Richardson/Jacob Chapman
- December 22 - Lawson Bannister/Olivia West
- December 24 - Ashleigh Titus/Griffin Long
Adam Boozer, Bible Bearer/Elin Cary & McKenzie Garner, Torch Bearers
- December 29 - Ellie Nguyen/Zoe Reid

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

- The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor, pastor@redeemernewberry.org
- Dr. Huger P. Caughman, Jr., Music Director and Organist, organist@redeemernewberry.org
- Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director, music@redeemernewberry.org
- Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director, youth@redeemernewberry.org
- Woody Cornwell, Bookkeeper, finance@redeemernewberry.org
- Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Asst., info@redeemernewberry.org

All Members: Ministers in Worship and Daily Life • Jeffrey Truscott, Missionary - Japan

..... **Faith Formation**

Join us each Sunday morning for Faith Formation! Current classes listed below. If you would like to volunteer to teach, assist, or are interested in starting a new class, please reach out to a member of the Faith Formation Committee or contact the church office.

Nursery - Room 133 · **Children & Youth** - Rooms 134 & 135 - 9:30-10:15am
The Gathering - Room 141 - 9:30-10am - Currently studying Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career by James Kittelson and Hans Wiersma
The Men’s Bible Class - Room 142 - 9:30-10am

Prayer & Care Card Making - Meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 9:30am in room 212

..... **Readings**

December 01 - Daniel 6:6-27; Luke 23:1-5 December 22 - Luke 1:26-45; Psalm 113
December 08 - Joel 2:12-13, 28-29; December 24 - Luke 2:1-14; Psalm 96
Luke 11:13 December 25 - Luke 2:8-20; Psalm 123:1-2
December 15 - Isaiah 61:1-11, December 29 - Luke 2:21-38; Psalm 131
Luke 4:16-21

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