



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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A Note from Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to each of you as we enter the month of November. November is full within our world and culture. Especially this year. Not only do we get to celebrate and remember All Saints Sunday (November 3), but we also get to celebrate Thanksgiving with our friends and family. Most years, interspersed with fall festivals, pumpkins, and tons of food is usually enough to fill anyone’s plate or schedule. However, that is not the only thing we do this month.

That other part that we get to participate in this year is our elections, especially our opportunity to elect our next president. Now, don’t worry, I’m not going to request you to vote for any candidate in particular. I’d be wary of any religious leader imploring you to vote one way or another. However, if you’d like to talk to me about who I would vote for, I’d be more than happy to share that.

Though, I do have one simple ask as you head to the polls this month. Remember who and whose you are.

When I interviewed at Redeemer, almost ten years ago now, I gave a top to bottom list of how I identify myself. Child of God. Husband. Father. Pastor. That order. Always.

Nowhere does my political identity enter that equation. It is not what identifies us. It may be a part of who we are, but it is not our sole identity. Too often today, it seems that people are more than happy to identify themselves as either ‘Republican’ or ‘Democrat’ or somewhere in -between.

Yet, in our faith, we are identified as a Child of God with the knowledge that everyone else around is also a Child of God. That is who and whose we are.

No matter where our political leanings tend to lie, we are all still rooted in the knowledge and faith that we are Children of God, redeemed by Christ, and sent by the Holy Spirit to tell of this love and mercy for all of creation.

That is who we are. We are God’s very own. As is that person who votes differently than you in the booth next to you, across the street, and on the television. All of us are caught up in God’s love. Even the ones who view things differently. It is something we often forget (and are told to ignore), but something we should always remember.

No matter who wins this election, please remember that you and all are Children of God. Redeemed by Christ. And sent out by the Holy Spirit to proclaim God’s love, grace, and mercy to world in need to hear it. Amen.



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

..... **From the Congregation Council**

The Congregation Council conducted a review of our standing committees and made some updates during our August meeting. We have decided to divide the duties of the Community Compassion committee into Evangelism and Social Ministry and to move the 1853 Committee to our Constitution and By Laws. The Congregation Council can update the Continuing Resolutions portion of our Constitution, but needs the Congregation's approval for updates to the Constitution and By Laws sections. In 2025, we will be updating the Constitution and By Laws following the ELCA Churchwide Assembly the late summer of 2025. Watch for more information about this endeavor and if you would like to serve on that committee, please let Ben Bowers know. We will also be updating our committee list for 2025 and ask you to prayerfully consider an area of our church's ministries in which you might serve.



The *Evangelism Committee* shall devote itself to deepening the spiritual life of the congregation and our community.

Some of the duties of this committee include:

- Secure greeters for our worship services
- Organize and participate in outreach events in the community
(i.e. participate in "Welcome Back" events at Newberry College, participate in events in downtown Newberry, communicate with prospective members and visitors who attended worship, participate in the Christmas parade, etc.)
- Coordinate communication of church events including advertising with WKDK, The Newberry Observer, The Newberry Magazine, etc. and with our office staff for church publications, website, and social media
- Attend Evangelism events coordinated by the Synod



A Note from Council President Ben Bowers - THANK YOU

to everyone who took part in our effort to prepare and disburse meals to those in need after Hurricane Helene. I am thankful to each of you for stepping up in this time of need to help our community. Also, a special 'thank you' to the Salvation Army for providing all of the food and making the process a smooth one. We have so much to be thankful for and proud of here at Redeemer!



Congregation Annual Meeting - will be held on November 10th after the service. Voting will take place for the 2025 budget as well as for new members to the Congregation Council, Nominating Committee, and Endowment Committee.



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October 28, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the upcoming annual meeting on November 10th, 2024. The meeting will immediately follow the church service.

The agenda will be a light one, with voting taking place for new members to the Congregation Council, Endowment Committee, and the Nominating Committee as well as voting on the Ministry Spending Plan for 2025.

The nominations for a three-year term on Council (four vacancies) are: Mack Garner, Corbett Miller, and Zoe Reid. As of the writing of this letter, one more name is needed and nominations can be made from the floor.

The nominations to fill two vacancies for a three-year term on the Endowment Committee are: Benny Ferguson and Eve Kneece.

The nominations for a one-year term on the Nominating Committee are: Huger Caughman Jr., Huger Caughman Sr., Nikki Chapman, Faith Felix, Gayle Lindley, and Kathy Rigglin.

As a reminder, nominations can be made from the floor to add names to the ballot for any of the above offices. Anyone nominated from the floor must either be present to accept the nomination or have previously agreed to have their name added.

The last agenda item will be a vote to approve the 2025 Ministry Spending Plan. The proposed budget is included in the newsletter for your review. You are encouraged to bring a copy with you to the meeting.

A goal for the 2025 year is to get our committees more active to improve all the programs and involvement of our members, both in the church as well as in the community. I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider the role you can play in bringing this goal to fruition.

If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

Ben Bowers, Council President

..... **Announcements**

LMM Annual Ladies Night - The Heartland Conference LMM will meet at Redeemer in the FLC Thursday, November 21st at 7pm. The menu is smothered chicken, mac and cheese bar, roasted brussel sprouts, strawberry spinach salad, roll, apple cobbler, tea, coffee, and water. The cost is \$15. Stephen Knapp of The Newberry Museum is presenting the program. Please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by Sunday, November 17th if you plan to attend.

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

Fall/Winter 2024

November 10 - Worship: Gathering

November 17 - Worship: The Word

December 8 - Worship: Meal and Sending

Winter/Spring 2025

January 12 - Confessing My Faith

January 26 - Confessing My Convictions

February 9 - Claiming My Calling



Redeemer WELCA News -

WELCA will meet Sunday, November 3rd, at 3:45pm in the church library for its business meeting. At 4pm we will be looking at the chapter on Job and His Friends - "Companions in Grief" in our Love Stories of the Bible Speak book. The scripture will be from the book of Job. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend. At the meeting, we will be discussing new material for 2025, please think of possible programs and come with ideas! Thank you!

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The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission - will meet Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm in the Family Life Center. Huger Caughman is the chef and Bob Montgomery is presenting the program. All men and boys are encouraged to attend.



Redeemer was recognized at the Committee of 100 Banquet in October for having the most members in the Heartland Conference and for having the third highest membership in the SC Synod. Thank you for your continued support of our mission churches. If you would like to join the Committee of 100, forms are in the narthex or contact Johnny Lindsay. **AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**

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Musical Showcase and Banquet - Mark your calendars! Our annual Musical Showcase and Banquet will take place on Sunday, **November 17** at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. The meal will include Tuscan chicken, rosemary potatoes, sauteed green beans, Caesar salad, roll, key lime pie, tea, coffee, and water. We will be selling tickets that will be entered into a drawing for special treats and baked goods. If you would like to prepare a food item for this drawing, please notify the church office. All proceeds benefit the Choral Scholar Program.



..... **Keep In Prayer**

Redeemer Members: Georgette Livingston, Debra Metts, Lloyd Layman, Carolyn Cromer, Mary Lou Weir, Elizabeth Willingham

Extended Parish Family: Hayden Wilson, fiancé of Kaitlyn Stone; Wayne Boozer, father of Kevin & Andrew Boozer; Clayton Smith, son of Clay and Kimberly Smith and friends of the Titus Family; Peach Fralick, friend of Cathy Turner; 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; Dean Wise, friend of the Caughman family; Stan Lathren

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

..... **Celebrations**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14 - Johnny & Kathy Lindsay

15 - Townsend & Susan Wessinger

20 - Steve & Leslie Sligh

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Alexis Lockyer

2 - McKenzie Garner

4 - Levi Richardson

5 - Juliette Nguyen

6 - Mark Senn

6 - JD White

7 - Lee Ringer

7 - Claire Grosshuesch

8 - Jordan Cary

8 - Sophia Lockyer

8 - Mary Beth Pease

9 - Erika Crayne

9 - Sheryl Fincher

9 - Ann Jacobs

10 - Misty Cooper

10 - Karen Krouse

13 - Mary Linda Hill

16 - Lauren Flynn

16 - Robbie Kopp

18 - Morgan Harshaw

18 - Ernie Shealy, Jr.

20 - Danny Abrams

20 - Lawson Bannister

20 - Betty Cummings

20 - Anne Epting

21 - Jane Doolittle

21 - Jamie Newell

21 - Kaley Stone

22 - Kelly Loignon

22 - Lib Rodelsperger

25 - Vanessa Harshaw

25 - Patsy Pruitt

26 - Alanna Boozer

26 - Beth Lominack

26 - Peggy Richardson

27 - Anne Caughman

28 - Britany Alexander

29 - Billy Davis

30 - Belle Wheeler

**1 Corinthians 16:14 -
Let all that you do be done in love.**

**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
October 06	21	134	88	222	\$3,821.39
October 13	15	150	62	212	\$6,761.64
October 20	16	134	62	196	\$3,822.11
October 27	26	148	92	240	\$3,730.48
Average	19	141	75	217	\$4,533.90

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

Summary Treasurer's report for September 2024

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

For Sept - Income: \$ 26,259.48

For Sept - General expenses: \$ 26,090.63

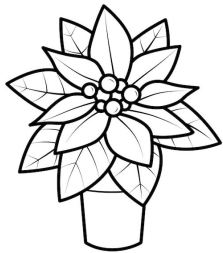
For Sept - Income is more than expenses by: \$ 168.85

2024 YTD Income: \$ 254,595.27

2024 YTD General Expenses: \$ 232,869.59

2024 YTD Income is more than expenses by: \$ 21,422.68

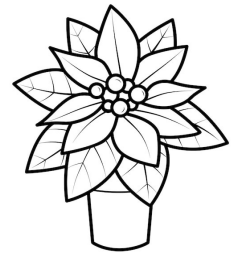
ONLINE CHURCH OFFERING OPTION: WWW.REDEEMERNEWBERRY.ORG/GIVE



2024 Christmas Poinsettias

Order Deadline is Sunday, November 24th

The plants will be red in color and wrapped in foil with no bow.
A basket for completed order forms will be in the narthex
or return your form to the church office.



Please make sure payment accompanies your order. The cost is \$12.50 per plant.

In memory/honor of _____

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Given by _____ Telephone number: _____

Number of Plants: _____ Payment Amount: _____

..... **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

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10am in the library

..... **Readings**

November 03 - 1 Kings 17:1-16; Luke 4:24-26

November 10 - Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10; Luke 18:13

November 17 - Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:8-10

November 24 - Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28, 31:31-34; Luke 22:19-20

..... **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

November 03 - Kathy Riggin

November 10 - Gloria Nelson Family

November 17 - Ray Lominack

November 24 - Martha Dominick

Worship Assistant

November 03 - Eve Kneece

November 10 - Clint Harshaw

November 17 - Anna Miller

November 24 - Robert Kneece

Communion Prep

November 03 - Erin Titus

November 10 - Robert Kneece

November 17 - Angela & Zoe Reid

November 24 - Kathy Lindsay

Acolyte and Crucifer

November 03 - Elin Cary/McKenzie Garner

November 10 - Zarek Reid/Miriam Titus

November 17 - Zoe Reid/Ashleigh Titus

November 24 - Henry Chapman/Piper Haskett

..... **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

..... November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
Prop. Comm. Mtg - 9am SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am WELCA - 3:45pm FLC Reserved	4 FLC Reserved	5 Historical Committee - 6pm Worship & Music - 6pm Library Rsvd - 6pm	6 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	7 Homework & Hang @ Genesis - 5pm	8	9
SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Youth Confirmation @ Summer Mem. - 4pm Youth Group - 5:15pm	11 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	12 Prayer Shawl - 10am Finance Comm. - 6pm LMM - 7pm Library Rsvd - 6pm	13 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	14	15	16 GAAP @ O'Neal St UMC - 10am FLC Reserved
SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation @ Summer Mem. - 4pm Musical Showcase - 6pm - FLC Rsvd	18 Congregation Council - 6pm	19 Library Reserved - 6pm	20 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	21 Newsletter Information Deadline Heartland Conf. Ladies Night - 7pm FLC Reserved	22	23
24 SS - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am	25 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	26 Prayer Shawl - 10am Library Reserved - 6pm	27	28 FLC Reserved  Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed	29	30

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 Fri: 8am-12pm

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