

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

April 2019

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Office Hours:
Mon.– Thurs: 9:00-4:30pm
Fridays: Closed

Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



Redeemer LMM will meet Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Head chef is Walter Jacobs. John Hammond will present a program.

Amen for Lutheran Men!

Women of the ELCA

WELCA News for April

WELCA will meet on Sunday, April 14th, at 3:45 P.M. in the church library. At that time we will conduct any business. Beginning at 4:00, we will begin our book study. You are asked to read Chapter 3 in your Let It Go book. We will also be making final plans for the SCWELCA Convention. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

***If anyone would like to go to the convention as a Young Woman Guest or a First Time Guest, please let Anne Caughman know by Sunday, March 31st. There are nomination forms that need to be completed and sent in by April 10th. Thank you.

SCWELCA Convention Project – This year’s project is “Freedom Bags.” These are bags given to the girls who are victims of sex trafficking throughout the state. Redeemer’s WELCA has decided to purchase gift cards from Wal-Mart which will be used to restock the safe house (Lighthouse for Life), help buy groceries and other needed items. If you would like to purchase a Wal-Mart gift card for this purpose, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Please place your gift card in an envelope and label the amount on the outside. Then we will be able to total up the amount of gift cards we send to the convention. Thank you for support of WELCA and this project.

A special “Thank You” to all of the participants in the BOLD WOMEN’S Sunday service.

Spring Conference Meeting for the Heartland Conference – Sunday, April 28th, 3:00 P.M. – Summer Memorial Lutheran Church

Isle of Palms Retreat – April 26-28 For more information on this, please see your Winter 2019 Ripple.

From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace y'all!

As we look around during this time of year – especially when the rains finally subside – we get to see the new life that emerges from the ground after the winter season. Plants, animals, and flowers come up from their time away. Their sounds fill the air; their smells waft through the air; and people walk around with a little more bounce in their step as we move from a cold season to a warmer one that is rich with life!

Of course, that new and renewed life is at work in our community as well! Our 100 Days of Prayer groups have begun, and they and others are in constant prayer for not only one another, but for God's presence and direction within our community of faith here at Redeemer. We again *get* to see where God is leading us as a faithful community.

I've had some really neat conversations with folks as they think about where God might be leading them. One in particular summed it up perfectly as they remarked on how God is leading them to do *something new* in the community in a faithful and faith-filled way, they remarked, "I feel like I don't know where I'm going, but I'm excited to be on this trip!"

I couldn't think of a better way to describe the Holy Spirit's action in our life. Sometimes we *don't* know where we are going or where God might be leading us. We even might be a little skeptical about the direction God is taking as we are led and called to serve those around us. But, it is and can be exciting to be on that trip.

The wonderful thing is, we are never alone in that journey. Yes, God is indeed there with us, Jesus is there supporting us, and the Holy Spirit is guiding (pushing?) us along the way. But, we also know that we are surrounded by this community of faith in love, support, and more.

We all come together to see where God is leading us, joining with each other living into our passions for service and ministry. Praying, discerning, and living into what God might be doing through us next.

It's a wild ride, but one I wouldn't want to be on anywhere else.

God has great things in store for us here at Redeemer, and I cannot wait to see what it all ends up being! It's going to be fun, that's for sure!

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a faint diamond-shaped border. The signature appears to be "Pastor Matt" written in a cursive style.

Attendance	Sunday School	8:30 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
March 3	38	43	92	135
March 10	42	37	79	116
March 17	46	45	104	149
March 24	39	35	86	121
March 31				
Average				

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that a third of the year has already passed. They say time flies when you're having fun... we must certainly be having a lot of fun at Redeemer! The council has been busy with several projects. The church is also in the beginning stages of 100 Days of Prayer, which is the first step of our visioning process. I hope that this is going well for all that are participating. This process should prove to be a great step towards our future at Redeemer.

Of note from council, we are beginning to designate where funds from the needs and wants list will be disbursed. Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas initially and to all those on committees who took time to research and prioritize these ideas. It has been an amazing feeling knowing that we have helped so many in the community, state, and nation, as well as can make some improvements to our own campus.

Other projects on the horizon are a committee to conduct a review of our church constitution and an employee handbook. It is important to conduct a review of the constitution on a regular basis to ensure it meets the current needs of the church. I'd also like to ask everyone to evaluate the "new" committee structure. We have had it in place for a few years now, so I ask you to consider things that are working well and areas for improvement.

While Lent is considered a sad time in the church, I always enjoy this time of year. For me, Lent is a time of reflection; reflection upon myself and what our Lord and Savior did for us by dying on the cross. My absolute favorite day of the year is Easter and I am very much looking forward to the services we will have on that day. I hope you will join us as often as you can for all of the upcoming Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter services!

Lastly, I am constantly amazed, though not surprised, at the giving nature of this congregation. There have been several events recently where there was a need and that need was met. We have so many people who work tirelessly to better Redeemer and all those who walk through our doors. So, I will simply end this with a sincere THANK YOU to everyone for all you do. Redeemer is a special place because of you.

Yours in Christ,

Ben Bowers, Council President

Treasurer's report for February 2019

Treasurer's report for Jan. 2019

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>	\$26,000.00
For Jan - Income:	\$ 20,105.17
For Jan - General expenses:	\$ 21,742.12
For Jan - Income is less than expenses by:	<u>\$ (1,636.95)</u>
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Altar Flowers

April 7 - NO FLOWERS
 April 14 - NO FLOWERS
 April 21 - PALM SUNDAY
 April 28 - EASTER SUNDAY

Wedding Anniversaries

April 1 - Walter & Bootsie Cousins
 April 5 - Norris & Michelle Long
 April 9 - Marty & Dana Cousins
 April 13 - Arlo & Judy Hill

These dates are according to our church records. If you see a correction, please notify the church office.**

Supper Club

Supper Club will meet on April 28 at 5:00 pm at Alodia's in Irmo. Please contact the church office by April 24 if you plan to attend.

Digital Newsletter - If you would be interested in receiving a digital ONLY version of the monthly Newsletter from Redeemer - please contact the church office. Alternatively, each newsletter (and bulletin) is available on our church website under the 'Info Center' tab.

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

**Saturday, April 20th
10:00 am**

Family Life Center

If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Amanda Richardson (924-6799).



Second Sunday Family Fun Night - Join us today in the Youth Hall from 5-7 on April 14 for dinner and fun! All are welcome! Contact Jessica at 803-924-9323 with questions.



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Miriam Willingham, Cindy Draeger, Nell Gant, Darr Wise, Bobby Metts, Georgette Livingston, Larry Williams, Dean Mayer.

Extended Parish Family: Camille-Griffin Women’s Prison Ministry; Vernon and Maxine Koon, cousin of Debra Metts; Kent and Mary Beth Richardson, cousins of Debra Metts; Cecil McRacken, father-in-law of Lloan McRacken; Mahalia Schumpert, friend of Deedee Westwood; Robert Johnson, brother-in-law of Ernest Shealy; Jody Lukac and family, friends of Jeremy and Stacy Tyson; James Conley, brother of June Seymour; Patricia Stiles and Reese Burdette, sister and great niece of Ernie Shealy; Arnold Perry, father of Lloan McRacken; George Benckert; Stuart Harmon, husband of Adele Saylor Harmon; Danny Burden, friend of Jessica Draeger; Todd Sanders, friend of congregation; Donnie Brown, friend of congregation; M. C. Yarborough, friend of Lloyd Layman; Dylan Walker, friend of Ann Stone; Tom Phair, friend of June and Ron Seymour; Cheryl Bedenbaugh, friend of Polly Davis; Bill and Sadie Loging, friends of the Caughman family; Harriett Kinard, friend of Dale and B. L. Brown; Pastor Dick and Jeannie Webber, friends of congregation; John and Sara Hicks, friends of Ann Stone; Chris Cleveland, father-in-law of David Metts, Jackie Perry, friend of Ann Stone; Robin Duncan, former member of Redeemer.

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

Redeemer’s Talent Show—Wow! What a fantastic job the participants did in the Redeemer’s Got Talent Show! A big “Thank You” to all who participated in the show. You were amazing. Now it’s time to start getting ready for next year.

Our Lenten Mid-Week Services of Holden Prayer around the Cross at Redeemer continue throughout the Lenten Season. Come for a mid-week break from the busyness of life as we center ourselves on God's presence with us. The remaining services will begin at 7pm each Wednesday during the season of Lent - April 3, and April 10.

Happy Birthday!



02-Apr	Nancy Owen	21-Apr	Jamie Weir IV
03-Apr	Robert Cole	22-Apr	Susan Dorton
04-Apr	Carolyn Hammond	24-Apr	David Wiseman
04-Apr	Dale Smith	26-Apr	Jason Bruce
05-Apr	Kendyl Griffith		
07-Apr	Matthew Mature	26-Apr	Robert Montgomery
14-Apr	Joey Nicosia	27-Apr	Benji Lindsay III
15-Apr	Rachel Franklin	28-Apr	Ella Coleman
16-Apr	Miriam Willingham	28-Apr	Kristy Barnes
17-Apr	Kaitlyn Stone	29-Apr	Dot Bedenbaugh
18-Apr	Alexander Cole	30-Apr	Elizabeth Boozer
18-Apr	Elin Cary		
18-Apr	Kathy Lindsay		
19-Apr	Verna Cavanaugh		

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Worship Assistant Schedule

<i>Duties</i>	<i>April 7</i>	<i>April 14</i>	<i>April 21</i>	<i>April 28</i>
8:45 am Communion Prep	Carolyn & John Hammond			
11:00 am Communion Prep	Susan Thomasson & Ann Jacobs	Helen Fellers	Denise Reid	Anne Caughman
8:45 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Tony Chapman	Claire Grosshuesch	Johnny Lindsay	Kelly Bannister
11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Clint Harshaw	June Lominack	Vanessa Harshaw	Cathy Turner
11:00 am Greeters	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer
Acolyte	Gaillard Smith	Julianna Smith	Mafra Kemper	Griffin Long
Crucifer	Steven Senn	Andrew West	Morgan Harshaw	Emma Chapman
Refreshments	NO REFRESHMENTS	NO REFRESHMENTS	NO REFRESHMENTS	NO REFRESHMENTS
Unlock Church	Huger Caughman Jr.	Huger Caughman Jr.	Huger Caughman Jr.	Huger Caughman Jr.
Lock Church	Tommy Fellers	Walter Jacobs	Ben Bowers	Matt Bowers
Usher 8:45 am	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose
Usher 11:00 am	Hugh Smith Gaillard Smith Susan Thomasson Jerry Haltiwanger			

Worship Assistant Schedules for the entire year can be found in the Annual Directory.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Library

March 18, 2019

Note that after officially approved, the full minutes of the Congregation Council meetings will be available for review in the church office.

Beginning at 6:45 pm, a short devotional was given by Pastor Matt from [Daily Devotions from Money Leadership](#).

Meeting called to order by Council President at 7:00pm. Motion made and carried to approve meeting agenda.

Old business included a motion carried to approve request for 50-75 people to use FLC/classrooms for regional training of officers for the Lions Club. From the Committee Needs and Wants lists, a motion carried to approve upgrade and refit the FLC kitchen (\$50,000), robes for choir and worship assistants (\$10,000) and 4th octave of handbells and accessories (\$6,000) from Legrand Amick gift and to approve a new playground with funds to come from major maintenance budget up to \$10,000. Also, to follow up on old business, Jerry reported Finance Committee decided to use Vanco for online giving due being able to integrate with our current membership software. Ben reported that Huger Caughman to lead Constitution Ad-Hoc committee and Michelle Long to assist, to review the Constitution for any changes.

New business information included a report on a Redeemer Employee Handbook. There is a draft version in progress and Ben Bowers will continue to work on this during the next few months. Also, Pastor Matt reported on concerns about Church Newsletter Distribution [and time-consuming process to prepare them for mailing required by the USPS](#). Motion carried to continue this discussion further next month.

Council went into and exited Executive Session during the meeting.

Council received the following reports from the committees:

Pastor's Report- written report received from Pastor Matt

Community Compassion Report- written report from Andy Sidden

Congregational Care Report- written report received from Eve Kneece

Faith Formation Report- no written report received

Finance Committee Report-Finance/Treasurer's Report Details- written report received and Jerry discussed the need for a stewardship drive to encourage the congregation to continue to give faithfully to the church and its ministries.

Inspiring Worship Report- no written report received Dale Brown

Property Committee Report- written report received from Property Committee

President's Report- written report from the President and he had no additional items to discuss

Council Meeting minutes from February 18, 2019 and Treasurer's report from February 2019 were approved. Next meeting April 15, 2019. Motion carried to adjourn meeting and Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bannister

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 19 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 21 - EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Please join Jessica, Tony, and Henry for light refreshments in the Youth Hall immediately after Sunrise Service on April 21.

The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
Thursday, April 18, 2019. Please send
submissions to info@lutheranredeemer.org