

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

August 2015

1515 Boundary Street
Newberry, SC 29108
Phone: (803) 276-2003
www.lutheranredeemer.org



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



Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm in the Redeemer Family Life Center. Tommy Fellers is the head chef.

We are the host for the Heartland Conference Lutheran Men in Mission Meeting on Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 pm. This will be youth night.



WELCA Book Study resumes on Sunday, August 2 at 4:00 pm in the Church Library. All ladies are invited to attend. Anne Caughman will be the leader. The book we are studying is Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World.

Fall Heartland Conference WELCA Meeting will be on September 13 at 3:00 pm at Macedonia Lutheran Church in Prosperity. Watch your bulletin for more information regarding the project. All ladies are invited to attend.

The conference meeting will probably take the place of our September book study.

From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace y'all!

We're old friends now right? I mean, I've been here for five Sundays, so it seems like we can be real with one another. I know I haven't (as of writing this) moved to Newberry, but we aren't going to let that get in between us are we?

So, this month, I wanted to talk a little bit about forgiveness. It's always something we need to hear and probably need help practicing. It doesn't hurt that Jesus talks an awful lot about forgiveness either. One of my favorite Jesus stories is the one where his disciples basically ask, "How many times should we forgive, like seven times?" Jesus' response is – "How about 77 times."

Once we realize that we aren't supposed to read this story literally – Jesus isn't saying that once you forgive 77 times you're done and you should never forgive that person again. Far, far from it. In fact, what Jesus *is* saying is that we should always forgive. Jesus telling his disciples that they should forgive 77 times is such an astronomically (and comically) large number that he was emphasizing that you should always forgive. Especially when people feel like you should stop.

I think when we read that we can be taken a little aback by our Lord. Why? Because what Jesus asks of his disciples and of us is pretty hard to do. Forgiveness isn't easy and it is a process. Forgiveness is also an interesting act when conducted between people. We like to think that forgiveness means more for the person who has done the wrong. I'm *forgiving* them so that they know that we are OK and that now they can go on living with a clean slate!

What I think, is that forgiveness is more of a gift to the one who has been wronged against.

A story I read once talked about holding grudges (not living into forgiveness) in this way...

Imagine a small cup of water. It's not very heavy, it may only have about four or five ounces of water. Pick it up. It's really light isn't it? Now, just keep holding it and don't put your arm down, but stretch that arm out in front of you. Hold it and continue holding it up. If you hold it up for 30 minutes how 'light' is it now? How about 5 hours? 30 days? A few years... That 'light' cup of water is an incredible burden now isn't it?

Now, forgiveness is imaging ourselves – after days, weeks or years – of holding on to that cup and putting it down. Just put down the cup. Let it go. Relief! A weight is *literally* lifted from us in that act of forgiveness.

That's forgiveness. We still remember that cup and its weight upon us. But, in the act of forgiveness we no longer let that cup guide us, define us, or identify us. In our forgiveness we let go of that which has bound us up in chains and shackles, so that we can be free to be in relationship with those around us. Even free with the one whom we have forgiven!

Of course, this is still a process that is easier said than done. I want to emphasize that forgiveness *is a process*. It is a journey that we embark on. Only our God is able to 'forgive and forget' and God literally says that that is possible in Jeremiah 31: 31-34.

Forgiveness isn't easy, it doesn't happen overnight, but we are called by God to forgive. We are called to forgive so that those grudges – those sins – might not define us. That in our act of forgiveness we might know that we are defined by the grace and love of Christ Jesus our Lord. In our act of forgiveness we are able – again – to walk with those among us. Those who have sinned against us, those we have sinned against, and those who get to be with every day.

That's a pretty cool thing – so, put the cup down and let's go share that love with others! Amen!

Can you believe we *get* to do this? It's awesome isn't it?

-pm

Summer Sunday School Combined Children's Class June–August 16 Preschool Classroom or Youth Hall <hr/> Older children and youth are encouraged to come be helpers.	Attendance	Sunday School	8:30 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
	July 5	26	40	91	131
	July 12	32	42	115	157
	July 19	27	48	103	151
	July 26	33	40	90	130
	Average	30	43	100	143

Cottage Meetings

Pastor Matt would like to meet as many people in the church as possible to introduce himself to us and for him to learn more about The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer, so we will be hosting cottage meetings throughout the months of August and September to do that. We are looking for at least 10 volunteers who would be interested in hosting these 90 minute meetings for about 15-20 members in their homes. Please contact Pastor Matt if you are interested.

Parish Update Email Signup

We are updating our Parish Update email subscription list. If you would like to receive these email notifications, please use the signup form on the homepage of the church's website. www.lutheranredeemer.org

Your church property committee has been hard at work over these past seven months of 2015. As we continue to maintain and repair the church property, we want to share with you a few of our projects over these past months.

- Awning on FLC repaired
- Irrigation system repaired
- Shower valves replaced in FLC
- Door and Frame repaired on FLC
- Additional lighting in parking lot installed
- Concrete slab put over drain in courtyard to keep it from having a steep drop in the yard, but still maintaining drainage
- Playground set will be refurbished by original manufacturer
- FLC door locks replaced under awning
- Replaced burned out lights in church

2016 Holy Land Tour - Join Pastor Bobby Morris (Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Prosperity) and Pastor Art Hallman (Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pomaria) for 13 educational and inspiring days in the Holy Land. The dates are January 21 - February 2. There will also be the option of a pre-tour of Egypt, January 15-22. This will include the Pyramids and Sphinx, Egyptian Museum, Valley of the Kings, Temples of Luxor and Karnak, and Mt. Sinai with St. Catherine's Monastery. Pastor Morris has over ten years experience planning and leading educational tours of Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. A complete travel brochure and much more information is available at www.allis-acres.com/israel.htm or by contacting Pastor Morris at bobby54@earthlink.net.

Treasurer's report for June 2015

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>	\$27,667.00
For June – Income was	\$25,070.25
For June – General expenses were	\$19,381.82
For June – Debt retirement for GIG Fund:	\$2,169.19
For June – Income was more than expenses by:	\$3,519.24
YTD Income is:	\$124,178.09
YTD General Expenses were:	\$110,507.15
YTD Debt retirement GIG Fund:	\$12,926.43
YTD Income was more than expenses by:	\$774.73

Calling all loose keys!

If you come across any church keys you no longer need, please turn them into the church office.

Altar Flowers

August 2-Bobby and Georgette Livingston
August 9-George and Karen Summer
August 16-James and Janet Long
August 23-Caughman Family
August 30-Caughman Family

Wedding Anniversaries

August 1-Sonny and Stewart Layman
August 2-Bobby and Georgette Livingston
August 4-Jimmy Ray and Patsy Pruitt
August 4-Ben and Nikki Chapman
August 5-Benjie and Jenny Chapman
August 13-Davy and Tammy Wilson
August 15-John and Sandra Bodie
August 19-Clint and Paula Harshaw
August 20-Barry and Peggy Richardson

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

Updated Mailing Addresses

Atlee Lindsay
2006 Springfield Circle, Room 30
Newberry, SC 29108

Austin and Kristian Longshore and Charlotte
2766B Orion Ct.
Lemoore, CA 93245

Danny Kinard
316 Bryton Trace
Columbia, SC 29210

Pastor Matt and Erin Titus
Ashleigh and Miriam
1819 McHardy Street
Newberry, SC 29108



Redeemer Family,

Thank you so much for the journal that I was given for graduation. Also, thank you for the meal and celebration that was given in honor of all graduates. I truly appreciated celebrating this time of my life with you all!

Rachel Franklin

Dear Redeemer Family,

The family of Helen Smith expresses their sincere appreciation for the cards, calls, prayers, personal expressions, and flowers during her illness and stay at the Lowman Home. We are thankful for the meal served on the day of her funeral.

Our sincere appreciation to those who participated in leading the worship service at her funeral. The music, hymns, and special music helped in the sharing the joy Helen had in being a part of Redeemer's Choir.

Pastor Ronald Smith and family

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY UPDATE

The Bereavement Ministry Task Force is continuing to update the handbook and information. If you would like to help with this ministry, please notify the church office. Donations are also being accepted to help offset the cost of this ministry.

The next meeting of this task force is Sunday, August 9 at 9:30 am in the church library.

Sistercare Donations

The Redeemer Community Compassion Committee will be collecting items for Newberry Sistercare starting on Sunday, August 23. The collections will be accepted through Sunday, September 13. Boxes will be available in the narthex for you to place donated items. Items needed include: baby and feminine toiletries, cleaning supplies, and paper products.

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer has an immediate opening for a part-time non-exempt administrative assistant. Successful candidates will serve the congregation by running the day-to-day operation of the church; coordinating support staff members and volunteers; coordinating the scheduling and communication of programs; and providing secretarial assistance to the Pastor. For a complete job description, please contact either Clint Harshaw at charshaw@presby.edu or Pastor Matt Titus at pastormtitus@outlook.com.

Refreshments are needed during the month of November. Individuals, families, and Sunday School classes are invited to consider participating in this ministry that not only provides nourishment, but also fellowship. Refreshments are to be simple. A suggested menu is mini-donuts/donut holes, goldfish, juice, and coffee. If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this special ministry.

November 1-AVAILABLE

November 8-AVAILABLE

November 15-AVAILABLE

November 22-AVAILABLE

November 29-AVAILABLE



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Carol Wessinger, Anna Lea Gordon, Robert E. Summer, Jr., Miriam Willingham, Austin Longshore and his Unit, Bobby Lominack, Ed Haltiwanger, Steve Sligh, Mike Darby, Cindy Draeger, David Summer

Extended Parish Family: Camille-Griffin Women’s Prison Ministry; Vernon Koon, cousin of Debra Metts; Beth Nelson, daughter-in-law of Gloria Nelson; Kent and Mary Beth Richardson, cousins of Debra Metts; Mackie Haltiwanger Satterfield, sister of Ed Haltiwanger; Cecil McRacken, father-in-law of Lloan McRacken; Mahalia Schumpert, friend of Deedee Westwood; Robert Johnson, brother-in-law of Ernest Shealy; Bobby Metts, friend of congregation; Elaine Smith Story, sister of Frances S. Abrams and niece of Mathilde Smith; Chip Turner, friend of Johnny and Kathy Lindsay; Martyn Cavanaugh, husband of Verna Cavanaugh; Jody Lukac and family, friends of Jeremy and Stacy Tyson; Hal Kohn, father of Carol Montgomery; James Conley, brother of June Seymour; Patricia Stiles and Reese Burdette, daughter and great granddaughter of Willene Shealy; Arnold Perry, father of Lloan McRacken; Barbara Sitton, friend of Polly Davis; Marjorie Green, mother of John Green; Robin Duncan, former member of the congregation

We express sympathy to Ron Smith and family on the death of Helen Smith on June 29.

Congratulations to Austin and Kristian Longshore on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, on April 16.

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

GREETERS ARE NEEDED

If you are willing to serve as a greeter prior to the 11:00 am worship service, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

AUGUST SUPPER CLUB

Please watch the bulletin announcements for information on the August Supper Club.

Happy Birthday!



8/01-Andrew Livingston
8/01-Kate Moose
8/02-Brent Wilson
8/03-Chuck Byrd
8/03-Jason Long
8/03-Annie Bozard
8/03-Faith Franklin
8/03-Noel Franklin
8/05-Nick Grosshuesch
8/06-Stephen Moose
8/07-Phoebe Lockyer
8/08-Chrissy Sligh
8/09-Jimmy Wessinger
8/11-Bootsie Cousins
8/12-Jill Chapman
8/12-Chris Coward
8/13-Ginger Weir

8/13-Danny Kinard
8/16-Martha Dominick
8/17-Ben Setzler
8/18-Ann Felker
8/18-Kathy Long
8/18-Janet Long
8/18-Reese Long
8/20-Melissa Mays
8/22-Allen Pitts
8/23-Henry Chapman
8/25-Betty Westwood
8/25-Les Hipp
8/25-My Anh Nguyen
8/26-Warren Cousins
8/26-Donna Franklin
8/26-Bobby Summer
8/27-Claire Doolittle

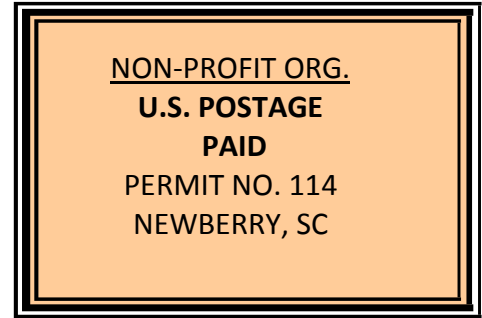
8/27-Connor Doolittle
8/29-Paula Harshaw
8/29-Jane Moose
8/30-Mary Nance Joseph
8/30-Richard Mann, Jr.

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

Worship Assistant Schedule

<i>Duties</i>	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 9</i>	<i>August 16</i>	<i>August 23</i>	<i>August 30</i>
8:30 am Communion	Kathy Riffin	Kathy Riffin	Kathy Riffin	Kathy Riffin	Kathy Riffin
11:00 am Communion	Polly Davis	June and Beth Lominack	Michelle Long	Rosemary Dominick	Helen Fellers
Bread Basket	Nick Grosshuesch	Beth Singletary	Nancy Riffin	Michelle Long	
8:30 am Lector and Communion	John Hammond	B L Brown	Claire Grosshuesch	Johnny Lindsay	Jerry Haltiwanger
11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Derryll Satterwhite	George Franklin	June Lominack	Beth Singletary	Chelsea Ellisor
11:00 am Greeters	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Acolyte	Katerina Long	Ben Lindsay	A C Cary	Madeline Long	Philip Livingston
Crucifer	Jordan Cary	Adam Westwood	Jordan Cary	Grace Lindsay	Andrew Livingston
Refreshments	Polly Davis	B L and Dale Brown	Amanda, Kelly, Jessica, and Nikki	Amanda, Kelly, Jessica, and Nikki	Amanda, Kelly, Jessica, and Nikki
Unlock Church	Nick and Claire Grosshuesch	Nick and Claire Grosshuesch	Nick and Claire Grosshuesch	Nick and Claire Grosshuesch	Nick and Claire Grosshuesch
Lock Church	Tommy Fellers	Walter Jacobs	Ben Bowers	Matt Bowers	Walter Jacobs
Usher 8:30 am	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose
Usher 11:00 am	Clint Harshaw Kathy Dennis Doggett Whitaker Ryan Lindsay	Clint Harshaw Kathy Dennis Doggett Whitaker Ryan Lindsay	Clint Harshaw Kathy Dennis Doggett Whitaker Ryan Lindsay	Clint Harshaw Kathy Dennis Doggett Whitaker Ryan Lindsay	Clint Harshaw Kathy Dennis Doggett Whitaker Ryan Lindsay

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer
1515 Boundary Street
Newberry, South Carolina 29108



Return Service Requested

The Redeemer Directory

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor
pastormtitus@outlook.com

Administrative Assistant
lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net

Woody Cornwell, Bookkeeper

Gayle D. Lindley, Handbell Director,
Children's Choir Director and Senior
Choir Director
redeermusic@bellsouth.net

Huger P. Caughman, Jr., Organist and
Junior Choir Director

Lloan McCracken, 8:30am Musician

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

BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Mark your calendars and join us as we prepare for the upcoming school year with activities, fellowship, games, music, and food on Sunday evening, August 16 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. *We must have a head count for meal preparation.* Everyone is invited to attend!

There is no cost for this event, but we do ask that you bring a canned good and school supplies to donate.

The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
Thursday, August 20, 2015. Please send any
submissions to lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net