

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

August 2018

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

Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



Redeemer LMM will have another Ladies' Night on Saturday, August 11, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Wayne and Eve Kneece. Their address is 474 Wisteria Lane, Newberry. Please call Robert Kneece by August 7 at [\(803\) 924-0283](tel:8039240283) to RSVP, and if you need directions.

PLEASE NOTE: This will take the place of our regular monthly meeting.

Amen for Lutheran Men (and Women!)

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

WELCA News for August

WELCA will meet on the second Sunday in August, August 12th, at 3:45 pm in the library for its business meeting. At 4:00 we will begin our book study. This month we will be reading Chapter 8 in **Really Bad Girls of the Bible**. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

SCWELCA Convention Project—\$325 in gift cards was taken to the convention from Redeemer. We selected to have the gift cards used where needed. Thank you to all who supported this project.

From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace y'all!

This summer has FLOWN by. In only a few weeks school will start back up and then that usual routine will be in place once again not only for my family, but for many of y'all as well.

As fun as this summer has been – and it has been fun – I'm going to be honest, it has been an anxious and stressful one for me as your pastor. Mostly because of how we are trying as best as we can to faithfully receive and use this abundant gift given to us by Carl Legrand Amick, Jr.

First and foremost, it has been an exciting and faithful experience. The people who have been a part of these decisions, discussions, and inquiries have been truly wonderful. We've talked, we've grown, we've seen God present along the way in so many ways.

I am truly, truly excited about what this gift will mean for us as a congregation and people of faith. One of the neatest points of conversation that I've had with many, is that what we are doing now – laying seeds, making decisions, and more – will bear fruit that our children and children's children will be able to see and be a part of. The ability to have additional income (and a substantial additional income at that) every year to do God's mission in the community and world is amazing. I look forward to the possibilities we might be able to be a part of. It is very exciting.

However, with that excitement comes with a healthy dose of stress and anxiety. Are we approaching it as faithfully as we can? Are we placing God in the center of our conversations? Are we listening to enough people? Are we being as clear as we can with others? How will others view this? Where will there, where has been, and has there already been 'hurt' experienced by others as we move through this?

Whenever money – and a substantial amount of money – is added to a relationship (whatever that relationship may be) it can make things weird, stressful, and anxious. Mostly because everyone wants it to be used in what they feel is the best way possible. As the rapper Notorious B.I.G. once said, "Mo' money, mo' problems." Where those problems are mostly stress and anxiety related.


What we get to do at this time is truly enormous in its scope for our congregation. We have an opportunity to do wonderful and intentional ministry – in addition to the vibrant ministry that we are already blessed to be participating in.

So, as we continue to move through this process please be in prayer for those who have been a part of this process. Be in prayer for me as your pastor, be in prayer for our council members, our finance team, those who have been a part of numerous conversations, and our potential members of an Endowment team. Be also in prayer for those who will be blessed by Carl's generosity through this congregation.

I am constantly in prayer for each of y'all and for our congregation as a whole. God is indeed present with us, we have been (and continue to do) wonderful, impactful, and faithful ministry. We are on the cusp of being able to do even more mission and ministry.

It is exciting, but it is also stressful for all involved. Lift up prayers for peace and calm throughout.

Thank you, and God bless each of you! I love you, and I mean it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a faint diamond-shaped border. The signature appears to read "Pastor Matt" with a stylized flourish.

Attendance	Sunday School	8:30 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
July 1	33	28	84	112
July 8	37	32	77	109
July 15	49	33	69	102
July 22	40	39	63	102
July 29	27	34	81	115
Average	37	33	75	108

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—AUGUST 12, 2018

Congregational meeting will be held at a combined worship service at 10:00 am. You will be voting to establish the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Mission Endowment Fund and elect members for the Endowment Committee.

Relay for Life - In the June newsletter, under the Luminaria “In Memory” the following was omitted:

In Memory of John K. Willingham, Jr. by Elizabeth Willingham.

Also under Footprints, Rey Lominack’s name was misspelled.

Thank you to Beth Singletary, Hugh and Anne Smith, and Ernie Shealy for providing refreshments during the summer months.

Dear Redeemer Family,

Thank you so much to all that had a part in the wonderful celebration of graduates we had in May. It was a great day recognizing the accomplishments of many. Thank you for other special gifts as well. Congratulations to all the graduates and confirmands.

In Christ,
Ben Bowers

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR AUGUST 2018

8/5	Day by Day	Senior Choir Men
8/12	violin solo	Paula Harshaw
8/19	I Come, O Savior, to Your Table	Senior Choir
8/26	Senior Choir Anthem	

Treasurer's report for June 2018

Treasurer's report for June 2018:

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:

\$26,319.00

For June - Income:	\$ 28,599.67
For June - General expenses:	\$ 21,728.02
For June - Debt retirement for GIG Fund:	\$ 2,484.60
For June - Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 4,387.05

YTD Income:	\$ 167,066.07
YTD General Expenses:	\$ 157,061.53
YTD Debt retirement GIG Fund:	\$ 14,856.99
YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (4,852.45)

Altar Flowers

Aug 5 - Wayne & Eve Kneece

Aug 12 - **AVAILABLE**

Aug 19 - **AVAILABLE**

Aug 26 - John & Mary Sue Green

Wedding Anniversaries

Aug 1 - Sonny & Stewart Layman

Aug 2 - Bobby & Georgette Livingston

Aug 4 - Jimmy Ray & Patsy Pruitt

Aug 4 - Ben & Nikki Chapman

Aug 5 - Benjie & Jennie Chapman

**Aug 5 - Molly Fortune & Christopher
Kemper**

Aug 12 - Sandy & Joanne Fretwell

Aug 13 - Davy & Tammy Wilson

Aug 15 - John & Sandra Bodie

Aug 19 - Clint & Paula Harshaw

Aug 20 - Barry & Peggy Richardson

Aug 21 - Zeb & Angela Reid

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

New Church Pictorial Directory - The dates for the new pictorial directory are Monday, August 27, Tuesday, August 28, and Wednesday, August 29 from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

You can sign up online through the link on the church website and Facebook page. If people do not have access online to sign up, we will have a paper sign-up sheet in the narthex starting next Sunday, July 29.

CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY

Congregational sympathy is extended to Patsy and Jimmy Ray Pruitt, Sheila Ellisor, and Chelsea Ellisor upon the death of their son, brother, and uncle, Craig Pruitt.

Congregational sympathy is extended to Ginger Weir upon the death of her mother, Corinne Pitts.



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Miriam Willingham, Austin Longshore and his Unit, Cindy Draeger, Nell Gant, Darr Wise, Bobby Metts, Georgette Livingston.

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, daughter and great granddaughter of Willene 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; Keith Garrison, friend of Susan Bowers; Christopher Seymour, son of June Seymour; Cheryl Bedenbaugh, friend of Polly Davis; Melissa Pion, friend of June Seymour; Bill and Sadie Loging, friends of the Caughman family; Robert Caughman, brother of Huger Caughman, Sr.; Linda Hamm Evans, cousin of Cathy Turner, Jerry and Curtis Haltiwanger; Laurie Desotell, friend of June Seymour.

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

Happy Birthday!



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| 8/01-Andrew Livingston | 8/12-Chris Coward | 8/26-Donna Franklin |
| 8/01-Kate Moose | 8/13-Ginger Weir | 8/26-Ainsley Gray |
| 8/02-Lisa Senn | 8/14-Demetrius Glass | 8/27-Claire Doolittle |
| 8/02-Brent Wilson | 8/16-Martha Dominick | 8/27-Connor Doolittle |
| 8/03-Jason Long | 8/18-Ann Felker | 8/29-Jane Moose |
| 8/03-Annie Bozard | 8/18-Kathy Long | 8/29-Paula Harshaw |
| 8/03-Faith Felix | 8/18-Janet Long | 8/30-Mary Nance Joseph |
| 8/03-Noel Franklin | 8/18-Zeb Reid | 8/31-Richard Mann Jr. |
| 8/3-Chuck Byrd | 8/18-Reese Long | |
| 8/5-Nick Grosshuesch | 8/20-Melissa Mays | |
| 8/6-Stephen Moose | 8/22-Allen Pitts | |
| 8/7-Phoebe Lockyer | 8/23-Henry Chapman | |
| 8/8-Chrissy Sligh | 8/25-Betty Westwood | |
| 8/9-Jimmy Wessinger | 8/25-My Anh Nguyen | |
| 8/11-Bootsie Cousins | 8/26-Bobby Summer Jr. | |
| 8/12-Jill Chapman | | |

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Worship Assistant Schedule

<i>Duties</i>	<i>August 5</i>	<i>August 12</i>	<i>August 19</i>	<i>August 26</i>
8:45 am Communion Prep	Kathy Riffin	Kathy Riffin	Kathy Riffin	Kathy Riffin
11:00 am Communion Prep	June & Beth Lominack	Michelle Long	Rosemary Dominack	Helen Fellers
8:45 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Ernie Shealy	Nikki Chapman	Johnny Lindsay	Amanda Richardson
11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Johnny Lindsay	Cathy Turner	Andy Sidden	Anne Caughman
11:00 am Greeters	Available	Available	Available	Available
Acolyte	Julianna Smith	Mafra Kemper	Griffin Long	Ellis Kemper
Crucifer	A C Cary	Emma Chapman	Jordan Cary	Vanessa Harshaw
Refreshments	Property Committee	Property Committee	Property Committee	Property Committee
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	Janet Long	Janet Long	Janet Long	Janet Long
Usher 11:00 am	Clint Harshaw Vanessa Harshaw Susan Thomasson Joey Nicosia	Clint Harshaw Vanessa Harshaw Susan Thomasson Joey Nicosia	Clint Harshaw Vanessa Harshaw Susan Thomasson Joey Nicosia	Clint Harshaw Vanessa Harshaw Susan Thomasson Joey Nicosia

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Library

July 16, 2018

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 reviewing the Audit Committee audit findings. Council asked Finance Committee to secure an outside CPA firm to audit in January 2019 per the bylaws and the Audit Committee's recommendation. Also, Council reviewed comments and concerns from Endowment and Gift Policy information session on July 15th. The next information meeting July 24th at 6 pm. Executive committee to meet on July 29th prior to Congregational Meeting on August 12th.

New business included an update on Homecoming—they are gathering committee members and ideas for 165th celebration. Searching for a new Congregational Care Coordinator has been tabled until the next meeting. Also, a motion made and carried to raise the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer scholarship at Newberry College scholarship up to \$1000 per student and to research combining the LCR and the Cromer/Hipp Bible Class Scholarship Funds into one scholarship.

Council went into and exited Executive Session during the meeting.

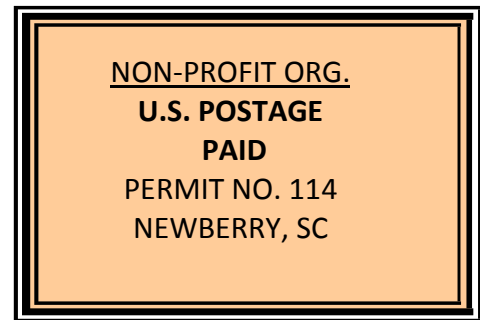
Council received the following reports from the committees:

- Pastor's Report- written report received from Pastor Matt
- Community Compassion Report- written report from Andy Sidden
- Congregational Care Report- written report received from Anne Caughman
- Faith Formation Report- no written report received
- Finance Committee Report-Finance/Treasurer's Report Details- written report received from
- Inspiring Worship Report- no written report received
- Property Committee Report- written report received from Property Committee
- President's Report- President had no additional items to discuss

Council Meeting minutes from June 25, 2018 and Treasurer's report from June 2018 were approved. Next meeting August 20, 2018. Motion carried to adjourn meeting and Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bannister

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All Members:
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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
Thursday, August 16, 2018. Please send
submissions to lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net

Bereavement Meal Ministry - The Bereavement Meal Ministry is a ministry that provides for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Whether it's a meal or a reception, we are helping our brothers and sisters in Christ in their time of need. Those who are part of this ministry are assigned to a group, asked to provide something for the meal/reception, and then called when it's time to serve. If you would like to be a part of the Bereavement Meal Ministry, please contact Janet Long or Anne Caughman.

Bereavement Meal Ministry Co-Chairperson - Those who are members of the Bereavement Meal Ministry and would like to take over the position of Co-Chairperson, please contact Janet Long or Anne Caughman. Thank you.

HANDBELL WORKSHOP - Dr. Ron Davis from Presbyterian College will lead a workshop for handbells Saturday, Aug. 25. The session will run from 9:00 am to noon followed by lunch. All are invited to attend either to ring or observe. For more information and reservation for lunch, please contact Gayle Lindley.

MUSIC NOTES - Senior Choir and Redeemer Ringers will resume rehearsals Wednesday, Aug. 15. Handbells rehearse beginning at 6:30 followed by the Senior Choir at 7:30.

The Youth and Children's Choirs will begin Sept. 9. Watch for announcements concerning these groups.

Come join us in the music ministry of our church.