

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

August 2020

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

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Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

WELCA News for August

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING!

From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace y'all!

Here we are. It's August. It's been a long summer, hasn't it? Who would've thought that six months ago it would've been so long since we've seen one another in person – not only in worship and ministry, but out in the community as well? It's been weird. Very weird.

I recently had a gathering with area pastors and one of the questions that was brought up was, 'How are y'all planning for fall activities in your churches?' And, that's a question that we've all been thinking about, and yet we are all drawing a blank on how we best we might approach that in our communities. Mostly because – as has been the theme during these last months – what we know and what we are *good* at might not be the best/safest course to take.

I know that there are opportunities for ministry together – even in the midst of a global pandemic. But, I know that we are a congregation full of creative and faith-filled people. I know that we are capable of figuring this out.

Already we've had a few Sunday School classes gather online. There are book studies being conducted online. There are some small groups that have gathered online. There have been small playdates made at the new playground. There have been small groups that have volunteered at different places around the community.

Ministry is still happening. God continues to be at work. The Spirit is always moving through us and guiding us to see where God is at work in this place.

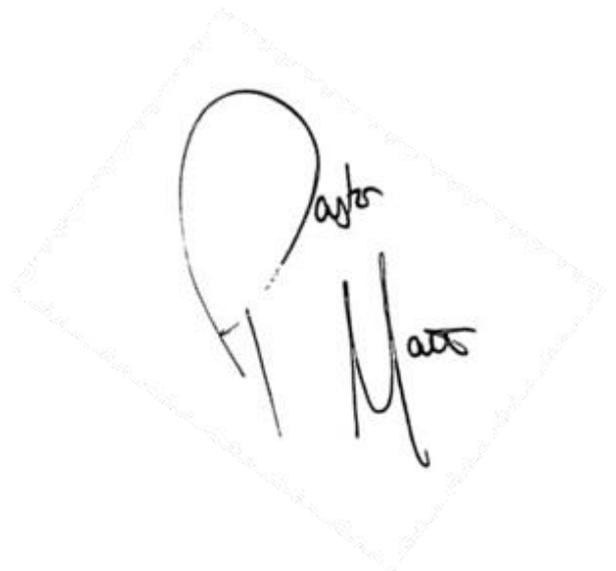
It reminds me of the feeding story in Matthew's Gospel. Where the disciples note to their Lord at how many people are gathered there, how in the world are they going to get fed? We only have this little bit of food? And Jesus' response to his disciples' question, 'You feed them.'

So, I offer to y'all – what are ways that we can work together to continue to be faithful servants and ministers to our community? Where are the ways that Jesus is pointing, pushing, prodding, and guiding us to feed the people who are in need physically, mentally, and spiritually?

I'd love to hear your ideas. I've got a few of my own, but we can gather together and see where Jesus might be breathing life into the 'little' we have so that so much work can be accomplished.

Remember, God has given us *so much*. God has already given us the tools and the means to feed and serve. What are the ways that our Christ is pushing us to 'feed the people' before us?

I love y'all, and I mean it.





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On July 20, 2020 The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer's Council met at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. A major item on the agenda was a decision regarding resuming in-person worship on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

Council talked openly, honestly, and faithfully throughout this conversation and it was voted that Redeemer would postpone in-person worship till at least Sunday, August 23rd, 2020. Council also voted that they will make another decision regarding in-person worship at the next scheduled monthly Council meeting on August 17th, 2020.

This was not an easy decision and one that is not made lightly. However, in the beginning of this decision process from a few months ago, it was decided that we would not resume in-person worship until there was a either a leveling or a decrease in positive cases both in South Carolina and in Newberry County. Unfortunately, that has not been the case these last few weeks as there has been a sharp rise in positive cases not only in South Carolina, but in Newberry County as well.

Everyone wants to get back to in-person worship. We miss it terribly. The Body of Christ was made to be gathered together. However, if we are to gather we should do so when it is safe for all to be gathered.

Any decision regarding the resuming of in-person worship that Council makes will not appease everyone. Council does ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers as they are tasked with these difficult decisions. We also ask that you continue to pray for God's presence within this difficult, weird, and terrible time as we are separated from one another. Let us all have hope and trust to remember St. Paul's words to the church in Rome - there is not one thing that separates us from God's love in Christ our Lord.

We will still faithfully gather online with our livestreamed services each Sunday at 10:30 am. When we are able to safely gather in-person those services will continue to be streamed online as well.

Attendance	Sunday School	8:45 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
July 5	Online service			
July 12	Online service			
July 19	Online service			
July 26	Online service			
Average	Online service			

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Attendance - Online services

Offerings July 05 - \$3,494.06
 July 12 - \$5,057.51
 July 19 - \$5,542.30
 July 26 - \$1,089.37

To help those who do not have internet access at their homes, a DVD of each Sunday's worship service will be available in the church office. Those DVDs *should* be available no later than the Tuesday following the service. You may call the church office to put your name on the list to receive a copy of the service on DVD! Services since March 22 (our first online service) are currently being made at the moment and will be available soon as well.



Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Tony Chapman upon his death on July 19, 2020.

CONFIRMATION! PM is busy working on what Confirmation will look like this year, for those journeying with him through this time, be on the lookout for more information to come!

WORSHIP DVD'S - While you can always watch all our previous worship services by going to our YouTube page, you may know someone who doesn't have internet access. DVDs of each Sunday's worship service will be available in the church office by Tuesday of each week. Please call the church office so we can have a rough estimate of the amount of DVDs we need to provide each week.

Treasurer's report for June 2020

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To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$26,576.00

For Jun - Income: \$ 14,904.77

For Jun - General expenses: \$ 18,353.91

For Jun - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (3,449.14)

For Jun - Amick Gift Funds income \$ 21,197.52

2020 YTD Income: \$ 133,885.95

2020 YTD General Expenses: \$ 151,121.30

2020 YTD Income is less than expenses by: \$ (17,235.35)

2020 YTD Amick Gift Funds expenses \$ 90,769.03

Altar Flowers

August 2 - Online Service

August 9 - Online Service

August 16 - Online Service

August 23 - Online Service

August 30 - Online Service

Wedding Anniversaries

August 1 - Sonny & Stewart Layman

August 1 - Matthew & Kelly Loignon

August 2 - Bobby & Georgette Livingston

August 4 - Jimmy Ray & Patsy Pruitt

August 4 - Ben & Nikki Chapman

August 5 - Benjie & Jenny Chapman

August 5 - Molly Fortune & Christopher Kemper

August 12 - Sandy & Joanne Fretwell

August 13 - Davy & Tammy Wilson

August 15 - John & Sandra Bodie

August 19 - Clint & Paula Harshaw

August 20 - Barry & Peggy Richardson

August 21 - Zeb & Angela Reid

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



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Cindy Draeger, Nell Gantt, Darr Wise, Bobby Metts, Georgette Livingston, Dean Mayer, Bobby Summer, Debbie Metts, Heather Kaikini.

Extended Parish Family: Vernon and Maxine Koon, cousin of Debra Metts; Kent and Mary Beth Richardson, cousins of Debra Metts; Robert Johnson, brother-in-law of Ernest Shealy; James Conley, brother of June Seymour; Patricia Stiles and Reese Burdette, sister and great-niece of Ernie Shealy; Stuart Harmon, husband of Adele Saylor Harmon; Danny Burden, friend of Jessica Draeger; Donnie Brown, friend of congregation; M. C. Yarborough, friend of Lloyd Layman; Tom Phair, friend of June Seymour; Cheryl Bedenbaugh, friend of Polly Davis; Harriett Kinard, friend of Dale and B. L. Brown; Pastor Dick and Jeannie Webber, friends of congregation; Chris Cleveland, father-in-law of David Metts, Jackie Perry, friend of Ann Stone; Karen Chasteen, sister-in-law of Jane Moose; Stephanie Neel, friend of Mary E. Hammond ; Terri McMurtury, niece of Debbie Metts, Mia Stabile and family, great-niece and family of Ann Jacobs, Walter Jacobs, and Susan Jacobs Thomasson.

Supper Club will not meet until further notice. Stay safe!

Happy Birthday!



8/1	Andrew Livingston II	8/12	Jill Chapman	8/26	Bobby Summer Jr.
8/1	Kate Moose	8/12	Chris Coward	8/26	Donna Franklin
8/2	Lisa Senn	8/13	Ginger Weir	8/26	Ainsleigh Gray
8/2	Brent Wilson	8/16	Martha Dominick	8/27	Claire Doolittle
8/3	Chuck Byrd	8/18	Ann Felker	8/27	Connor Doolittle
8/3	Jason Long	8/18	Kathy Long	8/29	Jane Moose
8/3	Annie Bozard	8/18	Janet Long	8/29	Paula Harshaw
8/3	Faith Felix	8/18	Zeb Reid	8/30	Mary Nance Joseph
8/3	Noel Franklin	8/18	Reese Long	8/31	Richard Mann Jr.
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	Les Hipp		
8/11	Bootsie Cousins	8/25	My Anh Nguyen		

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Visit our website
<http://www.sclmm.org>

SCLMM Committee of 100

The Committee of 100 was established in 1976, by Raymond Caughman, to encourage 100 men to give \$100 each year to be put in the Loan Fund.

The Loan Fund provides financial help to mission congregations in the South Carolina Synod for their building programs.

In 1996 the Executive Committee started the "New Mission Start Program" which is funded by the Committee of 100 gifts. The purpose of this fund is to provide "start up" monies for new mission churches in South Carolina when the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America does not have sufficient funds to do so. This money is used to help pay the mission developer's salary for no more than three years.

When you make a gift to this fund you can select to put the gift in the New Mission Start Program or the Loan Fund or split the amount if you so desire.

Committee of 100 New and Renewal Memberships
Make checks payable to "SCLMM Committee of 100"
Mail checks and form to:

Kevin Wicker
977 Quail Drive
Walterboro, SC 29488

SCLMM Committee of 100
Supporting Mission Churches in South Carolina since 1976



Name: _____ Loan Fund
Address: _____ New Mission Start Program

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Library

July 20, 2020

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

Devotions 6:45 PM Business Meeting 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome

Members Present: Ernie Shealy, Matt Bowers, Sarah Bowers, Claire Grosshuesch, Jerry Haltiwanger, Walter Jacobs, Robert Kneece, Mary Maercklein, Derryll Satterwhite, and Pastor Matt Titus. Members Absent: Arlo Hill, Drew Senn and David Wiseman

B. Celebrations and Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Derryll Satterwhite, the family of Tony Chapman and all health care workers.

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Matt officiated at Nell Gantt's funeral, has been officiating at the streaming church services and is conducting at book talk.

Endowment Committee - - Jerry Haltiwanger gave the report. The total income was \$3,112,759.00. Disbursements went Newberry Museum, Novus Way, Pomaria Lutheran, St. Luke's Lutheran, Chelsea Ellisor, Newberry Adult Ed., Sistercare, Living Hope and other organizations. The amount given out was \$ 146,000.00.

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report - Jerry Haltiwanger, liaison and chairperson - The church income is able to pay salaries and keep the lights on, but income has decreased.

Property Committee Report - Matt Bowers, liaison - - The lighting is in place. The playground is complete. WiFi has been extended to the Family Life Center and the doorbell is on the to do list.

II. Old Business - Jerry Haltiwanger made, Mary Maercklein seconded, a motion that the church be opened on Sunday, August 2 for in-person worship. There was much discussion. Before voting, the council prayed. The motion did not pass. Matt Bowers, Mary Maercklein seconded, made a motion that Sunday August 23 be the next target date for opening in-person worship. Church council will discuss this during the August 17 council meeting. The motion passed. The council prayed again.
Needs and Wants: Matt Bowers made, Derryll Satterwhite seconded, a motion to buy for \$3,600.00, 2 benches, 2 picnic tables and a trashcan for the playground area. The motion passed.

III. New Business - Ernie reached out Drew Senn by email, but Drew has not replied. The motion, made by Mary Maercklein, seconded by Claire Grosshuesch, was that we not replace him since it was so late in the year. The motion passed.

IV. Comments for the Good of the Order - Mary Maercklein stated that she has some bright new foresters working for her. Pastor Matt complimented the church council.

V. Executive Session - Matt Bowers, Claire Grosshuesch seconded, that the council go into executive session. Derryll Satterwhite, Robert Kneece seconded, that the council leave executive session.

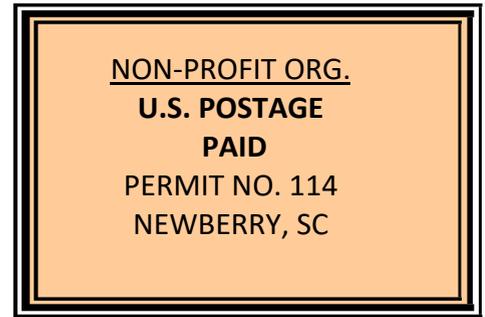
VI. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer - After praying the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Reminders:

Next meeting: August 17, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Derryll Satterwhite

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