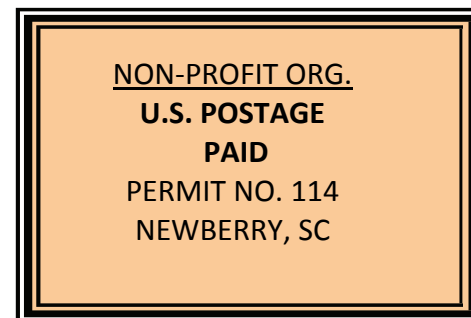


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*Redeemer Reader*

December 2018

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

## Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



Redeemer LMM will meet at Shealy's BBQ on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 pm. Please let Matt Bowers know if you plan to attend by Sunday, December 9.

**Amen for Lutheran Men (and Women!)**

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA**

## WELCA News for December

**WELCA** – WELCA will meet on Sunday, December 9, at 3:45 P.M. in the church library for its business meeting. We will be preparing Christmas gifts for our shut-ins. At 4:00 we will be looking at Chapter 1 in our Let It Go book. All women in the congregation are invited to attend.

### Please pick up your 2018 Giving Envelopes:

***The new envelopes are now available in the narthex of the church.*** Please pick them up at your convenience sometime before the first of the year. Do not use the new envelopes until Jan and likewise do not use this year's envelopes after the first of the year. If you do not find an envelope with your name on it, please let Donna know.

**Hanging of the Greens** - Would you like to help decorate our worship space for Advent and Christmas? Do you enjoy singing, sharing, and laughing? Then come join us on Saturday, December 1 at 10am.

### The Redeemer Directory

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor  
[pastormtitus@outlook.com](mailto:pastormtitus@outlook.com)

Donna Price  
Administrative Assistant  
[lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net)

Woody Cornwell, Bookkeeper

Gayle D. Lindley, Handbell Director,  
Children's Choir Director and Senior  
Choir Director  
[redemermusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:redemermusic@bellsouth.net)

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

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

The next Redeemer Reader deadline is  
Thursday, December 20, 2018. Please send  
submissions to [lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net)

Wow. November was an incredibly pivotal and powerful month in the history of Redeemer. On November 11, we held our annual meeting and voted in new members of council and nominating team. We approved our 2019 Ministry Spending Plan. We overwhelmingly voted to enact the continuing resolution of our new Endowment Fund. After all that, we as a congregation unanimously voted to pay off our Growing in Grace mortgage (which has been done officially now). That is an *incredible* thing to be a part of. Plus, it all occurred within 25 minutes? That might be the most amazing thing!

Our Endowment Team is hard at work in finalizing who will manage this fund. Then they will begin the process of receiving letters and proposals from the community on how that money could be used to fund numerous ministry projects around our area, state, country, and world. Those funds will begin to be distributed in 2020. Continue to be in prayer for them as they continue their work.

This month, your council at Redeemer will decide which organizations we will be able to help through the tithe portion of the gift from Carl Legrand Amick, Jr. We talked briefly about where that tithe could go during November's meeting, and there are some worthwhile and amazing organizations that we can help with immediate (and substantial) funds. As a council – and as your pastor – we are looking at ways that we can make a great impact to help those organizations in the best and most needed ways possible. It's really fun!

Finance Team and Council will begin in 2019 going through the *Financial Needs and Wants* list that we as a congregation put together a number of months ago with Deacon Mitzie Schafer's help. We'll begin to prioritize what items on that list fit into our scope and vision as a congregation, but also items that are needed and desired by the congregation. This will be another exciting task and endeavor for our leadership to pursue this coming year.

Finally, work has begun to celebrate this gift that Legrand has given to Redeemer. More information will be given as to what that will look like, but council has tentatively set the date of that celebration to be February 10, 2019; the one-year anniversary of Legrand's death.

We of course will be given even more opportunities to give back from our abundance through ministries like Angel Tree and the ELCA Good Gifts. We can give back by serving those at White Oak Manor this month as we worship and sing carols with them. Who knows what other opportunities we will be given.

I am honored and humbled to be your pastor. Where we truly *get* to serve God, we *get* to serve one another, and we *get* to serve with one another. What better month to be so intentional about our giving of this gift, than the month we celebrate God's great gift to the world – God's in-breaking into the creation through the birth of a savior in Bethlehem.

Throughout it all, we will remember God's goodness, love, and grace given to all of creation. We *get* to do this y'all, isn't it great? Amen.



## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Library

November 19, 2018

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

November 19, 2018

Beginning at 6:45 pm, a short devotional was given by Pastor Matt from

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

Old business included Congregational Meeting- The meeting went well. Beth reported on her assessment of the Visioning consultants interviewed. She also reported on her findings from the reference checks. Motion carried to pursue visioning process and continue to research each consultant.

New Business included Coach Stewart from Newberry Middle School wishes to use the FLC for basketball practice as they did last year. Motion carried to allow the use of the FLC. This council should make the decision of where the Legrand Gift should be tithed. Council to consider agencies, organizations, or designations for the giving. Also, Council would like to hold a Celebration for the Legrand Gift- Feb 10, 2019 is the one-year anniversary of Legrand's death. We could have a celebration on or around the anniversary and we can share where the tithe has gone as well. It would be good to invite his surviving family to this event as well. Motion carried to create a taskforce to plan this celebration. Taskforce to contact the appropriate people, coordinate meal, contact the organizations that we are helping with the gift. Will ask for Cathy Turner to lead. Motion carried to name the courtyard "The Legrand Courtyard" and get a sign made prior to the celebration event.

The next council meeting will hold election of officers for council.

Council went into and exited Executive Session during the meeting.

Council received the following reports from the committees:

- A. Pastor's Report- written report received from Pastor Matt
- B. Community Compassion Report- no written report from Andy Sidden
- C. Congregational Care Report- written report received from Anne Caughman
- D. Faith Formation Report- no written report received
- E. Finance Committee Report-Finance/Treasurer's Report Details- written report received from Finance Committee  
Finance Committee declared they are going to pay off the Growing in Grace Fund.
- F. Inspiring Worship Report- written report received Dale Brown
- G. Property Committee Report- written report received from Property Committee
- H. President's Report- President discussed the Endowment Committee will be meeting Wednesday, 11/21/18, morning to decide on who will be managing the Endowment.

Council Meeting minutes from October 2018 Council Meeting and Congregational Meeting, November 11 and Treasurer's report from October 2018 were approved. Next meeting December 17, 2018. Motion carried to adjourn meeting and Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bannister*

# Worship Assistant Schedule

Duties	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
<b>8:45 am Communion Prep</b>	Janet Long	Janet Long	Claire Grosshuesch	Available	Janet Long
<b>11:00 am Communion Prep</b>	Helen Fellers	Beth Singletary/ Briley Derrick	Denise Reid	Available	Cynthia Lominack
<b>8:45 am Lector and Communion Assistant</b>	Nikki Chapman	Johnny Lindsay	Amanda Richardson	Tony Chapman	Nancy Riggan
<b>11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant</b>	Ben Bowers	Vanessa Harshaw	George Franklin	Cathy Turner	Andy Sidden
<b>11:00 am Greeters</b>	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
<b>Acolyte</b>	Olivia West	Zoe Reid	Gaillard Smith	Julianna Smith	Mafra Kemper
<b>Crucifer</b>	Ledare Livingston		Philip Livingston	Katerina Long	Madeleine Long
<b>Refreshments</b>	Inspiring Worship	Inspiring Worship	Inspiring Worship	Inspiring Worship	Inspiring Worship
<b>Unlock Church</b>	Huger Caughman, Jr.	Huger Caughman, Jr.	Huger Caughman, Jr.	Huger Caughman, Jr.	Huger Caughman, Jr.
<b>Lock Church</b>	Tommy Fellers	Walter Jacobs	Ben Bowers	Matt Bowers	Walter Jacobs
<b>Usher 8:45 am</b>	James Long	James Long	James Long	James Long	James Long
<b>Usher 11:00 am</b>	Doggett Whitaker Andy Senn Drew Senn Elmer Long	Doggett Whitaker Andy Senn Drew Senn Elmer Long	Doggett Whitaker Andy Senn Drew Senn Elmer Long	Doggett Whitaker Andy Senn Drew Senn Elmer Long	Doggett Whitaker Andy Senn Drew Senn Elmer Long

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

Attendance	Sunday School	8:30 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
Nov 4	43	30	74	104
Nov 11	Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting	116	116
Nov 18	36	37	84	121
Nov 25	42	36	74	110
Average	40	34	87	113

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 7 P.M.

As you are planning for worship during Christmas season, please note that this year Redeemer is scheduling **one Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.** This service will combine components of the past 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. services with the focus on children's music (family-centered) and other special music.

To make certain that all who wish to attend Christmas Eve service can do so, Inspiring Worship is coordinating rides for members who do not drive after dark or who otherwise need a ride.

#### TWO REQUESTS:

If you would like for a Redeemer member to transport you to and from this 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service, please contact Donna Price in the church office at 276-2003 by Sunday, December 9.

If you can offer the gift of transportation to Redeemer members (and/or friends) on Christmas Eve, please contact Donna Price in the church office at 276-2003 by Sunday, December 9.

Inspiring Worship will then coordinate riders with volunteer drivers for worship on his holy day, Monday, December 24.

Group Two and all the ladies that helped, I want to thank each of you for the wonderful meal you prepared for our family. We enjoyed it appreciated your kindness. It is truly wonderful to have someone look after this for us while we are grieving. Thank you again. Patsy, Jimmy Ray, Sheila & Chelsea

Dear Redeemer Family,  
Thank you so much for the thoughtful cards, phone calls, food andn other expressions of care and sympathy shown following the death of my mother. Your support at this time was very much appreciated and a great comfort to all of the family. Regards, George Summer & Family

### Supper Club

Supper Club will not meet in the month of December. Be on the lookout for information about January's outing.



### Treasurer's report for October 2018

Treasurer's report for Oct. 2018:

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:

		\$26,319.00
For Sep - Income:	\$ 24,220.07	
For Sep - General expenses:	\$ 21,725.17	
For Sep - Debt retirement for GIG Fund:	\$ 2,473.74	
For Sep - Income is less than expenses by:	\$ 21.16	
YTD Income:	\$ 260,356.05	
YTD General Expenses:	\$ 254,813.60	
YTD Debt retirement GIG Fund:	\$ 24,911.30	
YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (19,368.85)	

### Altar Flowers

- Dec 2 - Mary Sue Clary
- Dec 9 - Johnny & Kathy Lindsay
- Dec 16 - B. L. Brown
- Dec 23 - Huger Caughman
- Dec 30 - AVAILABLE

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 12/11 - Jason & Nikki Bruce
- 12/13 - Stephen & Lauren Flynn
- 12/19 - Les & Beth Hipp
- 12/20 - Bill & Karen Krouse Jr.
- 12/21 - Chad & Lynn Cary
- 12/23 - John & Laurie Hammond

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

**Angel Tree** - The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer is again partnering with the Newberry County Department of Social Services for our annual Angel Tree project to provide gifts for local foster children. During Advent, please visit our Angel Tree, located in the narthex, decorated with angels representing 25 local children in foster care here in Newberry County. These foster children are aged from newborns through teens. Please consider sponsoring one of these angels for Christmas. Select the angel from the tree, and make a note of the child's application number in the register. Place unwrapped gifts in a large bag, and include the application number on the bag. Drop off donations to the church office by Thursday, December 13. If you have any questions, please contact either Vanessa or Morgan Harshaw at 924-6895.



**Second Sunday Family Fun Night** - Join us today in the Youth Hall from 5-7 on December 9 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, 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; Christopher Seymour, son of June Seymour; Cheryl Bedenbaugh, friend of Polly Davis; Melissa Pion, friend of June Seymour; Bill and Sadie Loding, 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; Harriett Kinard, friend of Dale and B. L. Brown; Pastor Dick and Jenny Webber, friends of congregation; John and Sara Hicks, friends of Ann Stone, Izabel Gray, step-daughter of Lori Turner Gray.

Your many kind expressions of sympathy at the death of my brother, Robert, brought much comfort to my family and me.

Huger Caughman, Sr.

### ADVENT SERVICES

7:00 pm—December 5,12, & 19 *Service of Light with Holden Evening Prayer.*  
 Christmas Eve - December 24 - 7 pm *Celebrate God's love for the world in the Savior's birth*  
 Christmas Lessons & Carols - December 30 - 10 am *Sing Christmas Hymns with the Community of Faith*

### Happy Birthday!



12/1 Sandra Bodie	12/22 Summers Binnicker	12/29 Michelle Bedenbaugh
12/3 Jeff Debacker	12/23 Glenn Whitesides	12/29 Karen Summer
12/4 Linda Renwick	12/23 Becky Moody	12/29 Lane Joiner
12/6 Paul Fesperman	12/24 Elaine Cornwell	12/30 Margaret Chapman
12/7 John Green	12/25 Kathy Riggin	12/30 Chuck Minick
12/10 Atlee Lindsay	12/25 Anna Newell	12/31 Ellis Kemper
12/10 Lloyd Layman	12/25 Katerina Long	
12/12 Bobby Willingham	12/26 Huger Caughman Jr.	
12/15 Michael Reid	12/27 Martha Derrick	**These dates are according
12/16 Jenny Chapman	12/27 Matthew Loignon	to our church records. If you
12/17 Dale Brown	12/28 John Bodie	see any errors or omissions,
12/17 Anna Christina Cary	12/28 Curtis Haltiwanger	please notify the church of-
12/20 Sandy Fretwell	12/28 Will Hawkins	fice.
12/21 Debra Metts		
12/22 Luke Layman		