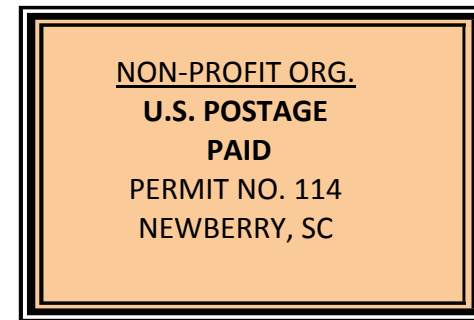


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## *Redeemer Reader*

### February 2019

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

#### Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



Redeemer LMM will meet on Tuesday, Feb 12, at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. A program will be presented by representatives from the Newberry County Humane Society. Ladies are invited to join. Meal TBD. Please let Matt Bowers know if

you plan to attend.

Heartland Conference LMM will meet on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 pm at Summer Memorial Lutheran Church in Newberry. A program on the SCLMM One Year To Live retreat will be presented. Meal includes options of fried chicken tenderloin, hamburger steak, sides, and dessert. Cost is \$13 per person. Please let Matt Bowers know if you plan to attend this meeting as well.

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

#### The Redeemer Directory

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is  
Thursday, February 21, 2019. Please send  
submissions to [lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net)



#### WELCA News for February

**WELCA** – WELCA will meet on Sunday, February 10, at 3:45 P.M. in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00 we will begin our meeting by watching the video “Combating the ‘Me First’ Mentality.” Then we will work in our Let It Go study book. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

January 21, 2019

Grace and peace to you this day!

January has flown by hasn't it? Hopefully (prayerfully) the weather will do two things this month, be warmer and dryer. Let's have that water in places that really and truly need it.

This month, we get to celebrate God's goodness and abundance on February 24 at 5pm. We will worship together as we give thanks to God for the abundance given to us last year with the financial gift offered to the congregation by Legrand Amick, Jr. in honor of God and in memory of his parents Dot and Carl. This will be a wonderful time to celebrate God's goodness, acknowledge those who have worked so hard this past year in faithfully receiving and using this gift, lifting up those whose ministries have already been greatly impacted, and praying about what the future and the future ministries that will unfold because of this opportunity.

I think it is going to be a great time!

This gift doesn't change who we are, but I feel that it allows us to pursue opportunities that we never would've been able to think about before. This abundance from God allows us to dive deeper into what we already do, and to continually give thanks for what God has already done, continues to do, and will do in the life of The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer. It is a wonderful cause for us to celebrate.

Even as we celebrate this gift, we still celebrate the good work and ministry that this congregation and community of faith have always done and continue to live into. Things like the prayer card group, and the knitters. The folks that gather at White Oak every month. Those who visit the homebound. The ones who volunteer at Manna House. The folks who offer their time and skill to tell stories and lead classes during Sunday School for people of all ages here in this place. The little things that go unnoticed in our community as people offer prayer, food, help, and time to those within and outside this small part of God's kingdom to those in need.

Redeemer is a place that continually reaches out, digs deep, and lives into what God calls us to do as part of the faithful. I've seen that at work so many times throughout my (almost) four years here as your pastor. To say I'm humbled and proud of y'all is an understatement.

Thanks for being you. Thanks for living, striving in, and walking this odd and wondrous call as God's people to the world. Amen.



**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 appointing a new Congregational Care Chair. Several names suggested by Council and will be contacted by Ben Bowers and Pastor Matt to see if willing to serve as chair. Other old business included collecting Committee Needs and Wants Lists. The Committees should prioritize their list and return to Council by 3/18/19.

New business included Council reviewing and confirming Committee Liaisons and Chairperson appointments for 2019:

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|---|--------------------------------|
| Staff Support Liaison- Claire Grosshuesch   | Chairperson- Clint Harshaw     |
| Finance Liaison- Jerry Haltiwanger          | Chairperson- Jerry Haltiwanger |
| Property Liaison- John Hammond              | Chairperson- Matt Bowers       |
| Faith Formation Liaison- Kelly Bannister    | Chairperson- Amanda Richardson |
| Inspiring Worship Liaison- Matt Bowers      | Chairperson- Dale Brown        |
| Congregational Care Liaison- Walter Jacobs  | Chairperson- TBD               |
| Community Compassion Liaison- David Wiseman | Chairperson- Andy Sidden       |

Also, a request received from Weight Watchers to use the Youth Hall for meetings weekly to conduct business type activities (no exercising, etc). Motion carried to approve use of a space at the church weekly with a fee of \$50 per week.

Council went into and exited Executive Session during the meeting.

Council received the following reports from the committees:

- Pastor's Report- written report received and reviewed from Pastor Matt including many "Thank You" notes from organizations helped through the Legrand gift, Gift celebration (2/24/19) planning is going well, and basketball tournament with area churches will be held again this year.
- 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
- Inspiring Worship Report- no written report received
- Property Committee Report- written report received from Property Committee
- President's Report- President discussed goals for 2019 including committee structure review, Constitution review, stewardship, visioning process, and completing employee handbook.

Council Meeting minutes from December 17, 2018 and Treasurer's report from December 2018 were approved. Next meeting February 18, 2019. Motion carried to adjourn meeting and Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bannister*

# Worship Assistant Schedule

Duties	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
<b>8:45 am Communion Prep</b>	Peggy Richardson	Peggy Richardson	Peggy Richardson	Peggy Richardson
<b>11:00 am Communion Prep</b>	Mary Sue Green	Helen Fellers	Anne Caughman	Kathy Lindsay
<b>8:45 am Lector and Communion Assistant</b>	Tony Chapman	Claire Grosshuesch	Johnny Lindsay	Kelly Bannister
<b>11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant</b>	Angela Reid	Andy Sidden	Derryll Satterwhite	Gaillard Smith
<b>11:00 am Greeters</b>	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Olivia West	Zoe Reid	Gaillard Smith	Julianna Smith
<b>Crucifer</b>	A C Cary	Jordan Cary	Emma Chapman	Vanessa Harshaw
<b>Refreshments</b>				
<b>Unlock Church</b>	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman
<b>Lock Church</b>	Tommy Fellers	Walter Jacobs	Ben Bowers	Matt Bowers
<b>Usher 8:45 am</b>	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman
<b>Usher 11:00 am</b>	Clint Harshaw Dustin Guy Justin Guy Zeb Reid	Clint Harshaw Dustin Guy Justin Guy Zeb Reid	Clint Harshaw Dustin Guy Justin Guy Zeb Reid	Clint Harshaw Dustin Guy Justin Guy Zeb Reid

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
Jan 6	43	37	83	120
Jan 13	39	32	90	122
Jan 20	43	46	77	123
Jan 27	43	37	83	120
Average	42	38	84	122

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope the new year has gotten off to a good start. I know the new year for The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer has gotten off to a great start. There are lots of opportunities to be active at Redeemer, with many avenues available to offer our time and talents. We are called to be good stewards with our time and talents, as well as our financial gifts to the church.

We recently celebrated Christmas, which many consider the “giving season.” However, as Redeemer proves time and time again, giving is not just a season, it is part of who we are. During the Christmas season, we were able to provide for many through Operation Christmas Child, the Angel Tree Ministry, and ELCA Good Gifts, among other charities.

At the December council meeting, we were able to designate gifts to many organizations that resulted from the tithe of the gift so generously bestowed upon us by Carl LeGrand Amick, Jr. It was truly a humbling experience to be able to make such meaningful donations to so many great organizations that do amazing work both near and far.

With the great gift we received, it is important for us to remember that same generosity towards Redeemer. The endowment team has been working very hard to make all the plans associated with investing the money for the long-term. This fund should continue to grow while also continuing to provide for those in need through grants (available in 2020).

A portion of the gift (10%) was set aside for us to take care of our needs and wants. The first task was to pay off the Growing in Grace mortgage. With the remaining monies, committees are prioritizing their needs and wants lists with decisions to be made in the near future as to where that money will be applied.

With a gift of this magnitude, it is easy to forget how blessed we all were before and would continue to be, even if we didn’t have the gift. Some have questioned why the church tithed this gift, since we are the church. The answer is simple: To continue to be good stewards with what God has blessed us with and to lead by example.

<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. —2 Corinthians 9:6-8

I would like to end with a sincere “thank you” to everyone who has offered support, agreed to serve on a committee, or just asked how they could help. The willingness of so many to help is a great gift. If there is an area in which you would like to be involved, please do not hesitate to contact me or someone who is already active in that area. The best of Redeemer shines through each and every one of you!

Yours in Christ,  
Ben Bowers

### Treasurer's report for December 2018

Treasurer's report for Dec. 2018:

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:

	\$26,319.00
For Dec - Income:	\$ 397,241.13
For Dec - General expenses:	\$ 372,888.44
For Dec - Debt retirement for GIG Fund:	\$ -
For Dec - Income is more than expenses by:	\$ 24,352.69

YTD Income:	\$ 676,460.73
YTD General Expenses:	\$ 651,176.17
YTD Debt retirement GIG Fund:	\$ 27,508.25
YTD Income is more than expenses by:	\$ (2,223.69)



### 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; Cheryl Bedenbaugh, friend of Polly Davis; Bill and Sadie Loging, friends of the Caughman family; Linda Hamm Evans, cousin of Cathy Turner, Jerry and Curtis Haltiwanger; 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.

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

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Marie Nicosia upon her death on January 17.

### Altar Flowers

- Feb 03 - George & Donna Franklin
- Feb 10 - AVAILABLE
- Feb 17 - Wayne & Eve Kneece
- Feb 24 - Polly Davis

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 2/09 Ray & Misty Cooper
- 2/15 Billy & Patty Davis
- 2/21 Rob & Becky Livingston
- 2/25 - Ronald & June Seymour
- 2/26 - Austin & Kristian Longshore

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

### Supper Club

Supper Club will meet at Dempsey's Pizza on February 17 at 5:00 pm.



**Second Sunday Family Fun Night** - Join us today in the Youth Hall from 5-7 on February 10 for dinner and fun! All are welcome! Contact Jessica at 803-924-9323 with questions.

### Happy Birthday!



03-Feb Charlie Lockyer	14-Feb Pat Kelly	24-Feb Justin Setzler
04-Feb Jacob Chapman	16-Feb Deedee Westwood	24-Feb Rey Lominack, Jr.
04-Feb John Cromer	16-Feb Everett Setzler	27-Feb Elizabeth Willingham
04-Feb Lori Justice Gray	16-Feb John Hammond Jr.	27-Feb Jeff Spotts
05-Feb George Franklin	17-Feb Cynthia Lominack	27-Feb Stewart Layman
06-Feb Amelia Vance	17-Feb Jared Abrams	Feb-29 Mafra Kemper
07-Feb Dylan Sligh	17-Feb Robert Kneece Jr.	
07-Feb Mallory Matthews	18-Feb Ben Bowers	
07-Feb Nancy Riggin	18-Feb Matthew Bowers	
09-Feb Cathy Turner	19-Feb Molly Fortune	
09-Feb Jessica Cole	19-Feb Sabin West	
09-Feb Walter Jacobs	20-Feb Brian Pitts	
11-Feb Andrew West	20-Feb Chad Cary	
11-Feb Andy Senn	21-Feb Laurel Keen	
12-Feb Cayse Dowd	21-Feb Lee Davis	
12-Feb Nick Layman	23-Feb Kristin Caughman	
13-Feb Kerri Moose	23-Feb Lawson Cooper	

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