

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

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

Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm at the home of Brandon Bowers. John Hammond is coordinating the program.

Shrove Tuesday is February 25. The Lutheran Men will be preparing pancakes and sausage for supper. The meal begins at 6:30 pm. Our annual talent show will follow at 7:00 pm. If you would like to participate in the talent show, please let Huger know prior to February 25.

The Heartland Conference Lutheran Men in Mission meeting is Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 pm at Summer Memorial. See page 3 for further details. Please let Huger know if you plan to attend by Sunday, February 16.

The SC Synod Lutheran Men in Mission Convention is Saturday, February 22 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lexington. If you would like to attend or want more information, please contact Huger.

The Committee of 100 continues to accept donations to help further the work of mission churches in our synod. Forms are in the narthex or for more information, please contact Johnny Lindsay.

Amen for Lutheran Men!

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

WELCA News for February

WELCA will meet on Sunday, February 9th at 3:45 pm in the church library for its business meeting. During that time we will be finalizing plans for BOLD Women's Sunday on February 23rd. At 4:00 pm, we will be looking at Chapter 8 in our Let It Go books. Please try to read this chapter prior to the meeting. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to y'all! We are one month into 2020 and things are busy! Annual reports. Parochial reports. Newsletters. Meetings. Confirmation. Visiting. You name it – it has been going on. It has been busy this beginning of a new year, but it is the kind of busy that makes you feel full and content. I hope and pray that the beginning of your 2020 is content as well. If it's not, know always that God is with you through it. Lean into God's love, lean into the support of your community of faith.

As most of y'all know, I'm a bit of a geek; a nerd; an *aficionado* of the nerdy realm. I play video games. I watch movies and tv shows. I read books. I love anything that is science fiction, fantasy, comic book, cartoon, superhero, or more.

I can find enjoyment in almost *any* genre that I indulge in.

I love imagination. I love being surprised. I love 'bigger-than-life' stories and heroes. I love it all.

For the last couple years, I've been humbled to lead discussion about nerdy and faith related things as a part of our **Nerd Word** faith study group. We've talked about Star Wars, Marvel movies, Mary Poppins, Inside Out, and so much more. I look forward to the numerous conversations we'll get to have in the future.

Nerd Word brings folks from different parts of life in our community (once even as far way as Colorado!) and we talk about the things we love and how God just might be present within that work. We discuss what the Spirit might be trying to show us about life and faith within these fantastical worlds and ideas. The conversations are full of faith, laughter, and deep thought. It really is a lot of fun.

We can find God in so many different places. Even in the places where others might be taken aback by it. It lines up right with what our Lord Jesus did within his earthly ministry. He was always finding and showing and sharing where God was at work in the world *especially* in the places that people didn't expect.

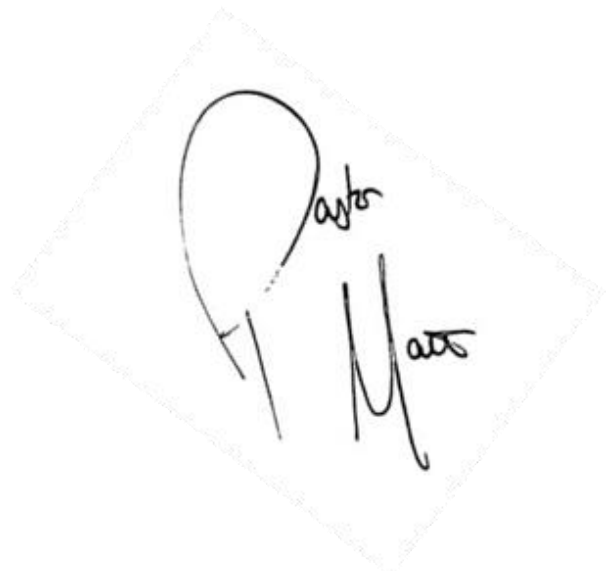
Our next Nerd Word is on February 6 at 7pm at Genesis Coffee in downtown Newberry. Any and all are invited as we get to discuss The Rise of Skywalker. It should be a great time filled with wonderful conversation.

What I hope for you to see this month and throughout your life is that God is indeed present and at work everywhere.

God tends to show up in the places we least expect. In those moments we can learn so much about who God is for us and what God might be leading us towards.

As always, follow God and have fun doing it. Because if it isn't fun, it makes it really difficult to actually be a part of it!

I love y'all. And I mean it!



Attendance	Sunday School	8:45 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
January 5	40	34	107	141
January 12	38	38	88	126
January 19	43	36	71	107
January 26	34	29	91	120
Average	39	34	89	124

Correction to January 2020 Reader-Christmas Eve Attendance at 7:00 pm-206

Flowers - The flower chart is located in the narathex. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or memory of someone in your family and life for a specific Sunday this year, please fill out that chart for the appropriate date. Thank you!

Relay for Life

This is the 25th anniversary for Relay for Life, and The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is planning to be a part of the anniversary celebration which will take place on April 25th from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm on the campus of Newberry College. Members will be able to purchase Birthday Cakes for \$1.00, as well as Luminaries for a donation of \$10.00 or more, and Track Signs for \$100.00 and \$125.00 (with a logo), all in Honor of or in Memory of Loved Ones. Forms will be available in the church office and also in the narthex between services during the months of February and March. Those wishing to purchase Track Signs with logos must have that information turned in by March 30th . Luminary forms are due by April 2nd . There are also Sponsorship Levels available and are as follows: Bronze Sponsor - \$500; Silver Sponsor - \$750; Gold Sponsor - \$1,000; Platinum Sponsor - \$1,600; Stage Sponsor - \$2,000; Survivorship sponsor - \$5,000; Presenting Sponsor, \$5,000. There are special recognitions that come along with these sponsorships. If you are interested in becoming one of these sponsors, please see Anne Caughman for more information. These sponsorships are due by March 10th. Survivors are asked to register by either calling 1-800-227-2345 between the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm (Central Time) or going online at www.relayforlife.org/newberrysc. To become a part of The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer Team, go online to Google and type in Newberry County Relay for Life, and it will take you right to the website. Make sure you register under the church's name. You may also call 1-800-227-2345. Newberry's goal this year is to raise \$125,000.00 for the American Cancer Society.

LMM Heartland Conference - Good afternoon, everyone! I am excited to pass along information for our first meeting of the decade! The winter quarterly meeting will be held at 7 PM on February 20th at Summer Memorial. Our speaker for the evening will be Liz Rivera, who is a community interpreter, Board Member of Living Hope Foundation, Executive Committee Woman, and is a member of the Parish Council and Guild at St. Mark's Catholic Church.

The meal for the evening will be \$12.50 per person and consist of:

"Country Fried" Cubed Pork	Squash Casserole
Rice & Gravy	Coleslaw
Green Beans	Dessert

Amen for Lutheran Men!

Treasurer's report for December 2019

Treasurer's report for Dec. 2019

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>	\$26,000.00
For Dec. - Income:	\$ 35,304.03
For Dec. - General expenses:	\$ 27,104.36
For Dec. - Income is more than expenses by:	<u>\$ 8,199.67</u>
For Dec. - Amick Gift Funds used	\$ -
2019 YTD Income:	\$ 296,735.09
2019 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 297,038.75
2019 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	<u>\$ (303.66)</u>
2019 YTD Amick Gift Funds used	\$ 165,671.43

Altar Flowers

February 2 - AVAILABLE
 February 9 - Polly Davis
 February 16 - Wayne and Eve Kneece
 February 23 - Evan and Danielle
Connelly

Wedding Anniversaries

February 9 - Ray & Misty Cooper
 February 15 - Billy & Patty Davis
 February 21 - Rob & Becky Livingston
 February 26 - Austin & Kristian Longshore

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Congratulations to Engineer Ben Bowers on receiving the 2019 Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award to-night for the Newberry Fire Department!



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Miriam Willingham, Cindy Draeger, Nell Gantt, Darr Wise, Bobby Metts, Georgette Livingston, Larry Williams, Dean Mayer, Bobby Summer, Debbie Metts

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; Todd Sanders, friend of congregation; 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; Robin Duncan, former member of Redeemer; Karen Chasteen, sister-in-law of Jane Moose; Stephanie Neel, friend of Mary E. Hammond ; Terri McMurtury, niece of Debbie Metts.

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

Supper Club - Watch for updates for February meeting.

Happy Birthday!



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

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Worship Assistant Schedule

<i>Duties</i>	<i>February 2</i>	<i>February 9</i>	<i>February 16</i>	<i>February 23</i>
8:45 am Communion Prep	Peggy Richardson	Peggy Richardson	Peggy Richardson	Peggy Richardson
11:00 am Communion Prep	Rosemary Dominick/Polly Davis	Rosemary Dominick/Polly Davis	Rosemary Dominick/Polly Davis	Rosemary Dominick/Polly Davis
8:45 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Amanda Richardson	Kathy Riggan	Nancy Riggan	WELCA
11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Anne Caughman	Jerry Haltiwanger	June Lominack	WELCA
11:00 am Greeters	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	WELCA
Acolyte	Olivia West	Griffin Long	Jakc Chapman	Ashleigh Titus
Crucifer	Amelia Long	Ben Lindsay	Emma Chapman	Reese Long
Refreshments	Finance	Finance	Finance	Finance
Unlock Church	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman
Lock Church	Tommy Fellers	Walter Jacobs	Ben Bowers	Matt Bowers
Usher 8:45 am	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman	Tony Chapman	WELCA
Usher 11:00 am	Clint Harshaw B. L. Brown Justin Guy Zeb Reid	Clint Harshaw B. L. Brown Justin Guy Zeb Reid	Clint Harshaw B. L. Brown Justin Guy Zeb Reid	WELCA

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

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CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Library

December 16, 2019

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

Call to Order

Welcome

Members Present: Ernie Shealy, Claire Grosshuesch, Matt Bowers, Jerry Haltiwanger, Walter Jacobs, David Wiseman, Mary Maercklein, Deryll Satterwhite, Arlo Hill, and Sarah Bowers

Members Absent: Drew Senn

Celebrations and Prayer Requests

Prayer Request: The family of Pastor Matt's friend that died, the family of Rev. Traynham, Jimmy Ray Pruitt and his family upon the death of his sister, Darr Wise, Bobby, Summer, Larry Williams, Debra Metts, and Mary Sue Green

Celebrations:

Reports:

Pastor's Report – Pastor Matt

Community Compassion Report – Mary Maercklein, liaison

Congregational Care Report – Walter Jacobs, liaison

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report – Jerry Haltiwanger, liaison and chairperson

Inspiring Worship Report – Drew Senn, liaison

Matt Bowers gave a report. The grand piano has been purchased from a man in Aiken.

A letter will be sent to him with an appraisal of \$35,000. Some money has been donated to tune and get the piano.

Property Committee Report – Matt Bowers, liaison

The outside entrance doors to the office and the outside doors to the youth hall will be replaced. Jerry Haltiwanger made a motion and Claire Grosshuesch seconded the motion that the two sets of doors be replaced.

Endowment Committee Report – Bob Montgomery gave the council the quarterly endowment report. A motion was made by Matt Bowers and seconded by Claire Grosshuesch that the new committee officers be approved. The officers are : Bob Montgomery – Chairperson, Elmer Long – Vice Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer – Vicki Wiseman.

President's Report – Ernie Shealy

Minutes from December meeting – A correction to the December minutes, David Wiseman attended the December meeting, was made.

Old Business

Part-time youth worker – Pastor Matt did some investigating on salaries for a youth worker.

Employee Handbook – No action was needed

Playground Committee Update – The committee met.

Needs and Wants List – Money for new video equipment

New Business

Abundancia Appeal:

This is a project from the SC Synod to establish a mission building for several Hispanic communities in the West Columbia area. Matt Bowers made a motion with Claire Grosshuesch making the second that the LMM Organization at Redeemer take up this appeal as a campaign.

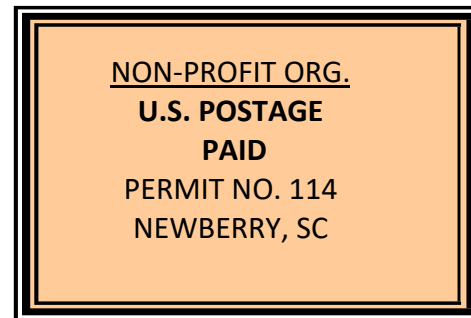
Executive Session

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Deryll Satterwhite 7

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The next Redeemer Reader deadline is
Thursday, February 20, 2020. Please send
submissions to dprice@lutheranredeemer.org