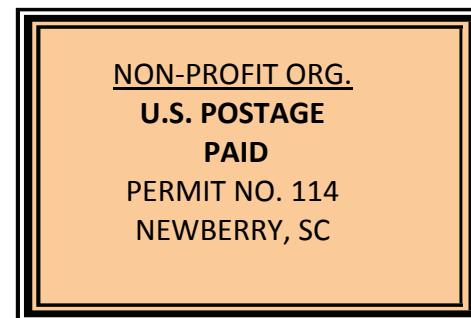


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Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



I hope you all had a very merry Christmas. Below are our first events for the new year. Hope to see you all at both!

Redeemer LMM will meet on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 pm at James and Janet Long's house for a fish fry. In lieu of a program, we will discuss plans for the upcoming yard sale. Their address is 8937 St Lukes Church Rd, Newberry.

We will be moving all of the items for our yard sale into the Family Life Center on Saturday, January 19. If you can help, please meet at the church at 8:00 am. We have items in storage at the church, as well as two offsite locations. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!

The Redeemer Directory

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pastormtitus@outlook.com

Donna Price
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Woody Cornwell, Bookkeeper

Gayle D. Lindley, Handbell Director,
Children's Choir Director and Senior
Choir Director
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, January 17, 2019. Please send
submissions to lutheranredeemer@bellsouth.net

Women ^{of the} ELCA

WELCA News for January

WELCA – WELCA will meet on Sunday, January 13, at 3:45 PM, in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00 we will begin our book study, Let It Go. Please read Chapter 2 in your book and complete pages 22 and 23 in your Study Guide. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Please pick up your 2019 Giving Envelopes:

The new envelopes are now available in the narthex of the church. Please pick them up at your convenience and begin using immediately. Do not use the old envelopes after December. If you do not find an envelope with your name on it, please let Donna know.

Grace and peace to each of you this wonderful New Year of 2019!

2018 brought an exciting and generous time for Redeemer. A wonderful unexpected gift. The ability to use that gift to help so many different organizations immediately, helping our own congregation directly (and significantly), and also being set up for mission in the world for years to come.

But, even without that 2018 was a pretty fun year for Redeemer. We worshipped, we celebrated, we lamented, we cried, we wondered, we saw God at work in some amazing places.

As I think about where God led our community of faith in 2018, I cannot help, but think where God will lead us in 2019. To become a bit more focused in that area, our congregation will be going through a visioning process in 2019.

This will be an opportunity for us as The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer to discover and discern what it means to be disciples at Redeemer - for the community and world. I've said before that more often than not, whenever someone asks 'who you are' – whether that be who you are as an individual or as a community – we tend to define ourselves by what we *are not*. Which isn't a great way (or complete) way to identify who you/we are. Going through this visioning process will – I believe – allow us to firmly define who we are and empower each of us to share that with those around us.

I'm hopeful and full of prayer that each of us here at Redeemer will dive deeply into this opportunity to see where God is indeed leading us as a congregation and people of faith. Plus, I think it'll be a lot of fun!

So, this coming year of 2019 is a year of 'identity' for us. We should always know who and whose we are – for we are God's. Created out of love and life for the world. Redeemed by the one who came down in love. Guided by the Holy Spirit to be at work in the world. This process will help us see *how* we live out that identity and *where* we can more fully live into those moments of faith, ministry, and service.

I'm looking forward to 2019 and I hope we can build off the momentum of where 2018 has thrust us. Keep in prayer for the ways that God continually invites and calls us into all moments and opportunities of faith, service, and ministry.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Library

December 17, 2018

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

December 17, 2018

Devotions at 6:45 pm and Business Meeting at 7:00 pm

Short Devotional given by Pastor Matt *Daily Devotions from Money Leadership*.

Call to Order- Meeting called to order by Council President.

Approval of Amended Agenda- Motion carried to approve meeting agenda for 12/17/18.

Celebrations and Prayers

Old Business

Visioning Consultant- The contract for David Lee was reviewed. Motion was made and carried to engage David Lee as the Visioning Consultant for 2019.

Inclement Weather and Emergency Policy Statement – See attached statement. The church office will provide a listing of contact information for all members. Council members will contact members who are not on social media. Motion was made and carried to adopt the amended statement and disseminate to members.

New Business

Endowment Investment Policy – the Endowment Committee members (Bob Montgomery, Elmer Long, Mike Reid) provided a summary of the committee activities. The committee presented the Endowment Investment Policy and information about Mass Mutual Trust Company, the company selected to manage the endowment. Motion was made and carried to approve the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Mission Endowment Fund Investment Policy Statement.

Election of 2019 Council Officers – Motion made and carried to elect: Ben Bowers-President, Claire Grosshause – Vice President; Jerry Haltiwanger-Treasurer, Kelly Bannister-Secretary.

Visioning Task Force - Motion made and carried to approve Mary Alex Kopp, Johnny Lindsay, Mary Maercklein, Beth Singletary and David Wiseman as the Visioning Task Force.

Endowment Tithe – motion made and carried to approve the attached tithe of Carl Legrand Amick, Jr's gift to our church.

Church Office Closing (Holiday) Schedule 2019 – Motion made and carried to approve the 2019 Holiday schedule as follows: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Easter Monday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day and to pay the Administrative Assistant Holiday pay on regularly scheduled days.

Housing Allowance – Motion made and carried to approve Matt Titus's 2019 Housing Allowance.

Executive Session

Motions made to enter and exit Executive Session.

Information Agenda

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 includes 2019 Refreshment schedule.

Faith Formation Report- no written report received

Finance Committee Report-Finance/Treasurer's Report Details- written report received from Finance Committee

Inspiring Worship Report- written report received Dale Brown

Property Committee Report- written report received from Property Committee

Consent Agenda

Minutes from November 2018 Council Meeting and Called Council Meeting, December 9.

Treasurer's Report from November 2018

Motion made and carried to approve Consent Agenda.

Next meeting January 21, 2019. Motion carried to adjourn meeting. Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer prayed by all.

Worship Assistant Schedule

Duties	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
8:45 am Communion Prep	Janet Long	Janet Long	Janet Long	Janet Long
11:00 am Communion Prep	Kathy Lindsay	Shannon Lindsay	Anne Caughman	Denise Reid
8:45 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Kelly Bannister	Kathy Riggin	Claire Grosshuesch	Nikki Chapman
11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Anne Caughman	Clint Harshaw	Deryll Satterwhite	Bob Montgomery
11:00 am Greeters	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer
Acolyte	Griffin Long	Olivia West	Zoe Reid	Gaillard Smith
Crucifer	Ellis Kemper	Amelia Long	Steven Senn	Andrew West
Refreshments	Executive Committee & Staff Support	Executive Committee & Staff Support	Executive Committee & Staff Support	Executive Committee & Staff Support
Unlock Church	Claire Grosshuesch	Claire Grosshuesch	Claire Grosshuesch	Claire Grosshuesch
Lock Church	Tommy Fellers	Walter Jacobs	Ben Bowers	Matt Bowers
Usher 8:45 am	Kathy Riggin	Kathy Riggin	Kathy Riggin	Kathy Riggin
Usher 11:00 am	Joey Nicosia Tommy Fellers Bob Montgomery Walter Jacobs	Joey Nicosia Tommy Fellers Bob Montgomery Walter Jacobs	Joey Nicosia Tommy Fellers Bob Montgomery Walter Jacobs	Joey Nicosia Tommy Fellers Bob Montgomery Walter Jacobs

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
Dec 2	48	57	84	141
Dec 9	47	38	64	102
Dec 16	41	41	67	108
Dec 23	42	35	84	119
Dec 24 7:00 pm			166	166
Dec 30			74	74

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I trust that your Advent and Christmas seasons were full of blessings, love, happiness, and great memories. It is my honor to have been elected to serve as the president of Congregation Council for 2019. The Congregation Council has been very busy during 2018 and we look forward to another busy year in 2019. We have been extremely blessed this past year as being the recipient of a very bountiful gift that will not only provide for some needs and wants within our congregation, but extend beyond our walls to reach out to our community, state, nation, and even some areas of the world! With this gift comes great responsibility. We are in the early stages of a visioning process as we look towards our future as the people of God at Redeemer. Each of us is asked to pray for this process and if so inclined, actively participate in this process.

As a part of this bountiful gift entrusted to us by Carl LeGrande Amick, Jr., we have been able to pay off our Growing in Grace mortgage which completes a 15 year long project. It has been a blessing for us to look at our facility, not only for our needs, but how it can benefit our community. Renovations, repairs, and upgrades continue throughout our facility as we continue to be good stewards of the facility which has been entrusted to us. Also, with this gift, we have set up an endowment that will be managed by a new committee that was elected by our congregation in 2018. More information about their work will be forthcoming.

With the aforementioned, we must remember that our stewardship continues to be an important part of our lives. We are called to continue to give of ourselves, both in time and talent to further the Kingdom of God. Our time and talents manifest themselves through gifts of financial resources, abilities, insight, prayer, and many other ways. I invite you to join me in fully supporting our ministries at Redeemer!

As we enter this new year, we are reminded again, and again of God's love shown to us through Christ. I implore you to think about ways in which you can be an active part of Redeemer: volunteer to serve on a committee or ministry team, attend Sunday School and worship regularly, and/or join an auxiliary of the church. It takes all of us to carry out ministry within and outside of our walls.

Congregation Council seeks input from you as members of Redeemer. Working together, we can achieve much!

I wish for each of you a blessed and Happy New Year! May God's blessings continue to be with each of you!

In Christ,
Ben Bowers
Council President

Treasurer's report for November 2018

Treasurer's report for Nov. 2018:

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we</u>		\$26,319.00
For Nov - Income:	\$ 18,863.55	
For Nov - General expenses:	\$ 23,474.13	
For Nov - Debt retirement for GIG Fund:	\$ 2,596.95	
For Nov - Income is less than expenses by:	\$ (7,207.53)	
In Nov. - GIG Fund mortgage payoff	\$ 188,594.81	
YTD Income:	\$ 279,219.60	
YTD General Expenses:	\$ 278,287.73	
YTD Debt retirement GIG Fund:	\$ 27,508.25	
YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$	
YTD - GIG Fund payoff	\$ 215,718.71	



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 Loging, friends of the Caughman family; 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.

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

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Sara Franklin upon her death on December 22.

Congregational sympathy is extended to Carolyn Hammond and family upon the death of her brother, E. L. Osborne on December 25.

Altar Flowers

- Jan 06 - AVAILABLE
- Jan 13 - AVAILABLE
- Jan 20 - AVAILABLE
- Jan 27 - AVAILABLE

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1/24 Rey & June Lominack
- 1/22 Sydney & Debra Metts
- 1/28 Travis & Marianna Ray

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Supper Club

Be on the lookout for information about January's outing.

Happy Birthday!



02-Jan Ledare Livingston	17-Jan Nikki Chapman	
06-Jan Virginia Summer	21-Jan Tammy Wilson	
06-Jan Marty Cousins	24-Jan Matthew Titus	
07-Jan Mike Longshore	25-Jan Charles Ragland Jr.	
07-Jan Lisa Minick	26-Jan Darr Wise	
07-Jan June Seymour	27-Jan Leslie Sligh	
07-Jan Barry Richardson	27-Jan Dawn Stone	
12-Jan Mahala Melton	29-Jan Benjie Chapman	
12-Jan Brenda Smith	30-Jan Drew Senn	
13-Jan Matthew Cole	31-Jan Marie Whatley	
14-Jan Slade Richardson		
14-Jan Cherrie Longshore		
17-Jan Sydney Metts		

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Second Sunday Family Fun Night - Join us today in the Youth Hall from 5-7 on January 13 for dinner and fun! All are welcome! Contact Jessica at 803-924-9323 with questions.