

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

## *Redeemer Reader*

### July 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  
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#### Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**

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

**WELCA News for July**

**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY FROM WELCA!**

**LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING!**

## From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to each of you.

These last few months have been difficult and stressful. For everyone. There's a lot of information out in the world about what we as a worldly people need to do to slow the spread of COVID-19. At the moment, there are many people in our community of Newberry and beloved state of SC that are doing their best to slow the spread of this virus, however there are still so many who refrain from doing the *simplest* of things in order to care for those around us.

I know that I'm not the only one who is frustrated by the many who have refused to wear a mask or participate in social distancing in order to care and love their neighbors and fellow siblings in Christ. It is relatively simple to do so. It is definitely an inconvenience and it isn't something any person necessarily *enjoys* doing, but it is only a minor inconvenience.

As I witness those who continue to stand firm in not wearing masks, it reminds me of the story of Naaman; the Aramean commander who suffered from the skin disease of leprosy. He desired to be healed and traveled to the land of the Israelites to find that healing. Along the way he was approached by a messenger of the Prophet Elisha who gave instructions on what he needed to do cleanse his skin. Perhaps this particular 'man of God' would be able to do what no one else had been able to accomplish? What was the prophet's 'mandate' to Naaman? Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times.

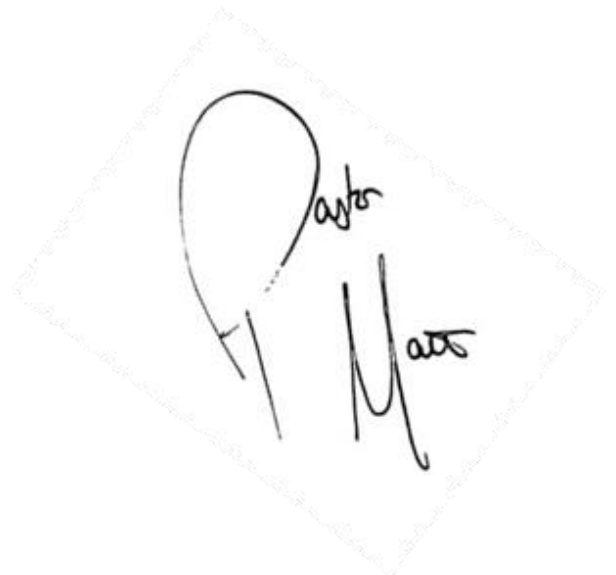
Unbelievably, Naaman becomes angry at that simple suggestion. He balks at the mere act of getting into the Jordan River because there were other rivers he could get into that were closer to the land of Aram. And why wash in a river anyway? What kind of 'cure' is that? The commander begins to leave, yet his servants stop him and say, "Our father, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" (2 Kings 5:13).

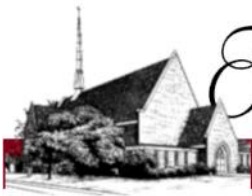
Y'all. Perhaps we're in a similar scenario? If we were told to do something difficult, wouldn't we have done it? All we've been told is to wear a mask and limit how often we're with others.

I'm just as frustrated, saddened, and more because of this pandemic as y'all are. It has taken so many things away from us. I truly desire to gather with all of you again in-person; I really do. But, I want to do so when we all can focus more on the joy of gathering and *not* worrying 'if this is safe/will someone get sick.'

So please, let's all wear a mask. Even Naaman relented and discovered his skin was cleansed by doing something so simple when he washed in the Jordan River.

Know this always people of Redeemer – I love y'all. I mean it. God is with you. Always.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pastor Matt", enclosed within a faint, light-colored diamond-shaped border. The signature is written in a cursive, personal style.



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Grace and peace to you my sisters and brothers! Council met to discuss that topic that has been on our minds for quite awhile - when will we gather again in -person and what will that service look like.

On June 25, the Executive Team of Council met to discuss whether it would be safe to gather for in-person worship. It was a unanimous decision that we should postpone in-person worship in light of the continued rise of cases in South Carolina and Newberry County.

The Executive Team also decided that our next target date should be the first Sunday in August (August 2, 2020) for in-person worship. This date would give our area and the state of South Carolina a better 'buffer' after the July 4th, 2020 weekend.

As always, these are not easy decisions to make and Executive Team has been adamant that when we gather for worship in-person again, we wish to do so when it is the most safe. The leadership at Redeemer continually appreciates your prayers as we move through this weird and strange time.

We will continue to offer worship online through our church website ([www.lutheranredeemer.org](http://www.lutheranredeemer.org)) and on our YouTube page ([www.youtube.com/c/redeemernewberry](http://www.youtube.com/c/redeemernewberry)) each Sunday at 10:30am.

A wonderful sign of thanks to each and everyone one of you during this difficult time. God is with us, always. Nothing removes God and that love given through Jesus Christ from us.

Attendance	Sunday School	8:45 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
June 7	Online service			
June 14	Online service			
June 21	Online service			
June 28	Online service			
Average	Online service			

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.

Manna House needs grocery distributors, 1 p.m. -- 2 p.m. Tuesdays, July 7 and July 21, and Thursdays, July 9 and July 23. Please contact Andy Sidden to volunteer.



Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Nell Gantt upon her death on June 25.

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Don Crowder, brother of Christie Whitaker, upon his death on June 26.

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Dot Bedenbaugh upon her death on April 11.

## Treasurer's report for May 2020

Treasurer's report for May 2020

<u>To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:</u>		\$26,576.00
For May - Income:	\$ 31,076.52	
For May - General expenses:	\$ 23,178.50	
For May - Income is more than expenses by:	<u>\$ 7,898.02</u>	
For May - Amick Gift Funds income	\$ -	
2020 YTD Income:	\$ 118,981.18	
2020 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 132,767.39	
2020 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	<u>\$ (13,786.21)</u>	
2020 YTD Amick Gift Funds expenses	\$ 69,571.51	

### Altar Flowers

July 5 - Online Service  
July 12 - Online Service  
July 19 - Online Service  
June 26 - Online Service

### Wedding Anniversaries

July 13 - Woody & Elaine Cornwell  
July 14 - George & Karen Summer  
July 16 - B. L. & Dale Brown  
July 16 - David & Vickie Wiseman  
July 17 - Charles & Terri Setzler  
July 24 - Jeremy & Cassie White  
July 29 - Bobby & Cynthia Lominack  
July 30 - Tim & Nancy Owen

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!*



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|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 7/2 Briann Pitts         | 7/16 Joshua Moody            | 7/28 Tommy Cousins   |
| 7/3 Bobby Livingston III | 7/18 Elmer Long              | 7/28 Norris Long     |
| 7/3 Shannon Lindsay      | 7/18 Kathy Dennis            | 7/28 Jessica Draeger |
| 7/3 Cooper Dowd          | 7/20 Joanne Fretwell         | 7/30 David Metts     |
| 7/3 Samuel Holland       | 7/20 Jessica Bowers          | 7/30 Thomas Moose    |
| 7/6 Grace Coleman        | 7/21 Sonny Layman            | 7/31 Erin Whitaker   |
| 7/8 Becky Livingston     | 7/21 Donna White             |                      |
| 7/8 Ray Cooper           | 7/21 Todd Guy                |                      |
| 7/8 Ben Lindsay          | 7/23 Ryan Riffin             |                      |
| 7/9 Amanda Richardson    | 7/25 Tommy Fellers Jr.       |                      |
| 7/11 Cindy Draeger       | 7/25 Danielle Abrams         |                      |
| 7/12 Anna Marie Nicosia  | 7/25 George Summer III       |                      |
| 7/13 Adam Westwood       | 7/25 McLendon "Lendy" Miller |                      |
| 7/14 Tony Chapman Sr.    | 7/25 Miller                  |                      |
|                          | 7/27 Kelly Bannister         |                      |

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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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*undesignated gifts go to the NMSP

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Library

June 15, 2020

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***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, Claire Grosshuesch, Jerry Haltiwanger, Walter Jacobs, Robert Kneece, Deryll Satterwhite, Pastor Matt Titus and David Wiseman.

Absent: Sarah Bowers, Arlo Hill, Mary Maercklein and Drew Senn

B. Celebrations and Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Vicki Wiseman and everyone.

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Matt is starting a book talk. Contact him if you wish to join.

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report – Jerry Haltiwanger, liaison and chairperson – The income for May was good and the church is holding its own.

Inspiring Worship Report – Drew Senn, liaison

Property Committee Report – Matt Bowers, liaison -- Most of the wiring for the new sanctuary lighting is in place. They are waiting on parts to be delivered. The playground equipment is installed.

**II. Old Business** - Positive COVID-19 cases in Newberry County and South Carolina are increasing. Pastor Matt will be sending out a letter to all member households, describing what the new in-person service will look like.

**III. New Business** - Ernie will be reaching out to Drew Senn, because Drew has been absent from church council meetings this year.

Needs and wants – Deryll mentioned that the council might consider putting a covering over the uncovered office sidewalk. Many handicapped members use this one.

The request has been made for a smart TV for the choir room. It will be used for training and service overflow. Matt Bowers made a motion, Clair Grosshuesch seconded, that funds from needs and wants be used to purchase the TV. The motion passed.

**IV. Comments for the Good of the Order** - Matt Bowers was complimented for the hard work he has done on the new video and sound system.

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

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

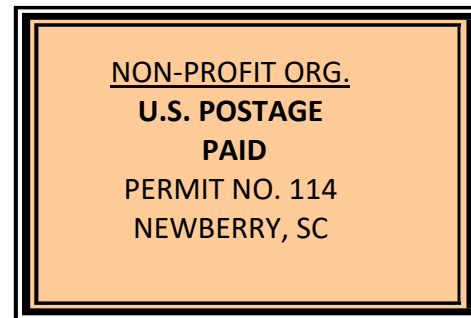
**Reminders:**

Next meeting: July 20, 2020

*Respectfully submitted, Deryll Satterwhite*



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