

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

March 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, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Head chefs are Robert Kneece and Huger Caughman, Jr. Program TBD.

Amen for Lutheran Men!

Women of the **ELCA** 

WELCA News for March

2019 Yearbook Addition under Congregational Care - WELCA – Jessica Draeger and Nikki Chapman were also recipients, at the early service, of Honorary Life Memberships in SCWELCA on BOLD Women’s Sunday, February 25th, 2018. Please add this information to your yearbook. Thank You.

WELCA will meet on Sunday, March 10th, at 3:45 P.M. in the church library for its business meeting. At 4:00 we will watch the video “Combating the ‘Me First’ Mentality,” and then discuss pages 27 to 31 in our Study Guide. We will also be discussing our SCWELCA Convention. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to you all! A wet February is over, and we move into the month of March. Here's hoping that dryer, warmer, and sunnier forecasts are in our future. I don't know about y'all, but if I take one wrong step in my yard, there's a good chance I'll lose a shoe.

As we move into March, we also move into the season of Lent. For me, Lent is always a really special time. I really do love this season. I enjoy the contemplative nature of it, I look forward to seeing where God is leading me in my life, and I also seek to find those ways in which I'm resistant to God's call and to adjust to God's love, grace, and invitation – even if it makes me uncomfortable.

That uncomfortableness – that call to live life in this radical welcome, love, and grace – is a call to growth in our lives of faith. It is in those moments that we see God at work, beckoning us and walking alongside us, to join in the life that has been gifted and prepared for us by God. The season of Lent gives us an opportunity to be witness to that life, to be closer to that call, and to live into that invitation. So, I invite and challenge y'all this season of Lent to see where you can 'join in' that invitation to be uncomfortable in God's love and grace.

Could it be reaching out to an individual that is 'prickly' and sharing God's love with them? Could it be stepping up and speaking out for those in need within our community? Could it be listening to the stories and lives of those who are pushed to the side so often in our culture? Could it be entering into intentional pray for our community of faith and one another through our 100 Days of Prayer initiative? Could it be something else that God is calling, beckoning, and walking alongside you in?

This season of Lent be in prayer and discernment of where God is leading you to live into the radical love, grace, and welcome that all of creation is invited into. This five-week season gives us ample opportunity to 'lean in' to what God is calling us to do and to be in the life of the world. Where is God leading you to love and serve in the kingdom of God?

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a faint diamond-shaped border. The signature appears to read "Pastor Matt" with "Pastor" written above "Matt".

Attendance	Sunday School	8:30 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
Feb 3	39	45	89	134
Feb 10	45	33	75	108
Feb 17	49	46	71	117
Feb 24	43	81	67	148
Feb 24 5:00 pm			120	120
Average	44	51	76	127

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! As March has quickly arrived, we are now preparing for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season. Prior to Ash Wednesday, we will gather together for Shrove Tuesday. On that evening, we will all indulge ourselves in delicious pancakes, sausage, and other delights.

After indulging on that feast, many of us will begin a fast of some sort for the 40 days of Lent. Some will give up fast food, others will give up sodas, while many will give up social media. Ideally, what you give up should be a challenge. Giving up something that you do not care for is easy (for example, giving up Brussel Sprouts might be the easiest thing I've ever given up!).

While giving up something that will be difficult live without can be an important part of the Lenten journey, there is something to be said for adding positive activities to your daily routine as well. There are many activities one can consider: reading a daily devotional, reading daily Bible passages, finding an organization to volunteer with, and helping those in need.

If you are looking to add positive activities to your life, we have lots of things going on at Redeemer. There are services every Wednesday where we can gather together to reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross and then His Resurrection. Another way we can add to our daily lives is through stewardship.

Stewardship can be an important part of your Lenten Journey. When thinking of stewardship, there are two main areas of focus: financial gifts and gifts of time and talent. Both areas are very important to our personal growth and the growth of Redeemer. Without the financial gifts from its members, we are not able to do God's work amongst the congregation, community, and the world. Lent can be a good time to give if you aren't already, or to add to your gift if you are able to.

The gift of your time and talents is also a critical component to the success and growth of Redeemer. Volunteers are needed with various areas of our church life. We have several groups, committees, and activities that are sure to peak your interests. We will also have a vision process beginning in the very near future. Your prayers and participation will be greatly appreciated and beneficial to the process.

Finally, I want to thank all those who have worked tirelessly to help with many of the activities that have taken place over the past month. I'd especially like to thank all those who helped with the LMM yard sale; we had a great sale this year!

I encourage everyone to take part in the many upcoming events, and invite a friend! I look forward to a busy month with everyone. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,
Ben Bowers, Council President

Treasurer's report for January 2019

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To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$26,000.00

For Jan - Income: \$ 20,105.17

For Jan - General expenses: \$ 21,742.12

For Jan - Income is less than expenses by: \$ (1,636.95)

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Altar Flowers

March 3 - Evan & Danielle Shull

March 10 - NO FLOWERS

March 17 - NO FLOWERS

March 24 - NO FLOWERS

March 31 - NO FLOWERS

Wedding Anniversaries

March 5 - Nick & Claire Grosshuesch

March 6 - Adam & Alexis Lockyer

March 18—George & Donna Franklin

March 18 - Von & Kathy Dennis

March 19 - John & Julie Dennis

March 22—Tommy & Helen Fellers

March 25 - Joshua & Mary Nance Joseph

March 31 - RJ & Cayse Dowd

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office.**

Supper Club

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

Congregational sympathy is extended to Verna Cavanaugh upon the death of her step-son, Michael Cavanaugh.



Second Sunday Family Fun Night - Join us today in the Youth Hall from 5-7 on March 10 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; Cheryl Bedenbaugh, friend of Polly Davis; Bill and Sadie Loging, friends of the Caughman family; Harriett Kinard, friend of Dale and B. L. Brown; Pastor Dick and Jeannie Webber, friends of congregation; John and Sara Hicks, friends of Ann Stone; Chris Cleveland, father-in-law of David Metts, Jackie Perry, friend of Ann Stone.

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show! Join us for a pancake supper and entertainment before we enter into the season of Lent. All are welcome! Dinner begins at 6:30 on March 5 in the Family Life Center and the "talent" starts at 7pm!

Beginning on Wednesday, March 13 we will have our Lenten Mid-Week Services of Holden Prayer around the Cross at Redeemer. Come for a mid-week break from the busyness of life as we center ourselves on God's presence with us. This service will begin at 7pm each Wednesday during the season of Lent - March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and April 10.

Happy Birthday!



Mar 1	Polly Davis	Mar 13	Tres Newell	Mar 27	CJ Clary
Mar 1	Huger Caughman Sr	Mar 14	Jimmy Weir III	Mar 28	Justin Felix
Mar 1	Austin Longshore	Mar 14	Zarek Reid	Mar 28	Mary Alex Kopp
Mar 4	Christy Whitaker	Mar 18	Joye Senn	Mar 29	Michelle Long
Mar 6	Bradley Setzler	Mar 18	Christy West	Mar 30	Davy Wilson III
Mar 7	Margery Williamson	Mar 18	Erin Derrick	Mar 31	Tessie Banister
Mar 7	Mike Mature	Mar 19	Steve Sligh		
Mar 10	Helen Fellers	Mar 19	Andrew Cousins		
Mar 10	Benji Westwood	Mar 21	Mary Sue Clary		
Mar 10	Stevie Sligh III	Mar 22	Mitchell Lewis Jr		
Mar 12	Walter Cousins	Mar 22	Erin Titus		
Mar 13	Andy Sidden	Mar 23	Joshua Joseph		
Mar 13	Ronnie Dickert Sr	Mar 24	Grace Lindsay		
Mar 13	Miles Hawkins Jr	Mar 25	Lora Setzler		
		Mar 27	Arlo Hill		

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Worship Assistant Schedule

<i>Duties</i>	<i>March 3</i>	<i>March 10</i>	<i>March 17</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>March 31</i>
8:45 am Communion Prep	Vickie Wiseman/ Beth Hipp	Vickie Wiseman/ Beth Hipp	Vickie Wiseman/ Beth Hipp	Vickie Wiseman/ Beth Hipp	Vickie Wiseman/ Beth Hipp
11:00 am Communion Prep	Shannon Lindsay	Mary Sue Green	Harriet Guy	Kathy Riggin	AVAILABLE
8:45 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Ernie Shealy	Nikki Chapman	Nancy Riggin	Kathy Riggin	Amanda Richardson
11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Gaillard Smith	Jerry Haltiwanger	Mary Alex Kopp	Clint Harshaw	Mary Maercklein
11:00 am Greeters	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer
Acolyte	Mafra Kemper	Griffin Long	Zarek Reid	Olivia West	Zoe Reid
Crucifer	Ben Lindsay	Ledare Livingston	Philip Livingston	Katerina Long	Madeleine Long
Refreshments	NO REFRESHMENTS	NO REFRESHMENTS	NO REFRESHMENTS	NO REFRESHMENTS	NO REFRESHMENTS
Unlock Church	James Long	James Long	James Long	James Long	James Long
Lock Church	Tommy Fellers	Walter Jacobs	Ben Bowers	Matt Bowers	Walter Jacobs
Usher 8:45 am	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose	Tommy Moose
Usher 11:00 am	Andy Senn Reyburn Lominack June Lominack Benji Lindsay	Andy Senn Reyburn Lominack June Lominack Benji Lindsay	Andy Senn Reyburn Lominack June Lominack Benji Lindsay	Andy Senn Reyburn Lominack June Lominack Benji Lindsay	Andy Senn Reyburn Lominack June Lominack Benji Lindsay

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

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Library

February 18, 2019

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

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

Old business included Congregational Care Chair-Eve Kneece has agreed to take this on and Anne Caughman is going to help her as needed. Walter Jacobs is the liaison for this committee. Also, some Committee Needs and Wants lists have been received. All need to be received to determine how funds can be allocated.

New Business included exploring online giving. A motion carried for Finance Committee to explore and determine best ways for online and electronic giving.

A request was received by Woody Cornwell to change his tax with-holding form. A motion carried for request to change tax with-holding form from contract worker 1099 to employee W-2.

Council is assembling a Constitution Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Constitution for any changes. Last revision was 5 years ago. Huger Caughman, Jr. has agreed to head-up committee, Michelle Long has agreed to assist. Ben to talk with a few others to join these two on this committee.

Two requests were received for facility use:

Lions Club request to use FLC and Classrooms for training on June 8. Council will request more information prior to granting this request.

Salkehatchie request to use FLC July 11-20. Motion carried to allow this if there is no conflict with the current calendar.

Council went into and exited Executive Session during the meeting.

Council received the following reports from the committees:

Pastor's Report- written report received from Pastor Matt

Community Compassion Report- written report from Andy Sidden

Congregational Care Report- written report received from Eve Kneece

Faith Formation Report- no written report received

Finance Committee Report-Finance/Treasurer's Report Details- written report received and reviewed by Jerry Haltiwanger

Inspiring Worship Report- written report received Dale Brown

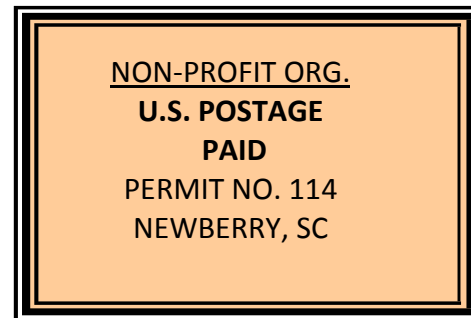
Property Committee Report- written report received from Property Committee

President's Report- written report received from President

Council Meeting minutes from January 21, 2019 and Treasurer's report from January 2019 were approved. Next meeting March 18, 2019. Motion carried to adjourn meeting and Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bannister

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