

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

May 2019

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

Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission



Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission will have a Ladies' Night on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Wayne and Eve Kneece. Their address is [474 Wisteria Lane](#), Newberry. Guest Speaker will be Dallas Shealy of South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers. Please contact Robert Kneece at [\(803\) 924-0283](tel:(803)924-0283) or robk76@gmail.com to RSVP, and if you need directions.

Heartland Conference LMM will meet on Thursday, May 16, at Grace Lutheran in Prosperity. Pulled pork BBQ and sides will be served, catered by Ronnie's. Cost is \$12 per person. Program TBD.

SCLMM is sponsoring a skeet shoot in Edgefield, SC on Saturday, May 4. Contact Matt Bowers for more information.

Amen for Lutheran Men!

Women of the **ELCA** 

WELCA News for May

WELCA will not be meeting in May.

SCWELCA Convention Project – For the SCWELCA Convention Project, Redeemer WELCA is collecting Wal-Mart gift cards. These gift cards will go to the **LIGHTHOUSE for Life** which supports women/girls who have been rescued from human trafficking. If you would like to assist with this project, your support would be greatly appreciated. Just purchase a Wal-Mart gift card, put it in an envelope, label the value of the card on the outside of the envelope (also put WELCA on the envelope), and leave it in the office. Any donations of cards should be placed in the office by Monday, June 3rd.

WELCA purchased a pad for one of the bell tables, as well as material to cover the pad. Helen Fellers is to make the cover. Also, some materials were purchased to help with Operation Inasmuch.

From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to each of you!

This year's Holy Week was pretty incredible. Those few days are the most holy, important, and pivotal days in the life of the church. Without that story and history – the rest of it wouldn't matter. This time when we are confronted by our own sin, our own complicity in Jesus' death, and confronted with the love of God that can make us feel uncomfortable because of the lengths it can go to show us how deeply we are loved and cared for.

With that in mind, I was able during Holy Week (along with a number of other folks) to live into that uncomfortable showing of love in our Maundy Thursday service. I mentioned that evening that I really don't like feet. My feet hurt a lot after years of running, tripping, and being a klutz while also trying to be an 'athlete.' Because of this aversion to my own feet, I really don't like other people's feet. So, Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet and in turn his command (in love) to wash one another's feet has always made me uncomfortable.

I don't want others to touch my feet, just as much as I don't want to touch other peoples' feet. Yet, this year I couldn't help but notice where I was stopping myself short in living out God's command of love to the world because it made me or others around me uncomfortable. So, we washed feet at that service. I was still uncomfortable and nervous in it, but I did it. Others joined in that humbling act as well.

So, it got me thinking – where else can we as a community of faith – as individual disciples of Christ – live into the uncomfortable love that God has gifted to us and the world? Does it mean standing up for what you believe? Does it look like joining into ministries (new or established) here at Redeemer and in the community that you've always shied away from? Does it mean going out on a limb and talking about your faith and God's love for the world with the people around you?

Where does God's showing of love make you uncomfortable? Where is God leading you in that love for others and the world? What would it look like to live out the uncomfortable love of God in your life? Just something to ponder...

Y'all – you're loved. I love you and I mean it!

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a faint diamond-shaped border. The signature appears to be "Pastor Matt" written in a cursive style.

Attendance	Sunday School	8:30 am	11:00 am	Total Worship Attendance
April 7	39	30	78	108
April 14	45	50	93	143
April 21	18	56 (sunrise)	184	240
April 28	39	45	81	126
	Maundy Thurs - 56		Good Friday 45	
Average	35	45	109	154

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, we have just had another great celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord! What a glorious day it was. Holy Week and Lent is a very busy time in the church year with all the extra services that we have. Pastor Matt has extra prep work to do for all these services, Huger has to prepare even more music for the services, Gayle has extra music to prepare as well, and Donna has extra work associated with the extra services. I want to thank each of them for all that they do, but especially the extra efforts during this busy time!

I enjoy being able to say “thank you” to so many, as we have so much to be thankful for. I would be remiss if I didn’t say one more “thank you.” Thank you to each and every person who has participated in any way to make Lent and Holy Week at Redeemer a success. Your mere presence made our journey to Easter so much better.

One update I would like to mention is regarding this newsletter. It has been voted on and passed to move towards an electronic newsletter delivered to you via email. In order to receive an electronic copy only, you must sign up to do so. If you wish to receive a paper copy in the mail, you do not have to do anything at all. No one will be removed from the mailing list without signing up for the email newsletter. Copies of the newsletter will also be available in the Church office, in the Narthex, and can be viewed on our website. This move will help us to save paper, printing, and ease the burden of a large mailing on the office staff and volunteers.

Another update I’d like to pass along is that Council is working through the “Needs and Wants” lists provided by the committees. Thus far, new choir robes and robes for worship assistants, new handbells, and a kitchen renovation for the FLC have been approved. Planning for new playground equipment has also been approved. We have other items that are awaiting approval, and those projects will begin in the coming months.

We received an update at our last meeting from the Endowment Committee and so far, the endowment appears to be getting off to a good start. The endowment team has done a great job! Many have asked about the grant process associated with the endowment. The committee is ready to receive grant requests and has a form that can be requested. No grants will be considered for approval until March of 2020 due to when we will receive our first distribution. This does give time to get a form to see the requirements and to start thinking about and planning for a grant proposal.

As you can see, and as it always is, things have been busy at Redeemer! I’ve only covered a few items of the many activities of the Church. As always, if you are looking for ways to become involved (or more involved), there are opportunities abounding. Please let me, the Pastor, or anyone know if you are interested in any of the many opportunities found at Redeemer. I’ll end this letter with one final “thank you.” Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Council President. It is truly an honor to serve in any way, one that I will always treasure.

Yours in Christ,

Ben Bowers, Council President

Treasurer's report for March 2019

Treasurer's report for Mar. 2019

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:

For Mar - Income:	\$	27,967.84
For Mar. - General expenses:	\$	24,943.36
For Mar. - Income is more than expenses by:	\$	3,024.48

\$26,000.00

YTD Income:	\$	71,487.23
YTD General Expenses:	\$	72,483.32
YTD Income is less than expenses by:	\$	(996.09)

Altar Flowers

May 5 - Angela Reid

May 12 - WELCA

May 19 - Elizabeth Coppock

May 26 - Huger Caughman, Jr.

On Sunday, May 5, please join us for a drop-in honoring Ann and Eddie Felker on their 45th wedding anniversary and Jessica Felker Wheeler and Brian Wheeler on their 5th wedding anniversary. It will be held from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer's Family Life Center. Light refreshments will be served. Your presence is the only present we ask for. No gifts.

Wedding Anniversaries

May 1 - J. D. & Dawn Stone

May 15 - Tommy & Jane Moose

May 15 - Chuck & Laurel Keen

May 18 - Eddie & Ann Felker

May 18 - Andy Sidden & Kevin Dove

May 18 - Brian & Jessica Wheeler

May 22 - Jimmy & Ginger Weir

May 23 - Joshua & Becky Miller

May 29 - Huger Sr. & Anne Caughman

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

Digital Newsletter - If you would be interested in receiving a digital ONLY version of the monthly Newsletter from Redeemer - please contact the church office by May 16. Alternatively, each newsletter (and bulletin) is available on our church website under the 'Info Center' tab and in the narthex.

Receiving a digital newsletter would get the newsletter to you faster, would cut down the amount of time that volunteers help in sealing the newsletter to the Post Office's requirements, and would cut down the cost of mailing the newsletter for the church. The first Digital Newsletter will be sent out in June.



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, sister and great niece of Ernie 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; Robin Duncan, former member of Redeemer; Karen Chasteen, sister-in-law of Jane Moose; Haddon Norris.

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

Happy Birthday!



01-May	Hu Mills III	13-May	Terri Setzler	27-May	Mason Willingham
01-May	Brad Zais	13-May	William Summer	28-May	Carol Montgomery
04-May	Connor Chapman	13-May	Lydian Wessinger	28-May	Charles Setzler
05-May	Doggett Whitaker	14-May	Briley Derrick	28-May	Debra Willingham
08-May	Johnny Lindsay	14-May	Jonathan Benton	28-May	Alfred Dominick
08-May	Beth Singletary	15-May	Tommy Moose	29-May	Harriet Guy
09-May	Fae Cousins	15-May	J. D. Stone	29-May	Chelsea Ellisor
10-May	Sheila Ellisor	16-May	Austin Westwood	31-May	Mary Sue Green
10-May	Lindler Wessinger	19-May	Woody Cornwell	31-May	Jana Ritter
10-May	Graham Flynn	19-May	Cannon Taylor	**These dates are according	
11-May	Mary Hammond	20-May	John Whitesides	to our church records. If	
11-May	Dustin Guy	20-May	Aubrey Smith	you see any errors or omis-	
11-May	Justin Guy	21-May	Tony Chapman II	sions, please notify the	
12-May	Kristen Chapman	25-May	Lesley Diener	church office.	
13-May	Derryll Satterwhite	27-May	Miriam Titus		

Worship Assistant Schedule

<i>Duties</i>	<i>May 5</i>	<i>May 12</i>	<i>May 19</i>	<i>May 26</i>
8:45 am Communion Prep	Nancy Riggan	Nancy Riggan	Nancy Riggan	Nancy Riggan
11:00 am Communion Prep	Cathy Turner	Susan Thomason/Ann Jacobs	Paula Harshaw	Christie Whitaker
8:45 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Ernie Shealy	Nikki Chapman	Nancy Riggan	Amanda Richardson
11:00 am Lector and Communion Assistant	Robbie Kopp	Beth Sinbgetary	George Franklin	Katerina Long
11:00 am Greeters	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer	Community of Redeemer
Acolyte	Zarek Reid	Olivia West	Zoe Reid	Gaillard Smith
Crucifer	Vanessa Harshaw	Ben Lindsay	Ledare Livingston	Philip Livingston
Refreshments	Nominating Committee	Nominating Committee	Nominating Committee	Nominating Committee
Unlock Church	Claire Grosshuesch	Claire Grosshuesch	Claire Grosshuesch	Claire Grosshuesch
Lock Church	Tommy Fellers	Walter Jacobs	Ben Bowers	Matt Bowers
Usher 8:45 am	James Long	James Long	James Long	James Long
Usher 11:00 am	Elmer Long Chad Cary Walter Jacobs Andy Sidden			

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

April 15, 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 [Daily Devotions from Money Leadership](#).

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

Information presented at the beginning of the meeting included Angel Tree Letter- a "Thank You" letter from Ken McBride from Newberry DSS for the gifts from the Angel Tree ministry (the letter has been on the volunteer desk for a little bit). The Endowment Committee Update—Bob Montgomery and Mike Reid- the Endowment is doing well. The committee is ready to accept applications however, no money will be dispersed will be made until March 30, 2020 once all the dividends have been received and a full 12 months have passed since the beginning of the Endowment. Also, Council was given information on Recovery Residence Information from Anne Caughman- Anne attended a meeting and will be attending another meeting on May 19th. Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pomaria and Lutheran Services Carolinas along with other many other organizations are working in this ministry.

Old business included Employee Handbook Update—Anne Holland has been reviewed by Anne and she has made suggestions for updating, additions, and revision. She will make revisions and send her draft to Ben upon completion. Council will continue to discuss the Committee Needs and Wants Lists next month. The Committee Needs and Wants Lists-Council will continue to this discussion next month. Motion carried to begin The Reader electronically with June2019 for those who have signed up to receive it electronically. All other will continue to be mailed. There will continue to be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for signing up electronically.

There was no new business.

Council went into and exited Executive Session during the meeting.

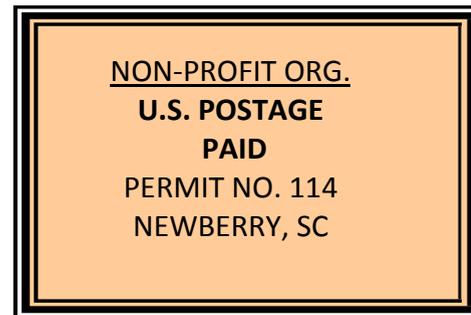
Council received the following reports from the committees:

- 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- verbal report received from Kelly Bannister
- Finance Committee Report-Finance/Treasurer's Report Details- written report received
- Inspiring Worship Report- written report received Huger Caughman, Jr.
- Property Committee Report- written report received from Property Committee
- President's Report- written report from the President and he had no additional items to discuss

Council Meeting minutes from March 18, 2019 and Treasurer's report from March 2019 were approved. Next meeting May 20, 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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