

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

## *Redeemer Reader*

### November 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 Youth News



There is an LCY service weekend coming up in November. It's the LCY annual fall service event. It's usually a weekend event but due to the pandemic it is being shortened to just Saturday/Sunday. The dates are Nov. 21-22. You can find the details through the [Hand-in-Hand Registration Form](#) on the church website. Youth in 8th-12th grades are invited to attend!



#### Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for November



The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Hall. Huger Caughman, Jr. is the head chef and Aubrey Guyton will be leading a Bible study. All men are invited to attend!  
**AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!**



#### Redeemer WELCA News for November

WELCA will meet on Sunday, November 8, at 3:45 pm, either in the church library or the Gathering classroom (depending on how many are present) to conduct our regular monthly business. At 4:00 pm, we will be discussing Chapter 10. Please make plans to read this chapter prior to the meeting. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

## From Pastor Matt

Grace and peace to each of you this month of November!

Every two and four years we do our civic duty as a nation and we vote. We vote for people. We vote for policies. We vote. This year is no different in that we will vote, but this year has been different because of the circumstances we have and will be voting in on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

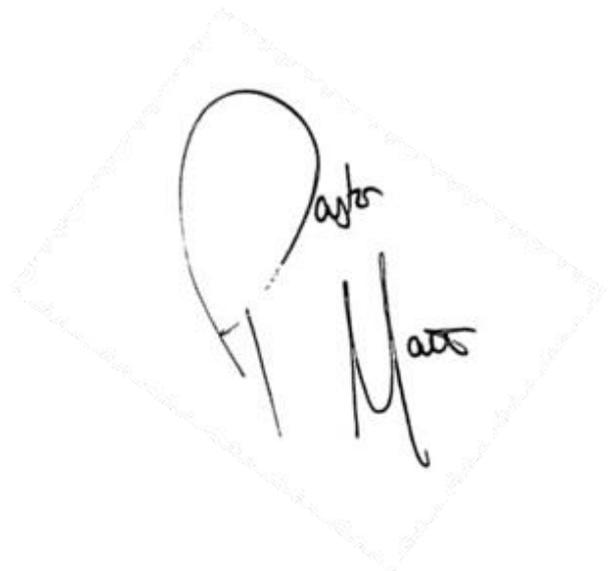
There's a pandemic still going on. There's a lot of angst, anger, and frustration about a lot of things in our country and world right now. Rights, racism, and different ideologies and political leanings have sparked a lot of heated conversations. Those conversations have been heightened not only because of the fierce rhetoric and wordings used by so many people in power, but also because this election year (this year as a whole) has been so vastly different than any time we've experienced before.

There's a chance that you and I have not and would not agree on the avenues in which we would desire our country to take and travel on as we move together towards life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all the people who call the United States home. However, though we might not agree on the *how* we get there, I hope and know that we agree on the end result, that all people are cared for and loved.

I pray that we all base who and what we vote for in the foundation and bedrock of our faith. That faith that teaches us that God indeed does love all. That God is at work in all. That God is present with us *all the time*. That God sent the Son, our Savior Jesus who is the Christ, to gather in and proclaim in love God's mercy, life, grace, and forgiveness to each and every person around us. As our Lord has entered into those places and spoken with those individuals that the world has seen as 'less than,' we too are called to and invited through our faith to see the life and beautiful image of God's love upon those that the world continues to sway us to believe are 'less than; in some way.

As people of faith, we remember that we live our life in service and love to the people around us. We care for, we celebrate with, we mourn together, and we give thanks in love with each person we get to interact with. For everyone is a created and beloved child of God. Even when that person is difficult for us to like or be around. I pray that the things we vote for reflect that love and care for our neighbors as well.

Remember always, God loves you, and so do I.



Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views as of 10/29	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
October 4	Online	103	34	
October 11	Online	97	22	
October 18	Online	76	21	
October 25	Online	79	34	
Average		89	28	117

## OCTOBER

Offerings            October 04 - \$4,298.15  
                               October 11 - \$5,643.72  
                               October 18 - \$2,439.50  
                               October 25 - \$11,156.67

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!



As a general reminder, the Church Office is mostly back to normal business hours of Monday - Thursday 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4:30pm. Pastor Matt's schedule has shifted slightly as he works from home on Mondays as he watches Ashleigh and Miriam while Erin is at school teaching.

## Treasurer's report for September 2020

Treasurer's report for Aug 2020

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need:

\$26,576.00

For Sept. - Income:	\$ 16,671.59
For Sept. - General expenses:	\$ 23,326.28
For Sept. - Income is more than expenses by:	<u>\$ (6,654.69)</u>

For Sept. - Amick Gift Funds income	\$ 3,339.22
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2020 YTD Income:	\$ 191,364.67
2020 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 216,688.34
2020 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	<u>\$ (25,323.67)</u>

2020 YTD Amick Gift Funds expenses	\$ 247,130.61
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### Altar Flowers

November 1 - Kathy Riggin

November 8 - Mary Maercklein

November 15 - Susan Dorton

November 22 - available

November 29 - Martha Dominick

***November 22 and December 27 are available. If you would like to sign up for either of those dates, please notify the church office.***

### Wedding Anniversaries

November 14 - Johnny & Kathy Lindsay

November 20 - Steve & Leslie Sligh

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

**Worship Assistants** - We would like to open up some more parts of volunteering at worship - mainly those to read scripture during service. If you would be able and willing to volunteer to be a worship assistant, please contact the church office and we'll will work with getting you on the schedule!



Operation Christmas Child will continue this year. Donations may be brought to the church library November 16-29 from 9-12 and 1-4; November 20 from 6-8pm' and November 23 from 9am-12noon.



### Prayer Concerns

**Redeemer Members:** Cindy Draeger, Tony Chapman II, 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, Rev. Ron Hamm; cousin of Jerry Haltiwanger, Cathy Turner, and Curtis Haltiwanger.

The congregation expresses sympathy to Chuck Minick and family on the death of his mother, Donnell Minick, on September 27.

The congregation expresses sympathy to the family of Edith Pikus who died on October 21.

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

Supper Club will not meet until further notice. Stay safe!

## *Happy Birthday!*



11/1	Alexis Lockyer	11/10	Karen Krouse	11/22	Kelly Loignon
11/1	Janna Longshore	11/10	Misty Cooper	11/25	Patsy Pruitt
11/4	Mary Franklin	11/11	Gloria Nelson	11/25	Vanessa Harshaw
11/4	Levi Richardson	11/13	Mary Linda Hill	11/26	Peggy Richardson
11/5	Juliette Nguyen	11/16	Lauren Flynn	11/26	Beth Lominack
11/6	Mark Senn	11/16	Robbie Kopp	11/27	Anne Caughman
11/6	JD White	11/18	Ernie Shealy Jr.	11/28	Britany Alexander
11/7	Lee Ringer	11/18	Morgan Harshaw	11/29	Billy Davis
11/7	Claire Grosshuesch	11/20	Betty Cummings	11/30	Belle Wheeler
11/8	Cindy Mills	11/20	Anne Epting		
11/8	Mary Beth Pease	11/20	Danny Abrams		**These dates are according to our church records. If you see any errors or omissions, please notify the church office.
11/8	Jordan Cary	11/20	Lawson Bannister		
11/8	Sophia Lockyer	11/21	Jane Doolittle		
11/9	Ann Jacobs	11/21	Jamie Newell		
11/9	Sheryl Fincher	11/21	Kaley Stone		
11/9	Erika Crayne	11/22	Lib Rodelsperger		

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 19, 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

Pastor Matt opened the meeting with devotions.

**Call to Order**

**Welcome**

**Members Present:** Ernie Shealy, Matt Bowers, Sarah Bowers, Claire Grosshuesch, Arlo Hill, Walter Jacobs, Robert Kneece, Mary Maercklein, Derryll Satterwhite, David Wiseman, Jerry Haltiwanger and Pastor Matt Titus

**Members Absent:** Drew Senn

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Matt asked that we pray for members and friends that are hurting.

**Youth Report:** Aubrey gave a report on all she has been doing with the youth. They had a drive-in gathering and they plan to carve pumpkins and have food on October 25 at the Pastor's house.

**Treasurer's Report:** - Jerry Haltiwanger – Jerry gave the report from the Endowment Committee. The equity is returning at a rate of 11%. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter total value stands at \$3,309,256.81. Jerry Haltiwanger made, Claire Grosshuesch seconded, that the interest money be transferred to the endowment committee. The motion passed. For church finances, the treasurer is still able to pay bills, but the balance is short around \$ 25,000.

**Property Committee Report** – Matt Bowers, liaison – The air conditioner unit for the first floor of the education building was replaced. They are scheduled to have the drains outside the kindergarten classrooms fixed. The leaking windows in the family life center are scheduled to be fixed, and sprinklers adjusted. The buzzer and video camera for Donna is being worked on. The property committee wants to buy a copier for around \$ 10,000 out of the major maintenance budget. The Property Committee had to ask the Finance Committee since the amount was over \$ 10,000. Finance said that the money in that account needed to stay in there for a maintenance emergency. A motion, made by David Wiseman and seconded by Claire Grosshuesch, to lease the present copier for another year and hold off buying a new one was made. The motion passed.

Minutes – The minutes for September were adopted.

**Old Business:** - Precautions that have been made for in-person worship seem to be working. A motion, made by Derryll Satterwhite and seconded by Jerry Haltiwanger, was made to have the general church meeting after the service on November 15. Pastor Matt is working on how members, that are not at the in-person service, will vote. Pastor Matt and Claire talked to Tony Chapman and Jessica Drager. Tony's surgery is October 29 and Tony and his family will be in Charleston from 3 1/2 to 4 weeks. On Sunday, November 1 a love offering will be taken up for them.  
Needs and Wants

**New Business:** The council received a report from the nomination committee. The congregation will be voting for 4 members at the general meeting in November. The staff support committee met. Donna would like some training on Church Windows.

**Comments:** We need to continue to pray for the Chapman family. It has been seven months since the start of the pandemic, but we still need to keep up our guard, social distance, wear masks, etc. All of this is getting old and hard to do, but it is important to remember these safety measures. Pastor Matt thanked the council for their leadership and asked all to keep praying for those in need. If you wish to visit someone at Springfield, you can make an appointment by calling Springfield. This is for a 15-minute visit on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You must wear a mask.

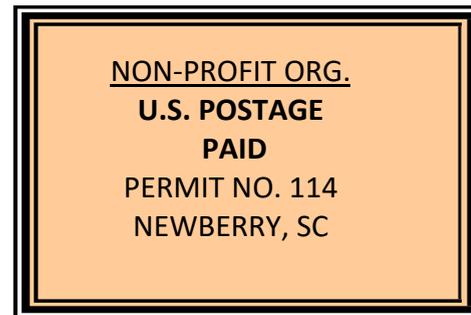
**Executive Session:**

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

**Reminders:**

Next meeting: November 16, 2020 via Zoom  
*Respectfully submitted, Derryll Satterwhite*

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