

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

Redeemer Reader

November 2021

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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Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission News for November



The Redeemer Lutheran Men in Mission will meet on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Walter Jacobs is the chef and Bob Montgomery is presenting the program. All boys and men are invited to attend.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN!!

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

Redeemer WELCA News for November

WELCA will meet on Sunday, November 7th, at 3:45 PM in the Church Library for its business meeting. At 4:00 we will be finding out Erin Titus' favorite hymns from Then Sings My Soul. Perhaps some of Erin's favorite hymns are yours too. We will also be getting sizes for our Thrivent shirts. Please make plans to attend. All women, friends and men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Grace and peace to you my sisters and brothers in Christ!

As we approach the end of 2021, I want us to be truly thankful for what we as a community, as a church, and as individuals have.

2021, for a whole host of reasons has been difficult (so far). Each of us – individually and as a community – have experienced death and loss, apathy and frustration, anxiety, and more. It's been a difficult time for many.

What I hope each of us can remember is that there is still hope because it rests in God and God's promise for the world.

When things are rough (and they have been rough) it is difficult for us to see that hope and promise around us. It is much easier to fall into the anger, the apathy, and the anxiety and feel swallowed whole by the world. However, we are not called to live into despair. We have hope and promise lived out and proclaimed in and through Christ our Lord.

There was one day that I was in the stairwell next to the elevator heading down to the Youth Hall. Now, as most of y'all know that hallway can get dark; very dark. And it was pretty dark that day as well. Yet, there was light shining through the window of the outside door that gave just enough light to remind me that I wasn't in complete darkness. Just enough light to bounce off all the surfaces in that space to get to me. That light wasn't going to be stopped.

Y'all, that light is like our God of love and hope who never stops reaching out and making themselves known to us. This beautifully loving Trinity speaks through word, song, presence, smiles, and moments to help us know that we are not alone. The Holy Spirit blows through the world to remind us that we are not abandoned. Our Christ shines brightly so that we might be drawn to the cross and remember the hope and promise of new and renewed light that has been gifted to us by God through Jesus' love for the world.

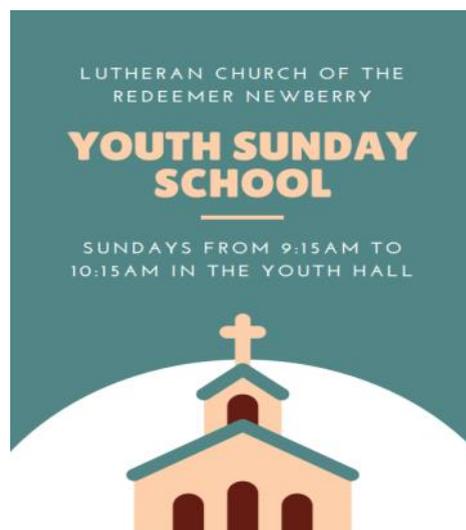
There are moments where things are dark in our lives. Yet, that light of hope in Christ our Lord shines brightly – if at times small by our perception – and draws us to that light. That light draws us out of ourselves so that we might care and love those around us. That light draws us out so that we might see how loved we truly are.

For that I am always thankful. That light always shines. Nothing has and nothing will ever be able to extinguish it or hide it from the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a faint, light-colored diamond-shaped border. The signature consists of a large, stylized initial 'P' followed by the word 'Pastor' written in a cursive script. Below this, there is another large, stylized initial 'M' followed by the name 'Matt' written in a cursive script.

Opportunity - The Bereavement team needs volunteers to assist with preparing and serving meals to bereaved families. Young, young-at-heart, male, female, all are encouraged to volunteer for this mission. Please contact Eve Kneece or the church office if you are willing and able to join this great team. Also, a sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Poinsettias - We will be taking poinsettia orders from November 14 to November 28. . The cost will be \$10.50 per plant (no bow). Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



GAAP -- God's Abundance for All People -- finished a month of Saturdays in October handing out and delivering food and other supplies for needy Newberry families.

GAAP is made of individuals from multiple Newberry County churches, including The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer. GAAP operates a food pantry complete with refrigerator and freezer at O'Neal Street United Methodist Church, 501 O'Neal Street. In addition to the food ministry GAAP also provides common household items and a free-clothes closet for those who need them.

People in need are encouraged to shop for free items from 10am 1pm each Saturday. GAAP volunteers will also deliver food to the elderly and those unable to drive.

Monetary donations and volunteer time are always needed. Harvest Hope Food Bank in eastern Columbia provides much of the food served. GAAP also is a Redeemer endowment recipient.

If you are interested in volunteering with GAAP, there will be a brief training session for new volunteers on Tuesday, November 16 at 6pm at O'Neal Street United Methodist Church. This training session is less than an hour long and is a requirement for GAAP to work with Harvest Hope Food Bank.

If you would like to donate items to GAAP, the current emphasis now is on diapers, other baby items, and Thanksgiving food. For more information you may contact the church office or The Rev. Darlene Kelly who is the pastor of O'Neal Street United Methodist Church.

Attendance	Sunday School	Online Views	10:30 am	Total Worship Attendance
October 3	20	46	44	90
October 10	25	52	41	93
October 17	33	54	51	105
October 24	20	33	53	86
October 31	31	48	118	166
Average	26	47	61	108

OCTOBER

Offerings October 3 - \$3,189.55
 October 10 - \$7,460.21
 October 17 - \$2,435.68
 October 24 - \$1,786.85
 October 31 - \$4,994.37

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!

Drive-Up Communion Changes - With a combination of the temperature increasing and more people attending worship in-person (and less people driving up for communion), there will be a slight change to how Redeemer will offer communion to those who - for whatever reason - are not able to gather in-person with the community of faith at Redeemer. A basket will be in the church office every day with communion kits. Please stop by the church office to pick-up these blessed kits. You are encouraged to use them when the entire community receives the sacrament during worship each Sunday!





Redeemer's 50+ Ministry!

Our November gathering coincides with the Choral Scholar Banquet. If you would like to attend, you may purchase a ticket in the narthex on Sunday morning or in the church office for \$10. Please plan to join us for this wonderful celebration and support our Choral Scholar program.

The Gospel According to Ted Lasso



The Gospel According to Ted Lasso Class

PM has been talking about this show for almost a year - it's time to see what all the fuss is about. This will be a 10-week course as we watch each episode of the first season of Ted Lasso and then see where God is present in it.

Everything starts on Thursday, September 9th at 7pm down in the Youth Hall. The faith reflection will take place the following Sunday, September 12 at 3pm in the Youth Hall. Each week we will follow this Thursday/Sunday

format.

Contact PM if you'd like to attend. Also - there IS adult language and some adult content (no nudity) in this show, please take note of that.

For the discussion there will be a Zoom link made available for those who are not able to attend in person.

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer is scheduled to serve at Manna House the week of November 21. If you are able to help, please contact Andy Sidden or the church office.

Treasurer's report for September 2021

Summary Treasurer's report for Sep 2021

To meet the monthly Ministry Spending Plan we need: \$26,740.00

For Sep - Income:	\$ 26,862.70
For Sep - General expenses:	\$ 42,182.24
For Sep - Income is less than expenses by:	<u>\$ (15,319.54)</u>

For Sep - Amick Gift Funds income	\$ 599.00
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2021 YTD Income:	\$ 192,123.90
2021 YTD General Expenses:	\$ 216,018.76
2021 YTD Income is less than expenses by:	<u>\$ (23,894.86)</u>

2021 YTD Amick Gift Funds distributions	\$ 114,748.82
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Altar Flowers

- November 7 - Kathy Riggan
- November 14 - Susan Wessinger
- November 21 - AVAILABLE
- November 28 - Martha Dominick

If you would like to sign up for any 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.**



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Paula Harshaw upon her death on October 26.



Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Members: Tony Chapman II, Darr Wise, Bobby Metts, Georgette Livingston, Dean Mayer, Debbie Metts, Heather Montgomery Kaikini, Karen Krouse, Lloyd Layman.

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; 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; William Mature, friend of Jamie Adams; Sean Montgomery, son of Bob & Carol Montgomery.

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!



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| 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 Levi Richardson | 11/11 Gloria Nelson | 11/25 Vanessa Harshaw |
| 11/5 Juliette Nguyen | 11/13 Mary Linda Hill | 11/26 Peggy Richardson |
| 11/6 Mark Senn | 11/16 Lauren Flynn | 11/26 Beth Lominack |
| 11/6 JD White | 11/16 Robbie Kopp | 11/27 Anne Caughman |
| 11/7 Lee Ringer | 11/18 Ernie Shealy Jr. | 11/28 Britany Alexander |
| 11/7 Claire Grosshuesch | 11/18 Morgan Harshaw | 11/29 Billy Davis |
| 11/8 Cindy Mills | 11/20 Betty Cummings | 11/30 Belle Wheeler |
| 11/8 Mary Beth Pease | 11/20 Anne Epting | |
| 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 | |

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2021 Christmas Poinsettias

Order Deadline is Sunday, November 28th.



The plants will be red in color and wrapped in foil with no bow. A basket for completed order forms will be in the nar- or return your form to the church office.



Please make sure that payment accompanies your order. The cost is \$10.50 per plant.

In **memory** of _____

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In **honor** of _____

In **honor** of _____

Given by _____ **Telephone**
number: _____

Number of Plants: _____

Payment Amount: _____

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 20, 2021

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

The business meeting was held via Zoom and in-person in the youth hall

Devotions 6:45 PM Business Meeting 7:00 PM

Pastor Matt opened the meeting with devotions.

Call to Order: Ernie Shealy called the meeting to order.

Welcome

Members Present:: Ernie Shealy, Matt Bowers, Sarah Bowers, Robert Kneece, Mary Alex Kopp, Derryll Satterwhite, Pastor Matt Titus,

Members absent: Chelsea Ellisor, Claire Grosshuesch, Arlo Hill, Mary Maercklein and David Wiseman

Celebrations and Prayer Requests

Celebrations: Newberry College has called a campus pastor and the announcement will be made around December 1.

Prayer Request: Please keep the families of Martha Derrick and Bobby Metts, Tony Chapman, and Beth Hipp your prayers. Also. we need to remember the firefighters and communities in Oregon and Washington as the fires rage.

Reports:

Pastor's Report - Pastor Matt – Pastor Matt officiated at four Sunday services and two funerals. Reformation Sunday, October 31, will also be confirmation Sunday. The Newberry College Singers will sing at the 10:30 service and they will also present a concert that evening in the church sanctuary.

1850 Committee – David Wiseman, liaison - No report

Community Compassion – Chelsea Ellisor, liaison – No report

Endowment Committee – Bob Montgomery, liaison – No report

Faith Foundation Committee – Arlo Hill, liaison – No report

Family and Social Fellowship – Claire Grosshuesch, liaison – Bereavement meals were provided for the Harry Cromer, Bobby Metts, Murrie Alice Johnson and Martha Derrick funerals.

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report – Robert Kneece, liaison and chairperson - The church balance is "in the red" for \$ 15,319.54 for the month of September 2021. Expenses last month were \$ 42,182.24 and the income was \$ 26,862.70. Year to date: income is \$ 192,126.90, expenses are \$ 216,018.76 and the "in the red" number is \$ 23,894.86. The Amick fund expenses are \$ 114,748.82.

Property Committee Report – Matt Bowers, liaison – No report

Stewardship Committee – Sarah Bowers, liaison – No report

Congregational Council Highlights continued

Worship and Music committee: Mary Alex Kopp, liaison – No report.

Youth – Nikki Chapman, liaison – It was reported the Youth Committee is looking for more ways to engage the congregation and more adults are needed to assist with the youth meetings. They are considering a temple talk. It was also brought up for later discussion that once the work on the youth hall is complete, the Youth Committee would like to have the youth hall re-modeled.

Staff Committee – Mary Maercklein, liaison – No report

President – Ernest Shealy – No report

Minutes –The August minutes were approved.

Old Business:

There was some discussion regarding COVID. Pastor Matt confirmed that DHEC has stated there is still a downward trend at this time.

Logo and Branding – Nikki Chapman made a motion to approve moving forward with the current company to work on the website. Robert Kneece seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

Endowments – no discussion at this meeting

.New Business – .Girl Scout Troop 990 – The troop has requested temporary use of the FLC for their Thursday meetings from 5:30-8. The troop confirmed it would clean up and disinfect after any use and will be following their COVID-19 protocols. Matt Bowers made a motion to approve temporary use of the FLC until the end of 2021 pending no conflicting church activities in which case the Youth Hall would be offered in place. Nikki Chapman seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

DHEC Action Team – the DHEC Action Team reached out and requested use of the FLC as a COVID-19 vaccination site. This was discussed as a community need as there are many in the area of Redeemer that do not have vehicular transportation but could walk to the church and receive the vaccine. Mary Alex Kopp remarked it would be best to suggest a date to the action team other than 10/2/2021 as there will be a vaccination site during the Newberry Oktoberfest. Arlo Hill made the motion to approve a one time use of the FLC as a vaccination site for the DHEC Action Team. David Wiseman seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

Annual Rotary Meeting – Joe Trainor reached out to Pastor Matt to see if the Rotary could have their annual meeting in the FLC in November. Matt Bowers made a motion to approve this use. Robert Kneece seconded it and all voted in favor.

Budget – Robert Kneece provided copies to each council member for the planned 2022 church budget. There were both increases and decreases to consider given current financial status of the church. It was agreed at the meeting to hold off any further discussion of the budget in case staff support committee would like to make any recommendations for salary changes after their yearly reviews. The Annual Congregational Meeting was agreed to be held post service on Sunday, November 14th.

Comments for the good of the order: - None

Executive Session – Matt Bowers made the motion, Nikki Chapman seconded, that the council go into executive session. The motion passed. Matt Bowers made the motion, Robert Kneece seconded, that the council leave executive session. The motion passed.

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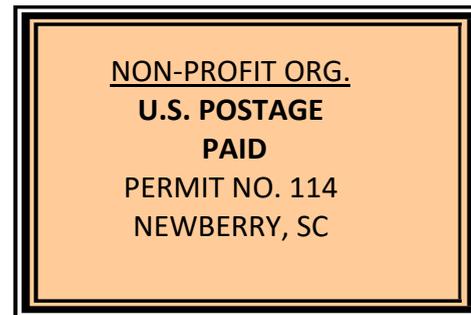
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with a prayer from Pastor Matt..

Reminders:

Next meeting: October 20, 2021 in church youth hall and via Zoom

Respectfully submitted, Claire Grosshuesch

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