

THE REDEEMER RECORD



FROM THE PASTOR

“Ministry is pretty simple. Love people and help them.” ~ T.L. Osborn

Dear Beloveds in Christ,

At first glance, the quote above might sound as though it applies only to pastors. In reality, though, it describes the calling we all share. As Lutherans, we affirm the priesthood of all believers, which means that ministry belongs to every Christian. While we serve in different ways, God has equipped each of us with unique gifts for ministry, and He continues to provide new opportunities for us to put those gifts to work. Some arise within our own congregation, while others lead us beyond our walls to care for our neighbors. The important thing is

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On September 19, Redeemer will host one of the Southeastern Synod's Revival Days from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. These gatherings are designed to encourage and equip congregations as the synod and local congregations seek new ways to share Christ's love and engage our communities.

Whether your interest is worship, discipleship, hospitality, or simply learning alongside Lutherans from across our Synod, this day offers an opportunity to be encouraged and inspired as we explore new ways to welcome others, nurture faith, and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

The Synod hopes that each congregation will send at least five participants. As the host congregation, we encourage members of Redeemer to take part, and we would love for you to be one of them! The registration fee is \$15 per person, *but the Redeemer will cover the cost for the first ten people who sign up.* If you would like to attend, please see Pastor Lynne or Jodi to registration for what promises to be a meaningful day of learning, worship, and fellowship.

REDEEM Facility Update: Mission Investment Fund Loan

We are pleased to share an update on Redeemer's \$225,000 loan from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, approved by the congregation in June to help fund important facility upgrades.

All required paperwork has been submitted, and the title search report has been received. We expect the final loan documents to be ready for review within the next week.

Once the loan is received, our first priority will be paying off Redeemer's existing Thrivent mortgage, with a balance of approximately \$10,500. The next priorities will be replacing the fire alarm control



panel and the roofs on the Education Wing and Social Hall. Council has approved an estimate for the roofs.

Redeemer will also apply for a \$7,000 grant from Georgia Interfaith Power & Light to help offset roofing costs.

Please watch for more information about the REDEEM Capital Fund Campaign, which is expected to be presented to the congregation in October. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to strengthen Redeemer's facilities and prepare for our future ministry. Directed any questions to a Church Council member.

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not where we serve, but that, together, we reflect Christ's love in the world.

This September, Redeemer will begin hosting MomCo, a ministry where mothers encourage, support, and build friendships with one another, extending Christ's love in simple but meaningful ways. MomCo provides the curriculum, training, and publicity – we simply need a couple of moms willing to serve as group leaders. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please let me know soon so our leaders can complete their training and everything can be in place for a great start this fall.

P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids) is a local ministry that serves children and families by addressing food insecurity and other essential needs. Each Thursday, volunteers gather at P.A.C.K. to pack food for children to take home over the weekend. Anyone is welcome to join them and take part in a ministry that has grown from one woman wanting to teach her own children the importance of serving others into one that now brings hope and practical support to children and families in need. Whether you volunteer once or serve regularly at P.A.C.K., it is a wonderful way to support local children while ministering alongside others from across our community.

WELCA is also exploring ways to partner with P.A.C.K. One ministry that has especially captured their attention is the P.A.C.K. boutique – a dedicated space where children in foster care can come quarterly and “shop” for clothing, shoes, and other essentials. The boutique is organized into individual niches, similar to lockers or closets, each stocked to meet the needs of boys or girls of a particular age and size. WELCA is considering sponsoring one of these niches and perhaps serving as designated shoppers for the same child or family each quarter. What makes this ministry so meaningful is that it offers more than meeting practical needs. It creates opportunities to spend time with children and families in the foster care system, offering encouragement and building caring relationships along the way.

These are just two of the many ways God continues to work through us. Not every ministry looks the same, and not every calling is the same, but each one is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love in the lives of others. Please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve, for we are always stronger when we minister together.

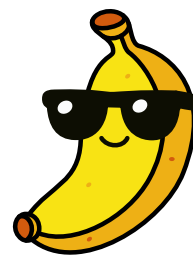
In Christ's Love,
Pastor Lynne



Sunday School will be held after church so parents can attend Adult Sunday School. They will again use the Reform: Anti-Work Workbook Series for the children. Pastor Lynne and Mary will be leading the Adult Sunday School class through Lutheranism 101.

Redeemer Goes Bananas!

A huge thank you to all who purchased or helped sell tickets for the Savannah Bananas game on September 11th!



Redeemer sold an amazing 200 tickets, which will bring \$1,400 back to our congregation. These proceeds will be donated to Inspiritus to support their work helping new refugees as they settle into our community.

We are grateful to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success. Your support will help make a difference in the lives of our newest neighbors. We hope everyone has a “banana-tastic” time at the game! 🍌🏏

Boston Butt Sale Was a Smokin' Success!

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Redeemer Men's Group Boston Butt Sale! The sale was a success as we raised just over \$800 for Redeemer.

The proceeds will go towards our goal of installing an ADA-compliant sidewalk to the Columbarium, helping make this important area more accessible to everyone.

We hope you enjoyed your Boston Butt as much as we enjoyed preparing it for you! Thank you again for supporting this project and for helping make a difference at Redeemer.

The Redeemer Men's Group



Out with the Old, In with the New

We are so thankful to the anonymous donor who gave us our new digital sign. This sign will allow us to have multiple messages with graphics giving us the opportunity to extend our community outreach.





Thank You, Redeemer

Dear Members and Friends of Redeemer,

Thank you for the many ways you helped make my ordination such a beautiful and meaningful celebration—from the choir's music and the wonderful reception to your participation, presence, prayers, and care.

Memories are among the greatest treasures we keep. Over time, they become stories we share about how God has woven our lives together. From the beginning of my internship through the day of my ordination, each of you who participated or attended became part of a magnificent journey of faith. Every person, prayer, lesson, and experience is another thread in the tapestry of God's unfolding story—a story with many chapters still to come.

Because of the love and care you shared with me, I am now able to continue writing this story in Oglethorpe, Georgia, with the people of Mt. Zion—St. Luke Lutheran Church. I was installed as their pastor on July 26, with Pastor Taylor Burton Edwards, Dean of Conference 2, presiding.

I look forward to continuing to share stories of God's grace and mercy as we wade together in the waters of Baptism, living as disciples who make a difference in one another's lives and throughout our communities.

Blessings to you all. I look forward to seeing many of you—along with my family and friends—at the Savannah Bananas game!

In Christ, Pastor Audra



All Hands on Deck!

We are now accepting all items for the Thrift Sale through August 19. Sign-up at the Call to Action table for ways to help. Work Days will be soon be scheduled.



Hearing Assistance System Is Available at Redeemer

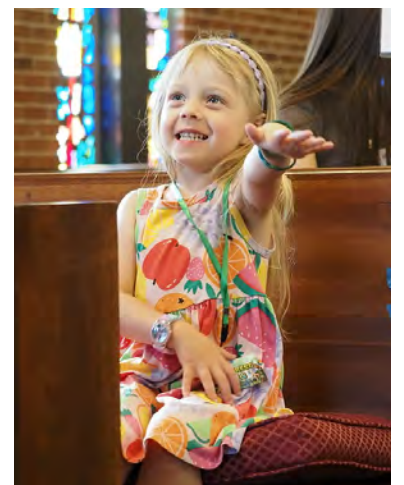
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Belinda Estabrook	August 4
Nancy Slaughter	August 5
Loretta Brandon	August 11
Lois Engel	August 15
Karen Hall	August 15
Carol Ann Wunch	August 16
Jane Gobin	August 17
Wendy Mason	August 17
A'miya Reynolds	August 22
Anthony Jones	August 23
Simmie Munn	August 25
Kimberly Woods	August 27



Rainforest Falls VBS was a great hit with the 28 kids who came to learn about God and his creation. Each day the campers learned a different fact about God and explored that truth through crafts, scripture and science focused crafts. This year, money was collected to buy fruit trees for families in Central America. Thanks to all who made this week a success!



July 2026 Church Council Report

- **Explorer's Montessori Update** - The Board met July 1st. The school is operating at almost full capacity and they continue to advertise on various social media platforms. They will be celebrating their 10th anniversary September 18th.
- **External Audit Update** - Still waiting.

Old Business

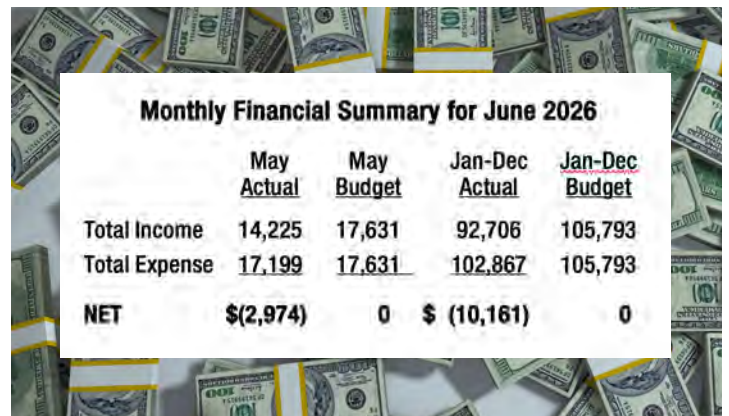
- **The Grace Ministry** passed out over 90 bags in June.
- **The MOMCO curriculum** will be taught by volunteers to be announced by Pastor Lynne following the Rally Day activities.
- **The Digital Sign** has been installed.
- **Congregational Call List** - Church Council was reminded to reach out to those on their list.
- **VBS Update** - 28 children attended, with several of them returning from prior years. The attendees have been sent an invitation to Rally Day with a list of additional upcoming activities. There were multiple positive comments from the parents.
- **"Plant Seeds of Faith"** is the Rally Day Theme. During worship, we will have Blessing of the Backpacks and present 3 scholarships. The Men's Group will cook hot dogs and hamburgers after the service.
- **Thrift Sale Update** - We will begin moving items into the Social Hall after the Rally Day event. There are several opportunities to help and the sign-up sheets are on the Call-to-Action table.
- **The Marketing/Social Media Outreach** reports show we currently have 366 followers on Facebook (2 more than last month). We are also looking at adding Instagram as an additional social media outreach.
- **Mortgage, Line of Credit, Capital Campaign** - 3 bids were received on roof replacement. All approved JCB's bid. Jim H. and Jim D. are working together on the Capital Campaign.
- **Blessing of the Pets** will have a **Recycle Event** on October 3rd from 10:30 to noon. Kathryn Williams will head the event and is looking for additional help to assist with additional responsibilities.

- **Sunday School Curriculum** - Children's Sunday School will be held after church so parents can attend Adult Sunday School. They will again use the Reform: Anti-Work Workbook Series for the children. Pastor Lynne and Mary will be leading the Adult Sunday School class using Lutheranism 101.
- **Old Brass Items** - Liz Drinnon is working on selling these items.
- **The SYNOD Revival** will be held at Redeemer September 19th from 8:15-3:30. Registration fee is \$15, with Redeemer paying for the first 10 registered. A meeting for additional planning will be held August 16th after the August birthday celebration.
- **The Church Council** approved all commissions and Pastor's Reports

New Business

- **A ELCA World Hunger Grant Letter of Inquiry** was submitted July 1st. We will receive notification in October if we are able to apply for the \$27,000 grant to help us with Redeemer's Social Ministry program.
- **Special Review Sheets for Events** have been created and need to be completed by the coordinators after the special events to help future event coordinators.
- **A Year Long Calendar** has been developed to list all events for the next 2 years.

(Church council minutes available upon request)



	May Actual	May Budget	Jan-Dec Actual	Jan-Dec Budget
Total Income	14,225	17,631	92,706	105,793
Total Expense	17,199	17,631	102,867	105,793
NET	\$(2,974)	0	\$ (10,161)	0

(Full financial report available upon request)

August 2026

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
— Romans 15:13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Rally Day	3 6:30 Savannah Moravian Fellowship	4 12:00 Marketing 6:30 Worship & Music	5 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 7:00 Choir	6 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	7 6:00 First Friday Fun Night	8
9 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour (no brunch)	10 6:30 Men's Group (at Cancun)	11 12:00 Marketing 5:30 Visioning/GGG/Finance 6:30 Executive Committee	12 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 6:00 EMCC Board Meeting 7:00 Choir	13 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	14	15
16 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Revival Day Meeting 11:30 Learning Hour	17 6:30 Savannah Moravian Fellowship	18 5:30 Mutual Ministry 6:30 Church Council	19 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 7:00 Choir	20 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	21	22
23 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour	24 No WELCA <i>(Work on organizing Thrift Sale)</i>	25 5:30 Disaster Committee 6:30 Property Committee	26 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 7:00 Choir	27 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Reading	28	29 8:00 Thrift Sale
30 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour 12:00 Flash Sale						



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We are an inclusive congregation of
disciples who follow Jesus in hope, love, joy, and peace.



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