THE REDEEMER RECORD





FROM THE PASTOR

““So that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”
~ Romans 1:12

Dear Beloveds in Christ,

Sometimes a new opportunity for ministry begins with something as simple as a conversation. A couple of months ago, I went to Sunabella Senior Living to visit one of our members who lives there. When I arrived, she was talking with the Activities Director and introduced me to her as her pastor. Immediately, the Director asked me, “Would you be willing to do a worship service for our residents? They haven’t had one for I don’t know how long.” And I'm sure you won't be surprised to know that I

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Advent Wednesdays

Each Wednesday during Advent, we'll gather for a light supper and time for fellowship before our evening worship service. We're inviting individuals, families, or groups from the congregation to help provide these meals, with different volunteers preparing and serving supper each week. A sign-up sheet will be available on the Call-to-Action Table in the Narthex.

Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus and await His coming again. But Advent also invites us to recognize that God is already present and at work in our lives, even as we wait.

This year, our Advent Wednesday worship series is “Emmanuel – God With Us – While We Wait.” Each week, we'll explore what it means to trust in God's presence, even in times of waiting and change.

Our four weekly themes are:

December 2 – Emmanuel – God With Us – in the Unexpected
December 9 – Emmanuel – God With Us – in the Uncertainty
December 16 – Emmanuel – God With Us – in the Waiting
December 23 – Emmanuel – God With Us – on the Threshold

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We'll gather for Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m., with a Scripture reading, a brief reflection, and Holy Communion. These midweek services offer an opportunity to step away from the busyness of the season and spend time together in worship as we reflect on God's presence with us.

Whether you're able to come for supper, worship, or both, we hope you'll join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent. Together, we'll be reminded that Emmanuel – God with us – is already and always present in our lives, even as we wait for the One who has never left us.



Welcome Our Newest Member

Sadie Strand (middle) is the daughter of Mick and Sarah Strand. Let's give her a big Redeemer welcome.

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said yes! And that's how we started gathering there every other Sunday afternoon for Sunabella Worship.

Our beginning wasn't entirely smooth because the services didn't make it onto Sunabella's September activities calendar, and our member was worried that I would make the trip only to find one or two people waiting for me. I reassured her that attendance wasn't my concern, as Jesus tells us that where two or three are gathered in His name, He is there among them. What mattered was that the residents who wanted to worship would have the opportunity to gather, hear God's Word, pray together, and receive Holy Communion.

We've now worshiped together four times, and our little congregation usually includes six or seven Sunabella residents, along with members of Redeemer who serve alongside me. The residents are wonderfully welcoming, friendly, and appreciative, and it has been a joy getting to know them.

But something else has been happening as well. After their first visit, one of the members who accompanied me stopped as we were walking to our cars. She told me how much it meant to have been invited and what a blessing it had been to see the women worshiping together. And two weeks later, when I had to leave immediately after worship for another commitment, the two members who accompanied me stayed to visit with the women and help those who needed assistance returning to their rooms. Their time together didn't end when the worship service did.

I keep thinking about Paul's words to the Christians in Rome – his hope that they would be mutually encouraged by one another's faith, because that is exactly what I'm seeing at Sunabella. As we share God's Word and Holy Communion, we also receive the gifts of friendship, welcome, gratitude, and faith from the people who gather with us.

And perhaps that's something worth remembering as we think about the ministry God calls us to share beyond the walls of Redeemer. We don't always need an elaborate plan to begin. Sometimes we simply need to be open to a new opportunity and willing to discover what God has in store for us.

I'm grateful for the women at Sunabella who welcome us so warmly and for the opportunity it gives our members to minister with me in this way. What began with a simple question has become a blessing for all of us..

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Lynne

Our Journey Continues

REDEEM Capital Campaign

Our REDEEM Capital Campaign — **Restoring Environments, Deepening Engagement, Expanding Mission** is moving forward! Thank you to everyone who has participated in our small group gatherings, shared their thoughts, and learned more about Redeemer's vision for the future.

Our Messengers have been hosting small group conversations, and **our final gathering will take place following Second Sunday Brunch on November 8th**. If you haven't attended a gathering, we encourage you to join us!

As we approach the culmination of our campaign, please mark these important dates:

Saturday, November 21 – REDEEM Prayer Vigil. Join us in prayer as we seek God's guidance and blessings for Redeemer's future. **Please contact Ellie Lowen,** 912-897-1273, to volunteer for a time of prayer.

Sunday, November 22 – Consecration Sunday. This special day is an opportunity for each of us to prayerfully respond to God's blessings. **Please bring your completed REDEEM response card to worship** as we dedicate our gifts and commitments to Redeemer's future ministry.

Sunday, December 13 – REDEEM Celebration Brunch! Join us for **a very special Second Sunday Brunch featuring a catered lunch and the exciting announcement of our REDEEM campaign totals!** This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our congregation's generosity, fellowship, and commitment to Redeemer's future. **Watch for an RSVP invitation** coming soon as we prepare for this special celebration!

Together, through faith, generosity, and commitment, we are preparing Redeemer to serve God's people for generations to come.

Thank you for supporting REDEEM!

Bring Your Completed REDEEM Response Cards to Worship on November 22.

Church Administrator Needed

After 6 ½ years of being the Church Administrator, I am writing to share that I will be stepping down from this position, effective the first of the year. I'll still be around worshiping and serving on committees and ministries —I just won't be in the office.

Serving this congregation has been an immense privilege, and I am deeply grateful for the grace, support, and shared moments of faith we have experienced together. So the good news is you'll no longer get nagging texts and emails from me. The bad news? We're looking for a part-time admin assistant to take over that exact job. If you know anyone who enjoys politely pestering people for details, send them our way!

— Jodi

Church Admin Job Description



Pastor Lynne will be on vacation from November 23 to November 28



Endowment Fund Grants Awarded Sept. 30

Each year, Redeemer's Endowment Fund produces earnings that are paid out in grants the following year. The grants are limited according to the rules of the Endowment Fund, and the grants are determined by the Endowment Committee according to those rules.

In 2025, Redeemer's Endowment Fund earned $1,670.36. The funds were divided in four ways and distributed as follows:

REDEEM Campaign - $417.59
Scholarships and Continuing Education - $417.59
Savannah's Autism Moms Circle Inc. - $417.59
ELCA Southeastern Synod Disaster Relief - $417.59

LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

November 19

Life Line Screening provides non-invasive preventive health screenings to detect cardiovascular, stroke, and other critical risks before symptoms appear.

Call to schedule an appointment near you
800-324-9458
and use code: HABCQ127

Congratulations to Jan Matthews for winning the free Life Line Screening Drawing.

Community Benevolence Fund

Putting Our Faith into Action!

Did you know that Redeemer has over $5,000 available to make a difference in our community?

Several years ago, at the recommendation of Church Council and with the approval of the congregation, Redeemer established the **Community Benevolence Fund,** overseen by our Endowment Committee. This fund was created with a special purpose: to extend God's love beyond our church walls by supporting outreach ministries that serve our neighbors and strengthen our community.

Today, more than **$5,000 is available in $500 increments** to help turn compassion into action!

Perhaps you know of a community need, an outreach opportunity, or a ministry that could benefit from financial support. This fund provides an opportunity for Redeemer to respond with generosity and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

The money is there. The opportunities are all around us. Now let's put these resources to work serving God's people!

If you have an idea for a community outreach ministry or project, please share it with a member of the Endowment Committee.

Together, we can continue to be God's hands and feet in our community!



A'mari Jones	November 1
Don Murphy	November 14
Sandi Postle	November 20
Shawn Kaltenberg	November 24
Dottie Murphy	November 30

Blessing of the Pets Festival

















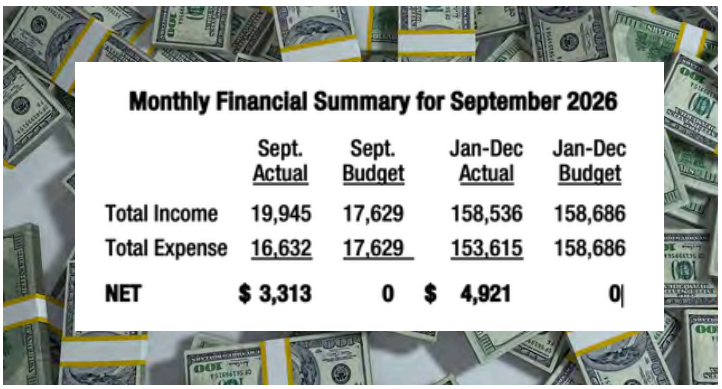
Christmas Parties

WELCA will have their annual Christmas party on December 7 @ 6:30 pm at Heidi Wagstaff's, 6 Moss Court. Bring a snack and $10-15 wrapped exchange present. All women are invited!

The Men's Group will hold their Christmas. party on December 14 at 6:30 pm at Cancun. A gift exchange ($20 or under) will take place.

Seeking Church Council Nominees

In January 2027, the Congregation will elect three members to serve a 2-year term on Church Council. If you are interested in a leadership role please, see Jim Heater or Jim Drinnon for more information.



Monthly Financial Summary for September 2026

	Sept. Actual	Sept. Budget	Jan-Dec Actual	Jan-Dec Budget
Total Income	19,945	17,629	158,536	158,686
Total Expense	16,632	17,629	153,615	158,686
NET	$ 3,313	0	$ 4,921	0

October 2026
Church Council Report

- **Explorer's Montessori Update** - The Board met October 7th. The school still has openings in the Primary room. They continue to advertise on various social media platforms. They are collecting toys for the outdoor playgrounds.

Old Business

- **Calling List** - Church Council members were reminded to reach out to the members on their Calling List.
- **Final Thrift Sale Review** - The final total for the Thrift Sale was $13,588.00. The Council reviewed the Event Feedback sheets.
- **A Marketing/Social Media Outreach Update** - We are up 7 followers from last month to 388.
- **REDEEM Capital Campaign** - The REDEEM Campaign has begun and Pastor has used one pillar each week to focus her sermons. Packets have been put together to pass out at the meetings.
- Small group messengers have volunteered and will be trained. Small groups have been set up and messengers will reach out to their group members to notify them of the dates of the small group meetings. Consecration Sunday is November 22. A catered celebration luncheon will be held in the Social Hall on December 13.
- **Synod Revival Day** was held September 19 with many positive comments about Redeemer hosting.
- **The Blessing of the Pets** - The Blessing was well attended with lots of animals and their owners. The Shredding event was also well received in the community.
- **Final VBS Report** - We were within the VBS budget with costs totaling $2033 for the year.
- **Sanctuary Lights Update**- Sanctuary lights are scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving.
- **The September 2026 Commission Reports/ Pastor's Report** were all approved.

New Business

- **2027 Budget Process and Timelin**e - Council members were reminded to send their Commission budgets to Robert by November 1st.
- **Resignation of Jodi Groover** - The Executive Committee received a resignation letter from Jodi to begin January 1st, 2027. We will be looking for a Part Time Church Administrator
- **REDEEM Packet** - The Church Council reviewed the REDEEM packets and all agreed on how nice they looked and how much work had been put into them!







WELCA

The women's group met on Monday October 26. The devotion was on the importance of smiles. We discussed how smiles are contagious and can change the attitudes both in the person smiling and the person the smile is directed toward. God smiles when we act with kindness and justice. God smiles when we show mercy. For our mission project we made floral arrangements and were tasked to take and share them with someone who could use a smile.

November 2026

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. —Psalm 100:4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Turn your clocks back 1 hour 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hr 6:00 Savannah Moravian Fellowship	2	3 12:00 Marketing Team 5:30 Care Team 6:30 Worship & Music Committee	4 1:00 Bible Study-Matthew 6:00 REDEEM Team 7:00 Choir	5 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	6 6:00 First Friday Fun Night	
8 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 2nd Sunday Brunch 2:00 Sunabella	9 6:30 Men's Group (at Cancun)	10 7:00 Executive Committee	11 1:00 Bible Study-Matthew 5:30 EMCC Board Meeting 7:00 Choir	12 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	13	
15 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hr 6:00 Sav. Moravian Fellowship	16	17 6:30 Church Council	18 1:00 Bible Study-Matthew 6:15 Social Ministry 7:00 Choir	19 Life Line Screening 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	20	
22 Turn in your REDEEM Pledge 9:30 Choir 10:00 Christ the King & Consecreation Sunday 11:15 Learning Hr 2:00 Sunabella 6:30 Thanksgiving Service	23 PASTOR ON VACATION	24 5:30 Disaster Preparedness 6:30 Property	25 6:00 REDEEM Team 7:00 Choir practice	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	
29 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hr.	30					



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