

THE REDEEMER RECORD



FROM THE
PASTOR

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

Dear Beloveds in Christ,

In the Apostles' Creed, we confess, **“I believe in ... the communion of saints.”** But, what does the communion of saints really mean, and who gets to be a part of it? The easy answer is that every Christian – living or dead – is a member of that communion! Or, to put it another way, being a part of the Communion of Saints means belonging to Christ, and therefore belonging to His whole Church – across congregations, denominations, geography, time, and even death. And it is that gathered “great cloud of witnesses” that joins us at

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EQUIPPING OF THE *Saints*

*Together in Christ,
serving in love.*



Worship is something we do together. Each Sunday, many people help our congregation gather around God's Word and Sacraments – welcoming those who come through our doors, reading Scripture, assisting at the Lord's Table, and helping lead our worship.

Right after our Second Sunday Brunch on September 13, we will hold a brief Equipping of the Saints – a chance to learn more about serving as an Acolyte, Communion Assistant, Lector, Usher or on the Altar Guild. Even if you have served in one of these roles for years, we hope you'll join us. This will give us a chance to walk through each role, answer questions, share a few helpful reminders, and review what each role involves and how it is done .

This is also a great opportunity for those who haven't served in one of these roles before to learn more about them. If you've ever wondered whether one of these roles might be for you, come see what is involved, ask questions, and perhaps discover a new way to participate in our worship together.

Paul reminds us that God gives each of us gifts “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12). Ministry belongs to all of us – and perhaps you will be inspired to take on a new worship leadership role.



On Sunday, September 25, from 1:00–4:00 p.m., we will once again participate in Savannah’s Day of Peace by having a table at the Peace in the Park event at Daffin Park. This is a great opportunity to meet and interact with our neighbors and let them know what is happening at Redeemer! We would love to have a good showing from our congregation to spend some time at our table and talk with people throughout the afternoon. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up at the Call to Action Table. Thank you!



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Christ’s table every time we commune together.

We don’t gather in church because Christians have an attendance requirement – we gather because being a disciple was never meant to be a solo endeavor. We even acknowledge this in the Creed – which doesn’t say, “I believe in my personal relationship with God,” but instead reminds us that we are part of the communion of saints – a people God has called together. And that sense of belonging is important here at Redeemer, where everyone is welcome to worship with us, learn with us, share in our fellowship, and take part in our ministries. You don’t have to be an official member to be part of our life together. But becoming a member is one way of saying, “This is my church. This is the community of Christ’s people with whom I choose to worship, learn, serve, discern, and share responsibility.”

Membership can happen through a transfer from another Lutheran congregation or through Affirmation of Baptism – a rite in which individuals make or renew their baptismal vows and the congregation promises to walk with and support them in their life of faith. Those who become official members can vote at congregational meetings and, if they choose, have their names put forward for election to our Church Council. That said, no one is

automatically placed on Council, or any other committee, simply because they become a member!

But being a member of a congregation is about much more than having our names on a roll, voting at meetings, or serving on Council. As Paul reminds us, we don’t all have the same function, gifts, or responsibilities, but we are “members one of another.” That is a fancy way of saying that we are so deeply connected that we celebrate each other’s gifts and share each other’s joys and sorrows – one of the wonderful gifts of being part of a community of faith, and particularly of Redeemer!

If you are considering becoming a member of Redeemer, please come and see me – I would love to hear about the journey that has led you here and talk about what comes next! And, if you are not at that point, please know that there is always a place for you here and you are an important part of our life together – because as members of the Communion of Saints, we belong to Christ – and through Christ, we already and always belong to one another.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Lynne



Be a Voice for Our Environment

As part of Redeemer's commitment to being better stewards of God's creation, our Green Team wants to make you aware of an upcoming Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) meeting in Savannah.

The PSC will meet at **9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15**, at the Chatham County Administrative Building on 124 Bull St in Savannah. The decisions made by the PSC can affect utility rates and energy policies that impact all of us. This meeting is an opportunity to learn more about how decisions are made regarding our energy future and how we can be involved. Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) will be sharing additional information soon. **Our Green Team encourages members of Redeemer to learn more, become informed, and use their voices.** Being good stewards of our environment includes not only the choices we make at home and at church, but also participating in decisions that affect our community and our shared resources.

If you are interested in learning more, contact GIPL Organizing Director Marqus Cole at marqus@gipl.org. Watch for additional information from the Green Team about the meeting and how you can participate.

Green Team Paper Shredding Event



Redeemer's Green Team is sponsoring a mobile paper shredding truck during the **Blessing of the Pets on October 3, 2026**. The truck will be onsite at **9 am until 12 pm** OR until the truck is full.

SAVANNAH'S AUTISM MOM CIRCLE SUPPORT GROUP INC.

Coffee and Mommy Meetup

JOIN US!

A safe space for autism moms to **sip, share, relax, and recharge.**

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!
Bring your little ones and join us for a warm, welcoming time together.

CVS PHARMACY WILL BE ON-SITE GIVING FLU SHOTS!
You must show **proof of insurance** and have your **insurance card** with you.

WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY:
PAMPERS • WIPES • YOUTH DIAPERS
BED PADS • FEMININE-CARE ITEMS

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, September 26, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

LOCATION:
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
51 Wilmington Island Road
Savannah, GA 31410

QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!
Email us at: Savannahautismmomcircle@gmail.com
Give us a call: 912-755-1678

Building a circle of strength, one mom at a time.

Bring your cup, your heart, and come as you are.

Another Redeemer Ministry

Our member, Crystal Reynolds, knows firsthand the importance of caring for yourself while raising an autistic child. She has created a support group for mothers, providing a place for connection, encouragement, and support. One of Redeemer's ministries is helping this group by collecting sensory toys for the children.

If you know a family with an autistic child, please share information about this special event on **September 26 from 10am-2pm at Redeemer** and help spread the word!

Also, CVS Pharmacy will be at Redeemer that same day to give flu shots. Please bring your insurance card.



The Explorers Montessori Coastal Cooperative (EMCC) Preschool is celebrating their 10 year anniversary this year. EMCC serves the young learners in a beautiful and peaceful Montessori-inspired environment. The teachers make a significant effort to create a prepared and engaging environment for all children, and serve students ages 1 through 5. They will be holding a 10th Anniversary celebration in September.

God's work. Our hands.



Redeemer Serves on September 12

God's work, Our hands is an annual event that gives us the opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

On September 12th from 10:00 to 12:00, we will be working around Redeemer's property lines that surround our church and neighboring businesses by removing trash and debris on Burns Lane and Wilmington Island Road. All necessary equipment will be provided (buckets, grabbers, and garbage bags). This will also be our Fall Clean-up so we will need help cleaning the inside of the church. Come join in this ministry as we celebrate "God's work. Our hands."



You are invited
to celebrate

Joe Warren's Farewell

September 28

from 6:00-8:00

at the Heater's Residence
6 Moss Court

Grace Ministry

The Grace Ministry Team at Redeemer has completed their participation in the Ascension Grace Ministry Program and will begin our own Grace Ministry Program soon. We are currently completing the application for preparing and serving our own Brunch Bags twice a month here at Redeemer. Additional information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in assisting with this program, our next Social Ministry meeting will be held September 16th at 6:00.

	July Actual	July Budget	Jan-Dec Actual	Jan-Dec Budget
Total Income	27,701	17,631	120,407	123,424
Total Expense	16,558	17,631	119,425	123,424
NET	\$11,143	0	\$ 982	0

We are thrilled to share that our budget is finally in the **BLACK!** We are incredibly grateful for everyone who has given so generously to make this happen. As we move forward, please continue to honor your faith promises so we can keep this positive momentum going.

(Full financial report available upon request)



Thank You, Volunteers!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our amazing church volunteers who gave so generously of your time, energy, and talents to make our Thrift Sale such a tremendous success!

From sorting and pricing to setting up, greeting shoppers, working the sale, and cleaning up, you put in endless hours and countless steps to make it all happen. Your willingness to jump in wherever needed was truly a gift.

A successful sale takes a whole team, and we are so grateful for each and every one of you who shared your time and talents. This event was a wonderful example of what can happen when our church family works together with joyful hearts. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, laughter, and willingness to serve. We couldn't have done it without you!

With grateful hearts, we thank you for being such an incredible team!

-Heidi & Jodi





Welcome New Members

On August 29, we welcomed three new families to Redeemer: Mick and Sarah Strand (left); Chloe and Ben Baur (center) along with their two girls, Katy and Jackie; and Tori Webster (bottom).



We are delighted to have them as part of our church family! Please welcome them the next time you see them.



One of our Redeemer members lives at Sunabella Senior Living, and we have been invited to worship with her and her neighbors! Pastor Lynne will be leading worship there every other Sunday at 2:00 p.m. We would love to have others from Redeemer join her – worshipping and visiting with those who gather and helping to serve Communion. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please let Pastor Lynne know.



October 3, 2026
10:30am – 12:00pm

*"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all"*

Come celebrate all God's creatures during Redeemer's **5th annual Blessing of the Pets** on October 3rd. It's a great day to welcome dogs, cats, birds, and even your favorite reptiles as we share God's love and care for all of His creatures.

This year's festivities kick-off at 10:30 and Pastor Lynne will bless the pets at 11:00. Local photographer, Angie, from Angela Hopper Studios will be on site to photograph pets.

We host several nonprofits during this event. To benefit these dedicated animal advocates, **we collect food, toys, treats, and old sheets and towels.** And, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and our raffles, each non-profit receives a check. Last year's total was over \$500 per organization. Our hope is to write even larger checks this year!

Please plan to join us and invite your friends and neighbors! The men's group will be cooking hotdogs and the church's Green Team will have a mobile paper shredding truck on site beginning at 9 am. It will be a fun, community event! To help at the Blessing, contact Kathryn Williams at 912-844-1456.



Sign up at the Call-to-Action Table to bring items needed each month.

September 13

Baked Potato Bar

October 11

Second Sunday Soup Gathering

November 8

Chili and Hot Dogs

December 13

Sugar Plum Fairy
(Cookie Exchange/Sandwiches)

August 2026 Church Council Report

- **Explorer's Montessori Update** - The Board met in August. The school operates at almost full capacity and continues to advertise on various social media platforms. They will be celebrating their 10th anniversary September 18th.

Old Business

- **MOMCO** - Pastor Lynne has this on hold until further notice.
- The **Digital Sign** has been installed and looks great!
- **Calling List** - Church Council members were reminded to reach out to the members on their Calling List.
- **Rally Day** - Over 50 people attended service and enjoyed wonderful fellowship after with delicious food and games afterwards.
- **Thrift Sale** - Depending on the total amount of money raised the list is as follows:
 1. Fix the ramp to the Columbarium to make it ADA compliant,
 2. Work on the Sanctuary lights
 3. Purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen, and
 4. Purchase a washer and dryer. All Council members approved.
- **A Marketing/Social Media Outreach Update** - We are up to 368 followers , up 2 more than last month.
- **Mortgage and Line of Credit** - Information has been sent in.
- **The Pet Blessing and Recycle Event** will be held October 3rd from 10:30 to noon. Kathryn Williams will head the event and is looking for additional help to assist with additional responsibilities.
- **Old Brass Items** were taken to Savannah Recycling. A check for \$193.00 was received.
- **Synod Reveal Day** - Plans have been made for September 19th event.
- **The ELCA World Hunger Grant Letter of Inquiry** has been submitted. We expect to hear if we are approved for the grant in October.
- **VBS Final Report** - The total Expenses vs Revenues information is still being collected.

- **The Church Council** approved all commissions and Pastor's Reports

New Business

- **The REDEEM Capital Campaign** was approved to begin in October by all of Church Council members. We will meet September 1st to discuss the plans.
- **The Facility Use Agreement for Non-profits was approved to be amended by Church Council.**

Additional Items

- **Applications for grants** - Jim Heater presented several grants that Redeemer will be applying for to help with the environmental improvements we are making here in our church and in our community.
- **Second Sunday Brunches:**
 - September 13th - Baked Potato Bar
 - October 11th -
 - November 8th - Chili and Hot Dogs
 - December 13th - Sugar Plum Fairy (Cookie Exchange/Sandwiches)

(Church council minutes available upon request)



John Brassard	September 3
Heidi Wagstaff	September 6
Lindsay Wetherington	September 7
Karen Jerald	September 13
Lyndal Kennedy	September 20
Greg Fowler	September 21
Steve Williams	September 22
Carol Fowler	September 26
Nancy Goll	September 26

September 2026

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let
your face shine, that we may be saved.

Psalms 80:19

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 Marketing 5:30. Care Team 6:30 Worship & Music	2 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 7:00 Choir	3 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	4 6:00 First Friday Fun Night	5
6 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour 2:00 Sunabella Worship 6:00 Sav. Moravian Fellowship	7  Labor Day	8 5:30 REDEEM Team 7:00 Executive Committee	9 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 5:30. EMCC Board Meeting 7:00 Choir	10 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	11	12
13 10:00 Worship 11:15 2 nd Sunday Brunch 6:00 Savannah Moravian Fellowship	14 6:30 Men's Group (at Cancun)	15 5:30 Mutual Ministry 6:30 Church Council	16 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 6:00 Social Ministry 7:00 Choir	17 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	18	19 9:00 Synod Revival Day
20 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour 2:00 Sunabella Worship 6:00 Sav. Moravian Fellowship	21	22 5:30 Disaster Preparedness Team 6:30 Property Committee 6:30 Growing God's Gifts	23 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 7:00 Choir	24 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	25	26 10:00 Autism Support Group 10:00 Flu Shots
27 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour	28 6:30 WELCA	29 6:30 Endowment Committee	30 1:00 Bible Study-Gospels 7:00 Choir			



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Worship in person or stream live on Facebook.

Sundays at 10 am

Pastor Lynne O'Shea
pastorlynne@redeemersav.org

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



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America



We are a
RECONCILING IN CHRIST
Congregation

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