



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Reverend David Moser, Interim Pastor



AUGUST 2017 UPDATE WEBSITE www.redeemercatawba.com 828/241-2371 – CHURCH

VBS 2017 A Mighty Fortress July 30 - August 3

6:30-8:30 p.m.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN to join the Sunday School staff and volunteers for 5-days of fun, excitement and witnessing God's love. Marsha Lael has lined up a great VBS staff to teach through song, word and actions God's love to our children. Kids will enjoy Story Time, Craft Time, Play Time and refreshments. All middle and high school kids are encouraged to join us too for a mission project and devotions. It is not too late to be a part of this fun-filled 5-day adventure. Speak with Marsha or Fran Little today!

REFORMATION BIBLE STUDY IN AUGUST join Pastor David Moser as he leads a 4-week Bible study beginning August 6th. The class will take place during Sunday School in the parish hall and carry us through the origin, history, significance, and many shapes of the cross used in Christian art and devotion. In this 500th Anniversary Year of the Reformation, this study will fit well into Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross. Come and learn about the central symbol of the Christian faith through a presentation of pictures and some of the crosses Pastor Moser has collected. If you have a special or unusual cross, bring it to the class to add to the presentation.

INeighborhood WORKSHOP

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called, sent to serve, share, and bless our neighbors with the love of Jesus. How do we go about doing that? Perhaps this acronym will help you:

Begin by praying for your neighbors (even if you don't know their names).

Listen to your neighbors.

Eat with your neighbors, invite them for dessert or take a dessert to them.

Serve your neighbors, find a way to show that you care for them.

Share your story and the Gospel with your neighbors – pray for that “open door of opportunity”.

(1 Cor 16:9a)



In the sabbatical planning the committee included a workshop for the congregation to participate in. After some discussion it was decided to schedule it to take place once Pastor Alms returns so he too can be involved. INeighborhood a free workshop is coming to Redeemer **September 23rd** and is open to everyone who would like to learn and grow in their passion and abilities to invite and share Christ in their daily lives with neighbors, co-workers, and friends. We are very fortunate to have Rev. Bill Seaman to lead this workshop for us. The date is set and the time will be too when Pastor Alms returns and confirms with Pastor Seaman.. A sign-up sheet for the workshop will be available in the parish hall in September.

THANK YOU GEORGE WILSON

George Wilson has volunteered to serve as the new advocate for Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) at Redeemer. LCEF is a ministry of LCMS, providing funds for construction of Lutheran church and school buildings and expansion or renovation of existing facilities, all through investments of congregational members. Advocates are a vital link and communication conduit that promote the LCEF ministry at the local level and bring awareness to the members of LCMS congregations. George has been a long-time advocate at Holy Trinity in Statesville, serving on the Loan Approval Board for the Southeastern District and is also a rostered Laborer for Christ. He can be of assistance in various situations: borrowing, building, investing, and other congregational planning activities. George will be available to answer any questions you may have at any time (phone 704-437-2901). More information about LCEF will be forthcoming in future weeks and months.

MEMORIALS - THANK YOU'S - CELEBRATIONS

Memorials Received

In Loving Memory of Rae Hunsucker

Reverend and Mrs. Paul Nelson
Johnny and Edwina Wesson
Ron and Donna Sims
Violet Hirsch
Barry and Barbara Edwards
Will and Connie Burkett
Richard and Carol Holder

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED

Bobby Matthews wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and visits during his hospitalization the week of July 1 – 5.

Dear Members of Redeemer

Over the years we have been privileged to partner with local churches in support of our mission. Your generous support in the amount of \$150.00 as a Hall of Faith partner helps us maintain that commitment. To honor your participation in this mission of caring a professional photograph of your church is prominently displayed on our campus for visitors and other to enjoy.

*Catawba Regional Hospice
David Clarke, President*

Pastor and Congregation of Redeemer

Thank you so much for volunteering 9-hours with us last month. As you know 20% of homes in our community live with food insecurity and your hard work helps alleviate this problem. Look forward to your volunteering with us again on August 24.

Becca Bleich, Community Outreach Associate

Blessings to the Redeemer Family

Thank you for your support of this special ministry with your donation of \$87.50 . What a privilege to be here to counsel, do pregnancy testing, and to share the love of Christ with those who come through our doors. Please pray for clients unsure if they will continue their pregnancy ... may they choose life.

In His Service PCC Staff

"A Place at the Table Fundraising in August"

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISING DAY

Sunday, August 13th Noon-9:00 p.m. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex to give to your waitress and invite your friends and family to join you there for lunch or dinner. To-go orders and gift cards purchased, count towards this total.

CRAWDADS BASEBALL CONCESSIONS

Saturday, August 26th will be Redeemer's final game to work the concession stands this season and we need 4-5 more volunteers in order to receive the full amount of earnings for this final game. If you haven't participated and can help, please message Cameron Bixby at 828.612.9205 and she will make sure you receive a Redeemer volunteer shirt. All volunteers must arrive by 5:30 p.m. on the 26th.

COLLECTION BOX IN NARTHEX

Catawba Elementary PTO is hosting a Back to School Bash on September 16th and needs our help collecting school supplies. Redeemer will be collecting colored pencils and pencil sharpeners through August 20.

YTD as of July 23, 2017

Average Sunday Attendance 125

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| Budgeted Needs | \$113,091.30 |
| Contributions/Receipts | <u>\$110,001.60</u> |
| Over (Short) Budget | (\$ 3,089.70) |

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Bumgarner; Mr. & Mrs. John Ervin (1), Mr. & Mrs. Norris Harwell (2), Mr. & Mrs. Bill Knauf (3), Mr. & Mrs. David Cross, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas O'Daniel (4); Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards (5), Mr. & Mrs. Tom Johnston (7), Mr. & Mrs. Gary Witherspoon (12), Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Fertig (14), Mr. & Mrs. Michael Todd (18), Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Rufty (20), Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Onsager (23), Mr. & Mrs. Ken Werner (24), Mr. & Mrs. Gary Matthews (30).

AUGUST BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Amy Honeycutt (2), Marsha Lael (3), Rebecca Alms, Wade Westray (5), Phillip Bell (7), Grace Pelton (8), Dot Eury (10), Mercedes Hedrick (11), Robert Benfield (13), Lynn Westray (14), Melvin Little (15), Sheldon Bell, (18), Madelyn Crowe; Erin Wilson (21), Emmalee Cross, Dudley Hedrick, Amy Huffman, (23), Karen Sigmon (26), Luke Burkett (27), Perry Curtis, Ruby Overcash (28), Natalie Alms (31).

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Tony Brown, Jr., Annie Yount (1), Dianne Wesson (3), Bert Sigmon (4), Faith Sigmon (6), Natalie Alms, Johnny Brown, Diann Harwell (8), James Sigmon (9), Wesley Burke, Connie Burkett (12), Hunter Burkett, Madeline Lutz (13), Jane Benfield, Stephanie Johnson, (16), Judy Moser (17), Maria Bratton, (18), Georgia Lyda (19), Gail Houston (21), Harley Gilleland (22), Margaret Radintz (24), Candie Hedrick (26), Phillip Medlin (28), Randy Eckard (29), Michael Yount (31).