



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

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AUGUST 2018 UPDATE

WEBSITE www.redeemercatawba.com

828/241-2371 – CHURCH

VBS 2018 Splash Canyon

August 5 - August 9

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN to join the Sunday school staff and volunteers for 5-days of fun, excitement and witnessing God's love. The staff has an awesome group of teachers and volunteers to teach through song, word and actions God's love to our children. Kids will enjoy Story Time, Craft Time, Play Time and Refreshments. Speak with Marsha Lael or Faith Sigmon if you have questions!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN AUGUST

Redeemer has two separate Sunday Adult Bible Study classes meeting August 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 9:00 a.m.

"The Power of We" is a DVD study that takes a deep look at marriage—as one of the most powerful and mysterious forces on Earth. By joining them together for life, God enables husbands and wives to weather all storms and forces that would destroy. This study provides insight into this enduring relationship by discussing both theoretical understandings of the “WE” and practical, day-to-day wisdoms to help form a good marriage. Kelly Matthews, Lynn Matthews, Tina Cloninger and Devin Houston will lead this study in the parish hall at 9:00 a.m.

"A Look at Baptism" is a Scripture based study of Holy Baptism. What does the Bible say about Baptism? What does Baptism have to do with us as Christians? How can a one-time event affect all we do? Pastor Alms will lead this study in the Sanctuary each Sunday in August from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6:30 p.m. join us for a short, quiet service of Word and Prayer.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND EDUCATOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

September 17th join the Redeemer family at Hunsucker Park for 10:00 a.m. worship we will also install and thank our teachers for their service, and enjoy a wonderful picnic together. The men will prepare and serve hamburgers and hotdogs and you are asked to bring your favorite side dishes and desserts to share. There will be fun activities and games planned for the kids and young at heart!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRUNCH

Katie and Jonathan Rudy are expecting a bundle of joy to arrive in October 2018 and will be in from Chicago visiting future “GRANDS” Greg and Suzanne Alms in August. A perfect time to shower them with our love and help them to prepare for this new addition to the Alms and Rudy families. Please join us for a Baby Shower Brunch for Katie and Jonathan on August 18th 10:00 a.m. till noon in the parish hall. Since they are traveling please be creative in your gift selection. Gift cards are a perfect option and also online shopping at Target.com or Amazon.com. Simply search for Jonathan Rudy or Katie Rudy's Baby Register, make your selection and your gift will be shipped directly to them at their home in Chicago. In lieu of a greeting card your favorite nursery book with a personal note will be a constant reminder of your love and prayers at this very special time in their lives.

LAST 2018 CRAWDAD CONCESSION STAND VOLUNTEER NEED

Friday, August 31 at 5:15 p.m.

July's game raised \$800+ for the Youth's Travel Fund for the 2019 Youth Gathering. One game remains and there are several openings for volunteers. If you can volunteer, please speak with Robert Benfield, Kelly Matthews or Cameron Bixby.

MEMORIALS - THANK YOU'S - CELEBRATIONS

Memorials Received

In Loving Memory of Troy Korn

Glenn and Dot Martin

Brent and Jane Lutz

Peggy Bell

Tom and Elsie Johnston

In Loving Memory of Eva Burchette

(Mother of Rita Isenhour)

Jo Ann Isenhour

In Loving Memory of Sylvia Reading

Tom and Elsie Johnston

Peggy Bell

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED

Catawba County DSS – Foster Children

Dear Redeemer Lutheran, thank you for your financial donation from your Foster Care Sunday. We are putting your donation in the *Foster Care Expense Fund* to cover “extra needs” for our children in Foster Care. It takes a Village!

God’s blessings, Megan Burns

Catawba Regional Hospice

Dear members, thank you for your support of our Hall of Faith program and our mission to server this region with compassionate end of life care. Your generous support in the amount of \$150.00 will help us maintain our commitment to ensure the provision of our services to everyone who needs us regardless of their ability to pay.

Sincerely, Lorissa Vines – Director of Development

LUNCH BUDDY MENTORS NEEDED

Do you have 30 minutes once a week you can spare? Want to help a child in our community but don't know how? The Lunch Buddy Program covers 8 middle schools and are needing more volunteers to serve at-risk middle school students by having lunch with them once a week during the school year. Call 828/322-4591 if you would like to volunteer.

Men's Retreat - Camp Linn Haven

Join fellow campers for a Biblical Manhood journey August 24 thru 26 in beautiful Linville, NC. The cost is \$95 and covers lodging and all meals through lunch on Sunday the 26th. Campers must provide their own twin size sheets or sleeping bag, pillow, towels and personal toiletries. Call Teira Lane 828/733-2135 to register.

HEART OF TEXAS PROJECT

St. John's and Bethel Lutheran Churches are coordinating a trip to Houston Texas October 28 thru November 3 with an organization called Heart for Texas. The work will mostly consist of installing sheet rock, sanding and painting. The people of Houston continue to struggle from the devastation of 2017 and are grateful for the love and support of communities like Catawba County.

The cost will be around \$400/volunteer and there may be some financial assistance available. If you have questions or wish to commit to this project, contact Pastor Eric Hollar (Bethel) 828/244-7201 by **AUGUST 19TH**.

Average Sunday Attendance 123

Budgeted Needs \$116,802.73

Contributions/Receipts \$117,611.41

Over (Short) Budget \$ 808.68

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Bumgarner; Mr. & Mrs. John Ervin (1), Mr. & Mrs. Norris Harwell (2), Mr. & Mrs. Bill Knauf (3), 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), Mercades Hedrick (11), Robert Benfield (13), Lynn Westray (14), Melvin Little (15), Sheldon Bell, (18), Madelyn Crowe; Erin Wilson (21), 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).