



# Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**The Reverend Paul Gregory Alms, Pastor**



**MARCH 2018 UPDATE WEBSITE [www.redeemercatawba.com](http://www.redeemercatawba.com) 828/241-2371 – CHURCH**

## LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT REDEEMER

**CHRIST ON THE CROSS, FOR US** is our Midweek Lenten theme and continues in March. We will look at five Biblical themes that portray the salvific work Christ does for us on the cross.

*Christ, The Blood Sacrifice*, February 28<sup>th</sup>

*Christ, The Ransom*, March 7<sup>th</sup>

*Christ, The Substitute*, March 14<sup>th</sup>

*Christ, the Champion*, March 21<sup>st</sup>

(Pastor Moser will preach)

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*Palm Sunday* March 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am

*Maundy Thursday* March 29<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

(Pastor Moser will preach)

*Good Friday Tenebrae Service* March 30<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

*Easter Vigil (Augustana Hickory)* March 31<sup>st</sup> 6 pm

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### April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday

*Easter Sunrise* - 7 am at Redeemer

*Resurrection of our Lord with Lord's Supper* - 10 am

## DONUTS FOR EASTER!

The Youth Group will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts in the parish hall on Easter Sunday morning. All proceeds go to the LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2019.

## GRACE – A LOOK AT BEING LUTHERAN

Pastor Alms will hold a class on Luther's Small Catechism beginning April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This class prepares one for membership at Redeemer, but of course, there is no obligation. If you know of someone who might appreciate a personal invitation, please speak with Pastor.

### YTD February 18, 2018

Average Sunday Attendance	123
Budgeted Needs	\$30,142.64
Contributions-Receipts	<u>\$30,175.43</u>
Over/(SHORT) of Budget	\$ 32.79

## PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL CEMETERY

The community of Catawba's cemetery, Providence Memorial, located on Highway 10 will be implementing a price increase July 1, 2018.

### Current pricing through June 30, 2018:

\$200 Single Plot must be Member of 1 of 3 churches

\$500 Single Plot for Non-Member

### New pricing at July 1, 2018

\$500 Single Plot must be Member of 1 of 3 churches

\$1,000 Single Plot for Non-Member

Contact Avis Matthews 828/241-2352 if you have questions or would like to purchase a plot.

## COMMUNITY BINGO AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER ERIN SIPE

Was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Redeemer and was well supported by business leaders and individuals throughout Catawba County and beyond. The fundraiser raised was over \$6,000 and will be presented to Erin Sipe and her family once the final donations are received from business consultants who participated at the event. Thank you Cameron Bixby for coordinating this event and to all who helped and supported the event.

## CONGREGATIONAL CAMPING TRIP

J.T. Rufty is coordinating this trip to Stone Mt. State Park April 27 – April 29. To reserve your site, please sign-up in the parish hall.

## FOOTCHASE 5K CHARITY EVENT

RunTime Races is accepting online registrations for this 3.1 mile Run/Walk on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Conover. The deadline for online registration is MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>. The RunTime Race committee has selected three charities to compete for the race proceeds. The charity with the most votes by online participants will receive 80% of the proceeds. The charities are:

- Town of Catawba First Responder Garden of Honor
- Classroom Connections of Catawba Country
- Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries

A flyer outlining the online process is available in the Narthex.

# MEMORIALS-THANK-YOU'S - CELEBRATIONS

## Memorials Received

*In Loving memory of Johnny Galloway. . . .*

Jan and Judy Buchanan



*In Loving memory of Vernon Spencer . . . .*

Patricia and Natalie Inman  
Eugene, Janice and Jody Ervin

*In Loving memory of Rachel S. Ervin . . . .*

Brenda and Dennis Caldwell  
Martha Bengé  
Bud and Patricia Inman  
Natalie and Sydney Inman  
Mike and Arlene Sigmon  
Catawba Post Office  
Kenneth and Nancy Edwards  
Barry and Barbara Edwards  
Norris and Diann Harwell  
Barbie Laney



## THANK YOU REDEEMER

*(Thank you notes are posted in Parish Hall)*

For the many acts of kindness shown to our family. We appreciate the prayers, cards, the lovely service and the delicious meal following the service for our *mother and grandmother. The Rachel Ervin Family*

Thank you very much for your generous gift given to our *seminary* last month. Your gift is greatly appreciated. God's blessing, *Lewis Rakototafy, Student*

On behalf of the *Siberian Lutheran Mission Society*, thank you for your continued generous support of our ministry. Your donation contributes to the vital work of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, which includes the ongoing provision of Word and Sacrament ministry to sustain present and new members. *Robert Kiefer, Secretary/Treasurer*

On behalf of *Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc.* I would like to thank you for all of the support that Redeemer has provided to the ministry of ECCCM. Because of your total contributions of \$1,000 ECCCM was able to continue its 48-year tradition of providing emergency crisis assistance to those in need. *Rev. Robert Silber, Executive Director*

The *Christian Food Pantry of Sherrill Ford* continues to provide emergency food assistance in the Sherrills Ford/Terrell area. In 2017, 217 families were served by food, clothing and household supply donations. *Blessings, Meg Thompson, Secretary*

Thank you Redeemer Church Members, for your generosity in hosting the *Bingo-Silent Auction* event on my behalf. I am truly humbled by and grateful for the selfless service, time, and giving of so many. Truly you are the hands & feet of Jesus, and what a blessing it is to see! I appreciate so much your continued prayers and love for my family. With gratitude and joy- *Erin Sípe*



## Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> where investments build ministry

*George Wilson, Redeemer LCEF Representative*

You never know when you may need emergency funds . . . . The LCEF Family Emergency StewartAccount is for those moments in life when you need funds that are not in your monthly budget.

It could be flooding in your basement; a midnight trip to the emergency room; an unexpected tax bill; or a family pet's life-saving surgery.

Speak with George Wilson or visit [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org) for more information to see if opening a Family Emergency StewartAccount can help you to sleep more soundly when these unexpected expenses hit.

**March Wedding Anniversaries:** Mr. & Mrs. Joel Burke (1); Mr. & Mrs. Drew Dotson (15); Mr. & Mrs. Roger Shook (21), Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Yount (23).

**March Baptismal Anniversaries:** David Burke, Terry Raymond, Arlene Wagner (1), Deloris Clodfelter, (2), Leonard Radintz (3), LeChe Johnston (17), Sandy Helms, Kelly Matthews (19), Angela Chandler, Charles Moses (24), Marilyn Fertig (25), Mason Houston (27), Marcus Bell (28), Reagan Honeycutt, Patrick Laney (30).

**March Birthdays:** Eileen Cole (2), Kalina Dufault (4), Heidi Pelto (5), Teresa Korn (7), Derrick Houston, Nicholas Littlejohn (8), Jada White (9), Fran Little (10), Finley Bixby (11), Peyton Laney, Patricia Parker (13), Marcus Bell, Nancy Edwards, Bill Little (14), Jaxson Johnston (17), Vickie Brown, Dean Lyda (18), Jesse Bruns, Carolyn Galloway (19), Doris Nagel (20), Edith Sigmon (22), Deanna Lowrance (23), Bradley Lael (25), Kelsey Herman, Lynn Shook (28), Betty Matthews (29), Raynell Korn (30), Bryson Burkett (31)

If your *March* celebration is not listed above, please drop a note in the offering plate or in the basket on the secretary's office door.