



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

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MAY 2018 UPDATE

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Will be celebrated Thursday May 10 at 7:00 p.m. (Ascension Eve) with the Lords Supper. *“On Christ’s Ascension, I now build the hope of my ascension.”*

MAY 20TH PENTECOST SUNDAY AND RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Three of our youth will be confirmed during worship: Bryson Burkett, Jacob Eury, and Nathan Rohde. A reception will follow in the parish hall. If you can volunteer to provide a finger food or beverage for the reception, please speak with **LYNN WESTRAY**.

YOUTH GROUP

The May 6th meeting has been moved to **MAY 20TH** at 4:30. All parents and youth planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in July 2019 must attend this meeting. If you have a conflict please speak with Connie Burkett.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Redeemer will sponsor a Gospel Quartet concert by Second Generation on Sunday May 20th at 6:00 p.m. Free admission, but a love offering will be collected to benefit our youth to attend the 2019 National Youth Gathering next July. Thank you Phillip Davis for coordinating.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

There are over 300 children in foster care in Catawba County, which is a 30% increase from last year. These children are displaced for many reasons, but have the same needs, wants and desires as our own children. Sunday May 20th has been declared Catawba County Foster Care Sunday and a freewill offering will be gathered in the Narthex. Your contribution will go to the Foster Care Fund for band camp, athletic gear, field trips, etc.). Hope you can support this need.

BABY SHOWER FOR BROOKE DOTSON

Ladies of Redeemer you are invited to join Brooke and her family on June 3rd for a drop-in shower from 2-4 p.m. in the parish hall. Brooke is expecting a girl and is registered at Target and Walmart. Invitation posted in parish hall.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Lutheran School Scholarship

A Lutheran School Fund has been established for the purpose of promoting Christian Education and providing financial assistance for members of Redeemer and their children who are enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12th at Concordia Christian Day School, St. Stephens Lutheran School or University Christian High School. Funding for the scholarship is provided through free will gifts, memorials and honorariums, and other donations.

1. Student and parents must be members of Redeemer.
2. Student and parents must attend Sunday School and Worship service (at Redeemer) at least twice each month.
3. Scholarships will be awarded based on funds available and number of applications received.
4. Completed applications are due to church office by May 31st for the upcoming school year.

Brandon Edwards Scholarship

Applications available in Narthex April 29th and are due to Barbara Edwards no later than Sunday, May 20th.

Sandra Right Mayberry Scholarship

The Sandra Rights Memorial Scholarship is for graduating seniors who are members at Redeemer and will be attending a four year college or university this fall. The Sandra Rights Memorial Scholarship applications are available in Narthex and are due by Sunday, May 27th to Pastor Alms or Connie Burkett.

2018 GRADUATES

Redeemer will recognize the 2018 high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 3rd. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gown, process in, and sit in the reserved area. Also, please provide a brief bio of your accomplishments, future plans and a picture to be included in the June Update.

CRAWDAD CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate all who have volunteered, but we still need a few more people to help on May 25th, June 23rd, July 20th, and August 31st. Sign-up sheet in parish hall or speak with Kelly Matthews or Robert Benfield.

MEMORIALS - HAPPENINGS - CELEBRATIONS

Memorials Received

In Loving memory of Rachel S. Ervin

Phyllis S. Lail



In Loving memory of James Murray

Kelly and Lynn Matthews - Youth Group

Bill and Fran Little

Barbie Laney

Ronnie and Dianne Wesson

Tom and Elsie Johnston

Wanda Christopher

Paul Christopher

Michael and Dianne Roth

Carolyn Murray

Todd and Traci Medlin

Benco Steel

Rev. Paul and Barbara Nelson

Cliff and Debbie Wike

Hickory Saw & Tool, Inc.

Catawba College



SHADOW LINE WINERY HOSTING a Yoga and Wine fundraiser for Linda Richards, a friend of Fran Little who has Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer. Mark your calendar for May 19th at 10:00 a.m. flyer posted in parish hall.

RISING HOPE FARM FESTIVAL Saturday May 19th - 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. come browse the grounds, enjoy some good food, listen to some toe-tapping music, and shop our many arts and crafts vendors at the farm on 3775 Bethany Church Road - Claremont.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT VGH

May 28th 10:30 a.m. at the garden to remember our lost service men and women. A candlelight observance will be at 7:30 p.m. in the evening.

THANK YOUS RECEIVED

(Cards and notes are posted in parish hall)

Dear Redeemer Friends, words cannot adequately express my sincere appreciation for the outpouring of generosity for my family and me. We appreciate your continued prayers, and ask that you accept this tithe toward your building fund in thanksgiving for all God has blessed each of us with. *Erin Sipe*

Dear Saints at Redeemer, thank you for the gift of \$250 for the general fund at *Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne*. Rev. Mark Steiner

Catawba Backpacks Thanks Redeemer for your continued support financially and donations of food.

Thank you Redeemer congregation for making the *Pregnancy Care Center* the recipient of your giving. Your support makes a difference to those we serve. Thank you and God bless. Renee Bentley.

YTD April 22, 2018

Average Sunday Attendance	129
Budgeted Needs	\$64,053.11
Contributions-Receipts	<u>\$67,486.52</u>
Over/(SHORT) of Budget	\$ 3,433.41

MAY CELEBRATIONS

MAY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: Randy Honeycutt, Michael Isenhour, Dean Lyda (1), Joshua Bruns, Derran Medlin (5), Dea Crowe, Devin Houston (6), Larry Matthews, Jr. (9), Fran Little (10), Johnny Wesson (12), Jessica Swaim (13), Finley Bixby (15), Rodney Westray (16), Andrew Lowrance, Avis Matthews (17), Mark Wesson (22), Stephan Raddatz (30), Trent Cloninger (31).

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Medlin (3), Mr. & Mrs. Allen Rose (4), Mr. & Mrs. Mark Yount (8), Mr. & Mrs. Michael Yount (9), Mr. & Mrs. Brian Eury (10), Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Wesson (17), Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Laney (20); Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Lowrance, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Matthews (21), Mr. & Mrs. Steve Pelto (23), Mr. & Mrs. George Wilson (25), Mr. & Mrs. Tony Huffman, (30).

MAY BIRTHDAYS: Amy Honeycutt (3), Ken Werner (4), Donny Houston (6), Trent Cloninger (8), Clara Ervin (9), Erika Lowrance, Geoffrey Rights (11), Michelle Honeycutt (12), Jacob Eury, Christy Saine, (13), Dennis Hedrick (15), Colby Yount (16), Marie Pelton, Mark Rohde (18), Norris Harwell, Mark Herbert (20), Austin Bell, Brooke Dotson (22), Martha Benge, Christopher Cloninger, Sarah Raymond (24), Dawn Edwards (25), Cooper Eury (26), Suzanne Alms, Perry Curtis, Barbara Edwards (28), Rachel Ervin (29), Brian Eury (31).

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