



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

P. O. Box 187

Catawba, North Carolina 28609

The Reverend Paul Gregory Alms, Pastor



MARCH 2019 UPDATE WEBSITE www.redeemercatawba.com 828/241-2371 – CHURCH

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY March 3, 2019

**Thomas Garchek
Tom and Nancy Garchek
Aida Garcia
Kristin Houston
Jason, Kelly, Logan
and Aaron Nota**

Please take time to welcome our new members after the service at a reception in the Parish Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER March 6th at 7:00 p.m. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered for those wishing to participate.

LENT AT REDEEMER 7:00 p.m. March 13th through April 10th.

THE CREED: YOU RECITE IT BUT DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT?

Our Lenten midweek services will focus on the Apostles Creed. Each Wednesday evening service will focus on part of the creed seeking to deepen our understanding of the ancient statement that we confess.

A custom at Redeemer has been our Wednesday services are preceded by a Soup and Sandwich Suppers at 6 p.m. prepared by our ladies. If you can volunteer to prepare soup or sandwiches for one of these five (5) meals during Lent, please speak with Lynn Westray.

LWML JOY EVENT

A wonderful event for the women of Redeemer on March 16th in Winston Salem. For more information contact Faith Sigmon (faithsigmon1074@gmail.com) or the church office.

YTD February 17, 2019

Average Sunday Attendance	118
Budgeted Needs	\$27,533.59
Contributions-Receipts	<u>\$29,051.60</u>
Over/(SHORT) of Budget	\$ 1,518.01

NOT SO YOUTH GROUP

January and February gatherings were great and hoping everyone will join us for our MARCH get-to-gather at Brookwood Restaurant in Maiden **5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th.** A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. A tentative reservation for 36 has been made and Lynn Matthews will confirm a final headcount the week of 3/4. If interested, please sign up by Sunday, March 3rd. Tentative upcoming activities for this group are: **April 27** - Baseball and Concert with the YOUTH; **May** - Shatley Springs; **June** - Talley House

MEN'S CLUB

April 27th Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Adult and take out plates \$10 Kids under 10 \$5. Tickets available from any Men's Club member or by calling Church Office, JT Rufty 828/612-1638 or Carroll Yount 828/24-2151.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth invite the congregation to join them for a Crawdads baseball game followed by a concert on April 27th at 5:00 p.m. This will be one of two Christian music nights at the Crawdads this season. A signup sheet is in the parish hall. If we have 20 or more people the tickets will be \$12. Please sign up by Sunday, March 17th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Have you noticed how our worship is enhanced when live flowers are placed on the altar? God's beauty and creative expression in flowers is breathtaking for sure. Flowers may be ordered from any floral provider or where you find fresh and potted flowers. Below are a few florist who serve Redeemer.

ABC FLORIST (828) 466-1234
 CLAREMONT FLORIST (828) 459-7951
 DREAM CATCHERS (828) 459-2365
 NEWTON FLORIST (828) 464-4321
 SUMMER FRESH FLOWERS (828) 461-3583

The 2019 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board next to the Pastor's study and has several Sunday's open. Please consider signing up for a Sunday!

MEMORIALS – HAPPENINGS - THANK-YOU'S - CELEBRATIONS

Memorials Received

In Loving memory of Davis Laney



Kenneth and Nancy Edwards
Tom and Elsie Johnston

In Loving memory of Martha Elling

Tony and Amy Huffman
Anonymous
Norris and Diann Harwell
Barbie Laney
Brian and Cameron Bixby
Kenneth and Nancy Edwards
Johnny and Edwina Wesson
Tom and Elsie Johnston
Will and Connie Burkett
Bill and Fran Little



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Jean Matthews
3754 Buck Point Road
Catawba, NC 28609

RESOURCE WAREHOUSE

Resource Warehouse & Gallery is operated under the umbrella of Safe Harbor Inc. and is engaged in the business of collecting industrial and residential discards for creative reuse. Safe Harbor is a Christ-centered community for rebuilding, renewing and recovery. For more info visit <https://www.resourcewarehouse.org/>

Do you have some "Spring Cleaning" items you would like to donate? The Town of Catawba will host The Resource Warehouse at Town Hall, Monday, March 4th from 11 a.m. - 2p.m. They will have their truck on site, and their donation receipts in hand for tax purposes! PDQ will be on site selling lunch for anyone wanting to grab a quick and healthy lunch! You don't have to come donate items to buy lunch! You also don't have to buy lunch to come donate! Just come out and support this new venture in Town!

CATAWBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

RIBEYE STEAK DINNER
March 23, 2019 4 p.m. – Until
\$15.00 Adult ~ \$7.00 Child under 10
All Take Out Orders \$15

CHRISTOPHER AND CHELSEY CLONINGER SUMMER MISSION TRIP

There are two ways you can help:

1. Your \$12 donation will feed a Costa Rican family of 4 for a week.
2. Or make a donation to assist in Christopher and Chelsey's flight, board and food expenses during the trip.

Of course prayers are appreciated too. For additional information speak with Tina Cloinger.

CAROLINA CARING holding a volunteer training at the Catawba Regional Hospice location on March 9th.
For more information please call 828/466-0466

RISING HOPE FARMS holding volunteer training March 9th and 16th 10:00 a.m. – noon at their arena on Bethany Church Road Claremont.

THANK YOU REDEEMER

(Thank you notes are posted in Parish Hall)

Thank you for all your prayers for the past year.
I am on the mend – and doing better!

Thank you, JR Littlejohn

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, 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: 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.

Building Committee Update

A large part of the Building Committee's job has been the gathering of information concerning the construction of a new multi-purpose structure, covered driveway entrance to the church and where to construct these facilities. During the past year, the committee has visited four churches which have recently completed similar building projects, met with Catawba Town Officials to learn more about regulations that will impact our plans and with LCEF representatives who shared financial loan and construction aid information. They also advised on loan amount we could commit to as a church.

The following is a brief summary of possible building plans with pros and cons of each idea the committee explored. It is meant as a guide for discussion and planning only.

Summary of Possible Plans:

A. Type of structure:

1. Traditional Stick Built (similar to current parish hall.)
 - a. Pro – retains the look of current structures (block and brick walls, sheetrock ceiling, etc.)
 - b. Con – very expensive (3 of the 4 churches visited chose metal because of cost. The 4th church was given 1 million to stick built their structure. We estimated stick built to be about 1/3 more in cost (ex: metal \$600K + 1/3 cost of \$200K = stick built \$800K)
2. Metal Framed Structure:
 - a. Pro – Cost effective (More square footage per dollars)
 - b. Pro – Can be tailored to meet our needs (brick veneer can be used to cover metal exterior; sheet rock can be used to cover interior)
 - c. Con – Is a different type of construction than previously used
3. Adding-on to the current Parish Hall
 - a. Pro – add square footage to current building (traditional building method and materials)
 - b. Con – Could only connect through the current window spaces.
 - c. Con – Removing any load bearing outside wall would render the current structure unsound.
 - d. Con – Any additions in parking lot side must be 15' from the sanctuary, the right of way for the sewer pipes under the parking lot limits the road side of lot and limits possible square footage gained.

B. Possible Building Locations:

1. Continue with the original architect plan

- a. Pro-Allows possible space to construct both the multi-purpose building and the covered driveway
- b. Pro-Keeps all of our structures connected
- c. Pro-Eliminates cost of a new architectural site drawing
- d. Con-Removal of two houses from the space
- e. Con-Loss of income from rental properties

**A possible way to help overcome these two cons, would be to move one of the houses to the Youth House lot. Estimated cost to move a house is \$20K to \$30K.

- 2. Build multi-purpose structure in our parking lot across the street from parsonage
 - a. Pro-The lot is structure free and close to the church
 - b. Pro-Does not impact the rental income
 - c. Con-No covered entrance to church would be built
 - d. Con-Not connected to current structure
 - e. Con-Partial loss of parking lot

**A possible way to help overcome the loss of parking would be to make the Youth House lot a new parking lot.

- 3. Build on current Youth House Lot
 - a. Pro -Would be structure free and close to the church
 - b. Pro-Does not impact the rental income
 - c. Con-Limits possible square footage
 - d. Con-No covered entrance would be built
 - e. Con-Not connected to current structure
- 4. Build on front yard of church
 - a. Pro - Space is free of structures and close to church
 - b. Pro-Does not impact rental income
 - c. Con-Limited square footage - small space
 - d. Con-City easements and right of way further limits possible building space
 - e. Con-Loss of only green space
 - f. Con-Multi code upgrades to current structure
- 5. Remove current Parish Hall and one story rental house to build new multi-purpose building.
 - a. Pro-Increase Parish Hall square footage
 - b. Pro-New kitchen facility
 - c. Pro-Impacts only one rental income property
 - d. Con-Loss of current Parish Hall for the length of the construction
 - e. Con-Limited square footage per sewer lines and right of ways
 - f. Con-Possibly no covered entrance
 - g. Con-Loss of one rental income house

MARCH 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> WHITE 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/Lord's Supper 11:00 am 2 nd Year Confirmation 6:00 pm Bell Choir Flowers: Fran Little Elders: Robert Benfield and Johnny Sigmon Offertory Processors: M/M Allen Bumgarner	4 11-2:00 pm Resource Whse. and PDQ at Town Hall	5	6 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship	7 7:00 pm Senior Choir	8	9
10 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> PURPLE 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 11:00 am 2 nd Year Confirmation 6:00 pm Bell Choir Flowers: Elders: Kelly Matthews and Derran Medlin Offertory Processors: M/M Robert Eury	11 7:00 p.m. Building Committee	12	13 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service 8:00 pm Dying to Live Book Study	14 7:00 pm Senior Choir	15	16 LWML Joy Event 5:30 pm Not So Young Brookwood Restaurant Maiden
17 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> PURPLE 7:00 am LLL Breakfast Meeting 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 11:00 am 3 rd Year Confirmation 6:00 pm Bell Choir Flowers: Elder: Carroll Yount and Stephan Raddatz Offertory Processors: M/M Robert Benfield	18	19	20 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service	21 7:00 pm Senior Choir	22	23
24 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> PURPLE 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 3:00 pm Youth Group Checkers Hockey Game 6:00 pm Bell Choir Flowers: Elders: Phil Davis and Bob Eury Offertory Processors: Ushers	25	26	27 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service	28 7:00 pm Senior Choir	29	30
31 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> PURPLE 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 6:00 pm Bell Choir Flowers: Elders: Robert Benfield and Derran Medlin Offertory Processors: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Eury	GREETERS: Mr. & Mrs. Ken Edwards ACOLYTES: Kelsie Lael, Zoey Rose USHERS: Robert Benfield, Allen Bumgarner, Brian Eury, Robert Eury SHUT-IN SERVERS: Fran Little PROCESSIONS (3) Bryson Burkett (T/BB), Brad Lael (C), Joslyn Lael, Marsha Lael (TB) (10) Kathy Ervin, Rita Isenhour, Jean Matthews; (17) Mark Herbert, Teresa Korn, Lisa Matthews; (24) Dianne Wesson, Madelyn Rose, Peyton Wesson; (31) Stephan Raddatz, Deanna Lowrance, Amy Huffman.					

