



# Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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**The Reverend Paul Gregory Alms, Pastor**

## MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### THE 50 DAYS OF EASTER

Easter is not only a day but a season. Jesus appeared to his disciples for forty days after his resurrection and gave the Holy Spirit 50 days after Easter. So the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus for fifty days (seven Sundays) including Easter itself. Plus, every Sunday year round is a celebration of the resurrection!

### THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Will be celebrated May 29th (Ascension Eve) at a 6:30 pm Service with Holy Communion. *"On Christ's Ascension, I now build the hope of my ascension."*



**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**VOTER'S MEETING** May 5<sup>th</sup> after the worship service.

**ELDERS** will meet Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### BIBLE CLASSES AVAILABLE!

Get into the Scriptures with your fellow members of Redeemer! Three weekly Bible studies are meeting:

Pastor Alms Sunday Morning Class: 1 Corinthians in the Parish Hall at 9 a.m.

Defenders of the Faith: Book of Acts in Adult Room in the Education Wing.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Women of the Bible: 10:30 a.m.

### YTD April 21, 2019

Average Sunday Attendance	124
Budgeted Needs	\$62,933.92
Contributions-Receipts	\$69,731.26
Over/(SHORT) of Budget	\$ 6,797.34

### 2019 GRADUATES

Redeemer will recognize the 2019 high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 by May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming school year.

#### Brandon Edwards Scholarship

Applications available in Narthex and are due to Barbara Edwards no later than Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> to Pastor Alms or Connie Burkett.

### CRAWDAD CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate all who have volunteered, but we still need a few more people to help on May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and August 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up online or in parish hall.

## EVENTS – THANK YOU’S - CELEBRATIONS



**MAY 11 CRUISE-IN BOSTON BUTT COMPETITION!** On this date Main Street Catawba will be closed from 3-10:00 p.m. and filled with beautiful cars, and the aroma of BBQ cooking in the air in preparation of an evening of music by the “Night Move Band” followed by a fireworks display! Admission is free to the public and all are invited to come out and enjoy this event. Local merchants will be open .... so come support them too! Event sponsored by local and county businesses and the Town of Catawba Downtown Activity Committee.

### THANK YOU RECEIVED

Dear Redeemer Lutheran ..... Greetings! Thank you for your recent gift. We appreciate your kindness and support. God bless you! In His Service *Renee Bentley*, Pregnancy Care Center

### NEW ADDRESS

J.T. and Connie Rufty  
3445 Wike Road  
Catawba, NC 28609

**If your May celebration is not listed below,  
please drop a note in the basket on the church office door.**

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES	MAY BIRTHDAYS	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
5-1 Randy Honeycutt, Michael Isenhour, Dean Lyda 5-5 Joshua Bruns, Derran Medlin 5-6 Dea Crowe, Devin Houston 5-9 Larry Matthews, Jr. 5-10 Fran Little 5-12 Johnny Wesson 5-13 Jessica Swaim 5-15 Finley Bixby 5-16 Rodney Westray 5-17 Andrew Lowrance Avis Matthews 5-19 Thomas Garchek 5-22 Mark Wesson 5-30 Stephan Raddatz 5-31 Trent Cloninger	3 <sup>rd</sup> Amy Honeycutt 4 <sup>th</sup> Ken Werner 6 <sup>th</sup> Donny Houston 8 <sup>th</sup> Trent Cloninger 9 <sup>th</sup> Clara Ervin 11 <sup>th</sup> Erika Lowrance, Stephan Raddatz, Geoffrey Rights 12 <sup>th</sup> Michelle Honeycutt 13 <sup>th</sup> Jacob Eury, Christy Saine 15 <sup>th</sup> Dennis Hedrick 16 <sup>th</sup> Taylor Thomas, Colby Yount 18 <sup>th</sup> Marie Pelton, Mark Rohde 20 <sup>th</sup> Norris Harwell, Mark Herbert 22 <sup>nd</sup> Austin Bell, Brooke Dotson 24 <sup>th</sup> Martha Benge, Christopher Cloninger 25 <sup>th</sup> Dawn Edwards 26 <sup>th</sup> Cooper Eury 28 <sup>th</sup> Suzanne Alms, Perry Curtis, Barbara Edwards 31 <sup>st</sup> Brian Eury	5-3 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Medlin 5-4 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Rose 5-5 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Cloninger 5-8 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Yount 5-9 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Yount 5-10 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Eury 5-17 Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Wesson 5-20 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Laney 5-21 Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Lowrance Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Matthews 5-23 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Pelto 5-25 Mr. & Mrs. George Wilson 5-30 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Huffman



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>GREETERS:</b> Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wagner <b>ACOLYTES:</b> Madeline Rose, Sophia Rose <b>USHERS:</b> Barry Edwards, Kenneth Edwards, Greg Fisher, Norris Harwell <b>SHUT IN SERVERS:</b> Kelly & Lynn Matthews			<b>1</b> 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 6:30 pm Wednesday Worship	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> LWML Catawba Valley Zone Rally at Bethel Lutheran Claremont
<b>5</b> 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER <b>WHITE</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 11:00 am Voters Meeting  Flowers: Elder: Robert Benfield and Bob Eury Offertory: M/M Barry Edwards	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> NO Midweek Bible Study or Wednesday Worship	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Senior Choir 7:00 Elders Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Pastor's Conference May 6-8 Pastor returns to office 9th						
<b>12</b> 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER <b>WHITE</b> <i>"Happy Mother's Day"</i> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper  Flowers: Elder: Stephan Raddatz and Derran Medlin Offertory: M/M Kenneth Edwards	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 6:30 pm Wednesday Worship	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER <b>WHITE</b> 7:00 am LLL Breakfast Meeting 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper  Flowers: Gail Houston Elder: Kelly Matthews and Johnny Sigmon Offertory: M/M Greg Fisher	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 6:30 pm Wednesday Worship	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>24</b> 5:15 pm Crawdads Concession	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER <b>WHITE</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper  Flowers: Lynn Matthews Elder: Carroll Yount and Phil Davis Offertory: M/M Norris Harwell	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Midweek Bible Study at <b>Catawba Valley Living with Lunch to follow</b> 6:30 pm Ascension Eve Service with Holy Communion	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>31</b>	

**PROCESSIONS:** (5) Marsha Lael, Josyln Lael, Zoey Rose; (12) Jacob Eury, Bryson Burkett, Wesley Burke; (19) Wyatt Wesson, Dianne Wesson, Peyton Wesson; (26) Mark Herbert, Teresa Korn, Lisa Matthews.