

# Redeemer Reporter

A Lifelong Family Ministry of God's Love

February 8, 2026

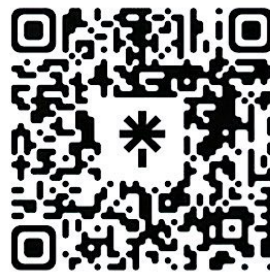


## Important Dates

## Serving Schedule

	February 15	February 22
Ushers	Tom Lewis Phil Rhoads	John and Sharon Fouke
Greeters	John and Sharon Fouke	Sonny Lybrand Tom Lewis
Assisting	Catharine Kirby	Gordon Johnson
Lector 1:	Brook Bristow	Harold Neel
Lector 2:	Al Ludwigson	David Henderson
Acolyte	Need a sub	Armands Ceips
Crucifer	Lily Childers	Logan Childers
Cantor	Chuck Pegram	Nancy Stires
Counters	Cyndi Celinskas Jennifer Tierce	Sonny Lybrand Brenda Van Putten Aaron Cornwell
Altar Guild	Tom and Joyce Frid	Paula Ludwigson
Flowers	Given by Chuck and Kaye Pegram in honor of their wedding anniversary	
Sheepdogs	Michael Lybrand Sonny Lybrand Renee Phillips  4-6 Phil Rhoads	Michael Miller Beto Damian Aaron Cornwell  2-4 Brian Ginsberg 4-6 Michael Miller Kaci Cotter Harper Meloon
Nursery	Kim Zumstein Need a sub	

Scan To Visit Our LinkTree  
Redeemer Reporter Newsletter



There's so much going on in the life  
of Redeemer!

See inside for more information

Youth Groups / Evergreen / Food Pantry  
Shrove Tuesday / Ash Wednesday

We are very excited and thankful to announce that we now have AudioFetch Hearing Assistance available for anyone who may need it. It is a downloadable, wireless, Bluetooth system to pair with your personal device. Please See an Usher, or the printed flyer on the table as you enter the Sanctuary for details.



**FLOWERS**

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary each Sunday. Members are asked to commemorate a loved one or special event. After Sunday service, members are encouraged to take arrangements.

**\$70**

Payable by Cash, Check, Tithely, or Venmo

Note on Payment: "For Flowers"

Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex

See Jackie Pitts for details

## Treasurer's Report for December 2025

Attendance	General Giving - Dec 2025	Designated Account
12/07 132	In person \$21,353.21	Memorials \$10,440
12/14 148	Online \$ 4,095	Youth Gathering \$2,228
12/21 122	Total \$25,448.21	Columbarium \$4,978
12/24 200	Budget \$28,122.50	Nursery Furniture \$3,000
12/28 62	YEAR TO DATE	Evergreen \$389
	Giving \$292,385 Budget \$29,2476 -91	Special Music \$0
		Wheelchair \$50

- ### February
- 8 - Sunday School 9am
  - 8 - Worship 10:00am
  - 8 - Confirmation Class 11:30am
  - 8 - Council Meeting 11:30am
  - 8 - YY and LCY
  - 10 - Holy Yoga 6pm
  - 11 - Adult Bible Study 10:30am
  - 11 - Choir / Y'ALL Group 6pm
  - 13 - Girl Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm
  - 15 - Sunday School 9am
  - 15 - Committe Chairs Meeting 9am
  - 15 - Worship 10:00am
  - 15 - Confirmation Class 11:30am
  - 15 - LCY 4pm
  - 17 - Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper 6pm
  - 18 - Ash Wednesday Worship 11am
  - 18 - Evergreen - Noon
  - 18 - Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm
  - 21 - Baby Shower (All day - Fellowship)
  - 21 - Girl Scouts 10-4 (outside)
  - 22 - Sunday School 9am
  - 22 - Worship 10:00am
  - 22 - Confirmation Class 11:30am
  - 22 - YY and LCY
  - 22 - Girl Scouts (outside)
  - 24 - Holy Yoga 6pm
  - 25 - Lenten Supper 5:30pm
  - 25 - Lenten Worship 7pm
  - 27 - Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30pm
  - 28 - Council Retreat 10am -4pm (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
  - 28 - Boy Scouts 8am - 5pm (Conference Room & Narthex)

### March

- 1 - Sunday School 9am
- 1 - Worship 10am
- 1 - Confirmatin Class 11:30am
- 1 - LCY 4pm
- 3 - Ladies Lunch 11:30am
- 21 - Clean Up Day



# Redeemer Reporter

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

February 17, 2026  
6:00 pm

Enjoy pancakes, toppings & so much BACON!  
And stay for the Palm Burning Service.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do we burn on Shrove Tuesday?

We burn Palm Branches from last year's Palm Sunday celebration.

Why do we burn the Palm Branches?

We burn them to create the ashes we will use to mark the Cross on our foreheads, at the Ash Wednesday Service, the next night.

What else do we sometimes burn?

We "shrive," or write our confession/s privately on paper, then we burn them with the palms. We see this as an act of absolution and forgiveness from our sins.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE BUT NO ONE IS REQUIRED.



February 18, 2026

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### What is Ash Wednesday?

The first day of the Season of Lent.

The Season of Lent is the 40 Days leading up to Easter. During these weeks, we remember and contemplate the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tempted by Satan, before His death on the Cross. On this day we also confess our sins and receive forgiveness and Holy Communion.

#### Why do we mark Ash Crosses on our foreheads?

Using ashes is a sign of repentance, and an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible. The symbol reminds us of our mortality as humans, of our sin, and of the grace and redemption we are given through the Cross of Christ.

#### Do I have to receive Ashes on my forehead?

Everyone is invited, but no one has to receive Ashes. You may also choose to have them marked on your hand or palm.



## Soups and Sandwiches

Lenten Suppers happen each Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30. Then we have worship at 7:00.

February 25

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

## Food Pantry

The "Neighbors In Need" food pantry is up and running! I will check and stock as needed but I am also asking for continued support from the congregation. Thank you to those who have already assisted in stocking.

Why: "(in 2021 food pantries) distributed more than 5.3 billion meals (in the US)." - Feeding America

"10.6% of the population (in Greer, SC) live below the poverty line." - DATA USA



Appreciated items include: canned protein, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, mac and cheese, granola bars, crackers, pop tarts, cereal, peanut butter, baby food, and other similar items.

If possible, please donate items that are easy to prepare and don't require additional perishable items. Donations can be placed in the "Neighbors in Need" marked container.

Thank you for all of your support in feeding those in our community. Mark 12:31, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

-Lily Childers





# Evergreen Group

## EVERGREEN

55+ Young Group

Evergreen is a 55+ group that started about 4 years ago. We are developing and growing. Typically, we meet the last Wednesday of the month at noon.

A few of the past activities have been themed carry-ins, speakers, a trip to a winery, Christmas matinee at a local playhouse, cookout at the shelter, pasta making, trivia, Bingo, and eating out at a local restaurant.

In addition, we have done outreach activities such as collecting and wrapping tissue boxes for part of the Meals on Wheels Christmas giving, making blankets for our homebound members, and having a bake sale for the 2027 Youth Gathering.

We welcome new ideas as we continue to develop. If you have any questions or interest in joining the Evergreen committee, please contact Debbie Rhoads, Pat Larson, or Nancy Stires, or just stop in at the next event.

NOTE: If you are not on the Evergreen Club thread for GroupMe, we encourage you to contact the church office to be included.

We hope to see you at the next event!

## EVERGREEN 2026 Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events so that you don't miss out. More details will be available as we get closer to the events.

**January 28** - Soupfest and BINGO meeting, and Bingo

**February 25** - Grandma's Recipe Lunch at church followed by one of Grandma's favorite games

**March 25** - Lunch at the Fare House followed by visiting the Toy Train Exhibit

**April 28 - TUESDAY, 5 to 7pm** Happy Hour at the Shelter - Evergreen is holding this event so that members, who normally cannot attend on the Wednesdays we meet, will have an opportunity to be together and have fun.

**May 20** - Lunch and Upstate History Museum

# JOIN US!



**Did someone say ham?**

**Join Evergreen Wed., February 18  
at noon in the Fellowship Room**

Get out your grandma's old recipe book and make something that goes with the ham that Gordon and Linda will be providing. Doesn't make any difference whether it's a veggie, homemade cornbread or biscuits, or some kind of dessert. Just remember how good it tasted at Grandma's house.

After getting our fill at the dinner table, we've corralled a whiteboard and some magic markers to play Pictionary.

At the beginning of February there will be a signup sheet in the narthex. Mark your calendar!



# Redeemer Youth

## Acolyte & Crucifer Schedule

<b>Feb. 15</b> Acolyte: <i>Need a sub</i> Crucifer: Lily	<b>Feb. 22</b> Acolyte: Armands Crucifer: Logan
--	---

## Acolytes & Crucifers Schedule

<b>January 4:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas A: Alexander Tierce C: Jacob Lybrand	<b>January 11:</b> Baptism of Our Lord A: Ava Johnson C: Ady Brown	<b>January 18:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany A: Aurie Dill C: Harper Meloon	<b>January 25:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany A: Henry Cotter C: Cooper Jackson
<b>February 1:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany A: Rose Lanning C: Dillon Howell	<b>February 8:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany A: Owen Smith C: Clara Cotter	<b>February 15:</b> Transfiguration of Our Lord A: Ava Ceips C: Lily Childers	<b>February 22:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent A: Armands Ceips C: Logan Childers

## Confirmation Class Dates February

## Young Youth

### Redeemer Lutheran Young Youth Group Bi-Weekly from 2-4pm



1 - NO Meeting  
8 - Regular Meeting  
15 - NO Meeting  
22 - Regular Meeting

### Young Youth Group



**January**  
4 - ALL Member Birthday Lunch, 11:30am @Redeemer  
18 - Regular Youth Group

**February**  
8 - Regular Youth Group  
22 - Regular Youth Group

**March**  
8 - Regular Youth Group  
29 - Easter Egg Hunt, 3-5pm

**April**  
12 - Regular Youth Group  
26 - Regular Youth Group

**May**  
3 - Regular Youth Group  
17 - ALL Youth End of Year Party, 3-5pm

## LCY

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH LCY YOUTH GROUP 4:00 - 6:00 PM



1 - Regular Youth Group  
8 - Regular Youth Group  
22 - Regular Youth Group  
22 - Regular Youth Group

### LCY YOUTH GROUP



**January**  
4 - ALL Member Birthday Lunch & Hangout at Redeemer, 11:30am  
11 - Regular Youth Group  
18 - Regular Youth Group  
25 - Regular Youth Group

**February**  
1 - Regular Youth Group  
8 - Regular Youth Group  
15 - Regular Youth Group  
22 - Regular Youth Group

**March**  
1 - Regular Youth Group  
8 - Regular Youth Group  
15 - Regular Youth Group  
22 - Regular Youth Group  
29 - Easter Egg Hunt, 3-5pm

**April**  
5 - Easter Sunday, NO Youth  
12 - Regular Youth Group  
19 - Regular Youth Group  
26 - Regular Youth Group

**May**  
3 - Regular Youth Group  
17 - ALL Youth End of Year Party, 3-5pm