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#### Our Vision Statement

To be a family of faith that has the courage to be good neighbors, by reaching out to meet the personal and spiritual needs in our community.

### THE MESSENGER November 11, 2022

Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

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# Spotsylvania Courthouse



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 4:45PM Marshall Center Front Lawn



### **Redeemer Lutheran Church Seeks Singers!**

### Let's Sing to the Glory of God and Give Witness to our Faith

Redeemer has been invited to sing at the annual Spotsylvania Courthouse Luminary on December 4 at 4:45 p.m. Other local churches will also participate in this yearly event. Two Christmas songs will be sung by each group.

This is a great opportunity for members of Redeemer to witness to the community.

If you are interested in singing in this event, please call Lea Wiltenmuth at 540-834-7932, before November 17, for more information.

#### **About this County Event**

Come and support Redeemer's singers at this family-fun event! Spotsylvania County invites you to enjoy this outdoor celebration, as the candles and trees are lit at dusk and area choirs begin to sing. When you arrive, decorate an ornament, and place it on the tree of your choosing! Bring your blanket and your warm gloves, and let the spirit of the holidays warm your heart. For more information, visit www.spotsylvania.va.us/parksandrec or call (540) 507-7529.

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#### Reading: Exodus 40 (Optional Reading: Exodus 37 - 39)

# "<sup>38</sup> So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels." (Exodus 40:38 NIV)

Moses often talked with God in the Tent of Meeting. He was not just praying the way you and I do; Moses was in the physical presence of God! When Moses came out of the Tent of Meeting his face glowed. In fact, his face was so bright that everyone else had to look away.

Why did this happen? Because spending time in the presence of God is a wonderful thing. In some ways, it is like sitting near a hot fire that warms you and makes you feel secure and protected. It cleanses you, so that you become clean in his eyes. It comforts you during cold and lonely nights, so that you know you are not alone. You come away joyful and filled with the Spirit. You might even have a bit of a "glow" about you.

Spending time with God is what helped Moses become such a powerful leader of Israel. It made him realize that because of God, he could be strong and never alone.

That same God is present in all who trust in Him today. One day we will all bask in the physical presence of God and see him face to face. His love, comfort, and care will keep us warm and happy through all eternity.

#### Lord, let me draw near to you to live in your presence and warmth. Amen.

• + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 13 November A.D. 2022 + + +



### With All the Saints

Don't hesitate about whether you should give or not give to someone. Give to all, for God wants His gifts to be shared among all.

The Shepherd of Hermas – Mandate 2

IF YOU MISSED CONSECRATION SUNDAY PUT YOUR COMMITMENT ENVELOEPS

IN THE OFFERING PLATE

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. Psalm 71:18



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# THANKSGIVING *Potluck*

### At the Home of Pastor Dave and Marjorie Miner November 24 | 2 PM |RSVP by November 15

Alone on Thanksgiving? Looking to hang out with family? If yes, you are invited to the home of Pastor Dave and Marjorie Miner on Thanksgiving Day, November 24 at 2:00 p.m.

We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert, we will bake the turkey and provide everything else!

Please R.S.V.P. by November 15 to Marjorie Miner at <u>littleotter@cox.net</u> or (540) 621-8496.



### Panda Pantry

### **Helping to Feed Local Students**

#### Barbara Buck, Outreach Committee



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**Please help feed local students, who are at risk of hunger at home, after school and on the weekends.** The Outreach Committee collects the food products listed below, which are delivered to our local schools and sent home with students in need.

The following items are needed in single servings/small sizes:

Applesauce,	Oatmeal,	
Cheese-Its,	Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers,	
Chef Boyardee Cups,	Popcorn,	
Fruit Cups,	Pop-Tarts,	
Granola Bars,	Pretzels,	
Juice Boxes,	Rice Krispie Treats,	
Mac & Cheese Cups,	Ramen Noodles.	

A box has been placed in the Narthex for donations.

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Questions? Please contact Barbara Buck by email at blb.and.me@gmail.com,

Thank you!

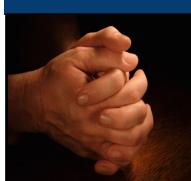


M any thanks to everyone for supporting the Blue Star Mothers of Fredericksburg Care Package Collection. As you can see from the photos above, my trunk was full!!! WAY TO GO REDEEMER. The other photo is a glimpse of the inside of the Blue Star Mothers storage unit in Central Park.

The Care Packaging Event on November 19 will be rescheduled to sometime in March 2023, as no family members of the Chapter are currently deployed overseas.

If you have a family member deployed overseas and are not a Blue Star Mothers' (BSM) member, please let me know. I will forward the information to Blue Star Mothers to see if a package can be sent to them.

Cindy Kohl cindy@hotkohls.com



### Prayer for Call Committee and New Pastor

#### **CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### Johanna Champney, Dave Cogley, Marian Dawgert, Allison DeGraaf, Judy Devey, Mike Eastman, Linda Gagion, Todd Miller, Mat Smith, and Carey Schwenzer

The importance of prayer for the Call Committee and the process of calling a Pastor for Redeemer cannot be over-emphasized. The Call Committee is seeking prayer from the congregation, as follows:

- Prayer for wisdom and discernment for the Call Committee in recognizing God's appointed Pastor for Redeemer.
- Prayer that the Call Committee and the Congregation will be unified in its prayers for a Godly Pastor who will serve and feed the flock in accordance with God's will. (Psalms 133:1)
- Prayer for a Pastor who has been called by God to lead us and guide us according to the whole counsel of God.
- Pray that God's will be done in this Call, and while we wait, that Pastor Dave Miner be covered in prayer as he holds up the staff and stands in the gap. May we hold up his arms as a congregation. (Exodus 17:9-12)
- Please also pray for Marjorie, Pastor Miner's helpmate, in her very important role as the Pastor's wife.

 $``^{15}$  And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." — Jeremiah 3:15 KJV

"<sup>11</sup> He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." — Isaiah 40:11 KJV

# Please see any of our committee members if you have any thoughts or questions about the call process.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE and BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE					
Sunday Worship	8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and	8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Blended)			
Sunday School and Bible Study	Pastor's Bible Study will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.				
QR Codes Replaced Paper Bulletins for Worship Services Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE" Below for Each Service					
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service CLICK HERE		Sunday 11:00 am Service CLICK HERE			
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### Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

November 11 to November 17, 2022

	Birthdays		
November 11	John	Karpiscak	Happy Birthday
November 11	Linda	Church	May your day be blessed
November 12	Kathy	Bogle	with happiness and peace of
November 13	Kristan	Jedlicka	Million -
November 14	Thomas	Brown	A Sector of the
November 17	Steve	Clifford	
Anniversaries			
There are no anniversaries to share this week. If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church office at info@redeemerfxbg.			Inniversary Blessings



### **Life Thoughts**

#### November 13 - Pentecost XXIII

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Parents delivering children to death, as in abortion, indicates the end of the age is near (Luke 21:16). We rejoice that God has given limits to evil, and this will not linger forever. Our neighbors cannot afford for our tongues or talents to grow idle (2 Thessalonians 3:6). The Lord moves in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, turning hearts of parents and children to one another (Malachi 4:6). Let us also be about this the Father's business!

#### Worship Attendance and Contributions November 6 , 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
November 6	234	247	\$14,948	\$607,008
Last Year	262	228	\$14,970	\$591,946