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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 25, 2022

Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter



VOTERS' MEETING 2023 BUDGET

FELLOWSHIP HALL
Sunday | December 4
After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Randy Mayer Congregational President

Please plan on attending our Voters' Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, December 4, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will be voting on the 2023 Budget. Lunch will be served.

Your Vote Counts! See you there!



Parents Night Out

Friday, December 2, 2022 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Laura Ross, DCE



Have you and your spouse been looking to have a date night but just can't find or afford a good babysitter? Do you need a night to yourselves without worrying about your wonderful children? We've got good news for you!

On Friday, December 2, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Redeemer will provide you with free childcare, so that you can do whatever you want to do. Your kids will have an evening of supervised fun, dinner, and Jesus time while you spend some well-deserved time for yourselves.

This is a free event! All you have to do to register is email DCE Laura Ross at dce@embracedbyhim.org with the name of each child you will be bringing and whether they will be eating dinner at church. Drop-off and pick-up is any time between 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., depending on your needs.

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Reading: Leviticus 1 (Optional Reading: Leviticus 2-4)

"38 If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer a male without defect.

You must present it at the entrance to the tent of meeting so that it will be
acceptable to the LORD." (Leviticus 1:3)

E ver buy a CD or a toy or something else that did not work, or otherwise messed up? It is a pain, isn't it? You expect to get a working item and it turns out it does not work at all. You take it back, stand in line, go through all kinds of questions, all to get back what should have been right in the first place.

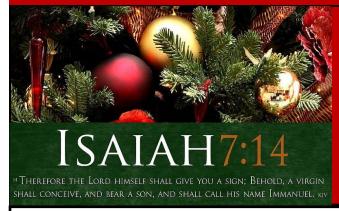
When God first instructed Israel about sacrifices, he required the people to sacrifice only the best animals, ones with "no physical defects." Why did God require this? Because a sacrifice represented something that would take the punishment in place of you, the sacrifice. You had committed a sin or said something out of line. Now you had to pay for it. God made up a system where animals paid for the sins of the people.

What God wanted the Israelites to understand was that Jesus would one day take on the sins of the world. He had to be perfect, meaning without sin.

The point was that, in order pay for the sins of the world, Jesus needed to be perfect. Otherwise, he would have to pay for his own sins first.

It was an amazing system. Through it, God shows us how he thinks and works. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice. We never need to fear God's anger again.

Jesus, thank you for paying for my sins. I will never forget it. Amen.



LWML A Dollar & a Dish Celebration!

Christmas Brunch
Saturday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.

Home of Marjorie Miner 15 Pennsbury Court Fredericksburg 22406

adies of Redeemer,

You are all invited to LWML's Christmas Brunch, A Dollar and a Dish Celebration, on **Saturday**, **December 3**, **at 10:30 a.m**. The brunch will be hosted by Marjorie Miner at her home.

There will be a short LWML meeting at 10:30 a.m., and brunch will follow afterward. Please bring a dollar for the Redeemer Women in Mission (LWML) freewill fund and a dish to share, *Think Brunch!* Drinks and paper products will be provided.

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex on the Fellowship table to gauge how many women will be able to attend. Remember that all women who attend Redeemer are part of LWML, and all are welcome! This is a chance to get to know your fellow sisters in Christ, so please join!

If you have questions please contact Anita Diederen (aroberson4@cox.net) or Marjorie Miner (littleotter@cox.net).

SGT. MAC FOUNDATION

17th Annual Wreath Placement at Quantico National Cemetery December 3, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.

Mike Evenson



n Saturday, December 3, the annual placement of Christmas wreaths will take place at the Quantico National Cemetery, coordinated by the Sgt. Mac Foundation.

All our welcome! We will gather at 10:00 a.m., at the circle on Rappahannock Place, in front of section 10. The goal this year is to place 16,000 wreaths.

Please join us for this memorable and rewarding event!

For more information, please call or text Mike Evenson at 540-220-8938.

Saturday, December 10th, 4:00 p.m., Church Sanctuary



Redeemer Family & Friends,

You are invited to our sixth *Advent by Candlelight*, to enjoy an evening of music and hymns. We will gather in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. for a service of Advent hymns and many of your favorite Christmas carols. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall, with heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

What do you need to do? Two things, please:

- 1. Sign up the number of attendees, including yourself, who you will bring to the reception.
- 2. If you are able to bring a designated appetizer or dessert to share, please record it on the sign-up sheet. Let's make sure that everyone attending is able to enjoy some tasty treats!

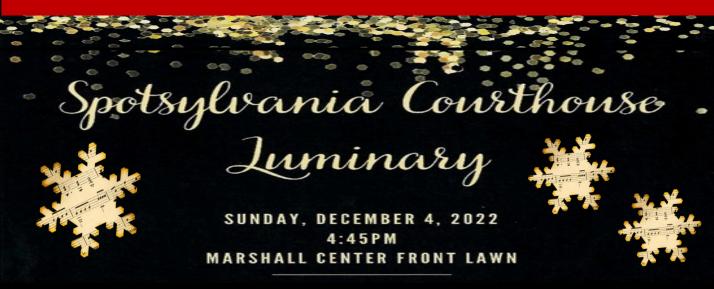
Both sign-up sheets can be found on the Fellowship table in the narthex starting this weekend.

Decorations and Seating

Decorations in the Fellowship Hall will be provided by the Fellowship Committee this year, so we are not asking individuals to host tables, as we have done in the past. Additionally, we will not have our members sign up to sit at designated tables. Instead, we will enjoy casual seating, allowing everyone to seat themselves and mingle freely.

We look forward to celebrating this season with our brothers and sisters in Christ, so please join us on December 10!

If you have any questions, please contact Anita Diederen at 540-455-5058



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

edeemer and other local churches have been invited to sing a couple of songs at the annual Spotsylvania Courthouse Luminary on December 4 at 4:45 p.m. This is a great opportunity for members of Redeemer to witness to the community.

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.



Panda Pantry Helping to Feed Local Students

Barbara Buck, Outreach Committee



Please help feed local students, who are at risk of hunger at home, especially after school, on weekends and when schools are closed for holidays. A box has been placed in the Narthex for donations. The following items are needed in single servings/small sizes:

Applesauce Cheese-Its Chef Boyardee Cups Fruit Cups Granola Bars Juice Boxes
Mac & Cheese Cups
Oatmeal
Peanut Butter/Cheese
Crackers

Popcorn
Pop-Tarts
Pretzels
Rice Krispie Treats
Ramen Noodles

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Buck by email at blb.and.me@gmail.com, Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Meet Our New Members

Laurie Mayer



Ed & Marilee Kenlon

A big welcome to Ed and Marilee Kenlon and Marilee's helper, Ryder.

Ed is a 30 year Navy veteran. and Marilee worked as a speech therapist and vision rehabilitation teacher. They enjoy motorcycling and photography.

You can catch them at the 8:00 a.m. service and Sunday school. Please give them a warm welcome!



🕆 + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 27 November A.D. 2022 + + +



Rethinking Stewardship

A new church year is beginning. Once again it's time to step back and think about giving. It's time to "rethink" and evaluate how you can begin a renewal of your stewardship.

Animals in our Nativity Scenes represent all of creation rejoicing at the birth of Emmanuel – God with us.

The Angel came to Mary and said: "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"



Pastor Dave Miner



Advent. Christmas and Slew Year Worship Services and Events

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is now time for Advent and a new liturgical year. The word Advent means "coming toward" or "approaching." As we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas, I wanted to share key dates for worship to place on your calendars.

Pastor Dave Miner

DATE	WORSHIP SERVICE	ТІМЕ	
November 27	First Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	
November 30	First Advent Midweek Service (Wednesday)	12:30 p.m. (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	
December 4	Second Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	
December 7	Second Advent Midweek Service (Wednesday)	12:30 p.m. (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	
December 10	Advent by Candlelight	4:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	
December 11	Third Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	
December 14	Third Advent Midweek Service	12:30 p.m. (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	
December 18	Fourth Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	
December 24	Christmas Eve Services	3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Children), and 8:30 p.m.	
December 25	Christmas Day Service	10:00 a.m.	
December 31	New Years Eve Service	7:00 p.m.	
January 1	New Year's Day Service and Christmas Cookie Fellowship During Sunday School Hour	8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	



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
 - "11 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 $40:11~\mathrm{KJV}$

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 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	Sunday 11:00 am Service	
CLICK HERE	CLICK HERE	

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

November 25 to December 1, 2022

Birthdays

November 26	Anthony	Richey
November 27	Ty	Bartel

November 28 Bill Gellerman, Jr.

November 28CharlotteBartelNovember 30ReneeSwagerNovember 30SofiaAliaga

December 1 Bill Demarest, III



Anniversaries

November 26 David & Cathy Butz

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church office at info@redeemerfxbg.



Church Flowers



Flowers this week are from Chilly to the glory of God.



Lutherans For Life

Life Thoughts

November 27 - Advent I

Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12

Worship Attendance and Contributions November 20, 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
November 20	248	247	\$11,397	\$634,017
Last Year	177	227	\$12,354	\$616,784