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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

December 2, 2022

*Redeemer  
Lutheran Church  
Newsletter*

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### WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER Devotion No. 68

#### Leviticus 5 (Optional Reading: Leviticus 6-8)

**"<sup>15</sup> When anyone is unfaithful to the LORD by sinning unintentionally in regard to any of the LORD'S holy things, they are to bring to the LORD as a penalty a ram from the flock, one without defect and of the proper value in silver, according to the sanctuary shekel. It is a guilt offering." (Leviticus 5:15)**

Bart turned around to say something to his sister Lisa in class. Immediately, the teacher, Mrs. Simpson, clapped her hands. "I said no talking. You are guilty! Now who will pay for what you have done?" Bart stared in astonishment at his teacher. Pay for talking? With what? Money? A time out? What?

When we do something wrong, we are guilty. That guilt means someone must pay for what was done. Sometimes, the victim of your wrongdoing might offer forgiveness. But in God's eyes, someone still must pay. Why? Because that is the way it works. You do wrong, you pay. You steal money and get caught, you pay. You lie about a situation and get caught, you pay. It is the way the whole world works.

What was God trying to teach the Israelites when he showed them the system of sacrifices and payments? That guilt must be punished.

The joy for us is that Jesus took the punishment that we deserved. When he died on the cross, he paid for the sins of everyone in the world. In other words, God demands payment, and then he paid it through his Son. That is how much he loves us . . . that is how much he loves you.

**Lord, may I always remember that you paid  
that I might be free. Amen**

# Weekend Events

**Friday, December 2, 2022  
to Sunday, December 4, 2022**



## EVENTS

### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

**Laura Ross**

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

**Wreath  
Placement  
Quantico National  
Cemetery  
Mike Evenson**

**Saturday, December 3  
10:00 a.m.**

**LWML's  
Dollar and a Dish  
*Christmas Brunch*  
Marjorie Miner's  
Home  
15 Pennsbury Court  
Fredericksburg 22406**

**Saturday, December 3  
10:30 a.m.**

**VOTERS' MEETING  
2023 BUDGET  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
Sunday, December 4  
After the 11:00 a.m.  
Worship Service**

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

Redeemer will provide *free* childcare for our member-parents to enjoy a well-deserved evening by themselves, while your kids will enjoy an evening of supervised fun, dinner, and Jesus time. To register, email Laura Ross at [dce@embracedbyhim.org](mailto:dce@embracedbyhim.org) with the name of each child you will bring and whether they will eat 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.

### **ANNUAL WREATH PLACEMENT QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETARY**

The annual placement of Christmas wreaths will take place at the Quantico National Cemetery, coordinated by the Sgt. Mac Foundation. 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. For more information, please call or text Mike Evenson at 540-220-8938.

### **LWML DOLLAR AND A DISH—CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

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. 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. If you have questions please contact Anita Diederer ([aroberson4@cox.net](mailto:aroberson4@cox.net)) or Marjorie Miner ([littleotter@cox.net](mailto:littleotter@cox.net)).

### **VOTERS MEETING | 2023 BUDGET**

**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.

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### EVENTS

Spotsylvania  
Courthouse Luminary

Lea Wiltenmuth

Sunday, December 4  
4:45 pm

### EVENT DESCRIPTION

Redeemer 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. Come and support Redeemer's singers at this family-fun event, and enjoy the activities planned by Spotsylvania County. Questions about singing may be directed to Lea at 540-834-7932.



## PANDA PANTRY

**It's the Season to End Hunger  
for Students  
in Our Community**

*Barbara Buck*

If you are able, 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. There is a box in the Narthex to collect 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](mailto:blb.and.me@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support!

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 04 December A.D. 2022 + + +



### Rethinking Stewardship

Did you fill out your stewardship pledge card and put it in the treasure chest? God has given you a treasure. We pledge part of that treasure back to God, trusting that He will bless it.

The ox and donkey  
remind us  
to humbly bear all our  
burdens to  
the foot of the Cross!

*"Joseph...do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit"*

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

# ADVENT *by* CANDLELIGHT



## **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 Diederer at 540-455-5058**



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Pastor Dave Miner



*Advent, Christmas  
and New Year  
Worship Services  
and Events*

### Livestreaming Worship Services

If you are unable to attend in-person worship services on Sunday during Advent or on Christmas or New Year's, please refer to the times listed under the column, "**Livestream Available**" to identify the worship services you may attend by livestreaming, using the following link:

<https://www.redeemerfxbg.org/livestream.aspx>.

Livestreaming may also be found **throughout the year** by accessing our website at [www.redeemerfxbg.org](http://www.redeemerfxbg.org). Then, scroll over "Media" on the top right of the page and click on "Watch Live" from the drop-down menu. This information is also available in the weekly bulletin.

DATE	WORSHIP SERVICE	TIME	LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE
December 4	Second Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	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.	8:00 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.	11:00 a.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Services	3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Children), and 8:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Service	10:00 a.m.	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.	8:00 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.

"<sup>15</sup> 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 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 <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	Sunday 11:00 am Service <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
	

## *Birthday & Anniversary Blessings*

December 2-8, 2022

### *Birthdays*

December 2	Raylan	Kuehner	December 6	Joanbeth	Segal
December 4	Lynn	Orchowski	December 6	Karen	Smith
December 4	Melissa	Berndt	December 7	Harold	Haycraft
December 4	Allison	Weiland	December 7	Francine	Kassouf
December 5	Don	Roinestad	December 7	Todd	Miller
December 5	Robin	Tutchings	December 7	Stacie	Biscamp
December 6	Mike	Evenson			



### *Anniversaries*

December 4    Jason & Susan    Biscamp

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church office at [info@redeemerfxbg](mailto:info@redeemerfxbg).



### *Church Flowers*

**Flowers are given this week  
to the Glory of God  
by Linda Gagion  
in Memory of Gloria Jeanne Sullivan.**



### **December 4 – Advent II**

Our sinfulness once left us lifeless as stones, but God has taken us for His own beloved children (Matthew 3:9) by becoming a little one among us Himself (Isaiah 11:6). Now we get to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. We proclaim the sanctity of every human life to defend the cause of the poor, and we put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy (Psalm 72:4).



**Life  
Thoughts**

### *Worship Attendance and Contributions*

November 23-27, 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
<b>November 23-27</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>\$ 7,666</b>	<b>\$641,683</b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>\$18,679</b>	<b>\$635,464</b>