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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

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WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER Devotion No. 69

Reading: Leviticus 9 (Optional Reading: Leviticus 10-12)

“Then Aaron’s sons brought the blood near to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood and put some on the horns of the altar and poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.” (Leviticus 9:9 NIV)

Blood is red and wet; blood is a liquid. It runs through all our bodies. Without blood flowing in our arteries and veins, we would die. Blood is life.

In this season of Advent, we look forward to the birth of Jesus, his ministry, and death on the cross. That is why Jesus’ dying on the cross is so important. As he hung there, he spilled his blood. That blood was a sacrifice to God to pay for sin, for guilt. When Jesus gave his blood for us, he was giving his very life. God accepted it as the just payment for the sins of the world, your sins, my sins.

Next time you get a cut or lose blood, look at it. Notice how rich and red it is. Notice how it hurts when your skin breaks or you scrape yourself. Blood is precious, and if we lose too much of it, we will die, like Jesus did.

God requires that someone pay for our sins with blood. Jesus did that for you so that through faith in Jesus Christ you might have eternal life with him in heaven. Have you accepted what he did? Do you believe it? If so, then you belong to God forever, and he forgives you.

**Lord, I praise and thank you that Jesus died for me.
Live in my heart. Amen.**



Christmas Poinsettias and a 2022 Giving Challenge

Please deliver poinsettias to the church sanctuary
between Wed., Dec. 14 and Sat. morning, Dec. 17

Laurie Mayer

This year, our members are invited to purchase their own poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one, while helping to beautify our church. Please deliver your poinsettias to the sanctuary between Wednesday, December 14 and Saturday morning, December 17. Delivery of your poinsettias by the morning of December 17 will allow the Alter Guild to decorate the sanctuary that morning. Forms to designate your purchase in honor or in memory of your loved one may be found in the narthex. Please complete the form at the time of your delivery.

Pastor Dave's 2022 Giving Challenge

Pastor Dave has challenged us to donate \$5.00 to Redeemer's Social Ministry Fund for each poinsettia purchased. Please indicate "Social Ministry" in the memo line of your check, or donate on Redeemer's website. Everyone is invited to participate. Your donation will help the Social Ministry Fund to provide material support to our neighbors in need, as well as organizations in our community that help those in need.



PANDA PANTRY

It's the Season to End Hunger in Our Schools

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. Thank you for your continued support!

QUILTERS MEETING

Saturday, December 17 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Come tie with us. No experience is necessary!
If you have any questions, please contact Anna Jennings:
Home: 540-412-5373 | Message: 540-842-7920

MONETARY CHRISTAS GIFTS FOR STAFF Collection Ends Sunday, December 18th

Craig Nehls, Chairman, Board of Elders

As is our tradition, a monetary Christmas gift for our Redeemer staff is planned from the receipts of a free will offering. If you care to give, please make your check payable to “Redeemer Lutheran Church” and annotate the memo line *Staff Gifts*. Place your contribution in a plain or pew envelope, mark it for *Staff Gifts*, and place it in the offering plate or give it to an elder.

Presentation of the gifts is scheduled for the 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day. Receipt of contributions is needed by Sunday, December 18.

On behalf of the Board of Elders, Merry Christmas and God’s richest blessing to you and yours.



INSTILLING HOPE IN YOUTH

Jennifer Miller
Worship Coordinator



Growing up has always been difficult, but it is an especially challenging time to be a young person today. Mental health concerns, lack of self-esteem, social pressures and isolation all abound, especially as we continue to emerge from a global pandemic. Not surprisingly, school violence, mass shootings, and teen suicide are at an all-time high. Consequently, it is easy for young people to despair about their future.

But the Gospel calls us to Hope, not despair!

Life Promotions **exists** to give hope to youth across the world—to instill the resilient, all-encompassing hope that only comes from knowing that they are loved by Christ. And because they are loved by Christ, every young person has intrinsic value as a child of God.

This is and has been our calling for the last 40 years and will continue to be as we fulfill the mission in three distinct ways through **compelling speakers**, **engaging events** through *Lifest* and *Quake* and **effective curriculum** in *Dignity Revolution*. The beauty, uniqueness, and effectiveness of the organization’s three-pronged approach is that each of Life Promotions’ primary activities work together toward the common mission of **instilling hope!**

We cannot ignore the need young people have for hope, today more than ever.

Thankfully, Life Promotions has proven over the past four decades the ability to effectively **Instill Hope in Youth** through programming that addresses the tough issues youth face in this life, as well as through welcoming presentations of the Gospel that give them hope for eternal life.

But we cannot do this crucial work without the resources needed to support the programs of [Lifest](#), [Quake Events](#), [Dignity Revolution](#), [Bob Lenz Speaking](#), and our latest outreach, [G3](#) that utilizes online gaming to reach a whole new segment young people. Your support will go toward the growth of each of these programs and provide the organization with a basis of financial support that will not only maintain the ministry’s efforts in the immediate future but extend Life Promotions’ work well into the 21st century.

Won’t you please join in that effort?

We are motivated more than ever to reach more young people with hope. Will you please join us as we seek to broaden the reach of Life Promotions for the next generation for Christ—to give them hope, dignity, and life? To donate, please see visit the website at LifePromotions.org and click the **Hope for Life 4.0** icon at the top of the home page. A free will offering will also be received at Redeemer Lutheran Church to support this ministry.

Thanks in advance for your support in giving young people what they need most... Hope!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Miller at jmiller@lifepromotions.org.

Redeemer’s youth in “Kings” and “Romans” experience this hope at Quake Events!

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 Diederer at 540-455-5058

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*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 is also available by accessing our website at www.redeemerfxbg.org. Then, scroll over "Media" on the top right of the page and click on "Watch Live" from the drop-down menu.

DATE	WORSHIP SERVICE	TIME	LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE
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.

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 11 December A.D. 2022 + + +



Rethinking Stewardship

Did you miss pledge Sunday on November 6th? It's not too late. Make a pledge to God in your heart. Write it down. Put it somewhere special. Think and rethink about your pledge.

Sheep and goats remind us we are both saint and sinner, saved by the grace of Jesus Christ – our Good Shepherd!

Elizabeth exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"

Prayer for Call Committee and New Pastor



CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Johanna Champney, Dave Cogley, Marian Dawgert, Allison DeGraaf, Judy Devey, Mike Eastman, Linda Gagon, 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 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 CLICK HERE	Sunday 11:00 am Service CLICK HERE
	

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

December 9-15, 2022

Birthdays

December 9	Sue	Overbey	December 12	Billy	Beale
December 9	Charlotte	Dixon	December 13	Connor	Frank
December 10	Aiden	Hymes	December 15	David	Cogley
December 10	Charlotte	Hymes	December 15	Jennifer	Miller
December 11	Jason	Tennstedt	December 15	Jennifer	Koehler



Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries to share this week.

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



Church Flowers

**Flowers are given this week
to the Glory of God
by John and Nancy Scanlan**



December 11 – Advent III

Abortion and assisted suicide attempt to acquire one's salvation by violence (Matthew 11:12). But God's kingdom comes as He mercifully preserves at our weakest (Matthew 11:5-6). We need not seize happiness at the expense of others. Rather, we advocate endurance in sufferings such as surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis (James 5:11), and with our support for them we strengthen instead of extinguish (Isaiah 35:3).



**Life
Thoughts**

Worship Attendance and Contributions

December 4, 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
December 4, 2022	213	246	\$25,224	\$666,907
Last Year	317	230	\$16,472	\$651,935