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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

August 25, 2023

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Newsletter*

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WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER
Devotion No. 102

Reading: Judges 16

Optional Reading: Judges 13 – 15

“²⁸ Then Samson prayed to the LORD, “Sovereign LORD, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.” (Judges 16:28 NIV)

Samson messed up big time. Always reckless, he did not regard his special relationship with God as special. He treated it like an inconvenience. He ran after bad women. He made enemies of nearly everyone in his life. In the end, he suffered harsh consequences because of his foolish and rebellious behavior.

But Samson had faith. God departed from Samson when the big guy sold out to a loose woman named Delilah. He told her the secret of his strength was his hair. It had never been cut because Samson was a Nazirite. A Nazirite was a man utterly dedicated to God. He never cuts his hair. He did not drink wine. He drew close to God his whole life. Samuel was a Nazirite, and some scholars believe John the Baptist was too.

Samson broke his vow, though, when he told Delilah about cutting his hair. When she cut it off, Samson lost his power and God’s presence. But Samson had faith. At the end, with his eyes gouged out and the Philistines openly mocking him, he prayed a prayer for God’s power. God gave it because he always honors faith. And Samson had his revenge on the Philistines.

God answers the prayer of faith. Do you pray like that? Do you believe God is listening and will answer? If you have faith like that, you can be sure God will answer.

Lord, help me to be a person of faith, always. Amen.



Panda Pantry

With the start of a new school year, our Panda Pantry ministry is collecting food donations to help feed local students who live in food insecure households.

The generosity of our church members has enabled Panda Pantry to grow and serve more vulnerable students. We look forward to another fruitful year of giving.

Thank you for making Panda Pantry a successful ministry!

Items Needed in Single/Small Sizes & Cups

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

Please place your donations in the designated box in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please see Barbara Buck.

Panda Pantry is a ministry of the Board of Outreach.

AUGUST SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE for Redeemer Lutheran Church Preschool



The Outreach Committee would like to supply our preschool with the following items:

- Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Tissues

If you are able to help, please drop off your donations in the designated box in the narthex.

Thank you!



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH BETWEEN & AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

The Christians of the Holy Land will be our guests on September 24.

For centuries, Bethlehem Christians have been using the olivewood to make religious crafts. They rely on selling them to Christian pilgrims for their livelihood.

After and between all services on September 24, many beautiful hand carved olive wood religious articles will be available for sale:

Nativity Sets ✧ Crosses ✧ Angels ✧ Christmas Ornaments
✧ Candle Holders ✧ Religious Figures ✧ And may more.

Nothing is more special than owning a Nativity Set carved in Bethlehem, the birth-place of Jesus Christ. Your purchase made of olivewood will remain beautiful and intact for generations. And, one purchase can support a family for a few days.

Due to persecution, ongoing conflict, decreased tourism, Covid 19, and unemployment, Christians families are struggling to get daily bread. Many Christians are leaving the Holy Land. For the first time since Jesus's resurrection, the Christian population is less than 1%. Let us all carefully protect our Christian roots in the Holy Land.

Please, support our ministry and keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

Pastor Dave's current Midweek Bible Study | Wednesdays | 10:30 AM



C.S. LEWIS THE GREAT DIVORCE

Book: The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis | Donation: \$15.00 to Pastor's Discretionary Fund



Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 27 August A.D. 2023

Stewardship of

Earth and Sea and All God's Creatures

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty! Psalm 104

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY

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.
Livestreaming	Livestreaming is available on our website at www.redeemerfxbg.org . Scroll over "Media" on the top right of the page and click on "Watch Live" from the drop-down menu.

QR Codes for SUNDAY WORSHIP
Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE"

SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

[CLICK HERE](#)



SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

[CLICK HERE](#)



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

August 25—September 1, 2023

Birthdays

August 27	Erica	Anderson	August 28	Rachelle	Moles
August 27	Brenton	Hobbs	August 28	Shannon	Sullivan - Hard
August 28	Sarah	Lewis	September 1	Beverly	Zepp

Anniversaries

September 1	Jeff & Cheryl	Gibson
September 1	John & Nancy	Scanlan

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

Church Flowers

Church flowers are given this week to the glory of God by Cindy Kohl in celebration of the 21st birthday of her granddaughter, Emma Kohl.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

August 27 – Pentecost XIII

Confessing the Christ means advocating the sanctity of every human life. If Jesus is indeed the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16), then He also serves as Lord of life-and-death situations and decisions. May He whose Word has plundered us out of hell's gates grant our testimony to extend this same courage and compassion to everyone considering abortion or physician-assisted suicide.

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
Aug 20, 2023	219	262	\$10,702	\$471,533
Last Year	219	254	\$12,803	\$464,385