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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 4, 2023

Newsletter

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# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH presents







HELEN B

HELEN BERHANE Imprisoned in Eritrea

SUSANNA KOH Husband abducted in Malaysia

# Join us for this special evening!

The Voice of the Martyrs presents Hearts of Fire – a virtual event where you'll meet four courageous women who showed incredible commitment to Christ in the face of opposition. Hear these inspiring testimonies of costly faith, plus worship music from Michael W. Smith.

Popcorn and Drinks will be served.

Please see Anita Diederen if you have questions or call her at 540-455-5058.

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# Laura Ross, DCE

# **RALLY DAY & START OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR**

Redeemer is so excited to be starting another school year of Christian Education! Rally Day, the official start to the Sunday School year, is Sunday, August 13.

### SCHEDULE

#### • <u>9:45 AM</u>

Join us during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.) for fellowship, a presentation on this year's educational opportunities, a chance to meet our Sunday school teachers, and take a visit to student classrooms, and more!

#### AFTER THE 11:00 AM SERVICE

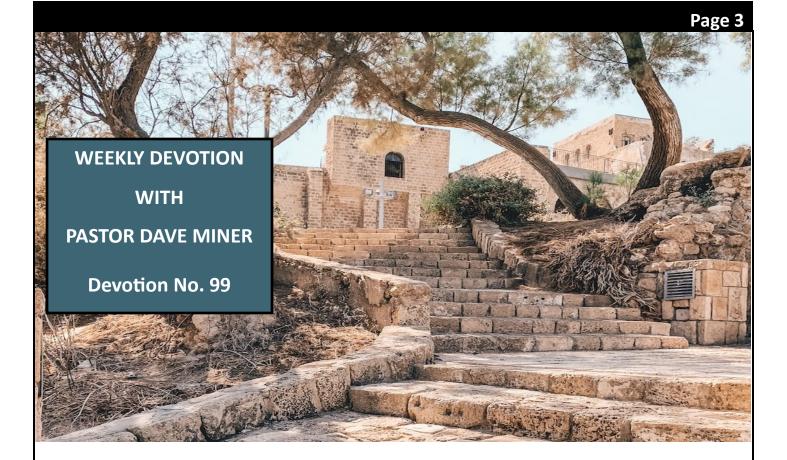
Join us after the 11 o'clock worship service for a picnic and waterslide playtime! Don't forget to bring swimsuits and towels for your kiddos!

## REGISTRATION

 To register your child (nursery through High School) for Sunday School this year, please click on the link below.

VBSMate.com — Your online VBS registration tool

- All students must be registered for security purposes.
- Please contact Laura Ross at <u>dce@redeemerfxbg.org</u> with any questions or concerns.



### Reading: 2 Peter 2:1-22

Last Wednesday, Pastor Ken Hauge was guiding the Midweek Pastor's Bible Study through the second chapter in 2 Peter when he asked, "Do you think Peter is being over the top, too harsh of the people?" After class, two members suggested I share. In this week's devotion, I share the following for your consideration. Next week, we will return to our normal progression through the Bible.

As humans, we often think of judgement day as a far-off event. We are remarkably busy living day to day that sharing the good news with those we encounter does not seem time sensitive. In our text Peter is enthusiastic about sharing the good news of Jesus. He has a sense of urgency in his message.

On May 23, this year I suddenly, without any warning, came as close to eternity/judgement day as I ever want to experience. A car suddenly appeared in my vision while I rode my motorcycle and proceeded, as one witness shared later, to "drive over me." Marjorie and I later learned that the trauma team did not expect me to survive. My judgement day almost came as a "thief in the night." No second chance. No opportunity to delay until tomorrow.

John 9:4 tells us, "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work." I need to ask myself; do I have the passion of Peter to share the Good News with those who live near me, those who I work with, those who are in my family.

Holy God, fill me each day with the passion to serve you in all that I do. Amen.

# UPDATE

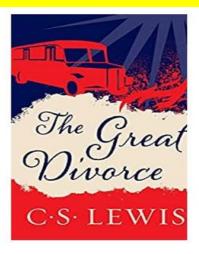
## PASTOR DAVE'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH!



SUMMER 2023 AUGUST 9, 2023

#### PASTOR DAVE'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

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



Where do you like to go on vacation? You might enjoy the mountains next to a lake, or like me, a trip to the beach for peace and relaxation.

What about a vacation from hell? This idea is presented by C.S. Lewis in *The Great Divorce* called "refrigerium." The concept is about souls taking a vacation from Hell to visit other places, namely Heaven. They are allowed to go, check it out, and see whether they want to stay. This concept is not based on Scripture, but it is interesting to draw upon important biblical principles through this genre of fiction.

You must commit. To truly experience the benefits of a beach vacation, you would not stay in your room and watch the beach from the balcony. You would get out on the beach and immerse yourself in your surroundings and the joy of being there. Likewise, faith in God is not something that you can just be checking out. You must commit. Jesus tells us that if we have faith in God, we can move mountains. I am not talking about "naming it and claiming it" I am talking about possessing a small mustard seed sized faith that trusts in the provision and power of the living God. What mountains in your life do you need to move?

It is time to get out on the beach and experience all that God has for you. Stop checking out the view from the balcony and embrace a genuine faith in God. Join us as we explore *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. + + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 06 August A.D. 2023 + + +



Helping Hands The Bible tells us how God created Earth. Knowing the Earth is God's, we should care for it. Even if all you do is pick up trash from the grass or side of the road.



God doesn't want us to use his Earth as a dump.

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY

QR Codes for SUNDAY WORHSIP Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE"					
Livestreaming	Livestreaming is available on our website at <u>www.redeemerfxbg.org</u> . Scroll over "Media" on the top right of the page and click on "Watch Live" from the drop-down menu.				
Sunday School and Bible Study	Pastor's Bible Study will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.				
Sunday Worship	8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Blended)				

Use the QK Codes below of

SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

**CLICK HERE** 



SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

**CLICK HERE** 



**MEN'S BREAKFAST** 

The Men's Breakfast will not meet in August.

We will resume meeting on September 16.

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