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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

February 24, 2023

*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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**Micah's Coldest Night
of the Year Walk**

Saturday, February 25

**Starts at 5 p.m. at Hurkamp Park
(Check in at 4 p.m.)**

Walkers and Sponsors are Welcome!

Our team goal is to raise is \$1,000, and we can get there!

Anita Dieren

We have a small but mighty team walking in the the Coldest Night of the Year Walk for Micah Ministries! We would love for you to join us or consider sponsoring a team member with a donation!

How to Join the Team or Sponsor a Team Member

- Please click on the link below and follow the instructions to register as a team member or to sponsor one of our walkers.

[PLEASE SPONSOR Redeemer Lutheran Fredericksburg \(e2rm.com\)](https://e2rm.com)

- Check in starts at 4:00 p.m., and the walk starts at 5:00 p.m. in Hurkamp Park. It ends there as well with a "soup kitchen" meal provided by Foode + Mercantile.

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

Thank you for your support!

**WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER
Devotion No. 78**

Reading: Numbers 20

(Optional Reading: Numbers 17 - 19)

“11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.” (Numbers 20:11 NIV)

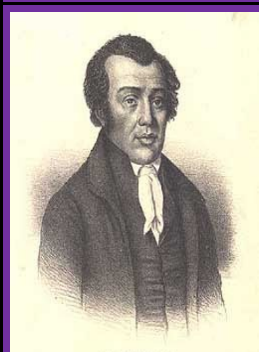
We all at some point in our life ask ourselves the question, “Could I do something so terrible that I would lose God’s blessing and love?” In our story from the Bible, we see Moses committing a grave sin. God told him to speak to the rock to bring forth water. But Moses, in anger at the people’s complaining, struck the rock twice with his staff. God’s anger was immediate. He told Moses because of this sin he would never enter the land of milk and honey, the land of Israel. He would only see it from the top of the mountain.

All of us will sin many times in this life. Some sins are minor. We confess them and receive forgiveness. But every now and then we may do something that brings God’s anger. We won’t lose his love or the right to go to heaven. God will not turn against us. But he will discipline us. He will make us face the consequences of our sin.

You can’t lose God’s love through sin, but you can lose his blessing. You can lose the right to succeed in some special way. God hates sin and he will discipline us when we sin. Be careful. Sin is lurking. It wants to destroy you. But if you live by faith in Jesus, you will win over it.

Jesus, keep me this day from sin. I want your blessing on my life. Amen.

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 26 February A.D. 2023 + + +



Watch and Pray TOGETHER

“I went with my head bowed down for many days. My sins were a heavy burden. I was tempted to believe there was no mercy for me.
I cried to the Lord both night and day. One night I thought hell would be my portion...”

Rev. Richard Allen



Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Psalm 32

PROMISED TREASURES

2023

Lenten Season

Join Us
on the Journey

Pastor Dave Miner

PREACHING & WORSHIP

This year as we journey together toward Easter, the Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study and Midweek Lenten Services will underscore hearing the Gospel, while accentuating how the Gospel is conveyed through physical senses of sight, smell, and touch. You will see, touch, smell, and feel each week of Lent: ashes, salt, water, light, bread, and palms. Then, during Holy Week, the focus shifts toward the elements: water and blood (wine), wood, fragrant oil, and finally, milk and honey.

Season of Lent

Redeemer Lutheran Church



LENTEN SCHEDULE MIDWEEK SERVICES, MEALS, and FAMILY ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS

(March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29)

- **Worship Services**
12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- **Lenten Dinners**
5:30 p.m.
- **Family Activities**
6:15 p.m.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday, April 6

12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7

12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8

3:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9

6:30 a.m.—Sunrise Service

Old Mill Park | Shelter No. 2

Please bring your own chair
and an umbrella if it rains.

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast

Redeemer Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—Easter Services

Redeemer Sanctuary

(No Sunday school or Bible study on Easter.)

Promoting Church News and Events

Sean Miller, DCS

How do you promote your news and events concerning Redeemer Lutheran Church and its ministries? Redeemer offers the following media options to promote your news and events. Depending on your media needs, please contact the designated person or persons below to share your news or promote your event.

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

Contact: Sean Miller

Digital
Communication
Specialist

info@redeemerfxbg.org

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & SLIDES

Carrie Frank, Secretary

Weekly Deadline
Thursday

info@redeemerfxbg.org
540-898-4748

NEWSLETTER

The Messenger
Susan Antonelli

Volunteer
Newsletter Editor

* Weekly Deadline
Monday 12:00 p.m.

newsletter@
redeemerfxbg.org

* Procedures for submitting articles to the newsletter will be placed on our Website soon, or if you have questions or need assistance, please contact Susan Antonelli.



URGENT CLOSINGS AT REDEEMER

Randy Mayer
Congregation President



All closings of the church campus will be communicated by **Remind Text Message and 30 Second Update Email**. We urge you to contact the office if you are not already enrolled to receive these communication tools.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Church activities: We will con-

tinue to follow the *Spotsylvania County Government*, and **not** the county's school system, for delays and closings. If the government offices are already closed, church leadership will make a closing or delay decision. But, each person should make their own decision regarding safe travel to Redeemer.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool may set additional policies regarding inclement weather that are more specific to their ministry. Such policies will be communicated to preschool families, staff, church council and the church office.

Redeemer is hiring!
Position:

Preschool Director

20 hours a week
Starting Summer 2023

For more information please contact Rebecca Richey or
Laura Ross at dce@redeemerfxbg.org



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 KJV

**Please see any of our committee members if you have any thoughts
or questions about the call process.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY SCHOOL, 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.
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 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

February 24 – March 2, 2023

Birthdays

February 24	Vanessa	Martinek	February 29	Robert	Flohrs
February 24	Eric	Miller	February 29	Steven	Orchowski
February 25	Ryan	Champney	March 1	Cole	Defever
February 25	Justice	Crabtree	March 1	Christina	Karpiscak
February 25	Allison	DeGraaf	March 1	Ruth	Larson
February 26	Hazel	Haycraft	March 1	Elena	Long
February 26	Mildred	Thomas			

Anniversaries

February 27 Berner & Ray Ann Johnson
March 1 Tom & Holly Thomas

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

Church Flowers

There is no dedication for the church flowers this week.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

February 26 – Lent I

The devil suggested Jesus attempt death as a solution (Matthew 4:6). Our Savior rejected the deception and rested Himself in the hands of the Heavenly Father. Death only delivers oppression because it serves sinfulness (Romans 5:14). But the victory Jesus gives over our ultimate enemies—Satan and the grave—frees us to leave life-and-death decisions to the Lord our God.

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
February 19	231	224	\$9,317	\$105,839
Last Year	261	228	\$10,491	\$117,052