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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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*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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Secret Saints is an opportunity for members of our church family to devote daily prayer for one another during Lent. Members who would like to participate will be assigned a fellow church member for whom they are asked to **PRAY** for daily. Likewise, someone will be praying for you. You are also asked to provide your "Secret Saint" with a weekly note stating that you are keeping them in prayer, which you may leave in their mailbox or in a place where you know they spend their time. Although not required, you might include a treat or small gift with your weekly note. **Do not** reveal who you are during Lent, but do feel free to share your identity on Easter Sunday.

Forms must be completed by February 15. You may use the form below or pick up a form in the narthex. You will find your Secret Saint assignment in your mailbox on February 19.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mike Diederer (540-845-5552)** or **Lea Wiltenmuth (540-891-6626)**

Name _____

I am a ☐ Man ☐ Woman ☐ Youth Boy ☐ Youth Girl

Youth's Age: _____

The Service I attend most often: ☐ 8:00 a.m. ☐ 11:00 a.m.

My prayer request: _____

Favorite color: _____ Favorite Treat: _____

Hobby: _____

**WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER
Devotion No. 75**

**Reading: Numbers 9
(Optional Reading: Numbers 5-8)**

“¹⁷ And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped.” (Numbers 9:17 NIV)

Many young Christians, as well as some older Christians, struggle with God’s leading. What does God want me to do now? I got laid off from my job, now what does God want me to do? And my family, would God tell me how to get along better with my sister?

God longs to show you the way in this world. The Israelites in the passage above had a perfect guide from God. When he appeared in the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, they knew exactly when he wanted them to move on. All you had to do was look up, and you knew what God’s will was.

For us it is not so simple, but here are four guidelines.

1. God will lead you through the words of the Bible. Study it, ponder it, and you will know what to do in many situations.
2. God will lead you through prayer. Talk to God, and be sure to listen, he will help you.
3. God will lead you through others. Listen to your Christian friends.
4. God will lead you if you are patient and listen to him.

Lord, I will follow your leading. Help me to see it, trust it, and act upon it. Amen.

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 05 February A.D. 2023 + + +



Rethinking Stewardship

Listen! Can you hear God? He’s the one who gave you your ears. They are to be used to listen to God and words that are pleasing to God. Be a good steward of your ears. Give your ears back to God.

*“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a high-
way for our God.”*

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning; Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let's Walk for Good by Supporting 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.)

Anita Dieren



**Help serve our neighbors experiencing
 Hurt, Hunger and Homelessness ...
 because it's cold out there!**

- ♥ Come and walk with your Redeemer family and friends to raise money to support Micah in their mission to end homelessness.
- ♥ Redeemer's Boards of Fellowship and Outreach have partnered to organize a team of walkers to join in the Coldest Night of the Year 5K Walk (and optional 1K Walk).
- ♥ Our team is set up online under "Redeemer Lutheran Fredericksburg" with team lead, "Anita Roberson". Please go to <https://cnoy.com/location/fredericksburg> to register. Registration is free.
- ♥ 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.
- ♥ Our team goal to raise is \$1,000, and we can get there!

Please direct questions to Anita at 540-455-5058.

Micah Ecumenical Ministries

1013 Princess Anne St.,
 Fredericksburg, VA 22401
 540-479-4116

www.micahfredericksburg.org

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

God Dreams (Part 2)

Randy Mayer, Congregation President

**Saturday
February 4, 2023**

8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend Part Two of “God Dreams”, our strategic planning workshop, on Saturday morning, February 4, from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon. A continental breakfast will be available, along with snacks throughout the workshop.

By way of history, in August 2022, during part one of our strategic planning workshop, members of our congregation envisioned Redeemer’s transformation over the next three to five-years. Our vision included connecting with young families in the community and fostering their growth in Christ. To promote this vision, members identified four strategic areas to address:

1. Expand current facilities,
2. Identify and develop new leaders in a succession plan,
3. Invest in small group ministries,
4. Increase fellowship opportunities to bring our members closer together.

In the upcoming workshop scheduled for February 4, we will define our 90-day (“Foreground Vision”) and one-year vision (“Midground Vision”).

Please join us! All are welcome!



LWML February Meeting

Saturday, February 11 | 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Christine Maconachy
Chesapeake District President

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) will meet on **Saturday, February 11th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Christine Maconachy, Chesapeake District President, will be attending as a guest speaker. We will also be making and mailing Valentines for our Redeemer members who are not able to attend in-person services.

As always, remember that ALL women who are members of Redeemer are automatically members of LWML. Please join us for coffee and fellowship if you are able!

Please reach out to Anita Diederer 540-455-5058 or Marian Dawgert 540-845-4235 if you have any questions.

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.

TAKE OR LEAVE A GAME OR PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Carrie Frank

Are you looking for a new puzzle to complete or a game to play during the cold winter months? Do you have a puzzle you have completed or a game that is ready for a new home?

If you do, please bring your puzzles and games to Redeemer to share in our **Take or Leave a**

Game or Puzzle Exchange. A table is set up in the fellowship hall for the rest of January and in February for members to donate games and puzzles or to take some fun home! At the end of February, all remaining games and puzzles will be donated.

Please tape your puzzle and game boxes closed to prevent the contents from spilling.

For more information, contact Carrie Frank at 540-898-4748 or info@redeemerfxbg.org.



QUILTERS' FUNDRAISER for Shipping Costs of Quilts

Quilt Displays | Fellowship Hall Begins Saturday, February 4th

Redeemer's quilters will have a few of their quilts displayed for purchase in the Fellowship Hall beginning Saturday, February 4.

Quilters suggest a donation of \$75. Proceeds will fund shipping costs of quilts from Redeemer to those in need through Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

If you have questions, please contact :

Anna Jennings
Home: 540-412-5373
Message: 540-842-7920



FREE QUILTING, CRAFT & SEWING SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE

Redeemer Quilters received a large donation of quilt tops, craft items, and sewing items. These supplies have been sorted and are available in the quilt room. Items include:

- Christmas fabric
- Stuffed animal fabric panels
- Various fabric panels (some religious)
- Fabric strips
- 5 inch squares
- 3 inch squares
- Unfinished quilts
- Embroidery and cross stitch kits
- Embroidery thread
- Sewing kits
- Stencils
- Quilt as you go felt
- Miscellaneous items

If you would like any of these supplies, please help yourself or contact Anna Jennings.

Home: 540-412-5373
Message: 540-842-7920

PANDA PANTRY "SOUPER" BOWL FUNDRAISER

Funds & Food Collection

Sunday, February 12

Let's Tackle Children's Hunger Together

Katie Tennstedt and Barbara Buck



- Our Panda Pantry Ministry is growing as more children, who are experiencing food insecurity, are receiving food donations from Redeemer.
- On February 12, we will hold our annual fundraiser to increase our food inventory to distribute to local elementary and middle schools.

How Can You Help?

- **A soup pot and ladle will be displayed in the narthex** to collect monetary donations, which will be used to purchase food products.
- You may also purchase any of the following individual/small food products including individual lunch items that can be heated up in a microwave, such as soup, ravioli, etc.:

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

Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions, please contact
Katie Tennstedt at outreach@redeemerfxbg.org
or Barbara Buck at blb.and.me@gmail.com.

Thank You!



It has been wonderful seeing my Redeemer Family again, as I've been able to return to worship service and Bible Study this week. Thank you for the warm welcome of return and all of your kind words and concern. I am so grateful for each of you!

Thank you also for your prayers, cards, phone calls and hospital visits during my illness (and for my beautiful prayer shawl). Your examples of kindness and Christianity have been moving and uplifting, and they have encouraged me.

I am grateful for the silver linings in this journey, and I thank God for the blessing of Tony and I being members of this church family.

Susan Antonelli

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 Replaced Paper Bulletins for Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service CLICK HERE	Sunday 11:00 am Service CLICK HERE
	

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

February 3-9 , 2023

Birthdays

February 3	Moe	Long	February 6	Johanna	Price
February 3	Laurie	Mayer	February 8	Ai	Raasch
February 4	Joshua	Dixon	February 8	Tina	Zimmer
February 4	Sherry	Edwards-Coleman	February 9	David	Butz

Anniversaries

February 5 John & Sue Overbey

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

Church Flowers

**Flowers this week are given to the glory of God
in celebration of
Laurie Mayer's birthday.**

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

February 5 – Epiphany V

Do abortion and physician-assisted suicide rest our faith in God's power or men's wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:5)? Has not Christ crucified proved the beauty of being with one another even in weakness and trembling (1 Corinthians 2:3) rather than hiding from our own flesh (Isaiah 58:7)? And will not what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9) ease fears about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 112:7)?

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
December 24-31, 2022	448	254	\$48,723	\$744,757
Prior Year	517	238	\$16,809	\$700,550
January 1-30, 2023	1090	218	\$59,246	\$ 59,246
Last Year	1117	223	\$65,881	\$65,881