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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

January 13, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

Redeemer Lutheran Church | 5120 Harrison Road | Fredericksburg, VA 22408 Church Office: 540-898-4748 | Email: info@redeemerfxbg.org

Church Business

Randy Mayer, Congregation President

Saturday February 4, 2023

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

Strategic Planning Workshop God Dreams (Part 2)

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!



Reading: Leviticus 23

(Optional Reading: Leviticus 21, 22, 24)

"5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD'S Pass-over. (Leviticus 23:5 NIV)"

Do you like Christmas? Is it a special holiday to you? How about Easter? Do you get candy in a basket and maybe chocolate Easter bunnies?

Christians have holidays during the year that help us remember momentous events of the past. Christmas reminds us of Jesus' coming into the world. Easter makes us think about Jesus' dying on the cross and then rising from the dead.

The Jews also had holidays. Through them, they learned about notable events in history, and even of the future. The Passover was their most important holiday. In it, they remembered when the Lord "passed over" them as He went through Egypt and slew all the firstborn sons of the Egyptians.

Passover represented major events. It reminded the people of their slavery in Egypt and of their escape from Egypt. Especially, it told them about the lamb God would provide to give them new life. The Passover lamb, killed and eaten at Passover, had its blood painted on the sides and top of their front doors. When the Lord saw the blood, He "passed over" that house and killed no one.

Jesus is your Passover. When we trust Him, God passes over us when He judges the world.

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 will be set up in the fellowship hall for the rest of January and in February for members to donate games and puzzles and/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 info@redeemerfxbg.org or call the church office at 540-898-4748.



Board of Outreach Gloves & Socks Collection January 13-31, 2021

Katie Tennstedt



The Board of Outreach is collecting socks and gloves during the month of January to benefit students in need at local elementary and middle schools.

Please consider bringing in some donations to warm the hearts of others. Donated items may be placed in the box set-up in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Tennstedt at outreach@redeemerfxbg.org.

Thank you!

QUILTERS MEETING

Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Anna Jennings

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

Congratulations to the Quilters of Redeemer Lutheran Church, who assembled 93 quilts in 2022, for distribution to those in need through Lutheran World Relief!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 15 January A.D. 2023 + + +



Rethinking Stewardship

Our hands are a blessing, and they too belong to God. We need to be good stewards of our hands. Give your hands back to God. Help someone who needs help – open and hold a door, carry something, share a handshake, clap your hands in praise.

2023 offering envelopes are now available for pickup!

And there was a prophetess Anna... She was advanced in years...worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2:34-35



URGENT CLOSINGS AT REDEEMER

Randy Mayer Congregation President



t is hard to imagine closing the church campus due to weather as we experience unseasonably warm temperatures in January. However, from time-to-time conditions will compel us to close.

Using the communication tools at Redeemer, we will communicate closings via Remind Text Message and 30 Second Update Email.

You are urged to contact our office and ask to receive these two communication tools if you are not already enrolled through the church office.

Inclement Weather

Church activities: We will continue to follow the *Spotsylvania County Government, not* the county's school system, for delays and closings. If the government offices are already closed, our Property Chair, President, Vice President, Head Elder and Pastor will confer and make a closing or delay decision. Certainly each person should assess the conditions around them and make their own decision regarding safe travel to Redeemer.

Pre-School: The pre-school 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.

Other Local Emergences: In the unlikely case of some other emergency at or around Redeemer that would not make opening our facilities appropriate for receiving the public, the leaders identified above will confer and make the decision regarding closing. If a closing decision is made, it will be communicated via Remind Text message and 30 second update. The campus would be closed to all activity unless otherwise noted.



PANDA PANTRY

Barbara Buck



If you are able, please help feed local students, who are at risk of hunger at home, especially after school and on weekends when schools are closed. There is a box is 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!

CHURCH ANNUAL OFFERING

Gib Devey

Secretary of Finance

Statements

The 2022 Redeemer Lutheran Church Annual Offering Statements will be distributed the week of January 9, 2023 by email. If you would prefer that a paper copy be mailed to you, please let Gib Devey know by email:

secretaryfinance@redeemerfxbg.org

Thank you from Pastor Dave and the Staff at Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Congregation's Christmas Gifts

Redeemer Family. thank you for always loving us so well!
Yelaura

Thank you!

We, the staff, would like to thank our Redeemer Family for the generous Christmas bonus given to each of us during this Christmas season. We have also enjoyed and appreciated the cards, treats, and other personal gifts that many of you have given to us. We look forward to serving you all in the New Year!

Thank you so much for your generosity!

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Thank you all for your loving kindness this Christmas

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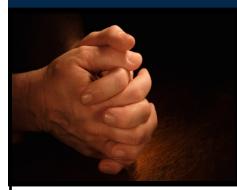
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Thank you for kindness and thoughtfulness.

- Joan -



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

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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	Sunday 11:00 am Service
CLICK HERE	CLICK HERE

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

January 13-19, 2023

Birthdays

January 13	Michael	Biscamp	January 16	Julie	Smith
January 13	Michael	Eastman	January 18	Douglas	Marqueen
January 14	Timothy	Bogle	January 18	John	Scarbeck
January 16	Betty	Shanklin	January 19	Dianna	Harrington

Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries to share this week.

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 Mike Eastman's birthday.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

January 15 - Epiphany II

Abortion and assisted suicide lead many astray after lies (Psalm 40:4). They promise deliverance but only provide destruction. How much more blessed to trust the Lord to sustain us unto the end (1 Corinthians 1:8)? Can He secure us the life we seek even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis? Come and see (John 1:38-39)—and then courageously proclaim His faithful salvation (Psalm 40:10)!

Worship Attendance and Contributions December 7-31, 2022

Attendance **Average** General Year-to-Date **Total Attendance** Offerings General Offerings January 1-8 376 188 \$33,235 \$33,235 **Last Year** 404 202 \$24,366 \$24,366