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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 20, 2023

*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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2023 KICKOFF

**Let's Tackle
Children's Hunger
Together**

**Funds & Food
Collection**

**Sunday
February 12**

**PANDA PANTRY "SOUPER" BOWL
FUNDRAISER**

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.



**WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER
Devotion No. 73**

Reading: Leviticus 26

(Optional Reading: Leviticus 25, 27)

“³ If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them, then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. (Leviticus 26:3-4 NIV)”

I was the Youth Leader at Peninsula Covenant Church when the Pastor said, “God blesses obedience. He does not bless disobedience or rebellion.” Later that week, one of the students shared:

- He almost had a fight with his sister, but at the last minute, stopped himself and asked her not to sneak into his room when he was not there, and so far, she had complied and even been nice to him.
- At school, he spent much of his time studying for a test. And he had done well.
- He invited one of his friends to a church concert with the band from the kids group. Jeffrey had enjoyed it.

That night, he knelt by his bed and prayed, “God, haven’t I been obedient? Where is the blessing?” I said, “Well you have a better relationship with your sister, right? That is a blessing. A good grade on the test is a blessing. Your friend came to church. Could not that have been the blessing?” The student thought about it and decided maybe God’s blessings were not gifts and rewards. Blessings were linked to the obedience. He decided to look for his blessings in that way.

Jesus, your blessings are all very good. Thank you. Amen.

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 22 January A.D. 2023 + + +



Rethinking Stewardship

Hands can fold in prayer. Pray for others, our nation,
our church. Give thanks and praise to God in prayer.
Pray for yourself and your family.

Be a good steward – PRAY!

*2023 offering envelopes now
available for pickup!*

*After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2:46*

Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, January 21, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Subject of Devotion, "Prescription for Worries"

Jimmy the Greek Family Restaurant

3401 Lafayette Boulevard, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

John Overbey



Redeemer Men,

The Men's Breakfast group meets on the third Saturday of the month. This month we will meet on Saturday, January 21, at 8:00 a.m., at the Jimmy the Greek Family Restaurant. The subject of our devotion will be "Prescription for Worries".

If you have not been with us lately, come join us for breakfast and fellowship. If you have never been with us for breakfast, all are welcome.

If your wife would like to come and share breakfast with Sue, she will be there on the other side of the restaurant.

Hope to see you Saturday morning.

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!

Take or Leave a Game or Puzzle Exchange

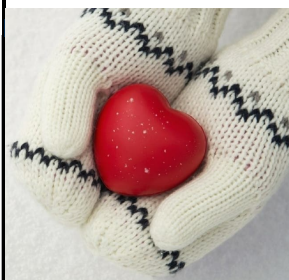
Carrie Frank

**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 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!

Prayer for Call Committee and New Pastor

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Johanna Champney, Dave Cogley, Marian Dawgert, Allison DeGraaf, Judy Devey, Mike Eastman, Linda Gagon, 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

January 20-26 , 2023

Birthdays

January 20	John	Wilson	January 23	Madison	Waltman
January 21	Josh	Pinkas	January 25	Benjamin	Defever
January 21	Mike	Weiland	January 25	Victoria	Gregor
January 23	Jonathan	Cerritelli	January 26	Linda	Musselman
January 23	Bonnie	Hughes			

Anniversaries

January 22 Karl & Shirley Schmidt

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
by David and Linda Bye
in celebration of Kaleb Barr's birthday.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

January 22 - Epiphany III

In the day of trouble the people of Christ seek not the finger of death but the face of the Lord (Psalm 27:5, 8). Though carrying surprise pregnancy may appear foolish, though enduring unto natural death may seem senseless, though advocating the sanctity of life may earn us ridicule, the word of the cross preserves us—and our neighbors—in the very power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Worship Attendance and Contributions are Unavailable this Week.



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**. You are urged 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 assess the conditions 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.