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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 27, 2023

*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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Promoting Church News and Events

Sean Miller, DCS

How do you promote your news and events concerning Redeemer Lutheran Church and its ministries? Our existing media tools, including the weekly newsletter, church announcements, and slides projected during worship services are proven effective, but we can now offer more options!

Implementing our new website and revamping our Facebook page has broadened our ability to communicate with our members, as well as reach a greater audience in the community. Moving forward, I invite you to promote your news and events using these digital communication tools, which are managed by me.

Depending on your media needs, please contact the designated person or persons below to share your news or promote your event.

Lastly, if you have yet to visit our new website, please do so at redeemerfxbg.org. As always, I invite suggestions, comments, and questions.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & SLIDES

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WEEKLY 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 may be found on our website, or if you have questions or need assistance, please contact Susan.



**WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER
Devotion No. 74**

**Reading: Numbers 2
(Optional Reading: Numbers 1, 3, 4)**

“² The Israelites are to camp around the tent of meeting some distance from it, each of them under their standard and holding the banners of their family. (Numbers 2:2 NIV)”

God wants to meet with you. Did you know that? God the creator of the universe wants to be your friend, talk with you, and hear what is on your mind, at anytime you are ready!

It is true, God desires to meet with you during your week. Perhaps you plan to spend time reading the Bible. God in turn will meet with you then. He will put thoughts into your mind about the Bible. He will speak to you if you are listening. He will be there, ready when you read.

God desires to meet with you in church worship or Sunday school. Maybe he will reinforce something in your heart that you hear. Maybe you will feel a special warmth about a song or something the pastor said in the sermon. God meets with us in different and wonderful ways. We can never be sure how, just that he will.

Have you been meeting with God regularly during the week? God wants a relationship with you, a friendship. If you take the time, he will take the time too. It could be the best moment of your week.

Lord, let me remember always to meet you each week. Amen.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

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



DONATED QUILTING, CRAFT & SEWING SUPPLIES

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.

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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!



Financial Assistance for Seminary Student

Laurie Mayer

Over the past year, Redeemer Women in Mission has provided monetary and gift card donations to Adam Nieting, a second year seminary student at the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne (CTSFW). If anyone is interested in helping Adam, your monetary contributions or gift cards may be send to his address as follows:

Adam Nieting (wife Emily)
CTSFW
6600 N. Clinton Street, Box 332
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Mayer at lauriemayerva@gmail.com.

Thank you so much!

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

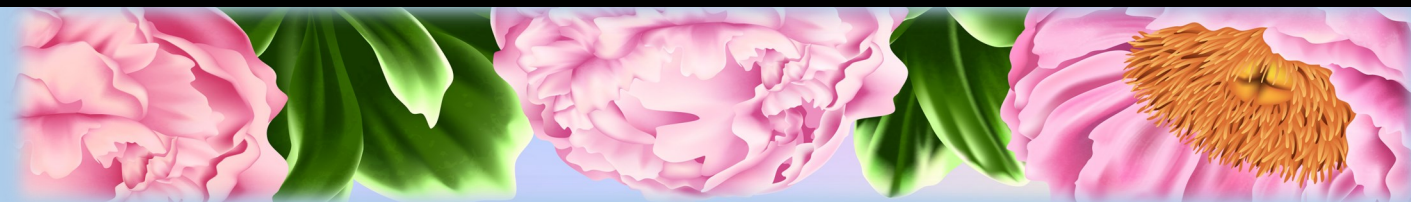
Pretzels

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.

Notes of Thanks



A big thank you to all those who remembered me at Christmas with cards, a beautiful ornament, and especially the preschool's Christmas tree gift. It lifted my heart when I needed it.

Mary Lang

Mary and I would like to send a very, very, very warm thank you from the both of us to all who sent us those lovey cards during Christmas. Also, we loved the thoughtfulness of the little children in preschool who worked so hard to create the beautiful ornament for us to put on our tree.

Thank you again, Carol Dixon & Mary Smith

Take or Leave a Game or Puzzle Exchange

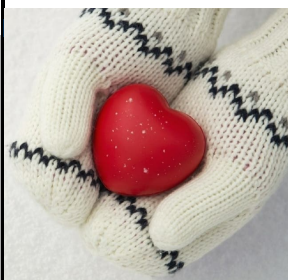
Carrie Frank

**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!

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 29 January A.D. 2023 + + +



Rethinking Stewardship

Arms are a blessing and a gift from God. Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross for every one of us. We give God back our arms when we stretch them out to help others. Share a hug with someone. Raise your arms in praise to God.

**2023 offering
envelopes now
available
for pickup!**

*And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.
And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51*

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

January 27 - February 2 , 2023

Birthdays

January 28	Kristie Clifford	January 31	Coletta Kuehner
January 29	Jackie Lepard	January 31	Keith Whelpley

Anniversaries

January 30	Richard & Diane	Zaidan
February 1	Tony & Susan	Antonelli
February 2	Timothy & Katherine	Gorder

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

Church Flowers

There is no dedication to share this week.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

January 29 - Epiphany IV

The coming of Jesus as Christ shows the way of the Lord: He exalts the lowly instead of abandoning or executing them (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). We ought neither encourage nor invite expectant mothers and fathers to sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for righting their wrongs (Micah 6:7). Christ Jesus has already become that redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30), and such compassion to the neighbor lifts us up to stand alongside God Himself (Micah 6:8).

Worship Attendance and Contributions will be updated next 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.