

IN THIS ISSUE

Weekly Devotion 1

Fredericksburg
Nationals' Game 2

Quilters Meeting

Men's Breakfast 3
Canceled in July
and August

Summer Day Camp

Summer Bible 4
Study

Weekly Steward- 5
ship Message

Sunday Worship,
Sunday School,
Bible Study and
QR Codes

Birthdays and 6
Anniversaries,
Church Flowers
Dedication,
Life Thoughts,
Attendance,
Contributions

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

July 14, 2023

*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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



WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER
Devotion No. 96

Reading: Joshua 17 (Optional Reading: Joshua 18-20)

¹⁶ The people of Joseph replied, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the plain have chariots fitted with iron, both those in Beth Shan and its settlements and those in the Valley of Jezreel." (Joshua 17:16 NIV)

Israel stood up against tough odds: iron chariots; towering cities; the sons of Anak, who were giants (Goliath, descended from these giants, and he was over nine feet tall). What does a leader do when his people face problems? He encourages them.

Leaders say different things: "We can do it;" "They won't win;" "We have the brains and the brawn, so let's go;" "God is with us. God is on our side;" "God won't let us fail." Bottomline, it comes down to one simple tenet, all of us need encouragement. At your job, in your home, at school, and in our families. We can't survive without people around us who can encourage us.

What if you decided today to be an encourager? What might you say to your friends, your family, the guys on the soccer or baseball team, to the worshipper sitting next to you in church?

Lord, today make me an encourager to the people I meet. Amen.

FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS



Aug. 1 | 7:05 pm

**Doors Open
6 pm**

**TICKETS
\$18**

Anita Diederer

JOIN YOUR REDEEMER FAMILY FOR A NIGHT OF FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS BASEBALL!

- The deadline to sign-up and pay for tickets is Sunday, July 16.
- Please use the sign up sheet in the narthex.
- Tickets are \$18 each.
- Place your check, with "Fred Nats" written on the memo line, in the offering plate by Sunday, July 16.
- If you have any questions please see Anita Diederer or contact her at 540-455-5058

Virginia Credit Union Stadium | 42 Jackie Robinson Way | Fredericksburg VA

For more information on the stadium, use the following link to see their website:

Fredericksburg Nationals | MiLB.com

QUILTERS MEETING

Saturday, July 15 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please join us! No experience is necessary.

We can always use gently used flat cotton and poly/cotton sheets.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Jennings.

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

ATTENTION: REDEEMER MEN

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST

WILL **NOT BE MEETING IN JULY and AUGUST**

John Overbey

The Men's Breakfast is canceled for July and August.

We will resume meeting again on Saturday, September 16.

Enjoy your summer!



Summer Day Camp

Student Station Summer Session
Redeemer Lutheran Church
5120 Harrison Road Fredericksburg, VA 22408

SUMMER FUN IN A LOVING & SAFE CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT

Students entering Kindergarten
through 8th grade

8:30 - 4:30 Monday - Friday
Extended hours available

\$135 per camper per week
\$155 for extended hours

Scholarship applications available

Weekly registration June 5 - August 7

**EMAIL DCE@REDEEMERFXBG.ORG NOW
FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION!**

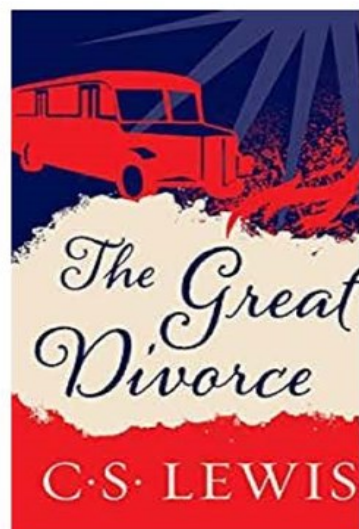


SUMMER 2023

DATES TO BE DETERMINED

PASTOR DAVE'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

- Book: *The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis
- Donation: \$15.00 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund



Where do you like to go on vacation? You might enjoy the mountains next to a lake, or like me, a trip to the beach for peace and relaxation.

What about a vacation from hell? This idea is presented by C.S. Lewis in *The Great Divorce* called "refrigerium." The concept is about souls taking a vacation from Hell to visit other places, namely Heaven. They are allowed to go, check it out, and see whether they want to stay. This concept is not based on Scripture, but it is interesting to draw upon important biblical principles through this genre of fiction.

You must commit. To truly experience the benefits of a beach vacation, you would not stay in your room and watch the beach from the balcony. You would get out on the beach and immerse yourself in your surroundings and the joy of being there. Likewise, faith in God is not something that you can just be checking out. You must commit. Jesus tells us that if we have faith in God, we can move mountains. I am not talking about "naming it and claiming it" I am talking about possessing a small mustard seed sized faith that trusts in the provision and power of the living God. What mountains in your life do you need to move?

It is time to get out on the beach and experience all that God has for you. Stop checking out the view from the balcony and embrace a genuine faith in God. Join us as we explore *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis.

Weekly Stewardship Message

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 16 July A.D. 2023 + + +



Helping Hands

Jesus tells us to love our neighbors. We can show that love by helping people when we can, even if it's small to us but it could be big to the ones you're helping.



...I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.... Mat 5:44

REGULAR 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 SUNDAY WORSHIP Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE"

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service

[CLICK HERE](#)



Sunday 11:00 am Service

[CLICK HERE](#)



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

July 14-20, 2023

Birthdays

July 14	William	Fiery	July 17	Joe	Rosenthal
July 14	AJ	Westphal	July 17	Jeremy	Sullivan
July 15	Debbie	Schuldaski	July 18	Melissa	Waltman
July 16	Amanda	McGrady	July 19	Ann	Lyons

Anniversaries

July 20 Bryan & Lisa Fedeson

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

Church Flowers

Altar flowers are given this week
to the glory of God
in honor of Mike Eastman and the members of the Call Committee.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

July 16 – Pentecost VII

Celebrating every human being as gift and privilege sometimes meets with resistance. This doesn't mean the message failed. Good ground may lie beneath an unsightly surface. Our patient Savior often slowly softens soil, and seeds take time to germinate and flower. The sanctity of life carries God's message, not ours, and He guarantees His strong Word never goes to waste (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
July 9, 2023	207	272	\$12,447	\$389,954
Last Year	206	258	\$22,381	\$387,270