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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.

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July 21, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

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## Faith Comes By Hearing!

www.faithcomesbyhearing.com

Our annual fundraiser to help translate, record, and distribute Holy Scripture electronically in over 7,000 languages to people around the world

Matching funds up to \$2,000 are available for all gifts given this July!

Make gifts to Redeemer with "Faith Comes by Hearing" in the memo line of your check. Or donate on-line at: https://www.redeemerfxbg.org/give

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Romans 10:17





## WEEKLY DEVOTION

#### **Devotion No. 97**

#### **Reading: Joshua 24** (Optional Reading: Joshua 21 - 23)

<sup>"15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15 NIV)

This week our text asks each of us an important question, "whom will you serve?"

Everyone serves someone or something. For you it might be sports. You think about sports all the time. You imagine yourself shooting the winning basket at the end of the game. Or stepping up to the plate hitting the walk-off homerun. Sports are always on your mind. You are serving a god named sports if you are not careful.

Are you motivated by money and what money can buy? Do you need recognition as always having the correct answer? Getting good grades is what it is all about for you. Seeing the smile of dad and mom when you bring home the report card. Or getting to the highest level on the video game you just purchased. You pour your money and extra time into those activities. It is easy to become a slave to things like that.

Are you serving someone or something other than Jesus? Take a hard and honest look at your life. Where do you spend your time and money? How much do you put into those things, compared to how much you put into serving the Lord? You do not have to think about Jesus every minute to put him first. It is a mindset, of attitude. Who is first in your life?

#### Father, let me learn to put you first in everything. Amen.

Just a word of thanks for all those that remembered me in the hospital. The phone calls, visits, flowers, cards, and well wishes were just great. My church family outdid themselves, and I thank each and everyone of you. I am home recuperating from my cellulitis with antibiotics. God has been very good to me and has blessed me with wonderful friends and family. Again, thanks for all vou did!

**Blessings to all, Linda Petermann** 

## **FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS**



- The deadline to sign-up and pay for tickets was Sunday, July 16.
- If you have any questions please see Anita Diederen 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: <u>Fredericksburg Nationals | MiLB.com</u>



Thank You

from Redeemer's Quilters

Thank you to Carol and Bill Demarest for delivering quilts to the warehouse in Maryland.

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#### **ATTENTION: REDEEMER MEN**

### THE MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL NOT BE MEETING IN JULY and AUGUST

John Overbey

We will resume meeting again on Saturday, September 16.

**Enjoy your summer!** 

# Summer

Student Station Summer Session Redeemer Lutheran Church 5120 Harrison Road Fredericksburg, VA 2240<mark>8</mark>

## 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

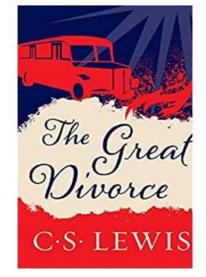
Weekly registration June 5 - August 7

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



#### 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.

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Weekly Stewardship Message						
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	Helping Hands The Bible tells us to teach people of Christ and His teachings. So when we come across an unbeliever, we tell them about Christ. Doing that could be what they need.					
Maybe they are going through a hard time and need to hear Good News of Love and Hope!						
REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE,						
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 <u>www.redeemerfxbg.org</u> . Scroll over "Media" on the top right of the page and click on "Watch Live" from the drop-down menu.					
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July 16, 2023	191	269	\$18,383	\$408,337		
Last Year	193	256	\$11,544	\$398,814		