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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

July 28, 2023

*Redeemer  
Lutheran Church  
Newsletter*

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**WEEKLY DEVOTION**  
**WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER**  
**Devotion No. 98**

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

**“<sup>1</sup> The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, “I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land I swore to give to your ancestors. I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you,” (Judges 2:1 NIV)**

God is the great promise-keeper. For example:

- He will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). He will stick with you no matter the circumstances in life.
- He will lead you to full maturity in Christ (Philippians 1:6). He wants you to grow into a man or woman of God, and he will help you every step of the way.
- He will get you to heaven safely and blamelessly (Jude 24). God will not leave you behind. He makes sure all his children get home at the right time. We may have troubles on Earth, but God promises to bring us to his trouble-free heaven without question.
- He will reward you for doing good (Galatians 6:9,10). God remembers every good act of your life. God plans to reward you for every good deed, small or great.

Those are just four of God’s promises. You can count on these truths. God never lies, nor does he ever forget anything he has ever said to you.

**Holy God, let me rely on your promises  
and claim them every day of my life. Amen.**

# UPDATE

## PASTOR DAVE'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH!

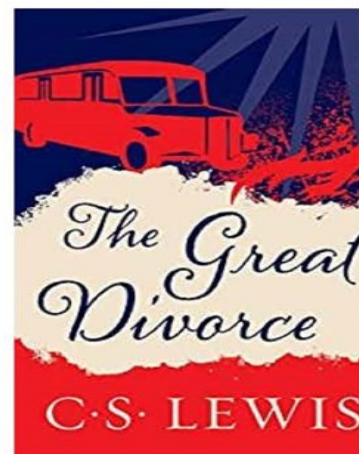


SUMMER 2023

AUGUST 9, 2023

### 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.



# FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS



**Redeemer's Night  
of Baseball**

**Aug. 1 | 7:05 pm**

**Doors Open  
6 pm**

**Anita Diederer**

- The deadline to sign-up and pay for tickets was 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](http://Fredericksburg Nationals | MiLB.com)



The Audio Bible  
is one of the big impacts for me.

## ***Faith Comes By Hearing!***

[www.faithcomesbyhearing.com](http://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>***



# 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](mailto:DCE@REDEEMERFXBG.ORG) NOW  
FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION!**

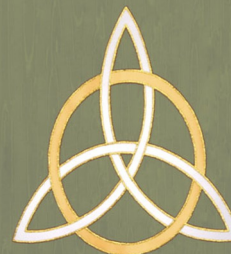
# Weekly Stewardship Message

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 30 July A.D. 2023 + + +



## Helping Hands

The Bible tells us to always pray. A prayer for someone can help a lot, even if the prayer is only a few words to God in your head.



*Rejoice always; pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.... 1 Thess 5:16-18*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY

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 <a href="http://www.redeemerfxbg.org">www.redeemerfxbg.org</a> . 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 28-August 3, 2023

### *Birthdays*

July 30	Tion	Edmonds	July 30	Frank	Misemer
July 30	Trejon	Edmonds	July 31	Jacob	Lichliter
July 30	Wanda	Fife	August 01	Jennie	Nette
July 30	Gary	Grandowski	August 01	Kimberli	Stewart
July 30	Sam	Henley	August 03	Melissa	Bronz
July 30	William	Huszar	August 03	Mya	Douglas

### *Anniversaries*

July 29	Steve & Karen	Tehovnik	July 31	Charles & Melissa	DeLeon
July 30	L.J. & Teresa	Cerritelli	August 2	Keith & Karen	Whelpley
July 30	Jeff & Carrie	Pittano			

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church office at [info@redeemerfxbg.org](mailto:info@redeemerfxbg.org)

### *Church Flowers*

Church flowers are given this week  
to the glory of God  
by Ken and Becky Elam  
in memory of their grandsons, James and Joshua.

### *Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts*

#### July 30 – Pentecost IX

Our Lord loves to take the tiniest as His treasured possession (Deuteronomy 7:7-8). Their insufficiencies only accentuate how great is His compassion (Psalm 125:2). "Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong." Does this include gestating embryos and unborn babies? Does it include bodies limited by age or ailment? Yes, Jesus loves them just as much as He loves me.

*Worship Attendance and Contributions will be Updated Next Week.*

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings