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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

**June 30, 2023** 

Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Picnic

## After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service



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The Fellowship committee is providing the entree. We are asking families and individuals to contribute the following:

	Last Names Starting with A - L	Last Names Starting with M - Z
-	Appetizer or Dessert	Side or Salad

Bring a chair, your family, and a friend! Please direct questions to Anita Diederen at 540-455-5058.



Fredericksburg Nationals Baseball Aug. 1 | Game at 7:05 pm | Doors open 6 pm

- We are tentatively scheduled for August 1.
- Tickets are \$18 each.

Sign Up by Friday, June 30th We need 20 people to sign up by June 30 to reserve a block of seats.

- Use the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would like a ticket.
- Ticket payment is due by Sunday, July 16.
- Questions? Contact Anita Diederen at 540-455-5058.



#### <u>Reading: Joshua 10</u> (Optional Reading: Joshua 9, 11, 12)

#### "8 The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you." (Joshua 10:8 NIV)

The army stood on the hill overlooking the field of battle. Against them, iron chariots lined up in an array of power. The generals conferred, and they almost decided that they should run for cover. No one could withstand an assault by men and horses with iron chariots.

Then God spoke. General Joshua listened. He looked at his men, standing with swords slack in their hands, their spears dipping slightly from exhaustion and worry.

Yes, he said to God, yes, he believed God. But how?

"My power!" God told Joshua.

And it was so. The Jews defeated everyone they came against in the land of Israel. No one could withstand their power. Why? For one reason: because God's power was with them.

Do you have opponents, or challenges in your life, even enemies? Are you afraid? Does it look impossible for you to face those people?

Be like Joshua. Listen to God. God will guide you and be with you and grant you success. It may not happen the obvious way, but God will show you, his way. And his way always finds victory.

Lord, sometimes I am afraid, but I ask you, fill me with your Spirit. Amen.



Thank you, thank you! I can't say that enough for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, and hugs I received during my son, David Wilkey's, hospital stay. The love of God was certainly showered on me. Thanks also to the H.E.L.P. Committee and all who worked the reception. It was enjoyed by the entire family. God is good.

Linda Petermann and Family

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**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

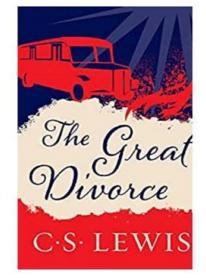
Weekly registration June 5 - August 7

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



### 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							
+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 2 July A.D. 2023 + + +							
	Helping Hands Just as Adam was put in the Garden of Eden to take care of the plants and animals, we should also take care of God's Earth, animals and most importantly people						
And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Revelation 5:13							
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.						
Sunday, July 2, 2023 Worship Service	10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Only one service on this date before Redeemers' annual Independence Day Picnic under the Pavilion)						
QR Codes for SUNDAY WORHSIP Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE"							
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service		Sunday 11:00 am Service					
CLICK HERE		CLICK HERE					

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Birthday & Anniversary Blessings June 30-July 6, 2023							
							Birthdays
June 30 June 30 July 1 July 2 July 2 July 3	Peggy Cherlyn Jonah Kristen Regan Greg	Pavone Smith Unruh James Schwenzer Brown	July 4 July 6 July 6 July 6 July 6 July 6	Karl Holly Joshua Jeffrey Paul Mark	Fehrman Fitterer Frank Gibson, Jr. McMurtry Sullivan		
	Anniversaries						
If your b	-	Bob & Ann Steven & Lynn John & Amy Marcus & Joan Inniversary is miss fice at info@redee	Oro Hir Wo	<b>oollard</b> ase conta	ct the church		
		Church Flo	wers				
Altar flowers are given this week to the glory of God by Lea Wiltenmuth in celebration of Independence Day.							
Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts							
	July 2 – Pentecost V						
Far from freedom and th suicide hold hearts capti life Gospel brings the sw er" (Romans 7:4). The He	ve to sinful ord that tru	passions (Romans ly liberates (Matth	7:5-6) s iew 10:3	such as pr 34) "so tha	ide and lust. The s at you may belong	sanctity of g to anoth-	
Worship Atte	ndance a	nd Contributio	ns wi	ll be up	idated next w	eek.	

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
June 25, 2023	182	277	\$18,738	\$368,182
Last Year	215	263	\$ 8,985	\$353,958