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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 March 10, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

## Remember to ...



# Clocks advance one hour at 2 a.m.

## Sunday, March 12, 2023



PreK - 12th Grade Sunday School will be Closed for Spring Break Sundays, March 12 & 19, 2023

Laura Ross, DCE

Laura Ross will be showing a movie and watching the children in the double classroom during this time, if you still need somewhere for your children to go during the Sunday School hour.



#### Reading: Numbers 24 (Optional Reading: Numbers 25 - 27)

"<sup>17</sup> I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.
He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth." Numbers 24:17

When the wise men were looking for the place where Jesus was born, what brought them there? A star, right?

How had the wise men learned about this special star? Possibly from Daniel, a Jew who served in Babylon as the king's highest adviser. Daniel would have been very familiar with the prophecies in the Old Testament, and he might have told the wise men about a star that would one day announce the birth of the new king of the Jews.

Where could Daniel have gotten this idea of a star? Possibly from Numbers 24:17. There, non-Jewish prophet Balaam talks about a star that would appear when the king arrived.

Some scholars believe that this information was passed down through the centuries from one generation to the next. However, it happened, God made sure that the right people knew the right information at the right time. The wise men saw the star, traveled to Bethlehem, and brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Isn't it amazing how God works? He never leaves anyone who wants to know about him without the truth. Trust him to bring that truth to your family, your friends, and all the people of the world. For he will.

Jesus, you are the king, and you are my king. I worship you. Amen.

#### RESERVING SPACE at REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH for ACTIVITIES and MEETINGS

Spring is coming and the church is getting busier. If you plan to have an activity or meeting at the church, please be sure to contact the church office to reserve the space you would like to use.

#### **Contact Information**

Carrie Frank Office: 540-898-4748 Email: <u>info@redeemerfxbg.org</u>



REDEEMER WOMEN IN MISSION Saturday, March 11 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall Anita Diederen

**Reminder** that the March Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be helping with the baptismal banners that morning.

#### Midweek Lenten Dinner Wednesday, March 29 | 5:30 p.m.

Please also remember that we will be hosting the Midweek Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, March 29 at 5:30 p.m. A Menu Sign Up Sheet will be available at the meeting on Saturday.

As always, remember that ALL women who are members of Redeemer are members of LWML. Please join us for coffee and fellowship if you are able!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Anita Diederen (540-455-5058) or Marian Dawgert 540-845-4235.

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#### **Paul McMurtry**

Paul grew up in Maine. He moved here from Richmond in 2011. Paul is an Air Force veteran, and he retired in 2019 from CSX Railroad. His hobbies include traveling and photography.

Paul can be seen at both services. Please give him a warm Redeemer welcome!



### **QUILTERS' MEETING**

Please note the change in date to March 25th.

#### Saturday, March 25, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come tie with us. No experience is necessary!

If you have questions, please contact : Anna Jennings Home: 540-412-5373 Message: 540-842-7920

Thank you to all who donated to our Lutheran World Relief fundraiser. We raised \$855 to cover shipping costs!



+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 12 March A.D. 2023 + + +



Watch and Pray TOGETHER

"Without prayer the soul will not dwell in the love of God, for the grace of the Holy Spirit comes through prayer."

St. Silouan the Athonite

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity... Psalm 32



This year as we journey together toward Easter, the Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study and Midweek Lenten Services will underscore hearing the Gospel, while accentuating how the Gospel is conveyed through physical senses of sight, smell, and touch. You will see, touch, smell, and feel each week of Lent: ashes, salt, water, light, bread, and palms. Then, during Holy Week, the focus shifts toward the elements: water and blood (wine), wood, fragrant oil, and finally, milk and honey.

Season of Lent Redeemer Lutheran Church



#### LENT & EASTER SCHEDULES

#### LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES, MEALS, and FAMILY ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS (March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29)

- Worship Services 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
  - Lenten Dinners 5:30 p.m.
  - Family Activities 6:15 p.m.

#### **HOLY WEEK**

Maundy Thursday, April 6 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, April 7** 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8 3:30 p.m.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

6:30 a.m.—Sunrise Service Old Mill Park | Shelter No. 2 Please bring your own chair and an umbrella if it rains.

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast Redeemer Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—Easter Services Redeemer Sanctuary

(No Sunday school or Bible study on Easter.)

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New Small Group Opportunity for Parents with Children Grades K-12

# PARENTS SMALL GROUP

fellowship | mentoring young families | relationships modern culture | k-12 children

reach out to Mat & Julie Smith for more info

Initial stand-up March 10, 2023



To sign up, use the QR Code above or click on this link: <u>Small Group: Parent Small Group Attendance (signupgenius.com)</u>

# Redeemer is hiring! Position:

# **Preschool Director**

20 hours a week Starting Summer 2023

For more information please contact Rebecca Richey or Laura Ross at dce@redeemerfxbg.org



#### 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.

"<sup>15</sup> And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." — Jeremiah 3:15 KJV

"<sup>11</sup> 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.

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 <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.		
QR Codes for Worship Services Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE" Below for Each Service			
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service CLICK HERE		Sunday 11:00 am Service CLICK HERE	
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Church Flowers	
Flowers this week are given by Cindy Kohl in celebration of her daughter, Michelle Nicholson's, birthday.	
Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts	
<b>March 12 – Lent III</b> Jesus delights to invite the Samaritan woman into His fellowship and for past (John 4:13-18). So He has received each of us, notwithstanding our And so He insists we know the joy and hope of explicitly articulating who suffer the guilt and grief of aborting their own children. He holds th those already lost.	mistakes and failures. the same grace to any
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