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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 17, 2023

*Redeemer  
Lutheran Church  
Newsletter*

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## Easter Spring Fling

Katie Tennstedt

Please join us!

Saturday, April 8, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Invite a friend or neighbor!

Family Fun Activities

EASTER EGG HUNT, MOONBOUNCE, GAMES & MORE!

Candy Donations Appreciated!

Candy Donations are needed by March 26th.

No chocolate, please. It melts too easily.

See our collection box in the narthex. Thanks!

Questions?

Please contact  
Katie Tennstedt

[outreach@embracedbyhim.org](mailto:outreach@embracedbyhim.org)



**WEEKLY DEVOTION  
WITH  
PASTOR DAVE MINER**

**Devotion No. 81**

**Reading: Numbers 31 (Optional Reading: Numbers 28 - 30)**

***"Take vengeance on the Midianites for the Israelites.  
After that, you will be gathered to your people." Numbers 31:2***

How did people in the Old Testament know about the resurrection? Only a few Scriptures give us an inkling about a resurrection of the dead. Some are found in Daniel, others in Job, one in Psalm 16. But there is an old Hebrew expression that all Hebrews used that indicates their confidence in heaven. It is found in Numbers 31:2, as well as many other places. "After that, you will be gathered to your people."

What does that mean?

The Hebrews believed that when you died, you were brought back together with your ancestors or people. You were drawn in like a fish on a hook to your people. They were all those who had died before you in the faith. You came back to them in heaven and were with them forever.

Think about it; one day you will die and, if you are a Christian, you will be gathered to your people. You will see all those who have gone before who believed in Jesus. Your grandparents and great-grandparent's all the way back to Abraham and Abel and Adam. There you will experience happiness and joy.

**Lord, we praise you for making a way for all of us to live forever. Thank you. Amen**

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
Saturday, March 18 | 8:00 a.m.**

**Jimmy the Greek Restaurant  
3401 Lafayette Boulevard  
Fredericksburg, VA**



Just a reminder that the monthly Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday, March 18, at 8:00 a.m., at the Jimmy The Greek Restaurant. **The subject of our devotion will be "Urgency".**

If you have not been with us lately, come join us for breakfast and fellowship. If you have never been with us for breakfast, all are welcome.

Hope to see you Saturday morning.

Yours in Christ, John Overbey

# Redeemer Women in Mission/LWML Annual Crafting of Palm Crosses

Ray Ann Johnson, Coordinator

**Attention  
Redeemer Women**

**Annual Event  
Making Palm Crosses**

*Breakfast will be  
Served*

**Saturday, April 1  
9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**



**C**ome join in this blessed sharing, as we make palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

All volunteers are welcome, no experience is needed.

This event will replace LWML's regular monthly meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ray Ann Johnson  
(540) 582-9145

Anita Diederer  
(540) 455-5058

Marian Dawgert  
(540) 845-4235

## OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN CHIMES!

**Practice on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.**

Lea Wiltenmuth, Choir Director

Children are invited to learn to play chimes on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. Practices will last about 20 to 25 minutes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lea.

See you Saturday!



<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Psalm 100:1



## 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!

**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](mailto:dce@redeemerfxbg.org)

## Spring Break

PreK - 12th Grade Sunday School  
will be Closed for Spring Break

Sunday, March 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.

# PROMISED TREASURES

2023  
Lenten Season

Join Us  
on the Journey

Pastor Dave Miner

PREACHING & WORSHIP

**T**his 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.)**



## Panda Pantry

Helping to Feed Students in Need  
in our Community

Barbara Buck



Please consider being part of this ministry that helps feed children in need, who are students in our local schools. The following items are needed in single servings/small sizes:

Applesauce  
Cheese-Its,  
Chef Boyardee Cups  
Fruit Cups  
Granola Bars

Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers  
Popcorn  
Juice Boxes,  
Mac and Cheese Cups

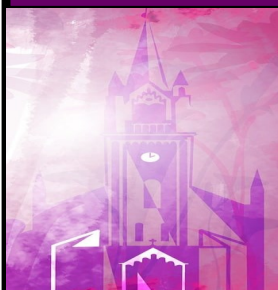
Pop-Tarts  
Pretzels  
Rice Krispie Treats  
Ramen Noodles  
Ravioli, Soup

If you have questions, please contact Barbara Buck at [blb.and.me@gmail.com](mailto:blb.and.me@gmail.com).

A box is in the Narthex for donations. Thank you for your generosity!

## Reserving Space at Redeemer for Meetings & Events

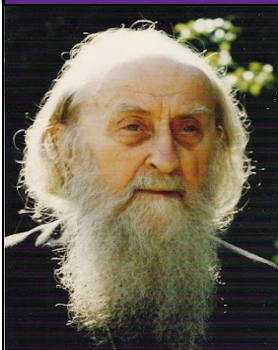
Carrie Frank



**S**pring 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.

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+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 19 March A.D. 2023 + + +



### Watch and Pray TOGETHER

“Spiritual courage  
consists in having firm faith  
in God’s mercy.”

St. Sophrony of Essex



*...I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32*



## 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 <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 Worship Services Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE" Below for Each Service

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>	Sunday 11:00 am Service <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
	

## *Birthday & Anniversary Blessings*

March 17-23, 2023

### *Birthdays*

March 17	Dusty	Hinz	March 20	Janet "Mugs"	Swager
March 18	Owen	Bogle	March 21	Lauren	Hybl
March 18	Tony	Porter	March 21	Dempsey	James
March 18	Sarah	Schilling	March 21	Randy	Mayer
March 18	Timothy	Schilling	March 23	Madeline	Bye
March 20	Julius	Dabelstein	March 23	Jennifer	Nehls

### *Anniversaries*

March 18      Stu & Cindy      Moulton

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

### *Church Flowers*

Flowers this week  
are given to the glory of God  
in celebration  
of Stu and Cindy Mouton's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### *Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts*

#### March 19 – Lent IV

Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors' brokennesses just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

### *Worship Attendance and Contributions*

**Attendance and Contribution totals will be updated next week.**

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