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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

May 19, 2023

*Redeemer
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Newsletter*

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WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER Devotion No. 90

Reading: Deuteronomy 29
(Optional Reading: Deuteronomy 30 - 31)

¹⁵ The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.” (Deuteronomy 29:29 NIV)

Maybe like me, you have wondered about the mysteries of life:

- Why is one person good at music, and others not?
- Why are some people so smart and get perfect grades, and others not who study just as hard or even harder?
- How did I come to be born where I was, in the family I did, while other people are in poverty?

As hard as I tried to be fair at golf, why do some people like Tiger Woods seem to be so good at it?

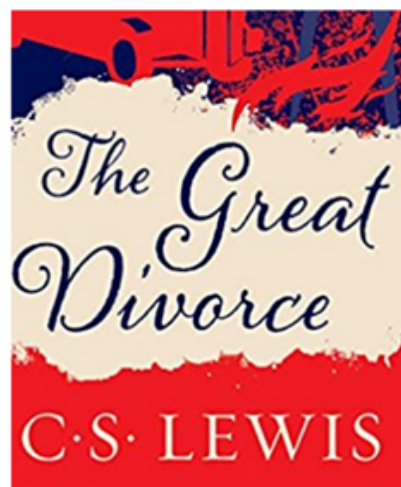
God calls the answers to these questions the “secret things.” Such secrets belong to God and God alone. He knows why he created Tiger Woods the way he did and why he made you the way you are. The important thing is to trust that God knows all about you, why he made you the way you are, and what he intends to do with you. That is a secret thing he will reveal to you, if you ask.

Jesus, show me what I can do in your world today. Amen.



SUMMER 2023

Wednesdays, June 21
to 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.



Sunday, May 21st is Confirmation Sunday

Laura Ross, DCE

We are blessed to be confirming seven young men and women during the 11 o'clock service. If you would like to write them notes of encouragements or give them a small gift, their names have been listed below.



Confirmands

Michael Biscamp
Abigail Champney
Isaiah Kinchen

Evan Schwenzer
Olivia Smith

Scarlett Smith
Aidan Tennstedt



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRY FAIR

LEARN ABOUT THE MINISTRIES IN OUR
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

DISCOVER WHERE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO
SHARE YOUR TALENT

Sunday, June 11th | 9:00 a.m.

Stop by the ministry tables in between worship
services enroute to your car.

Please contact Judy Devey with questions.

Email: djevey22@gmail.com | Phone: (301) 752-2935

Men's Breakfast & Quilters' Events this Weekend

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 20th | 8:00 a.m.

Jimmy the Greek restaurant | 3401 Lafayette Blvd. | Fredericksburg. VA

JOHN OVERBEY

The Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday, May 20, at 8:00 a.m. at the Jimmy The Greek Restaurant.

The subject of our devotion will be "Able to do All Things".

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.

The wives are also invited to join Grumpy Sue for breakfast.

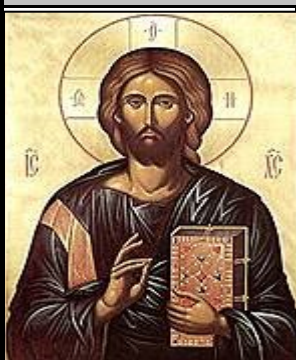
Quilters' Meeting

Saturday, May 20th | 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Anna Jennings

Come tie with us. No experience is necessary!
If you have questions, please contact Anna Jennings
Home: 540-412-5373 | Message: 540-842-7920

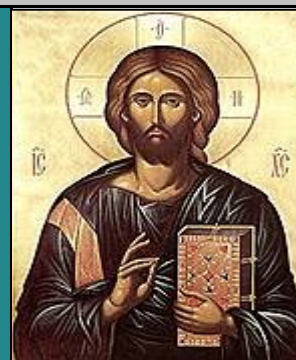
+ + + **Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 21 May A.D. 2023** + + +



Watch and Pray TOGETHER

**I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and
no one will take your joy from you.**

John 16



When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

for Preschool through 5th Grade Students

Laura Ross, DCE

June 26-30

3 pm - 6 p.m.



Daily Dinners

**Fellowship
Hall**

Register today for the best week of your summer!

Redeemer Lutheran Church is delighted to invite you to our Twists & Turns Vacation Bible School from June 26 through 30, 2023!

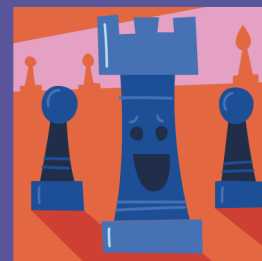
Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School is a fantastical celebration of how following Jesus changes the game. Jesus walks with us through all of life's twists and turns, and we look forward to celebrating His saving love in an awesome game-filled theme.



REGISTRATION

To register, click on the link below.

[MyVBS | Redeemer Lutheran Church](#)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Laura Ross, DCE

Redeemer is hiring!

Position:

Preschool Teacher's Aide

16-20 hours a week
Starting 2023-24 School Year
\$13 per hour

For more information or to state your interest in the position, please contact Laura Ross at

Redeemer is hiring!

Position:

Day Camp Program Director

40 hours a week
May - August 2023
Facilitate and manage the day-to-day operations of Redeemer Lutheran's Student Station Day Camp program.
\$14 per hour

For more information or to state your interest in the position, please contact Laura Ross at dce@redeemerfxbg.org

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!**

CHURCH COUNCIL



COUNCIL SECRETARY OPENING

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Council is seeking a council secretary to help maintain records of council and congregational meetings.



If you can volunteer to help, please contact Randy Mayer at randymayerva@gmail.com or Marcus Woollard at marcuswoollard@yahoo.com.

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 www.redeemerfxbg.org . 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 or Click on the LINK Below

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service	Sunday 11:00 am Service
	

You may also follow worship service scripts on our website by clicking on the link below.

[Service Scripts | Redeemer Lutheran Church \(redeemerfxbg.org\)](http://www.redeemerfxbg.org)

Then select the 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

May 19—25, 2023

Birthdays

May 20	Laura	Wiltenthuth	May 24	Marrs	Bowden
May 20	Kenton	Gregor	May 24	Mila	Church
May 23	Matthew	Fox-Moles	May 25	Cindy	Anderson
May 23	Michael	DeLeon	May 25	Anna	Bull

Anniversaries

May 19	Mark & Vicki	Sullivan	May 22	Perry & Lisa	Darley
May 21	Dave & Dee	Allen	May 23	Jacob & Monica	Dixon

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church
office at info@redeemerfxbg.org

Church Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Bill and Carol Demarest
in honor of Abby and the 2023 Confirmants.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

May 21 - Easter VII

The demise of Judas (Acts 1:18) confirms death is always the devil's work (1 Peter 5:8). We are not ashamed to resist its enticements, for the sake of both the Gospel and our neighbors. The work of God, on the other hand, always seeks to adopt even the ones the world discards and number every human life among His household (Psalm 68:5-6). Let us be about the Father's business!

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
May 14, 2023	235	298	\$16,519	\$283,096
Last Year	202	278	\$ 7,871	\$280,393