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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 5, 2023

*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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Church Office: 540-898-4748 | Email: info@redeemerfxbg.org

REMINDER: CALL SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 7, 3 PM

CALL SERVICE & SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING



SUNDAY | MAY 7, 2023 | 3:00 PM

Led by Rev. James Kent, Circuit Visitor, Southeastern District, LCMS

CALLING A SENIOR PASTOR

MESSAGE FROM THE CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

Randy Mayer

"Few actions of a congregation impact its future direction and viability more extensively than the calling of a pastor."

The time has come for our congregation to issue a call to a senior pastor. There are three candidates resulting from the committed work of our call committee and support of the Southeastern District, LCMS. Your role on May 7 will be critical in the life of our congregation. Here is what to expect.

CALL SERVICE ITINERARY

- Call service opens with prayer and scripture readings as we seek guidance from the Holy Spirit in selecting a pastor.
- Call service transitions to a special voters meeting where the call committee presents a brief background on three candidates. Voting commences until one of the candidates wins a clear majority. (The pastor will be contacted after the service by church leaders to formally extend the call.)
- Return to the call service to conclude with prayers and hymns of hope and thanksgiving.

CONTACTS FOR QUESTIONS

- Randy Mayer, Congregation President at randymayerva@gmail.com
- Craig Nehls, Chairman, Board of Elders at cnehls@kerrlake.com

Please note this meeting will not be livestreamed.

**WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER
Devotion No. 88**



Reading: Deuteronomy 21

(Optional Reading: Deuteronomy 22 - 24)

“²⁰ They shall say to the elders, “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a glutton and a drunkard.” (Deuteronomy 21:20 NIV)

Disobedience is serious in the eyes of God. The Bible talks of ways parents can keep their children in line. Parents are never to abuse their little ones, but they are to discipline them when they do things wrong.

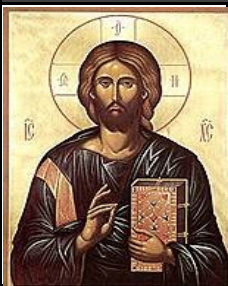
Sometimes young people start doing far worse things than coming home late or telling a little lie. Sometimes they get into drugs, drinking, sex, and other things that can lead to their destruction. I understand now when my dad would lecture me, “Nothing good happens after midnight.” When parents today must give up on a child because of their sin, they usually let them go off on their own and suffer the consequences of their immoral behavior.

In the Old Testament, though, disobedience invited a much worse fate than that. A young man or woman could be executed because of his or her sin. It was that serious.

We do not resort to such measures today. God tells us to show mercy and compassion, even to unbelievably bad people. No matter your age, disobedience is a serious matter in the eyes of God. Look closely at your life. Are you disobeying your parents about a situation or problem? If you are older, are you sinning against someone . . . or God? Stop! Confess it to God and make it right with your parents or against whomever you are sinning. Then your life will be blessed and preserved.

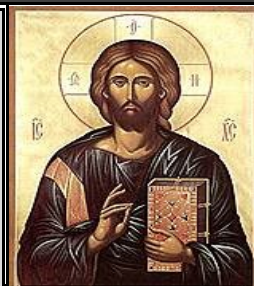
Father, help me to learn to obey You when I do not feel like it. Amen.

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 07 May A.D. 2023 + + +



Watch and Pray TOGETHER
And when I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am
you may be also.

John 14



I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

FREE EVENT! Friday, May 12th | 4:30 pm to 9 pm



Register with Laura Ross, DCE
dce@embracedbyhim.org

Free Child Care will be provided at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Children will enjoy an evening of supervised fun, dinner, and Jesus time, while you spend some well-deserved time for yourselves.

Drop-off and pick-up any time between 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. depending on your needs.

REGISTRATION

Email DCE Laura Ross at dce@embracedbyhim.org with the name of each child you will be bringing and whether they will be eating dinner at church.

END OF YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

(Pre K through High School)

IS MAY 14th

Enjoy your summer!

Laura Ross, DCE



2023 Poker Run

May 20, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Randy Mayer

Looking for Redeemer motorcycle riders who would be interested in riding as a group at the Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity annual Poker Run. The run will be held on Saturday, May 20, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending around 1:00 p.m.

The entry fee helps promote and fund the various Habitat projects in our area.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Randy Mayer at randymayerva@gmail.com.



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



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!

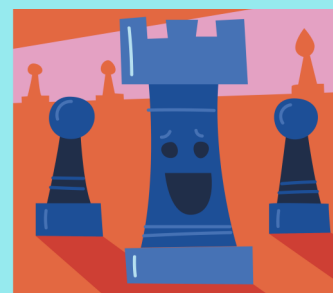
Redeemer Lutheran Church is delighted to invite you to our Twists & Turns Vacation Bible School from June 26 through 30, 2023!

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.



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!



Hat Day is May 7

Join in the fun!

We had a great time last year either wearing hats or enjoying the view!

Men are welcome to participate too, but please remove your hat while you are in the sanctuary.

Mike Evenson

COUNCIL SECRETARY OPENING

The 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 jacobwoollard7@gmail.com.

PANDA PANTRY CLOSES FOR THE SUMMER



*A Big Thank You
from the Outreach Committee*

As the 2021-2022 school year comes to a close, we will stop collecting food items for Panda Pantry. But, we want to extend a BIG THANK YOU to everyone at Redeemer for their support throughout the school year. Your donations and prayers ensure that this ministry continues to feed school children at risk of hunger.

We will begin collecting for the 2022-2023 school year in August. We look forward to your continued support. Thanks again!





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: Pray for wisdom and discernment for the Call Committee in recognizing God's appointed Pastor for Redeemer. Pray 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). Pray 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. **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 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 Below or "CLICK HERE"

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service

[CLICK HERE](#)



Sunday 11:00 am Service

[CLICK HERE](#)



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

May 4—11, 2023

Birthdays

May 5	Brandon	Sullivan	May 7	Johnny	Hinz, Jr.
May 5	Andrew	McGrady	May 8	Mike	Mullinax
May 5	Kacey	Schwenzer	May 9	Carole	Roinestad
May 5	Evan	Schwenzer	May 10	Laura	Bartel
May 7	Dee	Allen	May 10	Rachel	Gregor

Anniversaries

May 9 Les & Bonnie Wagner

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

Church Flowers

There is no dedication for church flowers this week.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

May 7 – Easter V

The God of the Scriptures displays a decided preference for precisely the kind of lives our world despises. He devotes particular attention to infants and elderly persons (Psalm 146:9), with no thought for who might find them “unwanted” or “burdensome.” He would even have us emulate their dependency upon Him (1 Peter 2:2). And He invites us to know this – and make it known – as real life (John 14:6).

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
April 30, 2023	287	297	\$ 9,496	\$253,097
Last Year	215	285	\$16,856	\$255,672