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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

October 28, 2022

*Redeemer
Lutheran Church
Newsletter*

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WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER Devotion No. 63

Reading: Exodus 32 (Optional Reading: Exodus 28 -31)

“⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” (Exodus 32:4 NIV)

Fred’s room had more posters than any room I had ever seen. All the posters were of one famous athlete, an athlete that he thought was the greatest. There were posters of him in action on the field. Another of him standing by an impressive muscle car. Another of his face, huge and smiling, right in the middle. Over on another wall, he was one of the athletes standing with a beautiful woman. Yet another of him surrounded by the media. Another wall was filled with memorabilia, an autographed picture, an autographed jersey, even a bobblehead in the corner.

When he stepped into the room each day, he could lay in his bed and fantasize about how he could perform those same feats. Fred felt close to this athlete, even though he had never met him.

What was Fred’s problem? People like Fred worship the idols they find in the world of sports, or music, or an actor in the movies or television for example.

An idol can be anything. In our text, it was an actual sculpture or image. In our day, it could be money, popularity, pleasure, a movie star, or something else that catches our attention. How do you know if something in your life has become an idol? By how much you think about that thing or person. By how much you spend on buying stuff related to them.

Have you fallen prey to an idol? Turn back to God and tell him you want to give him first place in your life.

Heavenly Father, remove the idols from my life, and let me worship only you. Amen.



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For Life

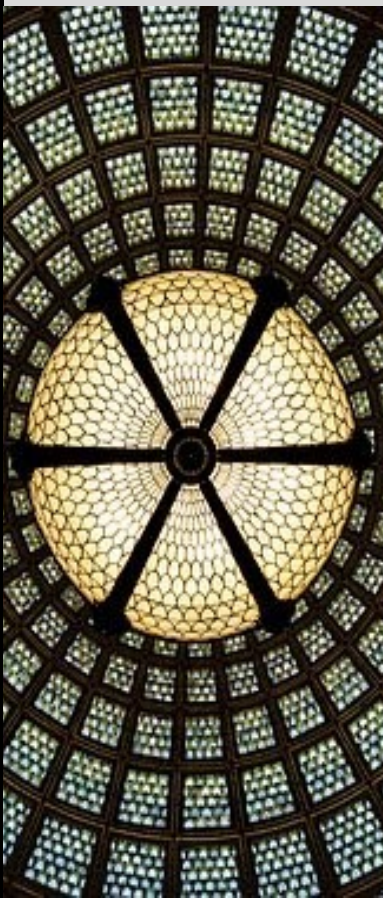
Life Thoughts

October 30 – Pentecost XXI

Many who have participated in the abortion of their own children believe they have committed an unforgivable sin. When we fail even to speak its name and extend God's atoning grace to it directly, we become as guilty as them. What relief is theirs—and ours—in acknowledging our Lord's forgiveness: No sin stains so deeply that Jesus cannot cleanse us (Isaiah 1:18).

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Carrie Frank



Redeemer has been updating our church directory.

Rough draft copies will be available for review in the narthex for the next two Sundays (October 30 and November 6).

We would like the updated directory to accurately reflect the individuals living in a household at the same address. If you have adult children that no longer live at home, please let the church

office know. Doing so, will allow the church office to list adult children, living at a different address, as their own household, with their correct contact information.

Please take a few moments to look over your information, and make corrections on draft copies in the narthex, or contact the church office (info@redeemerfxbg.org or 540-898-4748) with any changes.

Thank you, Carrie

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 30 October A.D. 2022 + + +



With All the Saints

"Christians live not in themselves, but in Christ and in their neighbors. Otherwise, we are not Christians. We live in Christ through faith, in our neighbors through love. By faith we are caught up beyond ourselves into God. By love we descend beneath ourselves into our neighbors.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

Adapted from Martin Luther's

Freedom of a Christian A.D. 1520

Sunday November 6th

CONSECRATION

SUNDAY

Commitments for financial support of our mission and vision

With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come. Psalm 71:16a

A Redeemer Lutheran Church Supported Ministry
Please direct questions to Anita Diederer at aroberson4@cox.net.

Campus Christian Community Fall Fundraiser



Friday, November 4th

At Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

810 Princess Anne St.

**Family Fun, Food, Drinks,
and Raffle!!!**



\$5 per player

Doors Open 6:30 pm

Game Starts 7:00 pm

*Bring a team or make
one there!!*



"Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - 2 Peter 3:18

We are pleased to announce that our rebranding project of our website has been completed. We are launching a new logo, new website, and a new mobile app! We are very excited for the opportunities that these new tools will bring to our church and preschool. There are a few things to note about these changes:

1. Our new website is www.redeemerfxbg.org. The old website, embracedbyhim.org will no longer be maintained. I suggest creating a new bookmark for the new link so that you don't forget.
2. Our new website also has many new interactive features. Feel free to explore and see what we have to offer for you and our community! Check back regularly as we continue to update and improve. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the site, please let me know.
3. **CHURCH BUSINESS EMAILS ARE CHANGING.** The beginning of the address will stay the same, but the ending (domain name) will change to "@redeemerfxbg.org" (ex. info@embracedbyhim.org will become info@redeemerfxbg.org). Stay tuned for when this will take effect.

Our website is now live, so please check it out! If you have any questions, contact me at dcs@embracedbyhim.org. As the Digital Communications Specialist, it is my responsibility to make sure that our online marketing tools are working for our members and the greater community, and I look forward to serving you further in this role.

All the best,

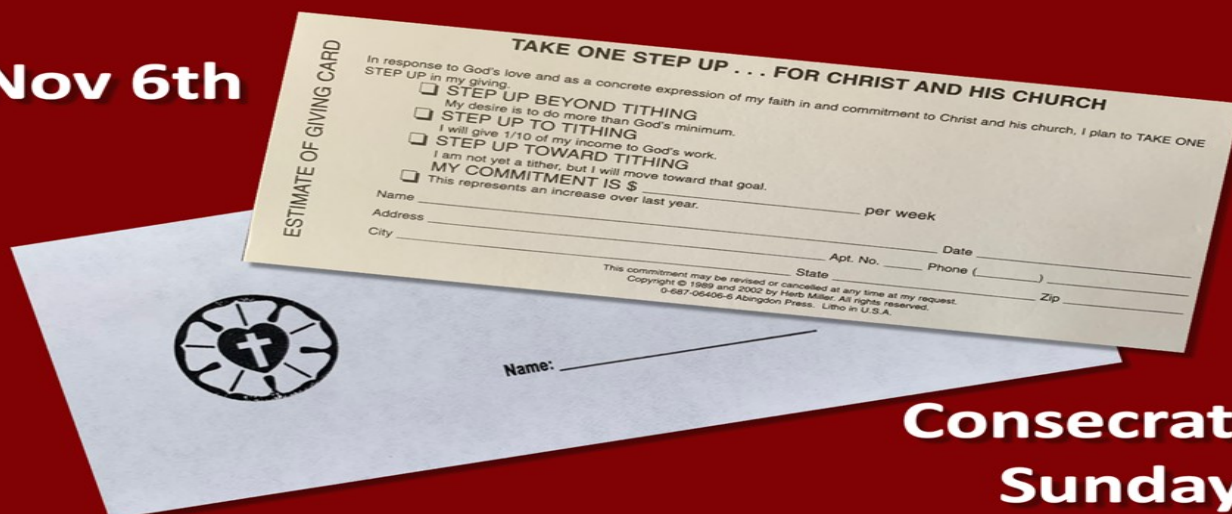
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Nov 6th



Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday – November 6th

Check your mailboxes to recover and review
your commitments from last year
(and the year before).

We'll consecrate our new financial commitments on Sunday Nov 6th. Estimate of Giving cards for 2023 and envelopes will be available in our mailboxes by October 15th.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)



Friday, October 28, 2022

6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

Josie Douglas

Please join us for an Evening of Family Fun!

- If you plan to decorate your vehicle to hand out candy, please arrive by 6:00 p.m.
- Pizza and snacks will be provided.
- There will also be a costume contest, car decorating contest, and so much more fun.
- We will finish the night with a movie under the stars (weather permitting).

Sign Up

There will be two sign up sheets in the narthex: one sign up sheet is for those who plan on decorating a car, and the other is for those who plan on coming for the fun, so that we can get a head count for ordering the pizza. **If you have any questions, please contact Josie Douglas at 540-834-3979**

ALL SOULS

Sunday, November 6, 2022
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Worship Services

Day

Completed Forms Due
to Church Office by
October 31, 2022

November 1 is set aside each year in the Christian Church as All Saints' Day. On that day, we recall those saints who died BECAUSE of their faith (Martyred). November 2 is set on the Christian calendar as "The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed" or "All Souls Day". This day recalls those who died IN the faith.

If you have had a Christian friend or loved one who has died since November 2021 and come into the nearer presence of the Lord, we would like to join you in remembering those loved ones this year on **Sunday, November 6, 2022.**

We ask that you send to the church the following information to arrive no later than Monday, October 31. You may place the completed form below in the offering plate or turn it into the office by October 31. You may also complete the form on-line by clicking [HERE](#).

We will read the names of those submitted at worship on Sunday, November 6. As much as we would love to remember all our loved ones from time past, we ask that you limit the submissions to those we have lost since November 1, 2021.

Name of the Christian who died: _____

Date of Death (since November 1, 2021): _____

Your Name: _____

Your phone no. and email address: _____

The deceased's relation to you: _____

Every reasonable effort will be made to include each submitted name.
We appreciate your honoring the Monday, October 31 deadline for submission.





BLUE STAR MOTHERS FREDERICKSBURG CHAPTER CARE PACKAGING DRIVE

Cindy Kohl

During October, items for care packages are collected for the Blue Star Mothers, Fredericksburg Chapter, at Redeemer. Over 700 care packages will be mailed to our Troops in combat zones in other countries, including to remote areas that lack access to basic hygiene items, such as a bar of soap, toothpaste, or shampoo. Every care package sent from "home" is a reminder to our Troops they are not forgotten and we hope will also serve as a boost in their morale. Each package is sealed with a prayer and a kiss.

CARE PACKING EVENT | NOVEMBER 19, 2022 | 9:00 A.M.

Come help pack and send some love to our heroes at the Berea Fire Station, 20 Sebring Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. The CARE PACKING EVENT begins at 9:00 AM!

CARE PACKAGE ITEMS NEEDED

HYDRATION (INDIVIDUAL SERVING SIZE)

Powdered Drink Mixes (Crystal Light, Propel, etc.)

PROTEINS (INDIVIDUAL SERVING SIZE)

Tuna or Chicken, foil pouches or pull top cans

Beef Jerky/Slim Jims

Protein Bars/Peanut Butter Mini Cups

SNACKS

Oatmeal/Hot Chocolate/Cider

Top Ramen Noodles in cups

Microwave Popcorn –Crackers (individually wrapped)

SPECIALTY ITEMS

Cough Drops

Vitamins (chewable)

Zip Lock Brand Bags (all sizes, especially Gallon Size)

Hand Warmers

HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Shampoo/Conditioner (travel size)

Chap Stick/Lip Balm

Feminine Hygiene Items for Females

Hand/Body Lotion

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Dental floss

Body Wash/Soap

Q-Tips - Tissues

Foot/Body Powder – Disposable Razors

Deodorant (stick only)

Nail Clipper – Nail File

ENTERTAINMENT

Playing Cards

Crossword Puzzles-Sudoku

CARDS & LETTERS TO OUR TROOPS

Please not forget encouraging letters, cards and postcards from home/schools, they love to receive them!!!!

Small, Individual, and Travel Sizes Please

NOTE: WE CANNOT RECEIVE: Mouthwash or Hand Sanitizers because of the alcohol content.

MONETARY DONATIONS

We also accept monetary donations to assist in the postage costs (mail your check payable to Blue Star Mothers of Fredericksburg to the address below & put "care packages" in your memo line on your check.) For more information please contact: Teri Reece, Chair. carepackages.va4@gmail.com, 540-760-5705.

Contact Cindy Kohl with any questions you may have at (540) 373-3132, cindy@hotkohls.com

Save the Date

All Lutheran
Women's Retreat



*Bloom Where You Are Planted -
Thriving in Times of Change*

November 3-5, 2022
Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center
Natural Bridge, Virginia

[All Lutheran Women's Retreat \(google.com\)](https://sites.google.com/view/alwretreat/home?authuser=0)

Judy Devey

The All Lutheran Women's Retreat (ALWR) will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center located in Natural Bridge, Virginia, on November 3-5, 2022. The theme is "Bloom Where You Are Planted—Thriving in Times of Change."

By popular demand, returning as our retreat leader, is Donna Marie Todd, motivational speaker, master storyteller, and singer. Donna Marie Todd has expressed her excitement to be with us again and has an exciting retreat program planned with many surprises.

Below is the link to the All Lutheran Women's Retreat web page for more information, as follows:

<https://sites.google.com/view/alwretreat/home?authuser=0>

**Registration forms may be found in the kiosk in the narthex of the church.
Don't worry about the registration deadline being October 4.**

If you have any questions, please see Judy Devey or contact her at 301-752-2935 or at jdevey22@gmail.com.

We are excited to gather with you this fall at the retreat!

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.

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



"¹¹ 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.**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 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.

QR Codes Replaced Paper Bulletins 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
	



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

As part of launching a new website at Redeemer Lutheran Church, information on our weekly Bible Study groups may now be accessed on our website by using this link:

[Bible Studies | Redeemer Lutheran Church \(redeemerfxbg.org\)](https://www.redeemerfxbg.org)



REDEEMER GIVING

Use the link below to access the Give page on Redeemer's website to tithe and see different options for giving.

[Give | Redeemer Lutheran Church \(redeemerfxbg.org\)](https://www.redeemerfxbg.org)

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH DIGITAL COMMUNICATION AND MEMBER SERVICES



DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

Website: <https://www.redeemerfxbg.org>

Facebook: Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool

MEMBER SERVICES

Church Office: (540) 898-4748

Pastoral Service: Call the church office for assistance.



Prayer Chain: Email: ligagion@gmail.com

Remind Text Application: <https://www.remind.com/join/rlcms>

Church News and Updates: Call the church office to receive **30 Second Updates** and church newsletter.

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Church Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

October 28 to November 3, 2022

Birthdays

November 1	Holly	Thomas
November 1	Matthew	Bogle
November 2	Aiden	Koehler



Anniversaries

October 30 Thomas & Linda Church

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



Church Flowers

**Flowers this week are given
to the glory of God
by Peggy Pavone
in celebration of Quinn Pavone's
third birthday.**



Worship Attendance and Contributions October 23, 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
October 23	225	248	\$13,973	\$580,847
Last Year	230	227	\$16,503	\$564,929