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#### Our Vision Statement

Contributions

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

### September 1, 2023

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# CALL PROCESS UPDATE Nike Eastman, Call Committee The following announcement

was made during services on August 27, 2023.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Newsletter

It has been almost 2 months since our Call was returned, and our Call process is seeing the results of our efforts. The Circuit Visitor has contacted the candidates, but he had to leave some messages and is waiting for their reply.

Following the Call service in June, a question was raised why the committee didn't provide the names of the candidates in a timelier manner before the Call Service. District guidelines for Call committees do not allow the names to be released outside the committee until the day of the Call service. This allows the pastoral candidate to decide the timing of the information provided to the members of his congregation.

The challenge for our Call committee is how to improve the information presented to the congregation before the Call Service. We plan to hold an information/ discussion session between the services on the Sunday of our next Call service.

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### CALL PROCESS UPDATE (continued from Page 1)

The announcement was concluded with the following prayer.

Heavenly Father, You have promised that the Holy Spirit will be with each one of us, and that He will lead the members of this congregation as we search for the next Senior Pastor to shepherd Redeemer Lutheran Church. Bless us with Your presence and let there be joy in the efforts of our Call committee as they complete this task in service to our congregation. Let Your blessings be upon us always. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen

WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER Devotion No. 103



Reading: Judges 17 | Optional Reading: Judges 18 - 21

#### "6 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit." (Judges 17:6)

In the 1960's the motto was to do your own thing. If it makes you feel good, go ahead, and do it. Or you may have said, "No one tells me what to do."

Ever hear people talk like that? Probably all of us have said such things at one time. Millions of people throughout history have lived according to those statements too. You know what happens in a world like that?

It goes crazy. People hurt each other because they are doing what they want to do. People slam each other around because everyone is doing their own thing. That was what happened in the land of Israel in the time of the judges. Everyone "did whatever seemed right in their own eyes." No laws. No rules. Every person is out for themselves.

When Israel lived like that, plenty of problems arose. Sin happened everywhere. God disciplined them by sending enemies into their country to make them slaves and take their food. God cannot let people live by their own rules. Why? Because the stronger people always take over the poorer and weaker people. If you are poor or weak, you get trampled on. God cares enough about the poor and weak not to let that continue. Are you living by your own rules? Are you making it up as you go along?

Watch out. God may send you a wake-up call soon.

Jesus, help me always to live the way you want me to live. Amen.

### THE MESSENGER IS TRANSITIONING TO A MONTHLY PUBLICATION BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023

### THE NEW DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the newsletter editor of *The Messenger* for the last few years. It has been a blessing working with many of you and learning along the way.

Due to family commitments, now is a good time to return the management of the newsletter to Redeemer. My last publication will be on September 22, 2023. Thereafter, the newsletter will transition to a monthly publication beginning October 1.

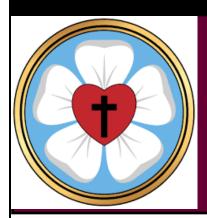
**Sean Miller, Digital Communication Specialist** will be assuming the responsibility for *The Messenger*. Sean brings education and experience in digital communications to the role of editor, which I am confident will bring a new level of creativity and service to this ministry.

Please timely submit your articles, complete with details, on the 15th of each month, including this month, to:

Sean Miller, DCS newsletter@redeemerfxbg.org

### Blessings to all,

Susan <u>Antonelli</u>



### CHRISTIANITY 101 NEW MEMBER CLASS

SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 P.M. | SEPTEMBER 9, 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: DOUBLE CLASSROOM (DOWNSTAIRS) SIGN UP AT THE PODIUM IN THE NARTHEX

#### PASTOR DAVE MINER

The next Christianity 101 class is scheduled for September 8 at 6:30 p.m. and September 9 at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in learning what we believe at Redeemer Lutheran Church, please sign up at the podium located in the narthex to explore our teachings. This is also a great opportunity for a refresher class for our existing members.

For more information, please contact Pastor Dave.

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### **BOARD OF OUTREACH** SUPPORTING CHOICES WOMEN'S CENTER

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During the month of September, Redeemer's Outreach Board will be supporting Choices Women's Center part of <u>IMGNLife.org</u>

If you would like to contribute to this cause, please take a baby bottle from the table in the narthex, and fill it with coins, bills, or checks made out to "Choices" and drop it off in the basket in the narthex.

Please return all bottles by the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Carlson by email at <u>carlsoneh@gmail.com</u>



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THANK YOU!



Y ith the start of a new school year, our Panda Pantry ministry is collecting food donations to help feed local students who live in food insecure households.

The generosity of our church members has enabled Panda Pantry to grow and serve more vulnerable students. We look forward to another fruitful year of giving.

Thank you for making Panda Pantry a successful ministry!

### Items Needed in Single/Small Sizes & Cups

Applesauce	Oatmeal	Pop-Tarts
Cheese-Its,	Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers	Pretzels
Chef Boyardee (Cups)	Popcorn	<b>Rice Krispie Treats</b>
Fruit Cups	Juice Boxes	Ramen Noodles (Cups)
Granola Bars	Mac and Cheese (Cups)	Ravioli, Soup (Cups)

Please place your donations in the designated box in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Barbara Buck.

#### Panda Pantry is a ministry of the Board of Outreach.



THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY WEEKEND!



#### www.holylandcsc.com



### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH** BETWEEN & AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

The Christians of the Holy Land will be our guests on September 24.

For centuries, Bethlehem Christians have been using the olivewood to make religious crafts. They rely on selling them to Christian pilgrims for their livelihood.

After and between all services on September 24, many beautiful hand carved olive wood religious articles will be available for sale:

Nativity Sets & Crosses & Angels & Christmas Ornaments & Candle Holders & Religious Figures & And may more.

Nothing is more special than owning a Nativity Set carved in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Your purchase made of olivewood will remain beautiful and intact for generations. And, one purchase can support a family for a few days.

Due to persecution, ongoing conflict, decreased tourism, Covid 19, and unemployment, Christians families are struggling to get daily bread. Many Christians are leaving the Holy Land. For the first time since Jesus's resurrection, the Christian population is less than 1%. Let us all carefully protect our Christian roots in the Holy Land.

Please, support our ministry and keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

#### Pastor Dave's current Midweek Bible Study | Wednesdays | 10:30 AM



# C.S. LEWIS **EGREAT DIVORCE**

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Book: The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis | Donation: \$15.00 to Pastor's Discretionary Fund



Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 03 September A.D. 2023

Earth and Sea and All God's Creatures Being good stewards, we are to share with those less fortunate than ourselves.

"Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY				
Sunday Worship	8:00 a.m. (Traditional)	8:00 a.m. (Traditional) and 11:00 a.m. (Blended)		
Sunday School and Bible Study	Pastor's Bible Study and on Zoom.	Pastor's Bible Study will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.		
Livestreaming	www.redeemerfxbg.or	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 SUNDAY WORHSIP Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE"				
SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. SERVICE		SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M. SERVICE		
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Birthday & Anniversary Blessings September 1-7, 2023					
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		Anniversaries			
		•	mber 5 Bill & Vick mber 7 John & Me		
If yo	If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church office at info@redeemerfxbg.org				
	Church Flowers				
Church flowers are given this week to the glory of God by Cindy Kohl in celebration of her granddaughter, Lilly Kohl's birthday.					
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	Worship A	ttendance and	Contributions		
Aug 27, 2022	Attendance Total 249	Average Attendance 262	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings	
Aug 27, 2023 Last Year	249	253	\$10,978 \$ 7,812	\$482,511 \$472,197	