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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

September 15, 2023

*Redeemer  
Lutheran Church  
Newsletter*

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### WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER Devotion No. 105

Reading: 1 Samuel 1

Optional Reading: Samuel 2 - 4

**"<sup>11</sup> And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."  
(1 Samuel 1:11 NIV)**

To get what you want, what would you be willing to give up? One summer when we first moved to Virginia, my son was willing to use a chain saw to cut pieces of wood for the fireplace from the trees taken down to build our home. It depends on how much you want it. Many of us will sacrifice something to get what we want.

In this story in the Bible, we see Hannah willing to give up her son to God if only God would give her a son. She had been unable to have children for years. It wore her down. But in the end, she prayed a prayer of relinquishment. What is that? It is when you bow your head before God and say something like, "Lord, I cannot make this happen. But you can. I am willing to humble myself before you and I offer to tithe for the rest of my life if you will give it to me."

People offer God different things: to pray every day. Go to church every week. Hannah was willing to give God her first born son. She was not making a deal with God as much as humbling herself. It must have been a hard decision. But the next year God answered: she gave birth to a son. And when the time came, she gave him back to God.

**Jesus, let me always be willing to give up to you what you desire.  
Amen.**

# THE MEN'S BREAKFAST IS BACK!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

September 16 | 8:00 a.m.

John Overbey



The Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday, September 16, at 8:00 a.m. Join us at Jimmy The Greek Restaurant, located at 3401 Lafayette Boulevard, in Fredericksburg.

The subject of our devotion will be "A New Creature".

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.*

## BOARD OF OUTREACH SUPPORTING CHOICES WOMEN'S CENTER

DEBBIE CARLSON



IMGN Life



CHOICES  
WOMEN'S CENTER

During the month of September, Redeemer's Outreach Board will be supporting Choices Women's Center part of [IMGNLife.org](http://IMGNLife.org)

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

[carlsoneh@gmail.com](mailto:carlsoneh@gmail.com)

THANK YOU!



# CALL SERVICE UPDATE

**Mike Eastman, Call Committee**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 17TH**

**Call Service  
Informational  
Meeting**

**9:45 am | Fellowship Hall**

If you want to learn more about the senior pastor candidates, prior to the call service, please join us at 9:45 a.m. (during the Sunday school hour) in the fellowship hall.

**Call Service  
& Special Voters' Meeting**

**3:30 pm | Sanctuary**

There will be a call service and special voters' meeting at 3:30 p.m. to call a senior pastor. This service will not be livestreamed.



## QUILTERS MEETING

**Saturday, September 16 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Please join us! No experience is necessary.**

**We can always use gently used flat cotton and poly/cotton sheets.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Anna Jennings.**

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

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

The last weekly publication of *The Messenger* 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*.

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

Sean Miller, DCS  
[newsletter@redeemerfxbg.org](mailto:newsletter@redeemerfxbg.org)



## Aloha

### SUNDAY

September 17th

Everyone is invited to wear their Hawaiian shirts, as we bid farewell to summer.



## Panda Pantry

**W**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	Rice Krispie Treats
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.**



## HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY COOPERATIVE



[www.holylandcsc.com](http://www.holylandcsc.com)

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

Many beautiful hand carved olive wood religious articles made by Bethlehem Christians will be available for sale:

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

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

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



# C.S. LEWIS THE GREAT DIVORCE

**Book: The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis |**

**Donation: \$15.00 to Pastor's Discretionary Fund**



**Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 17 September A.D. 2023**

*Earth and Sea and All God's Creatures  
Our Lord will protect and give rest to those who  
follow Him and care for His creation.*

*Stewardship is all about looking out for and caring for one another.*

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY**

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 SUNDAY WORSHIP  
Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE"**

**SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. SERVICE**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**



**SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M. SERVICE**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**



## *Birthday & Anniversary Blessings*

September 15-21, 2023

### *Birthdays*

September 15	Ethan	Schwenzer	September 19	Patrick	Griffiths
September 17	Marge	Barrales	September 20	Rich	Gasperoni
September 17	Faith	Thorpe	September 21	Olivia	Smith
September 18	Chris	Koehler			

### *Anniversaries*

September 16    Mike & Anita    Diederer

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  
by Cindy Kohl in celebration  
of her granddaughter, Josie's, birthday  
and in honor of Constitution Day.

### *Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts*

#### **September 17—Pentecost XVI**

Surprise pregnancy often comes with complications and difficulties. Terminal diagnosis can involve suffering and sorrow. But our God brought Jesus back from the dead. He makes it His way to wring blessings out of burdens (Genesis 50:19-20). Are we in the place of God, to let abortion or assisted suicide judge (Romans 14:4) someone else's life as hopeless?

### *Worship Attendance and Contributions*

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
September 10, 2023	234	260	\$12,128	\$506,677
Last Year	232	252	\$14,484	\$500,764