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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 22, 2023**

*Redeemer  
Lutheran Church  
Newsletter*

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### **FUTURE OF FAMILY & YOUTH MEETING**

**October 1**

**During Sunday School Hour  
Church Sanctuary**

### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN THROUGH AGE 18**

**(And all who are interested in supporting  
family/youth activities at Redeemer)**

**Katie Tennstedt**

**On Sunday, October 1, during the Sunday School Hour, there will be a meeting in the sanctuary to discuss the future of our youth and families at Redeemer.**

**All are welcome! Please join us!**

**WEEKLY DEVOTION  
WITH  
PASTOR DAVE MINER  
Devotion No. 106**



**Reading: 1 Samuel 7  
Optional Reading: Samuel 5, 6, 8**

**“<sup>3</sup> So Samuel said to all the Israelites, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” 1 Samuel 7:3 NIV**

What impresses God?

You put \$15 into the offering plate one Sunday, after receiving a Christmas bonus check from your place of business? Or, maybe telling your friends about Jesus, even though some of them laugh at you? Or maybe reading the Bible every day? All these things are good things. But the Bible passage above gives us an indication of what God really wants from us: to turn from sin and live holy lives before him.

See what the prophet told the people of Israel. They had to destroy their idols and “return to the Lord with all your hearts.”

God wants a holy, pure, open relationship with each of his children. God longs to bless us when we live before him like that. When we obey Him about sin, turn from it, and come close to him in prayer, that is when we get his attention.

**Lord, help me to grow in grace so that I have a holy relationship with you. Amen.**



# 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.



## 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!



# 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, to:

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



**T**he 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. Below are items that are needed. Thank you!

Applesauce  
Cheese-Its,  
Chef Boyardee (Cups)  
Fruit Cups  
Granola Bars

Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers  
Popcorn  
Juice Boxes  
Mac and Cheese (Cups)

Pop-Tarts  
Pretzels  
Rice Krispie Treats  
Ramen Noodles (Cups)  
Ravioli, Soup (Cups)

Please place your donations in the designated box in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please see Barbara Buck.

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 24 September A.D. 2023**

## *Earth and Sea and All God's Creatures*

*All creatures on Earth and under the earth will sing praises to Him who sits on the throne in heaven. We are stewards of all of God's living things.*

*"Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped." Revelation 5:13-14*



## 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 22-30, 2023

### *Birthdays*

September 22	William	Hughes	September 25	Ed	Swager
September 23	Marian	Dawgert	September 26	Devon	Montgomery
September 23	Lea	Wiltenmuth	September 27	Noah	Tennstedt
September 24	Morrisa	Bowden	September 28	Arya	Fedeson
September 24	Annabelle	Silberstein	September 29	Rachael	Ward
September 25	Bob	Daniels	September 30	John	Kassouf
September 25	Timothy	Moles	September 30	Eva	Westphal

### *Anniversaries*

There are no anniversaries to share this week.

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  
in celebration of  
Lea Wiltenmuth's and Marian Dawgert's birthdays.

### *Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts*

#### September 24 – Pentecost XVII

Abortion and euthanasia begrudge God's generosity (Matthew 20:15) by regarding one life as less than another. Thank the Lord that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8), for none of us deserves to survive! Yet He preserves and protects us still, just as much as our every neighbor. O Lord, make us bold to speak Your Word of Life without fear (Philippians 1:14)!

### *Worship Attendance and Contributions*

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
September 17, 2023	240	260	\$10,109	\$516,787
Last Year	283	253	\$10,977	\$511,741