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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 21, 2022

*Newsletter
of Redeemer
Lutheran Church*

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"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,

Sean Miller

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**WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER**

Devotion No. 62

Reading: Exodus 24 (Optional Reading: Exodus 25 - 27)

**"To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire
on top of the mountain." (Exodus 24:17 NIV)**

What would it look like if God suddenly appeared on the street, or in your office at work, or in your classroom, or at the front of the church? What do you think you would see?

A ball of fire?

A thick cloud or fog?

A giant face?

A bolt of lightning coming from the clouds?

God did appear to people long ago. Not himself, but his glory. What is his glory? It is the aspect of God that makes him most impressive, most powerful, most beautiful in our eyes. In Israel's day, his glory was like the verse describes above – "a consuming fire on top of the mountain." A fire that burnt up everything in its path. It is totally awesome and inspiring. No one can stand before it.

One day, the book of Revelation tells us, we will see God's face (22:4). No one has any idea what that will look like. But it will be an awesome moment, don't you think? Something to look forward to in heaven!

Lord, I would like to see you, but let others see you too in my life. Amen.

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 23 October A.D. 2022 + + +



With All the Saints

"Money can cause one to live a life of gross materialism, and I'm afraid that many among you are more concerned about making a living than making a life."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Sermon "Paul's Letter to the American Christians"

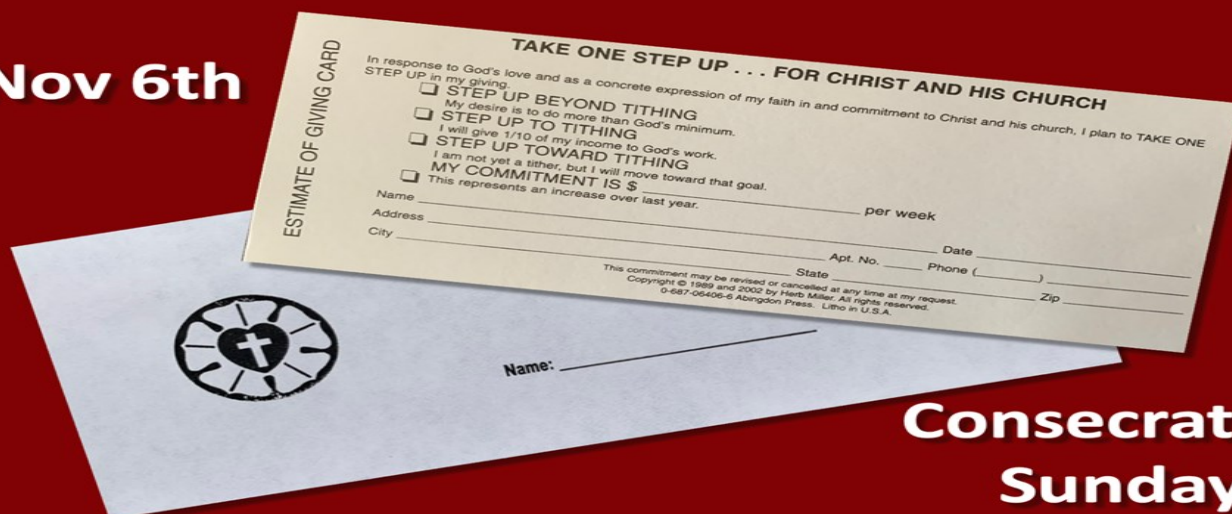
Sunday November 6th

**CONSECRATION
SUNDAY**

Commitments for financial support of our mission and vision

But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. Psalm 71:14

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**



To the Redeemer Church ,

We are so grateful and thankful for the wonderful support given to us in the assistance of Gayle's mother's funeral. The love and kindness given our family during this stressful time was of great comfort and was a wonderful blessing. Through your efforts, Gayle's mother had a Christian funeral and was received into Our Lord's hands forever.

Thank you,

Gary and Gayle Parker



Life Thoughts

October 23

St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr

The earliest Christian congregation in Jerusalem recognized the lives of despised Gentiles as precious as their own (Acts 15:17-18). Along with James, they each understood the dignity Jesus bestowed by making human beings God's own brothers and sisters, even though the public took offense at it (Matthew 13:55-57). Let us not let this Gospel they gave us with their lives fall silent!



Panda Pantry

Helping to Feed Local Students

Barbara Buck, Outreach Committee

Please consider being part of this ministry that helps feed children in our communities, at home, after school, and over the weekends, by sharing our blessings. The following items are needed in single servings/small sizes:

**Applesauce,
Cheese-Its,
Chef Boyardee Cups,
Fruit Cups,
Granola Bars,
Juice Boxes,
Mac & Cheese Cups,**

**Oatmeal,
Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers,
Popcorn,
Pop-Tarts,
Pretzels,
Rice Krispie Treats,
Ramen Noodles.**

A box has been placed in the Narthex for donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Buck by email at blb.and.me@gmail.com.

ALL SOULS

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Day

8:00 and 11:00 Services

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 the 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://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://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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Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

October 21-27, 2022

Birthdays

October 22	Melissa	Fife
October 22	Katie	Bugg
October 22	Vinny	Tutchings
October 23	Karen	Whelpley
October 23	Gus	Crabtree
October 24	Isabel	Schilling
October 25	Liam	Champney
October 26	Linda	Landeck
October 26	Thomas	Church
October 26	Sonya	Hinz
October 27	Douglas	Berndt



Anniversaries

October 21	Hank & Gloria	Farr
October 21	Joshua & Nada	Romero
October 22	Billy & Linda	Beale
October 22	Brock & Debbie	Horner
October 23	Mike & Sharon	Evenson
October 24	Quinn & Philomena	Miller

**If your birthday or
anniversary
Is missing, please
contact the church
office at in-
fo@redeemerfxbg.or
g**

Church Flowers

**Flowers this week
are given to the glory of God
by Mike and Sharon Evenson
in celebration of their anniversary.**



Worship Attendance and Contributions October 9 and 16, 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
October 9 & 16	441	249	\$19,580	\$566,874
Last Year	486	227	\$23,563	\$548,426