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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

May 20, 2022

*The Newsletter of Redeemer  
Lutheran Church*



**W**hat a joyful celebration we shared on Saturday May 14! After 43 years of service, medical needs led to a necessary decision to retire from full time service at this time in our lives.

Oh what a blessed journey it has been. We have lived and served in Inner City Baltimore; the suburbs of Catonsville and Bel Air, Maryland;

the bucolic Huntingtown, Maryland; tourist town Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and finally a historic place, Fredericksburg, Virginia. God led the way and we followed. People joined us on the journey and the church, by the Holy Spirit's power, grew. We have much to reflect upon in our retirement years.

It is with a humble heart that we thank everyone who contributed to the joyful gathering and celebration we shared last Saturday. We don't know who provided each piece to make up the whole of the celebration. That said, each piece, large or small was a precious gift to us and we say Thank you.

Redeemer has been a joyful place to serve. The willingness of heart that you demonstrate to make a difference in people's lives for the sake of Jesus Christ is profound. The meal train contributions have been wonderful. Meals and restaurant gift cards have helped us on medical days to get through when there doesn't seem to always be the energy to finish the day. Our lives have been touched by your generosity in these last days. We are blessed.



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## LEGACY GIVING

**If you are philanthropically inclined...  
What is YOUR gift plan??**

*Rick Moseley, Legacy Committee*

**M**any people do not believe they have sufficient wealth to leave significant gifts to both their family members and to establish an endowment for their favorite ministry. However, all of us have received gifts from God and even the humblest of gifts will have a positive impact.

A gift plan will provide a structure on how you will leave your assets to your loved ones in a way that often minimizes the taxes on your estate while providing the opportunity to do more with the blessings God has provided to you in your lifetime. Specifically, a gift plan can often provide a similar level of inheritance to your heirs and still let you provide a meaningful gift to the ministry and charities of your choice.

It is our hope that by establishing a gift plan, you will obtain peace of mind for yourselves and your family members; make the most of your God-given gifts and help to assure the future of Redeemer.

Please look for more of these short reminders about Legacy Giving in The Messenger on a regular basis and if you desire more information, please contact the Legacy Gift Committee at [legacygiving@embracedbyhim.org](mailto:legacygiving@embracedbyhim.org) and one of our members will do our best to assist you in getting started with your gift plan.





## WEEKLY DEVOTION WITH PASTOR DAVE MINER

### Devotion No. 40

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad because he had great wealth. — Mark 10:17-22 NIV

I recently saw a picture of the men of the Knights Templar baptized holding their swords above water. The picture reminded me of our text about the rich young ruler. The knights were obeying God, up to a point. The rich young ruler would do anything to inherit eternal life, up to a point. That point, in both cases, revealed what truly had captured their hearts. The one thing that they could not surrender, would not surrender. I ask myself; do I have this in common with the rich young ruler, am I willing to give all to Jesus? Or do I find myself answering, “up to a point?”

What we know in the secret part of our own hearts, do we find things that we do not want to surrender to God? Our reputations (“I do not want the people at work to know I follow Jesus)? Our talents (“But, God, the secular world is where my talents belong, it is where they will be noticed, and I can make money.”)? Our ambitions (“God, I promise when I am promoted to president of the company, I will give you the glory.”)? Our passions (“Oh, Lord, please do not ask me to give up my football game on a Sunday morning.”)?

The irony is that God wants to add to our lives, not subtract from them. The things we hold on to inhibit our personal growth in his kingdom. When we surrender all, we win all. What we try to keep, we eventually lose.

**Compile a list of all the benefits you see to being a Christian. Then, meditate on this list over a period-of-time, and take time to thank God for the benefits you have enjoyed in him.**



# Parents Night Out

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Laura Ross, DCE



Have you and your spouse been looking to have a date night but just can't find or afford a good babysitter? Do you need a night to yourself without worrying about your wonderful children? We've got good news for you!

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m., Redeemer will be providing you with free childcare so you can go do whatever you want to do. Your kids will have an evening of supervised fun, dinner, and Jesus time while you go spend some well-deserved time for yourselves.

This is a free event! Here's what you have to do to register:

- Email Laura Ross at [dce@embracedbyhim.org](mailto:dce@embracedbyhim.org),
- Provide the name of each child you will be bringing,
- Let us know whether they will be eating dinner at church.

Drop-off and pick-up any time between 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. depending on your needs.



## May 22 – Easter VI

Will euthanasia “let the peoples praise you, O God”? Does embryo experimentation “let all the peoples praise you” (Psalm 67:3)? If the heavenly city’s structures have the brilliance of gemstones (Revelation 21), what inestimable value resides in the human bodies whom the Lamb has written into His book of life by creating, redeeming, and calling them each? Our witness to the sanctity of life may bring tribulation, but His grace alone has overcome it already (John 16:33).



## Thank You from Pastor John & Francine Kassouf

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So, together we pray for the leadership of the Lord in the days ahead as he gives strength to Pastor Dave and the Redeemer staff and other leaders as we look to the day a new Pastor will come and join this outstanding team of servant leaders.

Christ keep you,

*Pastor John & Francine Kassouf*

(Photos provided by Andrew Kassouf)



## QUILTERS' MEETING May 21, 2022 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please join us! No experience is necessary.

Thanks to all who donate, cut, sew, pin, tie and drive.

*Anna Jennings*

540-412-5373 (Leave a message)

540-842-7920 (Feel free to text.)

## PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET FOR MAY TO JULY 2022

**Thanks for your support!**

- Make Coffee by 9:00 a.m.
- Bring in Treats (about 144 cookies, pastries, etc.)
- Set-up Serving Table before 9 a.m. (tablecloth, utensils, napkins, plates, and coffee service)
- Clean-Up the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen after Sunday Bible Class.

Please use the Sign-Up Sheet in the Kitchen and note if you can also make coffee. Questions? Please contact Anita Diederer (540-455-5058). Thank you!







# Meal Train

for Pastor John and Fran Kassouf

Organized by Erin Kassouf

Erin Kassouf has organized a Meal Train account to benefit Pastor John and Fran. Meal donations began on May 2. To donate a meal, you must sign-up through the website. Please review the site carefully, which contains dietary restrictions, a list of preferred restaurants, and the opportunity to buy food delivery through GRUBHUB. You may also access a folder of recipes that contain "safe" food that they love!

Please click on the link below to see the Kassouf's meal train page, and be sure to click on for important details.

<https://mealtrain.com/e1od4e>

Thank you from the Kassouf Family for the outpouring of love, prayers and support for Pastor John and Fran!



**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
5120 Harrison Road Fredericksburg, VA 22408

# Summer Day Camp



Come enjoy a summer of fun in a safe, loving, and Christian environment!

For children going into Kindergarten through 8th grade

Monday through Friday

Drop off time: 8:00-8:30

Pick up time: 3:30-4:00

\$115 per week per student

Application for financial assistance is available

Registration available weekly June 6th through August 12th

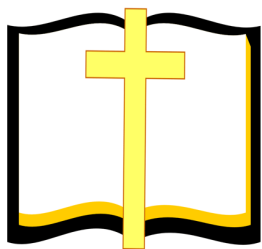
**Email [dce@embracedbyhim.org](mailto:dce@embracedbyhim.org) or  
call 540-898-4748 Option 9 for more  
information or to register**





## *Church Flowers*

**Flowers this week  
are given to the Glory of God  
by Cindy Kohl  
in celebration of  
her son, Howard, and Amy Kohl's  
22nd Wedding Anniversary.**



### **SATURDAY & SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE and BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

Sunday	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 Replace Paper Bulletins for Worship Services** **Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE" Below for Each Service**

Redeemer is using QR Codes to replace paper bulletins. Please use our custom QR Codes below that we are using for the worship services. Once you take a picture of the QR code, and the QR code has been read, it will take you to a link that you can tap or click on to open the bulletin to follow along during church services. If you need help, contact the church office at [info@embracedbyhim.org](mailto:info@embracedbyhim.org) or (540) 898-4748.

**If you would prefer not to use a QR Code to see the Bulletin, please click on **CLICK HERE** located under the day and time of the worship service you will attend.**

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service**  
**[CLICK HERE](#)**



**Sunday 11:00 am Service**  
**[CLICK HERE](#)**







## Stay Connected with Redeemer Lutheran Church

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	ZOOM LOGIN
SUN	9:45 am	Sunday Bible Study Meeting ID: 894 0301 0091 Password: 512022408	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89403010091?pwd=TVZBS2dXb1YwVVVjdG50TTJxUUFwQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89403010091?</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89403010091?pwd=TVZBS2dXb1YwVVVjdG50TTJxUUFwQT09">pwd=TVZBS2dXb1YwVVVjdG50TTJxUUFwQT09</a>
SUN	9:45 am	Women's Bible Study Meeting ID: 837 5561 2880 Passcode: 94Kvb6	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83755612880?pwd=YVJmUmlGc2tZS1FDeXIPNjZiZU5NQ0T09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83755612880?</a> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83755612880?pwd=YVJmUmlGc2tZS1FDeXIPNjZiZU5NQ0T09">pwd=YVJmUmlGc2tZS1FDeXIPNjZiZU5NQ0T09</a> Contact Jennifer Koehler: (540) 603-6496
MON (1st and 3rd of each month)	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Visual Faith Women's Bible Study (Join in person at Donna Verbosky's home)	Contact Donna Verbosky at (540) 538-2204 or by email at <a href="mailto:djverbosky@aol.com">djverbosky@aol.com</a>
MON	07:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Monday Night Bible Study Journey Through the Bible Meeting ID: 828 7232 2552 Password: 514704	<b>In-Person Meeting in Double Classroom or join via Zoom (Contact: Rick Moseley 703-201-6037)</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872322552?pwd=YkFGdzd3RElYaTZnY2w0VGVMNFhiUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872322552?</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872322552?pwd=YkFGdzd3RElYaTZnY2w0VGVMNFhiUT09">pwd=YkFGdzd3RElYaTZnY2w0VGVMNFhiUT09</a>
WED	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Pastor's Bible Study Meeting ID: 883 8132 1403 Password: 512022408	Join In-Person in the Fellowship Hall or by Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381321403?pwd=QWtMM2hVV01yQmc4NU5paUVUL3BuZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381321403?</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381321403?pwd=QWtMM2hVV01yQmc4NU5paUVUL3BuZz09">pwd=QWtMM2hVV01yQmc4NU5paUVUL3BuZz09</a>

## REDEEMER GIVING - WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE	PHONE	APPS	AMAZON SMILE	IN-PERSON
Use Redeemer's secure web link below to our WebPay donation page: <a href="https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?ap-pver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGdIRMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbVxsRA5jH4jGaSI7CrroEUMiYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFFfwKfYERpOplrfdSPMnKiLiZjI_Pdv_8=andver=3">https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?ap-pver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGdIRMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbVxsRA5jH4jGaSI7CrroEUMiYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFFfwKfYERpOplrfdSPMnKiLiZjI_Pdv_8=andver=3</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text amount to <b>540-779-1759</b> or</li> <li>Scan the QR Code:</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using <b>App Store</b> or <b>Google Play</b></li> <li>Find "<b>Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement</b>" to download for FREE, and follow the easy instructions.</li> </ul>	Did you know that if you order from Amazon, you can sign up for Amazon Smile, select Redeemer as a charity, and Amazon will give 5% of your order back to Redeemer? Please click on link below to sign up.  <a href="#">Amazon.com. Spend less. Smile more.</a>	Tithes and offerings are collected during worship services.  <div> <b>MAIL</b>             Mail your check to:             Redeemer Lutheran Church            5120 Harrison Rd.            Fredericksburg VA 22408            (No cash please)         </div>

### Redeemer Lutheran Church | Church Office (540) 898-4748

**Pastoral Service:** Call the church office for assistance.

**Prayer Chain:** Email: [ligagion@gmail.com](mailto:ligagion@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://www.embracebyhim.org>

**Facebook:** Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool

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

• Sign-up as a student, Class Name: Redeemer Members | If you are unable to join, contact the church office for assistance.

**Church News and Updates:** Call the church office to be placed on the list to receive **30 Second Updates** and

**The Messenger** (church newsletter).





**Contact Us!**  
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9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

# Embraced by the Redeemer

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## FOR OUR NEIGHBORS' SAKE—SECOND QUARTER REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS OR GIVING

If you want to ask the Redeemer congregation for contributions or donations for worthy causes, please contact Mike Evenson via info@embracedbyhim.org to have the dates put on the calendar.

Ongoing (2022 School Year)	<b>Panda Pantry food collection</b> helps feed school children in need. (Contact: Rachele Moles, Chair, Board of Outreach)
Ongoing (Last Sunday of the month)	<b>LWML Mites</b> —Change collected throughout the month and donated on the last Sunday of each month to support LWML ministries. Contact: Anita Diederer

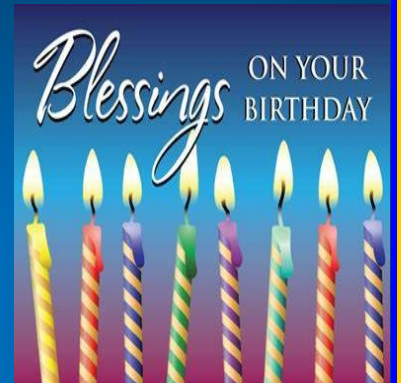
## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (May 20-26, 2022)

### BIRTHDAYS

May 20	Kenton	Gregor
May 20	Laura	Wiltenmuth
May 23	Matthew	Fox-Moles
May 24	Mila	Church
May 24	Marrs	Bowden
May 25	Cindy	Anderson
May 25	Anna	Bull
May 26	Addison	Bartel

### ANNIVERSARIES

May 21	Dave & Dee	Allen
May 22	Perry & Lisa	Darley
May 23	Jacob & Monica	Dixon
May 24	Tim & Rachelle	Moles



If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the church office at info@embracedbyhim.org

### Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
May 15, 2022	202	278	\$7,871	\$280,393
Last Year	211	241	\$9,863	\$262,657