

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Redeemer Hour of Prayer	1
Weekly Devotion	2
Adult Bible Study	3-4
Preschool Press	5-6
Church Directory Update	7
Memorial Day Acknowledgement	
Legacy Giving	8
Summer Day Camp	9
Meal Train	10
Life Thoughts	
Sunday Fellowship	
Church Flowers	11
Sunday Worship Services	
Stay Connected	12
Redeemer Giving	
For Our Neighbors' Sake	13
Missionary Update	
Church Contact Info.	
Birthdays & Anniversaries	
Attendance and Contributions	



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 27, 2022

*The Newsletter of Redeemer
Lutheran Church*



Redeemer Hour of Prayer

First Wednesday of the Month

June 1, 2022 | 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Dave Miner



We continue our Redeemer "Hour of Prayer". Why do we so often fail to have consistent habits of a happy and fruitful prayer life? Not because we lack the desire, but that we do not have a plan. If you were planning a vacation, you would not get up one morning and say, "Hey, let's go today!" You will not have anything ready. You will not know where to go. There is no plan. We get up day after day and realize that significant times of prayer should be a part of our life, but nothing is ready to fit into a busy day.

We invite you to take time to rethink your priorities and how prayer fits in. Do not be tyrannized by the press of a busy day. To help you, we would like to model one approach to help you obtain a more consistent prayer life.

On the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 12:30 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary and model one approach to taking time each day to pray. Linda Gagion, Prayer Chain Coordinator, and I welcome you to join us for an hour of prayer.



**WEEKLY
DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER**

Devotion No. 41

“⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.” — John 8:9-11 NIV

Sometimes we forget that sin is a deceiving and destructive force in our lives. When we engage in it, we may not feel the repercussions immediately. However, there are always consequences to sin.

One consequence is that we become susceptible to the deceitfulness of sin. We engage in a sin, and the next time we find it easier to do the sin again. We become “softened” toward sin. Continuing in sin results in further deception. Few people caught up in a sinful addiction were addicted the first time out. The repeated behavior, the repeated choosing the same path eventually takes its toll.

God extends grace to us in our sins, but he loves us too much to let us remain deceived and addicted. When Jesus tells us to “go, and from now on sin no more,” he is leading us back to a relationship with him and a clear conscience.

Our own sinfulness, like the woman caught in adultery, can turn to a blessing. The sweetest words someone caught in sin can hear are, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

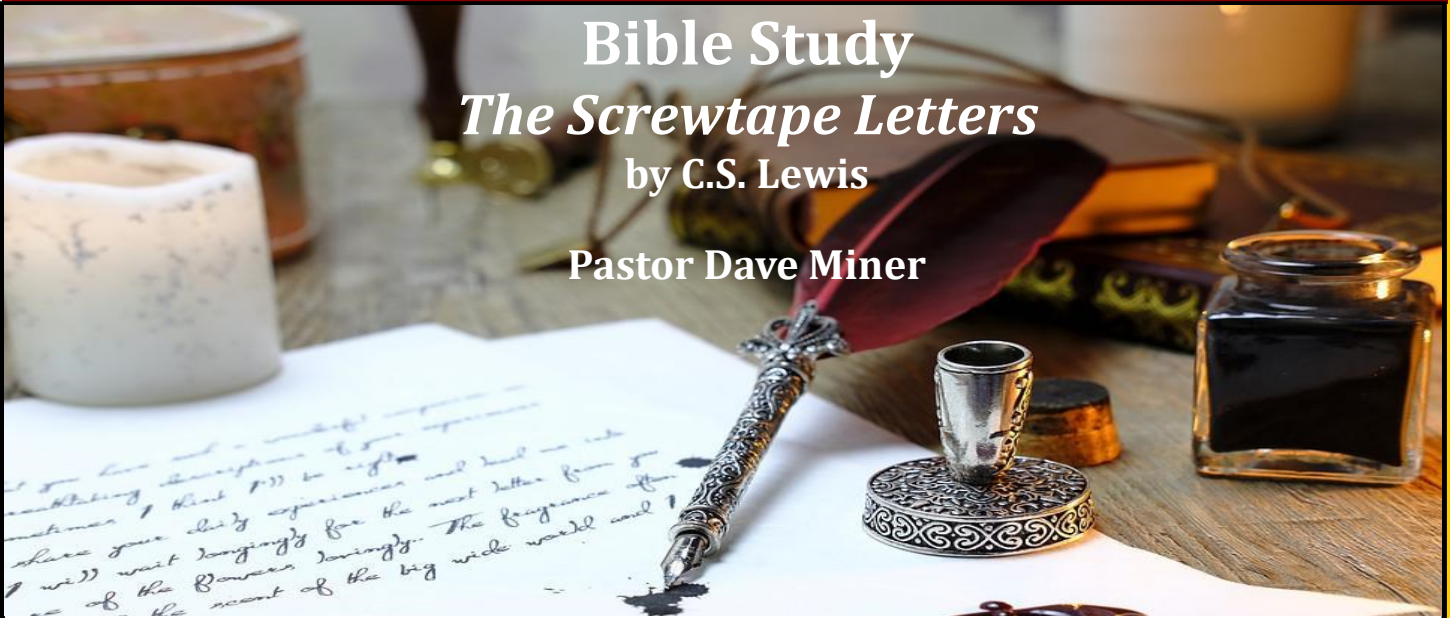
Ponder this thought: The grace of God teaches us to say no to ungodliness. How does the grace of God teach you to say no to ungodliness? How can you better cooperate with the grace that is active in your life?

Bible Study

The Screwtape Letters

by C.S. Lewis

Pastor Dave Miner



The book we are about to study is “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis. The primary reference source for our discussion will be the Bible, and when possible, the doctrines of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The Bible with basic Christian doctrine will be our foundation and will shape our discussion. As with any venture into learning you must first begin with the Biblical foundation. The basics are the foundation of your Christian life. *“Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity”* (Hebrews 6:1). A building is only as strong as its foundation.

I have attempted to divide our exploration into manageable sections. The readings are divided into chapters or groups of chapters of similar length or theme. We will approach each section in three steps.

- Step 1 While I encourage reading the material, for those who want to listen to the next segment, you may join a Zoom meeting where I will play a dramatic reading.
- Step 2 Sunday Adult Bible Study will focus on the Questions and Analysis of the segment in the Study Guide.
- Step 3 Wednesday Adult Bible Study will finish any remaining Questions and Analysis and complete the Dig Deeper section.

The book is not long. I encourage the student to read the entire book first, and then return to the segments. Reading prior to class will provide you significant benefit to join the discussion.

The questions we will discuss generally progress from basic story comprehension to questions dealing with themes, characters, and applications to your life. The most important thing to keep in mind is this is simply a guide to our time together. Especially in the “Deeper Dive” time, we will spend significant amount of our time with our Bibles open and taking time to read appropriate supporting passages. Bible passages used and referred to are generally from the English Standard Version of the Bible. I have tried to indicate where other versions are used.

(continued on Page 4)

Bible Study

The Screwtape Letters

by C.S. Lewis

Pastor Dave Miner

(continued from Page 3)

Here is our proposed schedule.

"Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis Bible Study	Dramatic Reading (Zoom)	Sunday Q&A	Wednesday Deep Dive
Introduction	n/a	07/10/2022	07/13/2022
Preface, Epigraphs, Parody	n/a	07/17/2022	07/20/2022
Letters #1 through #4	07/23/2022	07/24/2022	07/27/2022
Letters #5 through #7	07/30/2022	07/31/2022	08/03/2022
Letters #8 through #9	08/06/2022	08/07/2022	08/10/2022
Letters #10 through #12	08/13/2022	08/14/2022	08/17/2022
Letters #13 through #16	08/20/2022	08/21/2022	08/24/2022
Letters #17 through #21	08/27/2022	08/28/2022	08/31/2022
Letters #22 through #26	09/03/2022	09/04/2022	09/07/2022
Letters #27 through #31	09/10/2022	09/11/2022	09/14/2022

REGISTRATION

You can register for the course by signing up using the following link below. Please indicate if you need a book by June 19, 2022.

[Fill | The Screwtape Letters Bible Study Sign-up Sheet](#)

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Dave.

PRESCHOOL PRESS

Ellen Church, Preschool Director

The 2021-2022 preschool school year has come to a close. We are grateful to have had another successful year! The month of May sure was busy for our preschool. We had an in-house field trip provided by Animals Unlimited, Mother's Day Tea, end of year picnics, and of course graduation!

Our on-site spring field trip gave us the opportunity to see, touch, and learn about many wild animals. Did you know that Lemur's meow like a cat? Our preschool mothers really enjoyed having some special time with their child during our Mother's Day Tea. They enjoyed a snack and completed a craft together. At our end of year picnics, we continued the tradition of handing out children's bibles and devotions to our families to support what their child has learned here at Redeemer about God in their own home. Our graduation ceremony honored our 14 graduates and their accomplishments as well as Mrs. Woollard's completion of 5 years of service with RLCP. We enjoyed a *wonderful* celebration afterward in the Fellowship Hall planned and provided by an amazing parent volunteer. Our volunteer planned an outstanding, "Dr. Seuss" themed party!

Thank you Redeemer for your continued support of this ministry and for helping make all these experiences possible for our families in the community. We are looking forward to the upcoming school year!

(continued on Page 6)



In-House Field Trip by Animals Unlimited



PRESCHOOL PRESS

Ellen Church, Preschool Director

Graduation and Party and Mothers Day Tea



Church Directory

UPDATE

Carrie Frank
Church Secretary

Redeemer is updating our church directory. Rough draft copies will be available for review in the narthex for the next three Sundays (May 29 to June 12). Please take a few moments to look over your information, make corrections, or contact the church office with any changes.

We would like the updated directory to accurately reflect the individuals living in a household, living at the same address. If you have adult children that no longer live at home, please let the church office know so that we may move them into their own household with the correct contact information.

If you do not have a picture in the directory or would like to update the current picture, photographs can be emailed to info@embracedbyhim.org. Please note that pictures must be formatted as square or in portrait view, not landscape view. Thank you.



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Honor our fallen Military Heroes

Remember and honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country in wars both at home and abroad.

LEGACY GIVING

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

Rick Moseley, Legacy Committee

Many 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 and one of our members will do our best to assist you in getting started with your gift plan.

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 or
call 540-898-4748 Option 9 for more
information or to register**



Meal Train

for Pastor John and Fran Kassouf

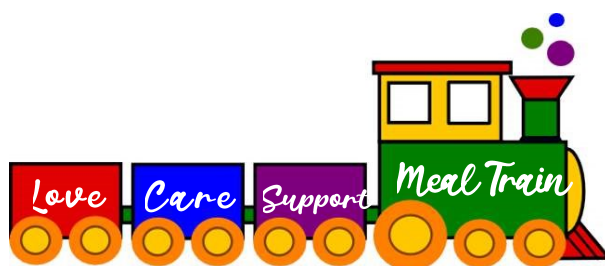
Organized by Erin Kassouf

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!



May 29 – Easter VII

How good and pleasant it is when brothers, mothers and their babies, children and their elderly parents live together (Psalm 133:1) without putting one another to death! In this sanctity of every life, God has not just invited but commanded and accomplished blessing by the coming of His Son! And if He has wrought good from the casting of lots (Acts 1:26), may we not trust Him to wring even better from surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?



Please use the Sign-Up Sheet in the Kitchen and note if you can also make coffee. Help is needed as follows:

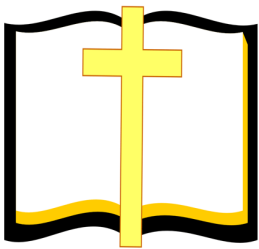
- Make Coffee by 9:00 a.m.
- Bring in Treats (about 144 cookies, pastries, etc.)
- Set-up Serving Table before 9 a.m. (tablecloth, utensils, napkins, plates, and coffee service)
- Clean-Up the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen after Sunday Bible Class.

Questions? See Anita Diederer. (540-455-5058).



Church Flowers

Flowers this week
are given to the Glory of God
by Cindy Kohl
in honor of
her granddaughter, Charlotte
Kohl's, eleventh birthday.



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

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 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 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89403010091? pwd=TVZBS2dXb1YwVVVjdG50TTJxUUFwQT09
SUN	9:45 am	Women's Bible Study Meeting ID: 837 5561 2880 Passcode: 94Kvb6	Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83755612880? pwd=YVJmUmlGc2tZS1FDeXIPNjZiZU5NQ0T09 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 djverbosky@aol.com
MON	07:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Monday Night Bible Study Journey Through the Bible Meeting ID: 828 7232 2552 Password: 514704	In-Person Meeting in Double Classroom or join via Zoom (Contact: Rick Moseley 703-201-6037) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872322552? pwd=YkFGdzd3RElYaTZnY2w0VGVMNFhiUT09
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 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381321403? pwd=QWtMM2hVV01yQmc4NU5paUVUL3BuZz09

REDEEMER GIVING - WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE	PHONE	APPS	AMAZON SMILE	IN-PERSON
Use Redeemer's secure web link below to our WebPay donation page: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?ap-pver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGdIRMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbVxsRA5jH4jGaSI7CrroEUMiYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFFfwKfYERpOplrfdSPMnKiLiZjI_Pdv_8=andver=3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text amount to 540-779-1759 or Scan the QR Code: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using App Store or Google Play Find "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download for FREE, and follow the easy instructions. 	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. Amazon.com. Spend less. Smile more.	Tithes and offerings are collected during worship services. <div> MAIL 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

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!
Redeemer Staff:

Special Ministry Pastor:

Pastor Dave Miner
PastorAdmin@embracedbyhim.org

Church Secretary:

Carrie Frank
info@embracedbyhim.org
540-898-4748

Choir Director:

Lea Wiltenmuth
music@embracedbyhim.org

Director of Christian

Education

Laura Ross, DCE
dce@embracedbyhim.org

Organist:

Darlene Hardy
organist@embracedbyhim.org

Preschool Director:

Ellen Church
preschool@embracedbyhim.org

Treasurer:

Susan Biscamp
treasurer@embracedbyhim.org

Worship Team Leader

Jennifer Miller
worshipteam@embracedbyhim.org

Volunteer Newsletter Editor

Susan Antonelli
newsletter@embracedbyhim.org

Online Directory
Staff and Council Members

[https://embracedbyhim.org/
redeemer-lutheran-church-email-
summary/](https://embracedbyhim.org/redeemer-lutheran-church-email-summary/)

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Embraced by the Redeemer

Redeemer Lutheran Church
5120 Harrison Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22408
540-898-4748
info@embracedbyhim.org

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS' SAKE SECOND QUARTER REQUESTS

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.

Current Request: LWML Mites—
Change collected and donated on the last Sunday of each month for LWML ministries.

Missionaries Update in Uganda shared by Mike Evenson

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We spent Easter at our home congregation at Nakabango Lutheran Church. We were thankful to worship with friends and colleagues, as we celebrated Christ's resurrection. Go to this site to get the full update:

[Mark and Megan's March/April Update \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (May 27 - June 3, 2022)

BIRTHDAYS

May 27	Heather	Carafiol
May 27	Lester	Jedlicka
May 27	Cindy	Lloyd
May 29	Becky	Elam
May 29	Josiah	Koehler
May 29	Liam	Miller
May 30	Brandon	DeGraaf
May 31	Linda	Gagion
June 1	Robert	Denecke
June 2	Marie	Daniels
June 3	Terri	Byrd



ANNIVERSARIES

May 27	Don & Carole	Roinestad
June 3	Chris & Tina	Zimmer

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 22, 2022	238	276	\$13,481	\$293,874
Last Year	135	236	\$8,496	\$271,153