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PANDA PANTRY Food Collections 2022-2023 School Year

Barbara Buck

M any local children who rely on school food programs for meals will not have access to snacks or dinner at home.

With the start of the 2022/2023 school year, the Panda Pantry Ministry is collecting non perishable food items for elementary and middle-school aged children, who are experiencing food insecurity.

You can make a monetary donation (indicating Panda Pantry in the memo line of your check), which will be used to purchase food, or you can purchase items from the list below.

Thank you for your support!

PANDA PANTRY FOOD COLLECTION Individual/Small Sizes Needed

Applesauce Oatmeal

Cheese-Its Peanut Butter Cheese Crackers

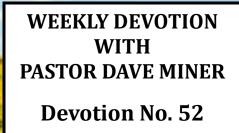
Chef Boyardee Cups Popcorn
Fruit Cups Pop-Tarts
Granola Bars Pretzels

Juice Boxes Rice Krispie Treats
Mac and Cheese Cups Ramen Noodles

A box has been placed in the Narthex for donations. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Buck at blb.and.me@gmail.com

Thank You!

Board of Outreach Committee





Reading: Genesis 37 (Optional Reading: Genesis 35, 36, 38)

"5 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more." (Genesis 37:5 ESV)

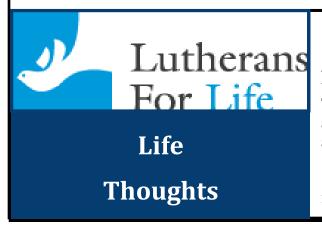
Tim woke up in a sweat. "Wow, what a weird dream!" he muttered. In his dream, he had stood in a stadium and told a Super Bowl crowd about his faith in Jesus, and everyone started to laugh at him. It was horrible. He woke up feeling as if he would scream.

Dreams can be strange, comforting, weird, or wild. You just never know. In ancient times, though, God sometimes communicated to people by dreams. He did so with Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus. He also gave dreams to Daniel, the wise men, and others. Joseph, in this story today, dreamed strange but prophetic dreams. His dreams told what would happen in the future.

Few if any of our dreams will do that. Joseph's mistake was to tell his family the dreams, which made him look important and powerful and made them look inferior and like slaves. It would all lead to terrible things for Joseph. When pride strikes and we begin to think we are really something or someone important, we are on dangerous ground.

Do you ever think of yourself as better, or more important, than others? Watch out. You might be in for a terrible surprise!

Father, help me to think rightly of myself and not be proud. Amen.



August 14 - Pentecost X

Abortion, assisted suicide, and embryocidal experimentation deal in false prophecies and fraudulent promises. They advertise peace and escape but only deliver grief and guilt (Jeremiah 23:16-17). The Gospel of God's love and salvation for every human life cuts through (Luke 12:51) the tangles and tethers of the culture's lies (Hebrews 12:1). Faith in Jesus as Lord brings real liberty in His grace and true luxury in His favor.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday, August 14th—After the 11 a.m. Service

We are so excited to be starting a new educational year with a churchwide Rally Day this Sunday! Join us between the 8 o'clock and 11 o'clock church services in the fellowship hall for food, fellowship, and an introduction to the year's educational opportunities for all ages. Students will have the opportunity to go to their classrooms, meet their teachers, and spend time with their fellow classmates.

After the 11 o'clock church service, there will be a picnic out in the pavilion. There will be water activities, including an inflatable water slide, so please bring water gear for your kiddos. We hope to see you all there!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL August 21, 2022, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Next Sunday, August 21, is the start of regular youth Sunday School during the educational hour. Classes start at 9:45 a.m. and go until 10:45 a.m. Students are welcome to go to their classrooms starting at 9:30 a.m., but no earlier. Parents of students fifth grade and younger MUST pick up their children from their classrooms at 10:45 a.m. for security purposes.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING August 21, 2022—After the 11:00 a.m. Service

If you have a student that was in Confirmation last year or will be starting Confirmation this year, please attend our informational meeting next Sunday, August 21st. To begin Confirmation, students must be at least starting 6th grade, but may be older than that at the parents' discretion. Not sure if your child should start Confirmation this year? DCE Laura Ross would love to chat and help you in your decision.

BOARD OF OUTREACH August School Supply Drive for Redeemer Lutheran Church Preschool



During the month of August, Redeemer's Outreach Committee would like to supply our preschool with the following items on their wish list:

- Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Tissues

If you are able to help, please drop off your donations in the designated box in the narthex.

Questions? Please see **Katie Tennstedt** or **Heather Zimmerman**, or contact them by email:

outreach@embracedbyhim.org.

Thank you!

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Cleanup

August 18th | 8:30 a.m.

Anita Diederen

The Fellowship Committee is seeking volunteers to help clean the Fellowship Hall and kitchen on Thursday, August 18, at 8:30 a.m.

We will have doughnuts, coffee and juice to keep you fueled! Please come when you can and stay as long as you are able. Supplies will be provided and any and all help is greatly appreciated!

Please see Anita Diederen if you have any questions, or email her at aroberson4@cox.net.





Quilters' Meeting

Saturday, August 19 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Anna Jennings

Please join us! No experience is necessary!
If you have any questions, please contact Anna
Jennings: Home: 540-412-5373
Message: 540-842-7920

Help Lutheran World Relief's Quilting Ministry

You can help **Lutheran World Relief 's** quilting ministry by donating fabric or clean flat sheets, cutting 10 1/2 inch fabric squares, or sewing squares already cut for tops.

Quilt tops are 60" by 80". Fabric Kits take 3 yards of 45" cotton or cotton/blend fabric and thread. If you would like to sew at home, look in the Quilt Room for fabric in boxes and squares already cut or call Anna Jennings.

For more information about **Lutheran World Relief** and their many kits and projects, go to **LWR.org**.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP UPDATE

August 27 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Randy Mayer, Congregational President



M embers of Redeemer are asked to "Save the Date" of Saturday, August 27 to participate in Redeemer's Strategic Planning Workshop.

Please join us to discuss what Redeemer's future should look like and how we make that happen. This year we will be looking at Redeemer's future as well as providing an update on how we are navigating the call process. We will also review our ongoing study into ministry needs and congregational resources to meet those needs.

SIGN UP BY AUGUST 24TH

A lite breakfast and lunch will be provided by the fellowship committee. For food planning purposes, please sign up using the following link: https://signup.com/go/UTTffNt





MINISTRY FAIR!

Sunday, August 28, A.D. 2022 9:15-10:45 am (or so)

Join us on the sidewalk in front of the church

Information! Refreshments! Prizes!

+ Weekly Stewardship Message for Friday 12 August A.D. 2022 + + +

Quarterly Stewardship Theme

THIS MONTH:



Stewardship of Congregation

Contact us: Stewardship@EmbracedbyHim.org

We are stewards of Word, Sacrament, and Service to our neighbors in the Name of Jesus. We are *claimed* by God, *gathered* into congregation, and *sent to serve* for the sake of our sisters and brothers in our community, our nation, and the world

Sunday August 28th

MINISTRY FAIR

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Learn more about our ministries and

how you can help!

See Eric Carlson or Judy Devey for details

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust. Psalm 71:4



 17 Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. 18 Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, until I declare your power to the next generation, your strength to all those who are yet to come. — Psalm 71:17-18

Gift Plans

From time-to-time, parishioners or friends of the congregation may desire to make arrangements to distribute personal assets (cash, securities, real property and/or appreciated personal property) to the church as part of a **Gift Plan** upon their death.

Gift Plans often take the form of a Last Will and Testament with a Christian preamble and the following:

- Revocable Living Trusts
- Personal Endowments
- Donor Advised Funds
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Gift Charities
- Other legal vehicles the donor establishes with the assistance of their financial advisor and legal counsel.

To learn more, read our Legacy Giving trifold or email us at: LegacyGiving@embracedbyhim.org

Bible Study Pastor Dave Miner

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis



The book we are studying is "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. The primary reference source for discussion will be the Bible, and when possible, the doctrines of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Sunday Adult Bible Study will focus on the Questions and Analysis of the segment in the Study Guide. Wednesday Adult Bible Study will finish any remaining Questions and Analysis and complete the Dig Deeper section.

Zoom Links:

Sunday Adult Bible Study (9:45am)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89403010091?pwd=TVZBS2dXb1YwWVVJdG50TTJxUUFWQT09 Wednesday Adult Bible Study (10:30am):

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381321403?pwd=QWtMM2hVV01yQmc4NU5paUVUL3BuZz09 Saturday Dramatic Reading (7:00pm):

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83541153699?pwd=0C9UUnJnVFZMK0dicTlaT0ZVNVI4dz09



GIDEONS SUNDAY August 21, 2022

The Gideons International is dedicated to telling people about Jesus by sharing personal testimony, and providing Bibles and New Testaments. What began in 1908 as an Association of Christian businessmen placing Bibles in hotel rooms has evolved into a mission to provide Scriptures to all people in nearly every facet of life. Today, the Gideons International has taken more than 2 billion Scriptures in more than 95 languages to 200 countries, territories, and possessions across the globe.

A Gideon representative will provide a short report at the end of the service and be available in the narthex to answer any questions you may have. A free-will offering to support The Gideons International will be available to all who feel led to contribute.



ABOUT ORDERING YOUR TICKETS

Anita Diederen

You will need to book your tickets at the same time if you would like to sit together. Redeemer is unable to hold a block of tickets for our group.

When you are ready to order, please click on the link to the right, or scan the QR Code with your cell phone.









PLAN YOUR GAME NIGHT TODAY! * *

Purchase your tickets here:
https://fevo.me/3ti9Zp2
or by scanning the
<a href="https://graph.com/





Prayer for Call Committee and New Pastor

The importance of prayer for the Call Committee and the process of calling a Pastor for Redeemer cannot be over-emphasized. The Call Committee sees their responsibilities as precious and important to serve the congregation of Redeemer and to seek the Lord as we undergo this search.

As Christ is the Head of the Church and builds the Church, we seek a Godly and timely choice and that this choice be made clear. With this in mind, the Call Committee is seeking prayer from the congregation, for the following:

- 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 helpmeet, 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

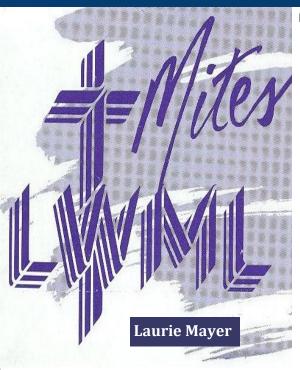
"11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." — Isaiah $40:11~\rm KJV$

Call Committee Members

Please feel free to approach any one of these members if you have any thoughts or questions about the call process.

- Johanna Champney
 Allison DeGraaf
- Dave Cogley
- Marian Dawgert
- Judy Devey
- Mike Eastman
- Linda Gagion
- Todd Miller
- Mat Smith
- Carey Schwenzer

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Times are changing. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League's (LWML) mite program was built by asking people to save their pocket change. The program is based on the Biblical story of the widow's mites.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on." - Mark 12:41-43

In today's society, not many of us have pocket change, but mites are still needed to support LWML projects. Would you consider dropping off once a month a dollar in the big mite box in the narthex? Through your gracious giving, many blessings have been given around the world. Thank you.

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

STAY CONNECTED

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=TVZBS2dXb1YwWVVJdG5OTTJxUUFWQT09
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=YVJmUmlGc2tZS1FDeXIPNjZiZU5NQT09 Contact Jennifer Koehler : (540) 603-6496
MON	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (1st and 3rd of Mon- day of each month)	Visual Faith Women's Bible Study	In-person meeting at the 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=YkFGdzd3RE1YaTZnY2w0VGVmNFhiUT09
TUES	10:30 a.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month)	Ladies Bible Study	In-Person Meeting in Room 20 Contact: Linda Gagion at 914-522-9107 or by email at ligagion@gmail.com.
WED	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Pastor's Bible Study Meeting ID: 883 8132 1403 Password: 512022408	Join In-person in the Sanctuary (until 8/10) or by Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381321403? pwd=QWtMM2hVV01yQmc4NU5paUVUL3BuZz09
REDEEMER GIVING - WAYS TO GIVE			

ONLINE / WEBSITE	Use Redeemer's secure web link below to our WebPay donation page: <u>Donation (eservicepayments.com)</u>	
TEXT	Text amount to 540-779-1759	
APPS	Use the App Store (Apple) or Google Play • Find "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download for FREE, and follow the easy instructions.	
AMAZON SMILE	Did you know that if you order from Amazon, you can sign up for Amazon Smile. Then select Redeemer as a charity, and Amazon will give 5% of your order back to Redeemer. Please click on this link to sign up: Amazon.com. Spend less. Smile more.	
IN-PERSON	Tithes and offerings are collected during worship services.	
MAIL	Mail your check to: Redeemer Lutheran Church 5120 Harrison Road Fredericksburg, VA VA 22408 (No cash please)	

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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

Church News and Updates: Call the church office to receive **30 Second Updates** and church newsletter.

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Church Office Hours Monday-Friday

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

August 12-18, 2022

Birthdays

	Gorinaage	
August 12	Renee	Jiron
August 12	Kenny	Mayer
August 13	Carol	Demarest
August 13	Jaxson	Douglas
August 14	Gloria	Farr
August14	Kenny	Westphal
August 15	Avery	Fedeson
August 16	Viola	Denecke
August 16	Darlene	Hardy
August 16	Elizabeth "Gayle"	Parker
August 16	Sean	Scarbeck
August 17	Marcus	Woollard
August 18	Kirkland	Fehrman
August 18	Sophie	Douglas





Anniversaries

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August 12	Ryan & Johanna	Champney
August 13	Josh & Angela	Pinkas
August 14	William & Deedy	Fiery
August 15	David & Jackie	Lepard
August 16	Steve & Carey	Schwenzer
August 17	John & Susan	Scarbeck
August 18	Frank & Diana	Misemer

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

Church Flowers

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Pastor Dave and Marjorie Miner.



Worship Attendance and Contributions August 7, 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General
August 7	269	255	\$18,523	Offerings \$435,546
Last Year	176	225	\$24,785	\$420,616