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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

January 6, 2023

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**WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER
Devotion No. 71**

Reading: Leviticus 20 (Optional Reading: Leviticus 17-19)

"27 A man or a woman who is a medium or a necromancer shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them." (Leviticus 20:27 NIV)

Our text reminds me of a story told to me when I was young about Patricia who invited several of her friends to a sleep-over. There, she pulled out a Ouija® board game. Patricia explained that as they all sat around it, closed their eyes and concentrated, the board would talk to them. It would answer questions. It would tell secrets.

Everyone wanted to try it except Abby. She had been a Christian for several years. In church she heard about such occult objects, and she knew they were forbidden by God. Her friends called her a scaredy-cat and a goody-two-shoes, but Abby just called her mom and went home that night. Several months later, one of the other friends from that night told Abby, "I play with the board all the time. I have learned all kinds of secrets. It is fun." But Abby noticed her friend had changed. She cussed a lot now, and lied, and had even tried drugs.

Talking boards or similar things are related to witchcraft. And while we tend to brush quickly over passages like our text today, we must be careful to ask ourselves the question of who's voice are we listening to? In the above Scripture, God even commanded that people who used such things be put to death. We would not do that today, but we should know that such things get us talking to demons, fallen angels who want to trick us. Always be on alert to what your eyes "see", and your ears "hear". Do not be deceived. They are dangerous.

**Father, keep me from games, movies, books, anything
that leads me away from you. Amen.**

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Laurie Mayer

Welcome to Joe and Wendy Rosenthal. They are originally from Long Island and western New York. They moved here from Charlotte. They love to go on cruises. He works for the government, and she's works at Falls Run. Say hello to Joe and Wendy at the 11 a.m. service.



A big welcome to Guy Johnson and his mother, Ruth Larson. Guy is an Air Force veteran working for the government, and Ruth has worked with people with disabilities. They can usually be seen at the 8 a.m. service with his children, Elizabeth and Thomas.



URGENT CLOSINGS AT REDEEMER

Randy Mayer
Congregation President



It is hard to imagine closing the church campus due to weather as we experience unseasonably warm temperatures in January. However, from time-to-time conditions will compel us to close.

Using the communication tools at Redeemer, we will communicate closings via **Remind Text Message and 30 Second Update Email**.

You are urged to contact our office and ask to receive these two communication tools if you are not already enrolled through the church office.

Inclement Weather

Church activities: We will continue to follow the *Spotsylvania County Government*, **not** the county's school system, for delays and closings. If the government offices are already closed, our Property Chair, President, Vice President, Head Elder and Pastor will confer and make a closing or delay decision. Certainly each person should assess the conditions around them and make their own decision regarding safe travel to Redeemer.

Pre-School: The pre-school may set additional policies regarding inclement weather that

are more specific to their ministry. Such policies will be communicated to preschool families, staff, church council and the church office.

Other Local Emergences: In the unlikely case of some other emergency at or around Redeemer that would not make opening our facilities appropriate for receiving the public, the leaders identified above will confer and make the decision regarding closing. If a closing decision is made, it will be communicated via Remind Text message and 30 second update. The campus would be closed to all activity unless otherwise noted.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

January 1 and 8, 2023

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 01 January A.D. 2023 + + +



Rethinking Stewardship

Our time is God's time. God gives us all the time we have. Being a good steward is giving God back some of our time. Have you picked up your "Portals of Prayer"? Spending time in personal devotion is one way to give God back time.

2023 offering envelopes now available for pickup!

"Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.... they will bring gold and frankincense and will bear good news of the praises of the LORD." Isaiah 60

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 08 January A.D. 2023 + + +



Rethinking Stewardship

Spending some time in a Bible study is another way to be a good steward. God gave us his word so we could learn from it. God gave us each other so we can learn from each other. Be a part of a Bible study; there are many to choose from, give some of your time to one.

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"And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also." Luke 2:36-38



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, January 8, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services
Lea Wiltenmuth

The title for this year's Christmas Cantata is Gifts of the Magi. It is being presented by the chimes choir and the small group singing choir, and it will include carols for the congregation to sing. We look forward to presenting the Christmas Cantata at both services on January 8, 2023.



PANDA PANTRY**Barbara Buck**

If you are able, please help feed local students, who are at risk of hunger at home, especially after school and on weekends when schools are closed. There is a box in the Narthex to collect donations. 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

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Buck by email at blb.and.me@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support!

CHURCH ANNUAL OFFERING

Gib Devey

Secretary of Finance

Statements

The 2022 Redeemer Lutheran Church Annual Offering Statements will be distributed the week of January 9, 2023 by email. If you would prefer that a paper copy be mailed to you, please let Gib Devey know by email:

secretaryfinance@redeemerfxbg.org

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.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 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.
Livestreaming	Livestreaming is available on our website at www.redeemerfxbg.org . Scroll over "Media" on the top right of the page and click on "Watch Live" from the drop-down menu.

QR Codes Replaced Paper Bulletins for Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Service CLICK HERE	Sunday 11:00 am Service CLICK HERE
	

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

January 6-12, 2023

Birthdays

January 6	Barbara	Pauls	January 11	Teresa	Cerritelli
January 7	Cindy	Kohl	January 11	Michael	Fox-Moles
January 8	Lauren	Fiery	January 11	Donald	Schumann
January 8	Mathew	Zimmerman	January 12	Janet	Early
January 9	Teri	Grandowski			

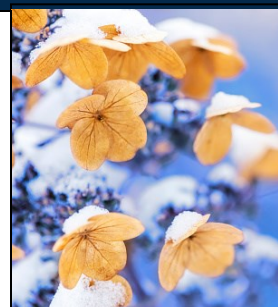
Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries to share this week.

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

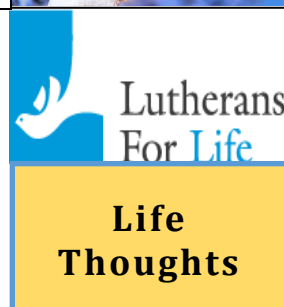
Church Flowers

Church flowers are given
to the glory of God
in celebration
of Cindy Kohl's birthday.



January 8 – Epiphany I/Baptism of Our Lord

No conception—human or otherwise—comes about without God's express will and Word (Psalm 29:9). He intentionally breathes life (Isaiah 42:5) and gives strength (Psalm 29:11) to every member of our race, including those whom others despise (Isaiah 42:3, 7). How could we involve our bodies in death when Jesus has removed us from its dominion (Romans 6:9-11)?



Worship Attendance and Contributions

December 7-31, 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
December 7-31, 2022	1106	254	\$65,850	\$732,757
Last Year	1118	238	\$48,615	\$700,550