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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

September 8, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

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CALL SERVICE UPDATE

Mike Eastman Call Committee

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17TH

Call Service Informational Meeting

9:45 am | Fellowship Hall

If you want to learn more about the senior pastor candidates, prior to the call service, please join us at 9:45 a.m. (during the Sunday school hour) in the fellowship hall.

Call Service & Special Voters' Meeting

3:30 pm | Sanctuary

There will be a call service and special voters' meeting at 3:30 p.m. to call a senior pastor. This service will not be livestreamed.





Reading: Ruth 1 Optional Reading: Ruth 2 - 4

"16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. (Ruth 1:16 NIV)

Maybe you have heard or been part of a conversation that went something like the following.

The three guys stood in the hallway talking, "I can't believe he said that to Professor Miller. He is the hardest teacher in the school," said David.

"He is going to flunk, I bet," Mike answered.

David came back with the words, "He is just an idiot, that is all. I don't like him."

Alan, the third member of the group said, "He is not really an idiot. He just does not know how to control his mouth."

"You are always defending him, Alan," David said. "What is he to you anyway?"

"Nothing much," Alan answered. "We were friends in the first and second grade. We are still friends."

"Well, he is going to mess it up for everybody," David added.

"I will talk to him," Alan finally said.

Although you may not know what these boys were talking about, you probably recognize something about Alan that stands out. He is loyal. He did not talk badly about his brother in Christ, even though his friend made a big mistake. He is willing to talk to his friend and help him out. Loyalty is hard to find in the world today. Ruth had it toward Naomi. Do you have it toward your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Jesus, help me to be loyal to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Even when it hurts. Amen.



The last weekly publication of *The Messenger* will be on September 22, 2023. Thereafter, the newsletter will transition to a monthly publication beginning October 1.

Sean Miller, Digital Communication Specialist will be assuming the responsibility for *The Messenger*.

Please timely submit your articles, complete with details, on the 15th of each month, including this month, to:

Sean Miller, DCS newsletter@redeemerfxbg.org

QUILTERS MEETING

Saturday, September 16 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please join us! No experience is necessary.

We can always use gently used flat cotton and poly/cotton sheets.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Jennings.

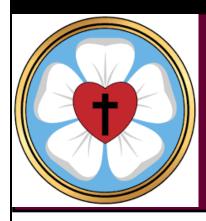
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September 17th is Aloha Sunday

Everyone is invited to wear their Hawaiian shirts, as we bid farewell to summer.

Interesting Fact ... Aloha is the true meaning and symbol of the Hawaiian culture and lifestyle: respect and love one another, and live in harmony with everything around you. Meaning of Aloha | Skyline Hawaii



CHRISTIANITY 101 NEW MEMBER CLASS

SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 P.M. | SEPTEMBER 9, 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: DOUBLE CLASSROOM (DOWNSTAIRS) SIGN UP AT THE PODIUM IN THE NARTHEX

PASTOR DAVE MINER

The next Christianity 101 class is scheduled for September 8 at 6:30 p.m. and September 9 at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in learning what we believe at Redeemer Lutheran Church, please sign up at the podium located in the narthex to explore our teachings. This is also a great opportunity for a refresher class for our existing members.

For more information, please contact Pastor Dave.

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BOARD OF OUTREACH SUPPORTING CHOICES WOMEN'S CENTER

DEBBIE CARLSON







During the month of September, Redeemer's Outreach Board will be supporting Choices Women's Center part of IMGNLife.org

If you would like to contribute to this cause, please take a baby bottle from the table in the narthex, and fill it with coins, bills, or checks made out to "Choices" and drop it off in the basket in the narthex.

Please return all bottles by the 24th of September. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Carlson by email at carlsoneh@gmail.com

THANK YOU!





W ith the start of a new school year, our Panda Pantry ministry is collecting food donations to help feed local students who live in food insecure households.

The generosity of our church members has enabled Panda Pantry to grow and serve more vulnerable students. We look forward to another fruitful year of giving.

Thank you for making Panda Pantry a successful ministry!

Items Needed in Single/Small Sizes & Cups

Applesauce Oatmeal Pop-Tarts

Cheese-Its, Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers Pretzels

Chef Boyardee (Cups) Popcorn Rice Krispie Treats

Fruit Cups Juice Boxes Ramen Noodles (Cups)

Granola Bars Mac and Cheese (Cups) Ravioli, Soup (Cups)

Please place your donations in the designated box in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please see Barbara Buck.

Panda Pantry is a ministry of the Board of Outreach.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

BETWEEN & AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Many beautiful hand carved olive wood religious articles made by Bethlehem Christians will be available for sale:

Nativity Sets & Crosses & Angels & Christmas Ornaments & Candle Holders & Religious Figures & And may more.

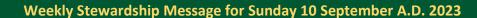
Please, support this important ministry and keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

Pastor Dave's current Midweek Bible Study | Wednesdays | 10:30 AM



C.S. LEWIS EGREAT DIVORCE

Book: The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis | Donation: \$15.00 to Pastor's Discretionary Fund





Earth and Sea and All God's Creatures

God created everything in heaven and on earth including each one of us. We have been created to be stewards of this earth and all that is in it.

"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together." Colossians 1:16-31

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY

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 for SUNDAY WORHSIP Use the QR Codes Below or "CLICK HERE"

SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. SERVICE	SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M. SERVICE	
CLICK HERE	CLICK HERE	

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

September 8-14, 2023

Birthdays

September 8	Alice	Karpiscak	September 13	John	Overbey
September 9	Carolyn	Hinz	September 13	Nancy	Scanlan
September 10	Deedy	Fiery	September 14	Cindy	Moulton
September 11	Sean	Anderson	September 14	Bobbie	Mullinax
September 12	L.J.	Cerritelli	September 14	Christopher	Nehls
September 12	David	DeLeon	September 14	John	Wiltenmuth, III

Anniversaries

September 10 Demale & Josie **Douglas** September 14 Jonathan & Kaitlin Cerritelli September 14 Kristen & Dempsey **James**

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

Church Flowers

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving to Susan Antonelli for her years of work on the newsletter.

Lutherans for Life - Life Thoughts

September 10 - Pentecost XV

Abortion doesn't just end unborn lives. It also breaks hearts with grief and guilt. So the Lord doesn't exempt it from condemnation. He commands us to warn our brothers and sisters about its sinfulness (Ezekiel 33:7-8). Nor does He exclude abortion from His forgiveness. He would have us apply His absolution as explicitly to this iniquity as to our own (Psalm 32:5).

Worship Attendance and Contributions

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
September 3, 2023	217	260	\$12,038	\$494,549
Last Year	228	253	\$14,082	\$486,279