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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 30, 2022

*Newsletter
of Redeemer
Lutheran Church*

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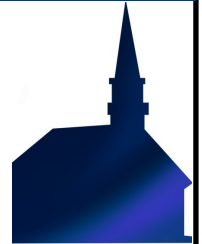
WEEKEND EVENTS



TOWN HALL MEETING

Church Sanctuary
Sunday, October 2 | 12:30 p.m.
(After the 11 a.m. Service)

Randy Mayer, Congregational President



Please Join Us!

DISCUSSION TOPICS

**Redeemer Architectural Review Status,
Strategic Planning Workshop Update, Call Process
Update and Other Topics that Arise**

Friday, Sep. 30th
4:30 p.m.
to 9:00 p.m.



Volunteers Needed
Contact Laura Ross, DCE
dce@embracedbyhim.org

On Friday, September 30, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Redeemer will be providing free childcare, so you and your spouse can enjoy a Parents' Night Out!

Your kids will have an evening of supervised fun, dinner, and Jesus time while you spend some well-deserved time together. Drop-off and pick-up is any time between 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., depending on your needs.

REGISTRATION

This is a free event! To register, email the names of each child you will be bringing and whether they will be eating dinner at church to **DCE Laura Ross** at dce@embracedbyhim.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please email Laura Ross if you would be interested in volunteering your time to help make this event possible. Thank you!

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**WEEKLY DEVOTION
WITH
PASTOR DAVE MINER**

Devotion No. 59

Reading: Exodus 9 (Optional Reading: Exodus 10, 11)

“⁴⁰ So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses tossed it into the air, and festering boils broke out on people and animals.” (Exodus 9:10 NIV)

Imagine one morning you wake up, and your bed is covered with frogs! You run to the shower to wash yourself off, and blood comes out of the faucet. Just days later, flies infest your home, so many you can hardly breathe without sucking a couple down your throat. Days later, your animals all die. And one day, a darkness that you can feel comes on the land. You cannot see a thing, even your hand in front of you. Finally, days later, your father, who is the first son of your grandparents, and your older brother are sick with a horrible disease. That night both your father and older brother die.

Pretty miserable situation. It would be hard to imagine. Yet, that is exactly what God did to the Egyptians when they would not let the Jewish people go free. God sent 10 plagues in all. The last one involved the death of every firstborn son and animal.

God did this to Egypt to show his power. He wanted the world to know that he ruled in heaven and earth, and no one could resist him.

Do you see God as a great God of power? He is. He can do more than we would ever ask or think. So why not ask today?

Father, I praise you that you are all-powerful. I trust you to strengthen me. Amen.

+ + + Weekly Stewardship Message for Sunday 02 October A.D. 2022 + + +



With All the Saints

“...the Church is catholic. That is, it is not bound to one place or to certain human ceremonies, but we are joined together by the Spirit with the Church throughout the world, wherever there are saints.”

Philipp Melanchthon - *Loci Communes Theologici*

Sunday November 6th

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Commitments for financial support of
our mission and vision

Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone. Psalm 71:9

Save the Date

All Lutheran
Women's Retreat



*Bloom Where You Are Planted -
Thriving in Times of Change*

November 3-5, 2022
Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center
Natural Bridge, Virginia

[All Lutheran Women's Retreat \(google.com\)](https://sites.google.com/view/alwretreat/home?authuser=0)

Judy Devey

The All Lutheran Women's Retreat will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center located in Natural Bridge, Virginia, on November 3-5, 2022. The theme is "Bloom Where You Are Planted—Thriving in Times of Change."

By popular demand, returning as our retreat leader, is Donna Marie Todd, motivational speaker, master storyteller, and singer. Donna Marie Todd has expressed her excitement to be with us again and has an exciting retreat program planned with many surprises.

Below is the link to the All Lutheran Women's Retreat web page for more information, as follows:

<https://sites.google.com/view/alwretreat/home?authuser=0>

**Registration forms may be found in the kiosk in the narthex of the church.
Don't worry about the registration deadline being October 4.**

If you have any questions, please see Judy Devey or contact her at 301-752-2935 or at jdevey22@gmail.com.

We are excited to gather with you this fall at the retreat!

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEKEND

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thrivent SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, October 1, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

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

Vicki Thorpe, CLTC®, FIC

- Please limit your paper to be shredded to three bags or boxes. Thank you!
- Canned Goods Collection: Canned goods collected at this event will be donated to the Fredericksburg Food Bank – nonperishable items only please.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Thorpe at vicki.thorpe@thrivent.com.

CHURCH BUSINESS - CALL COMMITTEE

Do you have a Candidate to Nominate?

Our members' 10-day review period of the Congregational Profile ended on September 27. The Call Committee will be review and evaluate comments and suggestions to determine changes that will be made to the Profile. Once the evaluation has been completed and the document is updated, it should be submitted to the District.

An additional part of the call process is requesting **nominations** from the congregation of potential candidates for our call. **Forms are located in the Narthex and need to be submitted no later than October 2, 2022.**

Our thanks to the Redeemer congregation for honoring us by remembering the 50th anniversary of my ordination. The spirit of this congregation is so loving, caring, and gospel driven.

God's continued blessings on you all,

Pastor and Ann Koehler





LWML NEWS LWML Chesapeake District Convention

Marian Dawgert
Old Dominion Zone Chair

Last weekend I attended the LWML Chesapeake District Convention in Gaithersburg, Maryland. As you know, Redeemer Women in Mission is our congregation's LWML group. We asked these women in Redeemer to participate in the in-gathering of items to support several of LWML's missions. As always, Redeemer members responded to this request with generous hearts.

I took with me four \$10.00 gift cards for seminarians, 20 pairs of eyeglasses for MOST ministries, six pairs of flip-flops for Orphan Grain Train, two items of children's clothing for Changing Hearts One at a Time ministry, and a large box of travel sized toiletries for Faith and Works ministry, courtesy of Pastor John, who left them for DCE Laura to use as she saw fit.

In addition, the Wednesday Bible Class pledged \$210.00 for my Saturday morning Walk for Mites. In total, the walkers collected over \$950.00!

The convention was inspiring as we installed the new District officers for 2200-2400. The communion service on Friday evening was led by our two pastoral counselors with our new SED president Pastor Bill Harmon as proclaimer.

Thank you to all who contributed items for the in-gathering and money for the Mite Walk.

Lutheran Women in Mission Celebrates LWML Sunday 2022| Sunday, October 9th

On Sunday, October 9, during the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services, the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) invites you to join us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness!

Based on Romans 8:31-39, the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 is "For Us and With Us." LWML Sunday is celebrated annually in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Women of Redeemer will be serving as readers, ushers and communion assistants on this special day.

We encourage you to learn more about the mission and ministry of LWML by asking an LWML member or going to the LWML website, www.lwml.org.

Thank you for supporting LWML through your mites and prayers. Don't forget to wear purple!

If you have any questions please contact Anita Diederer at 540-455-5058.





Anita Diederer
540-455-5058

TABLE TALK DINNER
Thursday, October 6th
Donations needed by 4:30 p.m.

Redeemer is hosting a Table Talk "Breakfast for Dinner" meal on Thursday, October 6 for students at the Campus Christian Community center on the University of Mary Washington campus.

We are now able to deliver and serve home cooked meals again, and they would love it if we stayed for their programming!

SIGN-UP

There is a sign-up sheet located on the table outside the church office if you would like to cook food, contribute food and/or deliver food to the CCC center. **Donations have to be at the church by 4:15 p.m., as the dinner starts promptly at 5:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions please contact Anita Diederer at 540-455-5058. Thanks you!

Away Ministry

Keeping our Young Adults Connected with Jesus

As our young adults leave home to work or study, we want them to know that they are still in our hearts and, as members of our congregation, to focus on Jesus during their college years or new career.

The Away Ministry sends care packages four times a year to each young adult member, ages 18 to 24, with treats, gift cards, Portals of Prayer, Bible verses, and loving thoughts! To sign up your adult children or grandchildren to receive these care packages, please provide their names and updated addresses by email, text or phone call to any of the following members of this ministry:

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aroberson4@cox.net
540-455-5058

Libby Unruh
onelchornt@aol.com
540-845-6190

Melissa Waltman
540-220-5952

Volunteers who wish to help with this ministry may also contact one of the above -- all are welcome!



Life Thoughts

October 2 – Pentecost XVII

Abortion, assisted suicide, and other deals with death bless with their mouths – as Psalm 62 warns us – by promising freedom and control. But inwardly these measures curse by delivering guilt and grief. Power over life and death belongs to God alone (Psalm 62:11), and His steadfast love provides salvation even amid surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis. The Gospel of Jesus Christ always brings life and immortality to light (2 Timothy 1:10).

Just for Women Event in Fredericksburg



Friday, October 7, 2022 | 6:30 p.m. Doors Open | 7:00 p.m. Show

1 Night—3 Hours

An evening full of laughter, learning, stories and music!



Anita Diederer, Chair, Fellowship Committee

Aspire is hosting a women's event on Friday evening, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Stafford Crossing Community Church, in Fredericksburg. This event is one evening of laughter, learning, stories and music. The event runs about 3 hours.

The Fellowship team is coordinating a group ticket purchase, so if we get at least 10 women to attend (We know we will!!), the tickets will be \$20 each.

If you would like to attend there is a **sign-up sheet on the table outside the church office**. Please include your phone number and email. **Sign up and pay by Monday, October 3.** To pay, please drop a check in the offering plate for \$20 per ticket with "Aspire Event" written in the memo line. There is a link below to learn more about this event as well as the address for the event. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Diederer at 540-455-5058. We look forward to a great evening!

Here is the link to the Fredericksburg video: <https://vimeo.com/743588462>

EVENT LOCATION

Stafford Crossing Community Church | 1420 Forbes Street| Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Celebrating God

with a heart
of thankfulness
for you

PLEASE JOIN US

Celebratory Lunch

**Hosted by John Kassouf, Pastor Emeritus & Francine Kassouf
Redeemer Lutheran Church | Fellowship Hall
Saturday, October 1 at 12:30 p.m.**

R.S.V.P.: No later than Wednesday, September 28th

You have made an incredible difference in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ while Francine and I dealt with my unexpected, advanced stage cancer diagnosis. Your prayers, cards, meals, visits, and other acts of kindness meant more to us than you can imagine. We are grateful to report that the chemo portion of therapy is finished, although other therapies continue.

Life is a precious gift that we are thankful for daily. Francine and I would like to pause on Saturday, October 1 at 12:30 p.m. and offer a lite lunch for each of you in the Redeemer Fellowship Hall. It is our hope that you can attend as we thank God for life and thank God for you!

It is Pastor John's birthday weekend. No gifts for him please, but if you would like to extend a gift to others affected by cancer, you may bring a check payable to "Phil's Friends". The care package that came from them to us was filled with wonderful support items. The follow up cards were a blessing too. You can read more about Phil's friends here: <https://philsfriends.org/about-phils-friends/>. If you know someone who is being impacted by cancer, contact Phil's Friends to request a care package. They will send a package anonymously to your loved one.

El Pino Restaurant is providing lunch and requires a final count of attendees for food preparation, so You MUST RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, September 28. Please use one of these two methods to reply by email to frankassouf@gmail.com or call 843-685-2667. We appreciate your limiting your response to these two options.

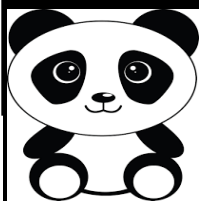
SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

While food is not the reason our members attend Bible study and Sunday school, great snacks and coffee go along way with everyone.

If you are able to help defray costs among volunteers by contributing snacks (about 144 cookies, pastries, etc.) or help with making coffee, setting-up, and cleaning-up on Sundays, it's an opportunity for you to share this benefit with everyone.

Please use the Sign-Up Sheet on the Kitchen door to help us plan, and please indicate if you can also make coffee.

If you have any questions, please see Anita Diederer, or contact her at 540-455-5058. Thank you!



Panda Pantry

Helping to Feed Local Students

Barbara Buck, Outreach Committee



Are students eating? It has been reported that more than 30 million kids depend on U.S. schools for free or reduced-price meals. (Source: <https://www.npr.org/2020/09/08/908442609/children-are-going-hungry-why-schools-are-struggling-to-feed-students>)

Some of these students need help with meals. To help feed these children, the Outreach Committee is now collecting food for the Panda Pantry.

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.

A box has been placed in the Narthex for donations.

Please consider being part of this ministry that helps to feed children in our communities, at home and over the weekends, by sharing our blessings.

Questions? Please contact Barbara Buck by email at blb.and.me@gmail.com,

Thank you!

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.**

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=TVZBS2dXb1YwWVJdG5OTTJxUUFWQT09
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=YVJmUmlGc2tZS1FDeXIPNjZiZU5NQQT09 Contact Jennifer Koehler: (540) 603-6496
MON	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (1st and 3rd of Monday 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=YkFGd3RE1YaTZnY2w0VGVmNFhiUT09
TUES	10:30 a.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month)	Ladies Bible Study	In-Person Meeting in Fellowship Hall Contact: Linda Gagon 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 Fellowship Hall 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: Donation (eservicepayments.com)
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 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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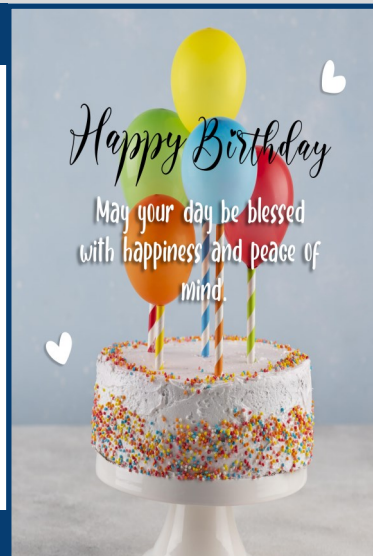
Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

September 30-October 6, 2022

Birthdays

September 30	John	Kassouf
September 30	Eva	Westphal
October 1	Eugene	Gilland, Jr.
October 3	Dotty	Johnston
October 4	Jackson	James
October 5	Keith	Verbosky
October 5	Raymond	Zimmerman
October 6	Matthew	Hymes



Anniversaries

**There are no anniversaries
to report this week.**

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



Church Flowers

**Flowers this week
are given to the glory of God
by Cindy Kohl in celebration
of the birthday of her twin grand-
children, Faith and Jacob Nicholson.**



Worship Attendance and Contributions September 25, 2022

	Attendance Total	Average Attendance	General Offerings	Year-to-Date General Offerings
September 25	194	251	\$14,816	\$526,557
Last Year	228	226	\$14,594	\$511,642