



*Our Mission: Sharing Christ's love with the greatest number of people*



*Life at Redeemer*

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## February 15, 2026

### Welcome to Redeemer

We welcome you to our worship service this morning! Please sign the guest book that is found in our entry area or the red attendance book found in the pews. If you include your email address, we will keep you informed of any upcoming events. You can also email us at [church@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org).

### Holy Communion Open to All

We offer Holy Communion at all of our worship services. Please follow the instructions of the pastor when it is time to come forward. If you are not comfortable taking Holy Communion for any reason but would like to come forward for a blessing, then just cross your arms and the pastor will bless you. All are welcome to the Lord's Table.

### Construction Project Update

We are approximately halfway through the completion of the office wing renovations. Your ongoing financial support of this construction project is very much appreciated. As you consider other ways to support the work that is underway, please think about one of the tax-advantaged giving options. The giving of appreciated stocks or mutual funds will help minimize your capital gain taxes. Also, the giving of an IRA's Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can also lower your taxable income. Go to <https://redeemermclean.org/home/give-online> for more information. This is an option for your regular planned giving to the church too.

### 2025 Annual Report

The 2025 Annual Report was sent out this week via email. If you would like to read it, please check your email, visit our website, or pick up a hard copy in Crossroads.

### Meal Train for Timothy Williams

Redeemer member Timothy Williams is fighting cancer and preparing for his first surgery on February 17. Please pray for him and his family. Starting February 20 to March 7, the family will need dinner for three people daily. If you are interested in being part of the meal train, please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/73o79n>.

### Welcome Bishop Hirsch

With thanksgiving, we welcome Rev. Dr. Philip C. Hirsch to the pulpit today.

He is the bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He began serving a six-year term on September 1, 2025.

Rev. Hirsch previously served as Executive Director of Domestic Mission and Christian Community and Leadership in the ELCA (2019-2025) where he led national and international ministries including leadership, new church starts, the Directors for Evangelical Mission, discipleship, the national youth gathering, Young Adults in Global Mission, candidacy, stewardship, (and previously) ethnic specific ministries, domestic hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Advocacy.

Prior to his role at the churchwide offices, he served as the Director for Evangelical Mission in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod (2009-2019); pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA (1999-2019); and pastor of Christus and Epiphany Lutheran Churches, Camden, NJ (1990-1999). Rev. Hirsch earned a B.A. from Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA; a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; and a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching and Violence Prevention from United Theological in Dayton, Ohio. He is an Ella and Henry Mitchell Fellow.

He and his wife Dana are the proud parents of three sons.

### Souper Bowl Results

Souper Bowl contributions from the three services were added up and the Seahawks walked away with the win at Redeemer as well as at the Super Bowl! Seattle Seahawks: \$371.01. New England Patriots: \$299.85. A total of \$670.86 was raised for The Little Food Pantry! Thank you.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Volunteers Needed

Want to help? Both adult and youth volunteers are needed; Go to <https://bit.ly/4awsf3H> or scan the QR code to sign up! Youth can earn community service hours.



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
**Next Meeting February 19 – 10:30 am**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first and third Thursdays of most months. We will next meet on February 19th. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 am to noon. Because of the renovations, we are temporarily meeting in the conference room. Please enter the building through Door 15. In addition to prayer shawls, we knit and crochet scarves, as well as baby blankets for baptisms and for Project Linus. All are welcome. Beginners are enthusiastically welcomed! Please email Lynn Barth at [lynnbarth@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbarth@gmail.com) for more information or for yarn.

**Wednesday Dinners and Services during Lent**

**February 18**

- Ash Wednesday Services: 12 pm and 7 pm
- Ash Wednesday Dinner: 6:15 pm
  - Hosted by Church Council

**February 25**

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
  - Hosted by Redeemer's Choir
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

**March 4 | March 11 | March 18 | March 25**

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

**YOUTH**

**Youth Service Project**  
**Meal Packages for Britepaths Food4thought Program**  
**February 22 at 10:45 am**

Youth are invited to join us to pack meals for students in our community in Fellowship Hall after morning classes. We will come together to pack the food and have a time of fellowship with snacks once the project is complete. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/3XvZX2E> or by scanning the QR code if your youth will participate. For any questions, please contact [grace@redeemermclean.org](mailto:grace@redeemermclean.org).



**Confirmation Retreat**  
**March 21**  
**Sign up Deadline March 1**

Those in Confirmation are invited to attend a day retreat on March 21. The programming is from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center in Jefferson, Maryland. This retreat includes lunch, team-building/outdoor activities (low-ropes course, hiking, and/or archery), and confirmation programming.

Transportation will be provided. An additional chaperone will be needed!

The cost is \$25 per youth. For questions or to sign up, please contact [grace@redeemermclean.org](mailto:grace@redeemermclean.org) by **March 1**.

**Redeemer's Annual Meeting**  
**February 22**

Redeemer's Annual Meeting will be held following the 11:00 service. Please join us!

**Redeemer Day of Prayer**  
**March 2**

You're invited to join others to pray on March 2. The theme for this quarterly Day of Prayer at Redeemer is to heal divisions in our world and in our lives, working towards peace and care for all people. You can pray at Redeemer or from home or office.

A SignUpGenius and a resource document consisting of prayers written by Redeemer members and others, scripture selections, and audio files will be available soon.

**Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club**  
**Mondays at 7:30 pm**

Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club would like to remind those that have books checked out from our lending cart to please return them to the cart once read so others can read them too! Thank you! We started a new book, *The Cost of Free Land* by Rebecca Clarren, for discussion on February 9. Anyone is welcome to join us and this would be a good time to do so! We meet every Monday via Zoom @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger at [jpschellenger@aol.com](mailto:jpschellenger@aol.com) if interested.

**Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour**

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Get your friends, family, or ministry group together and sign up! It is a great way to meet people, welcome visitors, and inform people about your ministry or group. All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. If you have any questions, contact Kim Wenk at [kbwenk@gmail.com](mailto:kbwenk@gmail.com). Scan the QR Code or go to [bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour](https://bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour) to sign up.



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 2/15	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i> 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am 8:30 am – 12:00 pm 9:45 am – 10:45 am 10:55 am – 11:25 am 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services) Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B) Lunch with Bishop Hirsch
Mon., 2/16	President's Day 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Church Office Closed Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 2/17	9:30 am – 10:30 am 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Gym)
Weds., 2/18	9:00 am – 11:30 am 12:00 pm 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) Ash Wednesday Service Ash Wednesday Dinner Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs., 2/19	8:00 am – 9:00 am 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room/Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

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## *Please Remember to Pray....*

### **For Healing**

William  
Cavallo, Michael  
DeGioia, Jack  
Devine, Dan  
Etkin, Nancy  
Green, Eve  
Harner, Julie  
Johnson, Ted  
Koenig, Tammie  
Kunec, Ingrid  
Lawrence, Ann  
Neece, George  
Pittman, Larry  
Stauffer, John  
Williams, Timothy  
Wu, Jian

### **For Comfort and Peace**

Christina K  
Shupp, Lloyd

### **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of Mary Lou Cummings  
The family & friends of Kenneth Broderdorf  
The family & friends of Mark Heuer  
The family & friends of Frank Nauman  
The family & friends of Patricia Reblitz

### **For all healthcare workers and first responders**

Laredo, Sandi

### **For Safety**

All refugees  
All our military & diplomatic people  
throughout the world  
All those who serve to protect our country

### **For Comfort and Strength**

Chris & Family  
Those who suffer from depression  
Those who suffer from mental illness

#### **Prayer List Note:**

*To add names to this list, you may email or telephone the church office. We want all our prayers to be current — so please keep us up to date on those whom you have added to our prayer list. With the exception of safety prayers for our military, we will remove names after one month unless we hear from you. We are prepared to pray indefinitely.*

### **Prayers for the World, our Nation, and our Community**

We pray for people in countries around the world that experience violence, war, and/or political division.

We pray for people who live in areas where there have been disasters of any kind.

We pray for improved relationships among all nations.

We pray for our elected leaders that they lead with compassion while making hard decisions.

We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed and all federal workers.

We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression.

**Each month we will offer prayers for one of our congregations in the Virginia Conference.**

**We are part of the Virginia Conference of the ELCA Metro DC Synod.**

**We pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church, Great Falls, and their interim pastor.**

**We also have a prayer partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Mary in Ulyanovsk, Russia, and their pastor, Zhanibek Batenov.**