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Life at Redeemer

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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.

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

The recent construction activity in the office wing includes removing all the old tile and fixtures in the hallway bathroom, installing new electrical wiring for the HVAC system, starting the skim coating of the cement block walls, and removing a cement block wall that was apparently added between two offices after the church's original construction and was not properly secure on the top or sides; therefore, for safety reasons it was removed and will be rebuilt with improved sound absorption.

Bishop Hirsch Visit and Lunch February 15



The Metro D.C. Synod Bishop, Bishop Hirsch, will visit Redeemer to preach and preside on February 15. A lunch in Fellowship Hall will follow services. If you would like to join for lunch, RSVP by scanning the QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4t6cmbB>.

Welcome Pastor John Teitman

With thanksgiving, we welcome Pastor John Teitman to the pulpit today. Pastor Sharon Core is away—a long-planned bucket list trip with her husband Nick to New Zealand and Australia.

Souper Bowl Today

Help us predict who might win the Super Bowl by participating in this year's Souper Bowl! Drop any amount of money into the Patriots' or Seahawks' pot this Sunday and help feed a member of our community.

We have it on good authority that the pot with the most money will win the Super Bowl! All proceeds will go to The Little Food Pantry.

Transition Team Update Survey Deadline Today



The congregation survey is available now! We are asking anyone who attends Redeemer to fill it out whether a member or not.

You may take it on paper found in Crossroads or online at <https://bit.ly/4qQ54Yd>. Please complete the survey by today, so we may provide initial impressions at the annual meeting on February 22.

The survey results will drive small group meetings to dig deeper in understanding what we need and want in our next pastor. Stay tuned for dates and more information!

Remember that Transition Team updates will come via email on Tuesdays (Transition Tuesdays). So please pay special attention to communications sent on a Tuesday! For questions, email TransitionTeam@Redeemermclean.org.

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>.

We Pray for Minnesota & Ways to Help

Many members have asked for ways that they can help Minnesota. Please see below for both synod-recommended and member-provided resources for use as desired.

- ELCA Action Alert Sent 1/26 - <https://bit.ly/3MbnDqW>
- Minneapolis Area Synod Welcome Fund - <https://mpls-synod.org/giving/welcome-fund/>

As the ELCA reminds us to be in prayer, here is a resource posted by the VA Conference: <https://bit.ly/3M3V26I>

Social Justice & Equity Book Club

New Book February 9 – 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 are starting 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 @ 7:30pm - 8:30 pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com if interested.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 17 – 6 to 7 pm

Volunteers Needed



Bring your neighbors, friends, and family!
Featuring "Art is Served", an exhibit by Redeemer Renaissance Artists.

All donations made at the dinner will support the Natural Play Area Improvement Project.

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meeting February 19

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 for more information or for yarn.

Your prayers and presence
are requested for the

Rite of Ordination of Jessica Zurcher

to the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026
11:00 AM

Luther Place Memorial Church
1226 Vermont Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Lunch to follow

Clergy and seminarians of
all traditions are invited
to vest and process

Liturgical color is red



SAVE THE DATE

February 18

- Ash Wednesday Services: 12 pm and 7 pm
- Ash Wednesday Dinner: 6:15 pm

February 22

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

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/3XvZX2F> or by scanning the QR code if your youth will participate. For any questions, please contact grace@redeemermclean.org.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 2/8	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)
	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am – 10:45 am	Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes
		High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center)
		Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom)
	10:55 – 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Mon., 2/9	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Zoom)
	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 2/10	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Thurs., 2/12	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Jean
Trevor W.
William
Capodanno, Sophie
Cavallo, Michael
DeGioia, Jack
Etkin, Nancy
Green, Eve
Harner, Julie
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.**