



# Life at Redeemer

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

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## April 22, 2018

### Confirmation Workshop Today

We will convene at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and the classes will follow. All 7<sup>th</sup> Graders meet with Liz Scheffler and all 8<sup>th</sup> Graders meet with Pastor Kessinger. This is the last Confirmation Workshop until September. After lunch, all parents are encouraged to stay in Fellowship Hall to meet with Marlon Yearwood. Activities and service projects will be discussed for the summer months.

### Growing Deeper with God - A Walk with the Spiritual Disciplines Tomorrow at 10:00 am

You are invited to discover new ways to deepen your relationship with God through the spiritual disciplines. Through this journey, we will be engaging Scripture and reading the book, *The Good and Beautiful God*, by James Bryan Smith. Please join us in the Library from 10-11:30 with your Bible, the book, and a journal. Contact Deacon Erin at [Erin@RedeemerMcLean.org](mailto:Erin@RedeemerMcLean.org) with any questions.

### Tuesday Prayer

All are invited on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 am to 9:00 am as we open the sanctuary for a time of prayer and contemplation. Please use the front entrance of the church and enter the sanctuary where someone will meet you.

We start each week with corporate prayer where the needs of our community, nation, and world are lifted up before engaging in individual time with God. You are welcome to engage the time in a way that helps you feel connected with God and prepares you for your day. If you can't join us in person but are interested in participating remotely in this ministry, please contact Deacon Erin at [erin@redeermclean.org](mailto:erin@redeermclean.org). All are welcome!

### Caroline Bauman

There will be a funeral service for Caroline Bauman, mother of Dawn Regan, on Saturday April 28th at 11:00 am. All are welcome to attend as we support Dawn and her family at this time.

### Parent's Night Out April 27 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Enjoy a night out while Redeemer staff and youth provide pizza, snack and activities for your children. Children of all ages are welcome. Suggested cost is \$20.00 per family. All proceeds will go to Youth Mission Trips/2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Please RSVP Marlon Yearwood at [marloneyarwood@yahoo.com](mailto:marloneyarwood@yahoo.com)

### First Communion Class May 6, 2018

On Sunday, May 6, Pastor Kessinger will hold a class for any youth who is ready to prepare for his/her First Communion. The class will start at 12:15 pm with a light lunch in Fellowship Hall and then we will move to the library for the actual lesson. Parents are welcome to attend as each child will be given a booklet to take home to study before he/she receives first communion on Sunday, May 27, at the 11:00 am service. Please contact Pastor Kessinger if you would like to sign your child up for the day of instruction or if you have any questions. Her email is [psk@redeermclean.org](mailto:psk@redeermclean.org).

### Table Talk Responses to Worldwide Christian Persecution

Join us for a series on the responses of Christians around the world to persecution. We will be using the materials from Under Caesar's Sword, a global research project of institutes at Notre Dame and Georgetown University. Materials available at [ucs.nd.edu](http://ucs.nd.edu). All are welcome to attend.

- April 22 — Overview and Film
- April 29 — Discipleship and Persecution
- May 6 — The People of God in Exile
- May 13 — The Paschal Mystery of Christ
- May 20 — Witness & Martyrdom in Church History
- May 27 — Human Dignity and Rights
- June 3 — Responses of Forgiveness
- June 10 — Responses of Solidarity & Six Idea for Action

### Vacation Bible School

Find adventure on the river with VBS 2018 Rolling River Rampage July 23-27 9:30am-12:30pm Ages 3(potty trained) though Age 12 Registration begins May 1st for church and preschool members. Registration forms will be available in the church office. There is a one time registration fee of \$30 to cover supplies. If you have any questions feel free to contact Elizabeth Carroll [elizabethcarroll@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcarroll@gmail.com)

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WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE

# A N N O U N C E M E N T S

## Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services has asked Gene and Joan Durman to sponsor a table at their Expression of Abundance 2018: Journey to Transformation breakfast. This annual event will be held on Tuesday, May 15 from 7:30 - 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church Fellowship, 3022 Woodlawn Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22042.

We would like to invite you to be our guest, a way to show our support for the work of LSS. For each of you who attend, Gene and Joan will make a donation on your behalf.

Please let us know if you will be able to join us. We may be reached at [jgdurman@aol.com](mailto:jgdurman@aol.com), 703-356-4929.

## LSS – REFUGEE WELCOME KITS PACKING PARTY

Join us on Sat. April 28: We are hosting a Refugee Welcome Kits Packing Party at the Great Falls Library (9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA 22066) 10 am – noon – in partnership with Returned Peace Corps of Northern Virginia. Our efforts support the Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area Refugee and Immigrant Services Program to welcome and resettle refugees from around the world -- a #RotaryPeaceCorpPartnershipProject. You can help by participating on the day and in advance by donating items including toiletry, cleaning, and towels/linens to pack into the welcome kits. Items include shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, buckets, mops, brooms, trashcans, paper towels, toilet paper etc. To sign up to donate items, use our signup genius page at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eacab2da0fc1-refugee1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eacab2da0fc1-refugee1). We can make arrangements to get your items to the event. For questions or more info, email Club President Erica at [brouillettej@gmail.com](mailto:brouillettej@gmail.com).

## Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed for Townhouse Renovations No construction experience is necessary. Tools provided or bring your own. Must be 16 or older.

4/25/2018, Wednesday, 8:30 – 3:30  
1215 Alabama Drive, Herndon VA 20170

Signup at <http://tinyurl.com/Habitat-IC> or contact Lynn Barth at [703-346-8012](tel:703-346-8012) or [lynnbarth@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbarth@gmail.com), to sign up for these builds or to get on the mailing list for future builds. Please let me know if you are interested in car-pooling.

## Safety & Security Task Force

Redeemer would like to form a Task Force to review the safety and security of our environment here at the church for our members, students and guests. The Task Force would meet for a limited period of time and make recommendations to the Congregational Council for improvements. Please consider helping with this effort and relay your name and contact information to [church@redeermclean.org](mailto:church@redeermclean.org).

## Tax Advantaged Giving

Remember there is tax advantage of giving appreciated stocks or mutual fund shares to the church as part of your planned giving. This method allows you to minimize capital gains taxes and yet provide the full current value and financial benefits to the programs and ministries at Redeemer. You can visit Redeemer's website and at the top of the page there is a tab labeled "About Us" and a following tab for "Give Online". In the subsequent description, there are stock and mutual fund donation instructions and forms available. Veronique Thomas, Redeemer's Financial Coordinator, can help answer questions for you about this transfer process at [703/356-3346](tel:703/356-3346) or at [vthomas@redeermclean.org](mailto:vthomas@redeermclean.org).

## Capital Caring

For over 35 years, Capital Caring Hospice Services has helped families and loved ones by offering coordinated care, comfort and dignity to those living with serious illnesses. Redeemer has provided an annual financial contribution to carry out their work. Volunteers are always needed. If you have some spare time of any amount the following activities may be of interest to you.

Patient care in homes and long-term care facilities, pet therapy, and administrative support are just some of the many areas where help is needed.

Redeemer member Elaine Tucker is a volunteer with Capital Caring. She visits primarily patients at a nearby nursing home. For more information about Capital Caring, its community involvement, or how to volunteer, please go to [www.capitalcaring.org](http://www.capitalcaring.org) or call 703-351-2800.

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## This Week at Redeemer

## Upcoming Events

Sun	4/22	8:30a	Traditional Service	Nave
		9:45a	Contemporary Service	Nave
		11:00a	Traditional Service	Nave
		12:15p	Confirmation Workshop	Fellowship Hall
		1:00p	Brownie Troop	Classroom 202
		1:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		3:00p	Cub Scouts	Classroom
		5:00p	High School Connect	Fellowship Hall
Mon	4/23	10:00a	Growing Deeper with God	Library
		5:30p	Sunshine Academy	Classroom 202
		6:30p	Aerobics	Conference Room
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
Tue	4/24	8:00a	Prayer Time	Nave
		12:00p	Rotary	Fellowship Hall
		5:00p	Sunshine Academy	Classroom 202
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents Hall
		7:00p	Stoneleigh Association	Music Suite A
		7:15p	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wed	4/25	8:00a	Bible Study	Conference Room
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		7:00p	Hadi Meditation	Classroom 203
		8:00p	Al-Anon	Classroom 204
Thu	4/26	5:30p	Teen CBS	RLC
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		7:00p	Bell Choir	Music Suite A
		7:45p	Traditional Choir	Music Suite B
		8:30p	Men's Basketball	Parents' Hall
Fri	4/27	6:00p	Parents' Night Out	Parents' Hall



- 4/22 **Confirmation Workshop**
- 4/22 **High School Connect Group (9-12)**
- 4/23 Growing Deeper with God
- 4/24 Prayer Time
- 4/25 Bible Study (8 am)
- 4/30 Faith Alive



- 5/01 Prayer Time
- 5/02 Bible Study (8 am)
- 5/02 Quilting
- 5/03 Prayer Shawl
- 5/05 UN Goals as Spiritual Calling
- 5/06 First Communion Class
- 5/08 Prayer Time
- 5/08 Finance and Administration
- 5/09 Bible Study (8 am)
- 5/11 Faith and Fellowship
- 5/14 Growing Deeper with God
- 5/14 Congregational Council Meeting
- 5/15 Prayer Time
- 5/16 Bible Study (8 am)
- 5/16 Quilting
- 5/17 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5/19 McLean Day

*Redeemer members,*

*Please call Redeemer's office to let us know when you are in the hospital or if you know of a member who is in the hospital. We want to provide all members with a pastoral presence and prayer in times of need. Also, please let us know if a member is homebound, so that we can visit and provide Holy Communion. Thank you for your partnership in our caring ministry.*

*- Pastor Sandy Kessinger*



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

### **For Healing:**

Justin Bishop  
Keith Bornmann  
Elizabeth Carroll  
Michelle Crone  
Teresa Curley  
Linda Ernst  
Wally Ferguson  
Karen Freschi  
Ginger Glindemann  
Rick Granholm  
Eve Green  
Kirk Gunderson  
George Hall  
Hannah  
Jack  
Katelyn  
Kathleen Kutschenreuter  
Marcia  
Ruth Martz  
Coletta Miller  
Laura Opsal-Ong  
Pat Purcell  
Barbara Ramsey  
Erik Ramsey  
Rev. Robert Richter  
Liam Romero  
Karin Ryding  
Kathy Stieg  
Beth Telford  
Silence Triplett  
Val  
James and Patricia Woodward

### **For Comfort in Death:**

The family and friends of Caroline Bauman  
The family and friends of Joan Zuidema.

### **For Comfort and Peace:**

Karen Baker  
Bertha  
Mary Cox  
Reverend Monte Frohm  
George  
Art Gunderson  
Lynn Porter Hardisky  
Colleen Higgins  
Susan

### **For Comfort and Strength:**

Gwen Brown  
Corrie  
Lena Heier  
Rhonda Heier  
Sarah and Jenny  
Liza and Straker

### **For Safety:**

For all our military and diplomatic people throughout the world  
For all serving as police officers  
Greg Adams and Colette Marcellin, in Afghanistan  
Courtney Barnett, in Afghanistan  
Tricia Bobb in Afghanistan  
Tom and Karla Carroll  
Stephanie and Matt Kessinger and son, Ben, in Paraguay  
Garrett Reese, in Kuwait  
Jon Walsh

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

*To add names to this list, use the Prayer Request book located in the Crossroads. You may also email or telephone the church office. We will forward your request to the email prayer chain. We want all our prayers to be appropriate—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.*