



# Life at Redeemer

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

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## October 7, 2018

### Wednesday Bible Studies

October 10

The "Overview of the Bible" class will meet from 8 am to 9 am in the Conference Room. We will study the Gospel of John.

The "Bible Study on Isaiah" will continue at 7:15 pm. We will study Chapters 40-48.

All are welcome at any time to either or both studies!

### Quilts

Today our young people and Faith Formation mentors will be the hands and feet of Christ by piecing quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be sent overseas to help our brothers and sisters around the world. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful service opportunity!

### Animal Blessing Today

Every year we take the opportunity to bless the animals – an important part of God's creation. Please bring your pets to the area by the Preschool playground today at 2:00 pm. If the weather is not cooperating then we will meet right outside the church (nearest the entrance by Keillor Hall) or inside Keillor Hall.

### First Communion

First Communion classes are for any of our children who show a readiness to learn more about what takes place at the Lord's Table. If parents have a sense that their child is "ready" then please email Pastor Kessinger at [psk@redeemermclean.org](mailto:psk@redeemermclean.org). We will hold a class next Sunday, October 14, at 12:15 pm until 1:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend the class to hear the lesson and to continue the conversation at home. The actual First Communion will take place on Sunday, November 25, at the 11:00 am service to allow family members traveling from a distance to attend. If that date does not work out for you then please have that conversation with the pastor.

### Gift Bags for the Babies!

Linda and Frank Peterson will be taking **60** post-op gift bags to Guatemala on October 20. All of these bags will be for **children under 2 years of age**. We need to collect several **Baby Rattles and Baby Pacifiers** in a very short time. Please help us if you can! The Partner for Surgery red collection box is located outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

### Hurricane Florence Relief Trip

Save the Date: Friday, Nov. 2-Monday, Nov. 5 (three nights out of that weekend)

We are organizing a team of up to 15 congregants to help with hurricane damage clean up and repairs in the greater Wilmington, NC area. Redeemer members, family and friends, age 14 and up, are encouraged to join the team! Volunteers will help homeowners affected by flooding and storm damage. We will assist with mud-outs, roof tarping, chainsaw work and debris clean-up. Training and tools will be provided – all that's needed are willing hearts and capable hands.

There are background checks to be done and special paperwork for youth ages 14-18, so a commitment to participate will be needed by late October. More details will be provided as our mission comes together.

Food and lodging are provided through a local church; we'll likely have to provide our own bedding in the form of twin air mattresses, cots or sleeping bags.

If you need more details or are ready to sign up, please contact Liz Holzapfel, [woodapple1@verizon.net](mailto:woodapple1@verizon.net) or 703-307-0598.

### Covered Dish Dinner

We are having a covered dish dinner at Redeemer on Saturday, October 13, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to come and meet our new members and others new to the church. Since it will be held in October the theme will be an Oktoberfest (minus the beer). Bring something to share with others! For those who can help with set up and/or clean up – just let the pastor know and she will be forever grateful. We will have fun and it is a wonderful way to make new friends.

### Director of Youth Ministry October 21

On Sunday, October 21, Amanda Gebhart, our new Director of Youth Ministry, will arrive in our area with all of her possessions. She would appreciate 2-3 people to help her on moving day between 8 am and 11 am. Her only other help is her father. Amanda's new residence is in Falls Church. If you are able to help on that day then please send an email to pastor at [psk@redeemermclean.org](mailto:psk@redeemermclean.org).

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



## Shepherd's Center Request For Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS WANTED- AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church invites you to become a volunteer to drive senior adults to and from their medical appointments, the pharmacy and grocery store. No specific time commitment is required as you can choose the ride convenient for your schedule. Please call (703) 506-2199 or visit our website at [www.scmaf.org](http://www.scmaf.org). Your help will be greatly appreciated and your life will be enriched.

## McLean Community Business Center

A community-driven planning study for the McLean Community Business Center (CBC) is underway. The McLean CBS is more commonly known as downtown McLean and is centered on the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Old Dominion Drive. McLean has long been planned to serve as a focal point for residents, with a mix of residential and community-serving commercial uses. The last significant review of the Comprehensive Plan recommendations for the CBC occurred over 20 years ago. The current study began this summer with three community workshops that were held in June.

Streetsense, the County's consultant, presented its analysis from those meetings to the community at an open house held on September 27. Based on community feedback, Streetsense will create a final Vision Plan for the McLean CBC.

More information about the task force, including its meeting schedule, agenda, and notes from past meetings, is available online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/mclean-cbc-study/meetings>.

## Stained Glass Window Booklet: Last Opportunity to Order

Personal copies of the stained glass window booklet can be ordered by contacting the Church office. Sample copies are in the Crossroads. Content includes background information from the committee, a page for each window with explanations and scripture references, contributions from the artist and from Stained Glass by Shenandoah (the fabricators of our windows), and information from the artist who created the dove mosaic in the Crossroads. The price per copy is \$15.00; place the check in the offering plate or send it to the Church office. Last day to order: October 10.

## Christian Formation for Adults — The TableTalk Group

New Series on Early Christian Writings  
9:45 am in Room 204

Join us for a new series on the writings of the Church Fathers and other Christians during the first centuries of the church. All are welcome to attend.

07-Oct Pagan Assaults on Christianity  
14-Oct Justin Martyr's Defense of the Faith  
21-Oct Tertullian's Defense of the Faith  
28-Oct Origen's Defense of the Faith

## Lauren Markwart

Lauren Markwart is currently spending a gap year (9 months) with Score International in Costa Rica before attending the University of Virginia in the Fall of 2019. She is studying Spanish and religion in the capitol city of San Jose during the week, then traveling three hours near the Nicaraguan border each weekend to work in a mission church.

Her group consists of 22 students (11 boys and 11 girls) that break into teams of three to serve various churches in the region. They will travel to Panama and Nicaragua as part of the program.

She absolutely enjoys the experience and is "sharing God's love with the greatest number of people"! Below is her email and mailing address. Please send her a card or note! She would love to hear from her church family.

Lauren's email is: [Lmarkwart@gmail.com](mailto:Lmarkwart@gmail.com)

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Del Gimnasio del Este  
Lauren Markwart  
800 Mts. Norte  
Casa amarilla con bandera de CR  
Antes del Puente  
San Jose – Costa Rica

## Rise Against Hunger November 3, 2018

**Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**  
**Shifts begin at 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 2:00 pm**

The goal for this event will again be to package 300,000 meals requiring contributions of \$87,000 (29 cents per meal) and 1200 volunteers.

Learn more about Rise Against Hunger McLean Community Events at <https://www.facebook.com/McLeanCommunityRiseAgainstHungerEvents>.

Volunteer and Donate at <http://events.stophungernow.org/McLeanRAH2018>

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## This Week at Redeemer

## Upcoming Events

Sun	10/07	8:00a	Traditional Service	Nave
		9:45a	Contemporary Service	Nave
		11:00a	Traditional Service	Nave
		12:15p	Confirmation Rehearsal	Nave
		1:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		2:00p	Blessing of the Animals	Playground
Mon	10/08	6:15p	Aerobics	Conference Room
		7:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
Tue	10/09	8:00a	Prayer Time	Nave
		9:00a	Faith Conversations	Library
		5:00p	Sunshine Academy	Classroom 202
		12:00p	Rotary	Fellowship Hall
		6:00p	Langley Residential	Conference Room
		7:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
Wed	10/10	8:00a	Bible Study	Conference Room
		7:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		7:00p	Hadi Meditation	Classroom 204
		7:15p	Bible Study	Conference Room
		8:00p	Al-Anon	Classroom 204
Thu	10/11	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
Sat	10/13	5:00p	Pot Luck Dinner	Fellowship Hall



**10/07 Faith Formation Service Event**  
**10/07 Blessing of the Animals**  
 10/08 Congregational Council Meeting  
 10/09 Prayer Time  
 10/09 Finance and Administration  
 10/10 Bible Study (AM and PM)  
 10/13 Pot Luck Dinner  
 10/14 First Communion Class  
 10/15 Women of the ELCA  
 10/16 Prayer Time  
 10/17 Bible Study (AM and PM)  
 10/17 Quilting  
 10/18 Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 10/21 Receive New Members  
 10/21 Banner Committee  
 10/21 Confirmation Dinner  
 10/28 Confirmation



*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:**

Betty  
Spencer Blessing  
Shirley and Richard Carlson  
Vera Connelly  
Michelle Crone  
Agatha Culhane  
Jim Firth  
Scott Garretson  
Jimmy Garman  
Betty Gates  
Kirk Gunderson  
George Hall  
Deanna Heier  
Gwen Hejl  
Jack  
Gladys Malek  
Audrey Markwart  
Coletta Miller  
Web Mitchell  
Robert Newkirk  
Nicholas  
Pam  
Tish Richards  
Rev. Robert Richter  
Karin Ryding  
Jennifer Schlagel  
Charlotte Sears  
Richard Skelton  
Kathy Stieg  
Beth Telford  
Terry  
Mollie Tibbet  
Michael Tienan  
Ray Tiernan  
John Wallace

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

The family and friends of Karen Baker  
The family and friends of Leon Brooks  
The family and friends of Garrett Cavanaugh  
The family and friends of Maggie

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

Bertha  
Reverend Monte Frohm  
George  
Lynn Porter Hardisky  
Colleen Higgins  
Mrs. Bobby Lee  
Susan

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

Gwen Brown  
Corrie  
Bobby Lee  
Sarah and Jenny  
Liza and Straker

### **For Safety:**

For those in Indonesia  
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  
Stephanie and Matt Kessinger and son, Ben, in Paraguay  
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.*