



Life at Redeemer

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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First Communion

Today at the 11 am service, the following children will make their First Communion:

Hendrik Johnson
Charles Lindsay
Joseph Warren

We welcome them to the Lord's Table!

Wednesday Bible Study - 8 am November 28

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

Family Advent Worship

Please keep open Sunday, December 2, 2018, 4-6 pm for a short service and some wonderful family advent activities. This is open to families, large or small, so all are welcome. Volunteers are needed to provide some of your favorite Christmas goodies that you are willing to share for this event. Please let Deacon Erin know if you plan to attend and/or if you have a goodie to share. This is a fun event and we look forward to seeing you there. Contact Deacon Erin at Erin@RedeemerMcLean.org.

Redeemer's Annual Living Nativity and Christmas Concert

All are welcome and invited to enjoy the sounds of the season and the excitement of live animals in the creche on Friday, December 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, neighbors, and friends to Redeemer.

Children are invited to put on angel or shepherd costumes, and visit the live animals, maybe pet a bunny or baby lamb!

At 7:30 pm everyone is invited inside to experience a concert of our many choirs - adult, children and bell choirs. People of all ages are welcome as we sing our favorite Christmas Carols.

There are many opportunities to serve at this event, if you are interested, please contact Amanda at Amanda@redeermclean.org

Christ the King Sunday

Pastor Kessinger is in Pittsburgh this weekend to preach at an installation service. She will return on Monday. Today Deacon Erin will preach and Pastor Amy Feira will preside. Thank you, Pastor Amy, for being with us this morning

Advent

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. We would like to invite individuals and/or families to help during the worship services to light the candles on the advent wreath and to offer an advent prayer (written ahead of time by the pastor). Please email pastor at psk@redeermclean.org if you would like to participate in this way. Sign up early!

Weeks available – Dec 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, Dec. 23:
Times available – 8:30 am or 11:00 am

When you email the pastor please let her know all of your names, the week you want to serve, and the time of the service.

Also in Advent...

As we embark on the busyness of the holidays, we invite you to embark on an Advent journey – a journey of preparation and anticipation. On Tuesday, December 4, 11, and 18 we will gather in the Crossroads for a light lunch at 11:15 am. A 30-minute worship service will follow that includes contemplative singing, prayers, and Holy Communion We need one or two volunteers each week who can assist us in setting up for the lunch and providing a dessert.

If you have any questions or can volunteer to help with lunch, please contact Deacon Erin at erin@redeermclean.org.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

At each service (8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am) the pastor preaches and presides over Holy Communion and other parts of the liturgy are led by our deacon. The rest of the service is designed to be led by the members / friends of the congregation. At this time we are seeking volunteers to be trained in the fullness of our worship experience: Chancel care, Ushers, Acolyte/Crucifer, Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, and Reader. In addition it would be helpful to have more volunteers for Coffee Hour and the Sound-board. If you would like to volunteer your time and/or learn more about a particular role then please contact Pastor Kessinger or Deacon Erin immediately. We will then point you to the right person to learn more details. We hope to have a healthy list of names from which to draw as we quickly approach the Christmas Season and as we enter a New Year. Thank you!!!!

OUR MISSION: SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE
WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE

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

End of Year Tax Advantage

As we approach the end of the year, please remember there is tax advantage of giving appreciated stocks or mutual fund shares. This method of giving allows you to minimize capital gains taxes and yet provide the full current value and financial benefits to the programs and ministries at Redeemer. Veronique Thomas, Redeemer's Financial Coordinator, can help answer questions for you about this transfer process at [703/356-3346](tel:7033563346) or at vthomas@redeemermclean.org. Also, 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.

Rise Against Hunger

With the wonderful November 3rd Meal Packaging Event still fresh in our memories and Thanksgiving on the horizon, it is a good time to think about how much we have for which to be grateful. The McLean Community "Rise Against Hunger Events" Organization is extremely grateful to the congregation and staff of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and it's support for the meal packaging events.

We cannot, however, lose sight of the fact that there is already so much to do for next year's event. We have some new challenges with fund raising for next year's event on November 2nd so we have already opened a donation page for 2019, <http://events.stophungernow.org/McLeanRAH2019>

A generous donor has offered to match any donations between now and November 30, 2018. Please consider donating now and throughout the year. Checks can also be made to "Lutheran Church of the Redeemer" and designated for "Rise Against Hunger."

If you have any ideas or suggestions that would enhance the next event on November 2, 2019, please contact Roberta Pittman.

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.

25-Nov-18	No Class
02-Dec-18	Sethian Gnostic Writings
09-Dec-18	Valentinian Gnostic Writings
16-Dec-18	Thomasine Gnostic Writings
23-Dec-18	No Class
30-Dec-18	No Class

SCARF SALE A SUCCESS!

All the scarves made by the Prayer Shawl Group have been sold and \$760 was raised for the Good Neighbor Program at Redeemer which helps the Mehari family. The Good Neighbor Program is part of Lutheran Social Services which helps refugee families settle in local communities. The funds were used to purchase a computer, a printer and the virus protection programs to go with it for Mewael. All the extra funds will go to the Good Neighbor Program at Redeemer. Congregation members can continue to donate funds to this program through the offering envelopes. Please label all donations for the Good Neighbor Program. Thank you for your support.

Habitat for Humanity

There is one day left in 2018 to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity - Saturday, December 15.

Where: 8300 Frye Road in Alexandria. This is an old, but very well built house on a large lot. Habitat has recently been demo'ing the interior down to the studs.

When: 8:40-3:30

Who: Anyone age 16 + up

As always, there will be tasks for EVERYBODY, prior building experience and skills are not required and they will teach anything you need to know.

For more information and to volunteer, go to SignUpGenius page at <http://tinyurl.com/Habitat-IC>
Questions: Ellen Kennedy, Ellen.kennedy@cox.net or 571-228-2505

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.scmafc.org. Your help will be greatly appreciated and your life will be enriched.

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This Week at Redeemer

Upcoming Events

Sun	11/25	8:00a	Traditional Service	Nave
		9:45a	Contemporary Service	Nave
		11:00a	Traditional Service	Nave
		1:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		1:30p	Brownie Troop 1845	Classroom 203
		4:00p	I Drive Smart	Classroom 202
Mon	11/26	5:30p	Sunshine Academy	Classroom 202
		6:30p	Aerobics	Conference Room
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
Tue	11/27	8:00a	Prayer Time	Nave
		9:00a	Faith Conversation	Library
		12:00p	Rotary	Fellowship Hall
		5:00p	Sunshine Academy	Classroom 202
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		7:15p	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wed	11/28	8:00a	Bible Study	Conference Room
		7:00p	Hadi Meditation	Classroom 204
		8:00p	Al-Anon	Classroom 204
Thu	11/29	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	12/1	12:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		4:00p	I Drive Smart	Classroom 202



11/27 Prayer Time
 11/28 Bible Study (8 am)



12/2 Advent Family Worship
 12/4 Prayer Time
 12/4 Advent Lunch/Service
 12/5 Bible Study (8 am)
 12/5 Quilting
 12/6 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 12/10 Congregational Council
 12/11 Prayer Time
 12/11 Advent Lunch/Service
 12/11 Finance and Administration
 12/12 Bible Study (8 am)
 12/14 Living Nativity
 12/16 Blue Christmas Service (5 pm)
 12/17 Women of the ELCA
 12/18 Prayer Time
 12/18 Advent Lunch/Service
 12/19 Quilting
 12/20 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 12/24 Christmas Eve (4,6,8,10 pm)
 12/25 Christmas Day (10 am)
 12/30 Lessons and Carols (10 am)
 12/31 New Years Eve Service (5 pm)

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:

Scotty Benson
Spencer Blessing
Keith Bornmann
James Brown
Shirley and Richard Carlson
Carol
Chelsea
Michelle Crone
Bill Delong
Jim Firth
Kirk Gunderson
George Hall
Deanna Heier
Grace Holby
Meredith Hummel
Jack
Jeff
Judith
Danielle Kempf
Audrey Markwart
Coletta Miller
Nicholas
Jim Rakestraw
Tish Richards
Rev. Robert Richter
Roy Rom
Karin Ryding
Katherine Elizabeth Savage
Charlotte Sears
Richard Skelton
Kathy Stieg
Beth Telford
Terry
Michael Tiernan
Ray Tiernan
Les Townsend
Tracy
Lillian Wilson

For Comfort in Death:

The family and friends of Helen Kathleen VanderLeest Lulofs

For Comfort and Peace:

Bertha
George
Lynn Porter Hardisky
Susan
Joann Shupp

For Comfort and Strength:

Gwen Brown
Sarah and Jenny
Liza and Straker

For Safety:

For those affected by the Hurricanes, the shootings, the Indonesian Plane Crash,
and the fires in California

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

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.