



Life at Redeemer

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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New Year's Eve Service

Monday, December 31, at 5:00 pm.

Ring in the New Year with reflections on the past and hope for the coming year.

Pastor will use the first readings from the *Bible in a Year*.

Holy Communion will be served. All are welcome!

Overview of the Bible Class

Class will resume this Wednesday, January 2 at 8 am. We will study 1 Thessalonians.

Year End Financial Picture

We at Redeemer try to be faithful in our stewardship as demonstrated through our offerings of our time, talent, and treasure. As we have experienced in the past, we now are at the end of our fiscal year and Redeemer faces a shortfall between what we have spent and the total contributions received to date. As an update to the recent letter from our Council President, Matthew Kratz, about this deficit, we have reduced our projected year end operating shortfall from **\$223,858 to \$34,654**. Each and every gift is important and together we can end the year on a positive note. We have done it before and we hope we can do it again this year. Thank you for all that you do to support Redeemer and our mission together.

Partner for Surgery

We are almost totally prepared for the Peterson's next trip to Guatemala. In January they will be taking 60 post-op gift bags to the Infants and to the children ages 2-5. All that we need at this time are **Baby Rattles** and new **Washcloths**. If you are able to donate either of those items your help will be greatly appreciated. Our red collection box is still located outside Fellowship Hall but has been moved a short distance ... over to the wall that leads into the Sunday School wing.

Ham Runners

If any one is interested in joining our crew of ham runners, please contact Rick Stewart at: ricstew2002@yahoo.com. With additional peoplepower, we can service two additional HoneyBaked Ham stores in our area.

Bible in a Year

In the synod we have a new initiative called **New Connections**. Each congregation is encouraged to find new ways to connect with each other and with our neighbors to bring them the good news of Jesus Christ.

To that end we are inviting everyone in our congregation to read the Bible in a Year in 2019. Every week we will list for you on the website and in the announcements which lessons to read. We will read a little bit from the Old Testament, a little bit from the New Testament, and then include a Psalm and a lesson from Proverbs.

Starting in February we will have small groups for you to attend if you have questions, reflections, or just want a faith conversation. Our different sessions will include *Talk and Walk* or *Talk and Eat* or *Just Talk*.

For this coming week: Genesis - Chapters 1-12, Matthew - Chapters 1-5, Psalms - Chapters 1-5, and Proverbs 1:1-27 (first 27 verses in Chapter 1),

Tuesday Prayer Resumes on January 8

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

December Faith Formation Schedule

December 30th - No Faith Formation

January 6th - We return to our regular Faith Formation schedule

New Bible Study Series

Starts Wednesday, January 9, at 7:15 pm. We will study *Ruth* and *Esther*.

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

LOOKING FOR SHEEP TO SERVE THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF MCLEAN- ARLINGTON-FALLS CHURCH

What is the Shepherds Center? Well it's an all volunteer community/inter-faith based organization which last year helped over 55,000 seniors in our area. We are asking for volunteers to serve in any of the following ways:

- * Medical Appointment Drivers
- * Friendly Caller/Visitors
- * Ride Coordinators/Schedulers
- * Drivers/Companions for Grocery Shopping
- * Handy Household Helpers
- * Fundraising
- * Event Planning
- * Marketing/Planning
- * Publicity

Don't hide your talent, use it and share it with deserving older adults- remember they're our neighbors and family.

Won't you consider giving some time for any of the positions which can be tailored to your own schedule? This is a rewarding opportunity for anyone with just a little time to spare and there's no fixed commitment.

It is a wonderful chance to help our aging community live more independent lives and enriched years. To share your time, please go to: info@scmafc.org and fill out a volunteer form or call 703-506-2199. We will appreciate any time you give!

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.

30-Dec-18	No Class
06-Jan-19	Other Gnostic Writings
13-Jan-19	Irenaeus' Orthodox Response
20-Jan-19	Tertullian's Orthodox Response
27-Jan-19	The Gnostic Response
03-Feb-19	Other Gospels I
10-Feb-19	Other Gospels II
17-Feb-19	Other Acts of the Apostles I
24-Feb-19	Other Acts of the Apostles I

Youth Bake Sale

Thank you to all who donated treats to the youth bake sale. We raised over \$500 which will go towards our summer youth trips.

Church Directory

The online Church Directory is currently being updated. As you gather with family during the holidays you might want to take a new family photo for the directory. Children in particular may have changed dramatically in the last 3 years. Also it could be that submitting a directory picture is still on your to-do list and there is no picture of you in the directory at all. Please email your pictures to Roberta Pittman at rpittman@cox.net. Roberta will also be glad to take your picture before or after services.

Help Needed with the Sound System

We need additional volunteers to help run the sound system on Sunday mornings during worship. This is especially the case for the 9:45 AM and the 11 AM services. We are looking for people who could help one Sunday a month or so. It is easy to learn and not that technical. We welcome adult volunteers and high school students. If you could help or have any questions, please send an email to Rob.Wenk@verizon.net. Thank you for being willing to serve in this important role for the church.

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 Soundboard. 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. Thank you!!!!

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This Week at Redeemer

Upcoming Events

Sun	12/30	10:00a	Lessons and Carols	Nave
Mon	12/31	5:00p	New Year's Eve Service	Nave
Tue	1/01		Office Closed	
Wed	1/02	8:00a	Bible Study	Conference Room
		9:30a	Quilting	Fellowship Hall
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents Hall
		7:00p	Hadi Meditation	Classroom 204
		8:00p	Al-Anon	Classroom 204
Thu	1/03	10:30a	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
		5:30p	Teen CBS	RLC
		6:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
Sat	1/05	10:00a	I Drive Smart	Classroom 202



12/30 Lessons and Carols (10 am)
 12/31 New Year's Eve Service (5 pm)



1/02 Bible Study (8 am)
 1/02 Quilting
 1/03 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 1/08 Prayer Time
 1/08 Finance and Administration
 1/09 Bible Study (8 am)
 1/09 Bible Study (7:15 pm)
 1/12 Boy Scout Lock In
 1/13 Confirmation Workshop

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:

Adam
John Arnold
Scotty Benson
Beth's Sister
Bill
Keith Bornmann
Hillary Butler
Michelle Crone
Elizabeth
Sara Fahey
Jim Firth
Kirk Gunderson
George Hall
Carlene Harris
Grace Holby
Jack
Jeff
Judith
Audrey Markwart
Michael
Coletta Miller
Nicholas
Dennis Peterson
Rev. Robert Richter
Roy Rom
Karin Ryding
Katherine Elizabeth Savage
Richard Skelton
Kathy Stieg
Beth Telford
Terry
Ray Tiernan
Les Townsend
Lillian Wilson
Janet Wolfe

For Comfort in Death:

The family and friends of Bonnie Green
The family and friends of Charlotte Sears

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 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.*