



Life at Redeemer

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Faith Formation

We return to our regular Faith Formation schedule today, at 9:45.

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.

- 06-Jan-19 Other Gnostic Writings
- 13-Jan-19 Irenaeus' Orthodox Response
- 20-Jan-19 Tertullian's Orthodox Response

Funeral Service

Tommy Bates, son-in-law of Virginia Nelson, passed away on Thursday, January 3. The funeral will be held at Redeemer on Friday, January 11, at 11:00 am with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. If you can help greet before and after the service and/or help with the reception then please contact Carol in the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Overview of the Bible Class

Class will continue this Wednesday, January 9 at 8 am. We will study 2 Thessalonians.

New Bible Study Series

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

End-of-the Year Finances

At the end of November we shared with you that our projected year-end operating shortfall would be \$223,858. Over the last several weeks all of our members and friends in the congregation have collectively and prayerfully contributed as we were able. By the grace of God we estimate that we will end the year with enough contributions to cover all of our expenses. We cannot thank you enough for your response and generosity. You have demonstrated once more that we are partners in this ministry we do together at Redeemer in McLean. Thanks be to God!

Bible Talk

You are invited to participate in reading the Bible this year. The "stretch goal" is to read the entire Bible in 2019 but you can be as involved as your schedule permits.

There will also be opportunities to discuss your thoughts/insights/questions related to what you've read; these sessions are not Bible studies but are conversations to share your ideas. You can participate in as many of these small group activities as your interest and schedule permits. February possibilities are listed below. Your feedback will be welcome for planning the March opportunities for discussion.

- Adult Talk and Walk – Tues., Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 – 9:00-10:30 a.m. – meet at Redeemer for walk to StarNut
- Adult Talk and Eat – Thurs., Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m.; Sun., Feb. 17 at 5:00 p.m.
- Adult Just Talk – Sun., Feb. 3, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Family and Youth readings and activities are also being organized.

Sign-up sheets are in the Crossroads and the Faith Formation areas to indicate your interest. Separate sign-up information will be announced later for the February Adult Talk and Eat sessions so reservations can be made at area restaurants.

Copies of a Bible with the readings organized according to this schedule are available in Crossroads for your review so you can see how short the daily readings are. If you are interested in having your own copy, you would be responsible for purchasing it.

A reading list giving sections of the Old Testament and the New Testament plus verses from Psalms and Proverbs are posted each Monday on Redeemer's website under *Bible Talk*. There is also a link there giving the readings for the full year. Information for this week is listed below.

Bible Talk readings for January 6-12, 2019

January 6:	January 7:
Genesis 13:5-15:21 Matthew 5:27-48 Psalm 6:1-10 Proverbs 1:29-33	Genesis 16:1-18:15 Matthew 6:1-24 Psalm 7:1-17 Proverbs 2:1-5
January 8:	January 9:
Genesis 18:16-19:38 Matthew 6:25-7:14 Psalm 8:1-9 Proverbs 2:6-15	Genesis 20:1-22:24 Matthew 7:15-29 Psalm 9:1-12 Proverbs 2:16-22
January 10:	January 11:
Genesis 23:1-24:51 Matthew 8:1-17 Psalm 9:13-20 Proverbs 3:1-6	Genesis 24:52-26:16 Matthew 8:18-34 Psalm 10:1-15 Proverbs 3:7-8
January 12:	
Genesis 26:17-27:46 Matthew 9:1-17 Psalm 10:16-18 Proverbs 3:9-10	

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@scmaf.org and fill out a volunteer form or call 703-506-2199. We will appreciate any time you give!

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

New Members

It is part of our mission at Redeemer to welcome all people into our church home through worship and our various ministries. For those of you who want to become a member of our faith community (or have questions about what that means) please contact Pastor Kessinger at the church office (703-356-3346) or via email (psk@redeermclean.org).

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	1/06	8:30a	Traditional Service	Nave
		9:45a	Contemporary Service	Nave
		11:00a	Traditional Service	Nave
		1:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
Mon	1/07	6:30p	Aerobics	Conference Room
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
Tue	1/08	8:00a	Prayer Time	Nave
		12:00p	Rotary	Fellowship Hall
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		7:15p	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wed	1/09	8:00a	Bible Study	Conference Room
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents Hall
		7:00p	Hadi Meditation	Classroom 204
		7:15p	Bible Study	Conference Room
		8:00p	Al-Anon	Classroom 204
Thu	1/10	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	1/12	10:00a	Boy Scout Lock In	Parents' Hall
		10:00a	I Drive Smart	Classroom 202



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
1/14	Congregational Council
1/15	Prayer Time
1/16	Bible Study (8 am)
1/16	Quilting
1/16	Bible Study (7:15 pm)
1/17	Prayer Shawl Ministry
1/20	Banner Committee
1/20	High School Youth Group
1/21	Women of the ELCA
1/22	Prayer Time
1/23	Bible Study (8 am)
1/23	Bible Study (7:15 pm)
1/29	Prayer Time
1/30	Bible Study (8 am)
1/30	Bible Study (7:15 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:

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

For Comfort in Death:

The family and friends of Thomas Bates
The family and friends of Timothy Sullivan

For Comfort and Peace:

Bertha
George
Lynn Porter Hardisky
Susan
Joann Shupp
Barbara Sullivan

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.*