



# Life at Redeemer

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

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January 13, 2019

### Christian Formation for Adults The TableTalk Group

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

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

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| 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   |

### The "Overview of the Bible" Study

Class will continue this Wednesday, January 16 at 8 am.

We will study 1 Timothy.

### And in the evening...

Wednesday, January 16, at 7:15 pm.

We will study *Ruth* and *Esther*.

### End-of-the Year Finances

We have been sharing with you that our projected year-end operating shortfall was \$223,858 at the end of November. 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 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!

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

### 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 – Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m and 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. If you are interested in having your own copy the link to purchase a copy if found on our website.

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 13-19, 2019

January 13:	January 14:
Genesis 28:1-29:35 Matthew 9:18-38 Psalm 11:1-7 Proverbs 3:11-12	Genesis 30:1-31:16 Matthew 10:1-23 Psalm 12:1-8 Proverbs 3:13-15
January 15:	January 16:
Genesis 31:17-32:12 Matthew 10:24-11:6 Psalm 13:1-6 Proverbs 3:16-18	Genesis 32:13-34:31 Matthew 11:7-30 Psalm 14:1-7 Proverbs 3:19-20
January 17:	January 18:
Genesis 35:1-36:43 Matthew 12:1-21 Psalm 15:1-5 Proverbs 3:21-26	Genesis 37:1-38:30 Matthew 12:22-45 Psalm 16:1-11 Proverbs 3:27-32
January 19:	
Genesis 39:1-41:16 Matthew 12:46-13:23 Psalm 17:1-15 Proverbs 3:33-35	

# 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](mailto:info@scmaf.org) and fill out a volunteer form or call 703-506-2199. We will appreciate any time you give!

## 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)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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	1/13	8:30a	Traditional Service	Nave
		9:45a	Contemporary Service	Nave
		11:00a	Traditional Service	Nave
		12:15p	Confirmation Workshop	RLC
		1:00p	Brownie Troop 1845	Classroom 202
		1:00p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		3:00p	Cub Scouts	Classrooms
Mon	1/14	6:30p	Aerobics	Conference Room
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		7:30p	Congregational Council	Conference Room
Tue	1/15	8:00a	Prayer Time	Nave
		12:00p	Rotary	Fellowship Hall
		6:00p	Langley Residential	Conference Room
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents' Hall
		7:15p	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wed	1/16	8:00a	Bible Study	Conference Room
		9:30a	Quilting Group	Fellowship Hall
		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	1/17	10:30a	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
		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	1/18	10:00a	I Drive Smart	Classroom 202

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- 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:**

John Arnold  
Larry Berge  
Beth's Sister  
Bill  
Keith Bornmann  
Hillary Butler  
Don Carlson  
Michelle Crone  
Sara Fahey  
Kirk Gunderson  
George Hall  
Carlene Harris  
Meredith Hummel  
Jack  
Judith  
Jeanne Kelly  
Lauren  
Audrey Markwart  
Michael  
Coletta Miller  
Nicholas  
Carol Patney  
Dennis Peterson  
Harry Reid  
Rev. Robert Richter  
Roy Rom  
Karin Ryding  
Jennifer Schlagel  
Poppy Seilier  
Richard Skelton  
Kathy Stieg  
Beth Telford  
Terry  
Ray Tiernan  
Les Townsend  
Lillian Wilson  
Janet Wolfe

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

The family and friends of Thomas Bates  
The family and friends of Sgt. Blevins  
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

### **For Thanksgiving:**

For the birth of Annabell Jane Overton

#### ***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.*