



Life at Redeemer

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2020 Living Nativity

As we reviewed the CDC Guidelines and directives from the Governor's office, the Executive Committee made the decision to cancel Living Nativity this year. We would need to limit the number of people on-site to 25 and that would be difficult since this is a community event. The money that we would have spent on the animals will now be donated to SHARE, our local food bank. On the day and time of the event, December 18 (6:30 pm) we will post on the Redeemer Channel some of our favorite Christmas carols that will be performed by our music team and can be shared throughout the congregation and community.

Blue Christmas Sunday, December 20, 2 pm

Over the past couple of years we have held a "Blue Christmas" service. It is held close to the shortest day of the year. We offer the service this year on December 20 at 2 pm. The service is open to all who want a quiet and reflective time before we enter the official Christmas season. It is especially appropriate for those who find the holidays to be difficult because of losses or personal struggles. Candles will be lit in memory of loved ones and/or as a sign of new life to come. Please sign up for the service if you wish to attend. We will live-stream and videotape the service as well.

Langley Residential

Make an Impact on Local Adults with Developmental Disabilities this Holiday *Support Langley Residential at www.langleyresidential.org during Season of Giving*

Langley Residential Support Services and the people we serve have a lot to be thankful for as we celebrate this holiday season. We are grateful to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer community for joining with two other McLean churches more than three decades ago to launch LRSS out of the need to serve local adults with developmental disabilities and their families to create a community of inclusion and life-enriching opportunities.

RLP - Dining for Dollars

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool invites you & your friends to our next **Dining for Dollars on Wednesday, December 16 from 4-8 PM** at the McLean Chipotle! The address is 6707 Old Dominion Drive. The flyer is available in Crossroads or [RLP Chipotle Fundraiser 121620.pdf](#). RLP receives a 33% donation when you show the flyer, mention when RLP to the cashier or use the code 4PWWWHW in promo field for online orders. If you have any questions, please email us at RLPMcLean@gmail.com.

Gifts for Children in Detention

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service provides Christmas gifts to children of all ages in detention centers around the country. You can help by making a donation: <https://www.lirs.org/take-action/hope-for-the-holidays/>

First Communion

Ella Budde will receive her First Communion today. We celebrate with her on this special day. We welcome her to the Lord's Table.

Donate Food to SHARE

We need your help! The cart to receive all food items is located outside Door #10 (on the Westmoreland side of the church). You can drop food off at any time (day or night). Staff members retrieve them Mondays-Fridays between 9:30 am and 4:30 pm. A staff member comes to the church every Saturday and Sunday to bring in the donations. Thank you!

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| Shelf stable milk products (Horizon, Ensure...) | |
| Cooking Oil | Soup |
| Condiments | Pasta Sauce |
| Laundry Detergent | Canned Vegetable |
| Liquid Detergent | Canned Fruit |
| Diapers | Baby Wipes |
| Canned protein | Diced Tomatoes |
| Diced tomatoes | Pasta Sides/meal helpers |

Adapted From ELCA Resource Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the Church Second Sunday in Advent (Remembering Stories)

In the busyness of our lives, we seldom take time to look back and reflect on where we came from. We often overlook the people who gave us life and brought us to where we are today. Looking back may be filled with joy and celebration or tears and sadness and pain, but we enter into the stories of our past to walk back out with new awareness and understanding. In searching out who we are as a people in this society and church, we need to walk back into the waters of our own cultural journeys to search out who our people were. All of our ancestors came to this country with ethnic identities. In this season of Advent, to what new ways of thinking or seeing are you being called?

Redeemer's Current Financial Status

In response to requests, we are providing you with an update on our year-to-date finances as of the end of November.

\$ 763,401 Offerings, Contributions and Other Revenues
\$ 849,841 Actual Expenses (Versus Budget of \$1,095,544)
-\$ 86,440 Shortfall Year-To-Date as of 11/30/20

Redeemer is blessed to have your continued financial support of our mission together.

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

Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing:

Pat Anastasia
David Alexander
Sophie Belzberg
Patrick Blakey
Spencer Blessing
Keith Bornmann
Vic and Michael Cavallo
Marilyn Court
Bob Crossgrove
Dan
Christian Del Voie
Shirley Detweiler
Eli
Kelly Gates
Katie Gorsline
Joyce Gleason
Greg
Gwenn Holmlund
Jayne Howard
Hannah Huston
Jenny
Joel
Rose Jordan
Karen
Lee Kessinger
Matt Kutscher
Trish Layton
Coletta Miller
Michael Miller
Jolene Mullins
Carmen and Frank Ortiz
Elizabeth Reed
Rev. Robert Richter
Karin Ryding
Marie Schneider
Shawn
Marilyn Surgener
JT
Teddy
Roger Ubben
Barbara and Richard Utyro
Micki and Lou White
Michael, Jasmine, & Yardley

For Comfort and Peace:

Bertha
Mary Lynn Bowles
Susan
Ray Tiernan

For Comfort and Strength:

For those suffering from mental illness
Gwen Brown
Edward and Family
The Heier Family
Sarah and Jenny
Sissy, Rebecca and Rachel
Julie Leonard
Anna and Stephen
Joyce Rienits

For Safety:

For all refugees
For all our military and diplomatic people throughout the world
For all serving as police officers
Captain Daniel Bader
Jon Walsh
Brandon White

Prayer requests for those healing from the coronavirus:

Beau
Alyssa, Brian, Natalie, and Nicholas Carlson
Francis (recovering)
Lisa Galofaro and family
Goon family
Janine
Linus Jankord
Velma Koenig
Evelyn Mastakas
Michael
Okoye family
Enola Peterson
Steve and Mary
Mike Sheldon
Patricia Short
Twila Wiltse

Prayer requests for those caring for patients suffering from coronavirus:

Dominic, Elizabeth and Ian
Leslie Kuhagen
Karin Kutscher
Guilia Manfredini
Sharon
Tara and family

Special prayers for the safe distribution of vaccines to counter the virus, successful therapeutic remedies, and plentiful medical supplies across the nation.

Special Prayers for our nation as we seek positive ways to promote change.

Special Prayers for the unemployed and the underemployed.

Prayers for all those facing persecution and ethnic cleansing atrocities.

Prayer List Note:

*To add names to this list you may email or telephone the church office. We want all our prayers to be current —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.*