



Life at Redeemer

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Christmas Season

Christmas Eve, December 24, services will be at 5 and 7 pm.
Christmas Day, December 25, one service at 10 am.
Sunday, December 27, one service at 9 am

It is very important that everyone who plans to attend in-person services to use the sign-up that is found on our website. All services will be live-streamed and video-taped and placed on the Redeemer Video Channel. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas as the day draws near.

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.

Adapted From ELCA Resource *Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the Church* Third Sunday in Advent (Brokenness and Promise)

We began Advent with God’s vision of harmony, peace and healing in the story of creation. Immediately following the creating story, we are confronted with the brokenness and disruption in creation and in our relationships when creation becomes disconnected the creator’s original intent and purpose. Relationships require mutuality, equality, healthy and respectful relationships to be in accord with the creator’s intent. Our temptation “to be like God,” is to have power over someone, to be in control of who and what we can, with little awareness of consequences. The promises of Advent are made real not in Jesus’ domination on earth, but in his going to the cross and dying. God’s power is manifested as God brings forth courage in us to speak the truth to power—speaking truth in government, church and our personal lives.

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/>

SHARE and LWR

We continue to collect food that is much needed right now for SHARE. You can drop off food items on the cart closest to the church offices (Door #10) at any time. Each year we also put our orders in for poinsettias that decorate our sanctuary with an option to also donate to LWR. Phyllis and Marti have some creative ideas for our worship space this year so we are asking everyone to donate a financial gift to SHARE and/or Lutheran World Relief in lieu of the flowers. Checks can be made out to “Redeemer Lutheran Church” with the memo indicating which organization you would like to support at this time.

Community Service for December Share of McLean Hats, Mittens and Scarves Tree

Redeemer Renaissance Day Program is collecting new hats, mittens and scarves so that local children can stay warm this winter. As part of our program we provide opportunities for children to learn about how they may contribute to the well-being of the world around them. Please consider donating new items suitable for children and place them in the bin near the church office door (#10) by December 18. We will be decorating our Christmas tree with them before delivering them to SHARE!

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.

Staff Changes

At the end of January of 2021 Carol D’Amico will be retiring from her position as church secretary to spend quality time with her family. Carol has been a faithful servant at Redeemer since 2010 and we pray that the coming years will bless her richly with good experiences and awesome memories. We extend to Carol our prayers and best wishes.

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
Dan
Christian Del Voie
Shirley Detweiler
Eli
Kelly Gates
Katie Gorsline
Joyce Gleason
Greg
Gwenn Holmlund
Jayne Howard
Hannah Huston
Jenny
Joel
Karen
Lee Kessinger
Matt Kutscher
Trish Layton
Coletta Miller
Michael Miller
Jolene Mullins
Carmen and Frank Ortiz
Pam
Elizabeth Reed
Rev. Robert Richter
Karin Ryding
Shawn
Marilyn Surgener
JT
Roger Ubben
Barbara and Richard Utyro
Michael, Jasmine, & Yardley

For Comfort and Peace:

Bertha
Mary Lynn Bowles
Christopher Cramer
Susan
Ray Tiernan

For Comfort in Death:

The family and friends of Bob Crossgrove
The family and friends of Cynthia Mctheeters

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
Carol and Don Stocks

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
Francis (recovering)
Lisa Galofaro and family
Goon family
Janine
Linus Jankord
Jason
Kavitha and Harish
Velma Koenig
Evelyn Mastakas
Michael
Okoye family
Steve and Mary
Mike Sheldon
Patricia Short
Twila Wiltse
Donna Zimmerman

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.*