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Life at Redeemer

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Welcome to Redeemer

We welcome you to our worship service this morning! Please sign the guest book that is found in our entry area or the red attendance book found in the pews. If you include your email address, we will keep you informed of any upcoming events. You can also email us at church@redeemermclean.org.

Holy Communion Open to All

We offer Holy Communion at all of our worship services. Please follow the instructions of the pastor when it is time to come forward. If you are not comfortable taking Holy Communion for any reason but would like to come forward for a blessing, then just cross your arms and the pastor will bless you. All are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Construction Project Update

The recent construction activity in the office wing includes putting up new drywall; installing the ceiling grid; hanging new light fixtures; moving fire sprinkler pipes to accommodate the new HVAC ductwork; pulling data cabling for the phone, security, and computer systems; installing new electrical outlets; balancing the HVAC system; and creating a new directional sign package to go out to bid.

Mark Heuer

Memorial Service March 7 – 12 pm

Redeemer member Mark Heuer of Oakton, Virginia, passed away peacefully at his home on January 4, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. A memorial service will be held at Redeemer on March 7 at 12 pm with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Scout Sunday Today

This week we will be joined by Troops 1916, 2119, and Cub Scout Pack 0861 during the 9:45 am service. The Scoutmasters will present Pastor Core with a copy of the Troops' official charter document as we at Redeemer are their charter organization. Please welcome the Scouts as they join us during this worship service.

Wednesday Dinners and Services during Lent

March 4

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
 - Hosted by TableTalk
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

Livestream link: <https://vimeo.com/event/5733312>

March 11

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
 - Hosted by Redeemer's Greeters
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

March 18 | March 25

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

Redeemer Day of Prayer Tomorrow, March 2

You're invited to join others to pray tomorrow, March 2. The theme for this quarterly Day of Prayer at Redeemer is to heal divisions in our world and in our lives, working toward peace and care for all people. You can pray at Redeemer or from home or office.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/4aB0YvT> for a half-hour time slot or call the church office (703-356-3346). A resource document consisting of prayers written by Redeemer members and others, scripture selections, and audio files is available at <https://bit.ly/4c3VP22>.

Pancake Supper Raised \$885 – Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who volunteered and attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 17. This year we raised \$885 for the Natural Play Area Improvement Project. We want to especially thank Kim Wenk and her team and the youth who helped out in various ways. We also thank Redeemer Renaissance for a beautiful art show.

Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club

Mondays – 7:30 pm

New Book March 2

The Social Justice & Equity Book Club will be starting a new book on March 2, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. Anyone is welcome to join us and this would be a good time to do so! We meet every Monday via Zoom @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for Zoom details if interested.

Estate Planning Workshop

March 8 – 3 to 4 pm



Are you interested in gaining practical, faith-based information on wise estate planning and protecting yourself from fraud and scams?

The ELCA Metro DC Synod is offering an in-person workshop on March 8 to share such information. It will be especially valuable for those 65+ (or with loved ones over 65) and anyone involved with church finances and stewardship. Location: Peace Lutheran Church, 6362 Lincolnia Rd., Alexandria. RSVP is helpful but not required: <https://bit.ly/4sb3fVR> or scan the QR code.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Lent: Quiet reflection and repetition.

Next Meeting March 12 – 10:30 am to 12 pm

Lent is a quiet season: providing a time to reflect, pray and meditate. Some find the repetitive nature of knitting or crocheting an aid to meditation and reflection. If you do, and would like to knit a scarf for charity, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will have yarn and scarf kits available in The Crossroads starting on February 15th. Kits include yarn, directions for a knitted or crocheted scarf, and online knitting and crocheting resources.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on the second and third Thursdays this month, March 12 and 19. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 am to noon. Because of the renovations, we are meeting in the conference room instead of the library. Please enter the building through door 15. In addition to prayer shawls, we knit and crochet scarves, as well as baby blankets for baptisms and for project Linus. All are welcome. Please contact Lynn Barth at lynnbarth@gmail.com for more information or for yarn.

New Members Class

March 15

We are holding a new members class on March 15 after the 11:00 service. Lunch is included. Anyone interested in joining Redeemer or curious about the church is invited to attend. RSVP to sharon@redeemermclean.org.

YOUTH

Sweetie Pi Dance

March 13 – 6 to 7:30 pm

Hosted by Redeemer Renaissance

Join us to bring out your child's best through music at the Sweetie Pi Dance for RLC & Redeemer Renaissance families! Bring your sweets to experience the magic where dance meets the charm of Sweetie Pi in the form of pizzas and pies. Please go to <https://bit.ly/4aL5wjx> to let us know you'll bring a pie to share. Pizza will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Confirmation Retreat

March 21

Sign up Deadline Today, March 1

Those in Confirmation are invited to attend a day retreat on March 21. The programming is from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center in Jefferson, Maryland. This retreat includes lunch, team-building/outdoor activities (low-ropes course, hiking, and/or archery), and confirmation programming.

Transportation will be provided. An additional chaperone will be needed!

The cost is \$25 per youth. For questions or to sign up, please contact grace@redeemermclean.org by March 1.

Metro D.C. Synod Play + Pray Event for High Schoolers

March 21 – 1 to 3 pm



High Schoolers are invited to a day of Play + Pray at Fun Land at Fairfax and meet youth across our Synod. The event will start at 1 pm. Youth will play games, and engage in fellowship and a devotional. The cost is \$10. You are welcome to bring a friend! You can register at <https://bit.ly/4tXYBfq> or by scanning the QR code.

Redeemer Renaissance

Preschool & After-School Open House

March 14 – 10:30 to 11:30 am

Join us from 10:30 to 11:30 am for an Open House showcasing all Redeemer Renaissance has to offer! Classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's are offered morning and all-day classes. Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year is currently open. For questions or more information, please call 703-365-3567.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 3/1	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i> 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am 8:30 am – 12:00 pm 9:45 am – 10:45 am	<i>(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)</i> Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center) Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Mon., 3/2	10:55 am – 11:25 am 8:00 am – 8:00 pm 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Redeemer Day of Prayer Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 3/3	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Weds., 3/4	9:00 am – 11:30 am 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) Lenten Dinner Lenten Evening Prayer Service
Thurs., 3/5	8:00 am – 9:00 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Sat., 3/7	12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Mark Heuer Memorial Service Heuer Reception (Fellowship Hall)

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Nancy
William
Cavallo, Michael
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Etkin, Nancy
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Kunec, Ingrid
Lawrence, Ann
Martin, Patty
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
Stauffer, John
Whilden, Jennie
Williams, Timothy
Wu, Jian

For Comfort and Peace

Christina K
Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Kenneth Broderdorf
The family & friends of Mark Heuer
The family & friends of Shirley Jackson
The family & friends of Frank Nauman
The family & friends of Patricia Reblitz

For all healthcare workers and first responders

Laredo, Sandi

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country

For Comfort and Strength

Chris & family
Those who suffer from depression
Those who suffer from mental illness

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.

Prayers for the World, our Nation, and our Community

We pray for people in countries around the world that experience violence, war, and/or political division.

We pray for people who live in areas where there have been disasters of any kind.

We pray for improved relationships among all nations.

We pray for our elected leaders that they lead with compassion while making hard decisions.

We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed and all federal workers.

We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression.

Each month we will offer prayers for one of our congregations in the Virginia Conference.

We are part of the Virginia Conference of the ELCA Metro DC Synod.

We pray for Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Reston, and their pastor, Rev. Kenny Champagne.

We also have a prayer partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Mary in Ulyanovsk, Russia, and their pastor, Zhanibek Batenov.