



Our Mission: Sharing Christ's love with the greatest number of people



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

These are the new features and benefits soon to be realized in the remodeled office wing: improved offices with better sound privacy, remodeled public restrooms, ability to individually control heat/cooling in each room, improved space utilization in the robe room, larger meeting space in the library, separate area for member mailbox access and copier use, improved entryway security along with energy efficiencies, and a separate secured computer equipment room.

Wednesday Dinners and Services during Lent

March 18

- Lenten Dinner: 6:15 pm
 - Hosted by the Transition Team
- Lenten Evening Prayer: 7 pm

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

March 25

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

New Members Class

Today

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

Transition Team Focus Group Meeting

March 19 – 7 pm (Via Zoom)

The next phase of the transition process is to hold focus groups to glean additional in-depth insights that go beyond the survey responses. The next session is Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm (Zoom only). RSVP at <https://bit.ly/47oOs1E> or scan the QR code in order to attend a session.



Join the Christian Education Ministry Team

Do you care about helping children, youth, and adults grow in faith? Redeemer's Christian Education Ministry Team is seeking new members to help guide and strengthen our Faith Formation, Confirmation, adult education, and other learning opportunities. This team provides vision, support, and encouragement for the educational life of our congregation - ensuring that all ages are nurtured in Scripture, discipleship, and love of Christ.

If you have a heart for teaching, mentoring, organizing, or simply supporting the faith development of our community, we would love to have you join us. Serving on this team is a meaningful way to share Christ's love and invest in the spiritual growth of Redeemer.

To learn more or express interest, please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/4ua8bfu> or scan the QR code. If you have any questions before completing the form, please reach out to Annabelle Allard at annabelleoallard@gmail.com.



Job Opening

Brian Doyle, our evening Facilities Host, is moving on to a new opportunity. Therefore, Redeemer is looking to hire a new part-time person at the church. As the Facilities Host, this person would ensure the overall safety and security of people in the building and assist groups that meet in the church. The schedule would be during the work week in the evenings. If you know of someone to recommend, please contact the office at church@redeemermclean.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Lent: Quiet reflection and repetition.

Next Meeting March 19 – 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 has yarn and scarf kits available in The Crossroads. Kits include yarn, directions for a knitted or crocheted scarf, and online knitting and crocheting resources.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will next meet on March 19. Meetings are hybrid (Zoom and in person) in the conference room. 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. Please contact Lynn Barth at lynnbarth@gmail.com for more information or for yarn.

Join Redeemer's Youth Ministry Team

Do you want to help our youth connect with God's word through fellowship, service, worship and more? Do you have ideas for events or programming?

Support our Youth Ministry by getting involved!

We are looking for Youth volunteers ages 12 to 18 and this is a wonderful opportunity to gain leadership experience. Adult volunteers are needed! If interested, please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/4j2LiVW> or scan the QR code.

Partner for Surgery

We have a new request from this important ministry benefitting Guatemalan children undergoing cleft palate repair. In addition to the usual infant supplies that we provide, the program has asked for a total of 45 Medela Harmony Manual breast pumps. We've already gotten 25 but need help to get to our goal. Donations can be left in Crossroads or by using the Amazon link:

Items can be donated by:

- Placing them in the bin located in Crossroads.
- Purchasing them through the Amazon wish list at <https://bit.ly/46YyCLg> or by scanning the QR code.



Menstrual Product Drive Collecting until March 27

We are hosting a collection box for a Menstrual Products Drive being conducted by the McLean High School Girls Leadership Committee.

It is an annual student-led program at MHS to collect donations such as pads, tampons and panty-liners and donate these items to local women and children's shelters in need.

Please make donations by 3/27 in the collection box in the Crossroads.

YOUTH

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

March 21 – 1 to 3 pm

High schoolers are invited to a day of Play + Pray at Fun Land in Fairfax. 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.



Easter Community Outreach Activity

March 22 – 11 am

Join us in a community outreach event to spread the word to our Redeemer neighbors about Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter services! We will meet in Fellowship Hall before chaperones and youth will head out and have pizza upon return. To sign up go to <https://bit.ly/4u6fJzO>. They may receive service hours.

Metro D.C. Synod Day of Service Family Event

April 18

Register by April 5

In celebration of Earth Day and our commitment to Creation Care, all Metro D.C. Synod families are invited to join in a Family Day of Service at Caroline Furnace Camp & Retreat Center.

The camp is ADA accessible and there will be projects available for all abilities.

To register and find out more information go to <https://bit.ly/3NsLYZz>.

Please submit contributions for *Tidings* no later than March 20 for inclusion in the April issue. Please use the form found at <https://bit.ly/rlc-submissions> to submit content.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 3/15	<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)
	10:55 am – 11:25 am 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	New Members Class (Conference Room) Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Mon., 3/16	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Tues., 3/17	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Weds., 3/18	9:00 am - 11:30 am 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lenten Dinner Lenten Evening Prayer Service
Thurs., 3/19	8:00 am – 9:00 am 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room/Zoom) Transition Team Meeting (Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Sat., 3/21	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Confirmation Retreat

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Nancy
Budde, Jackie
Cavallo, Michael
DeGioia, Jack
Denson, Barbara
Devine, Dan
Etkin, Nancy
Greeger, Brett
Haas, Andrea
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Lawrence, Ann
Martin, Patty
McDonald, Austin
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
Ryan, Don
Williams, Timothy
Wu, Jian

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Shirley Jackson

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

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.**