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

Here is the financial update that was provided at the congregational annual meeting. So far $1.3M has been given to the Capital Campaign for all the project areas. There is approximately $71K of pledges from members yet to be received, although many of those are new pledges for 2026. So far $936K has been spent on the interior building renovations, with approximately $536K yet to be spent to complete the interior work. At that time, there would be approximately $450K of those costs that will be financed internally from our reserves to delay the need to use borrowed funds. This is something that Redeemer has done in the past with other building projects to save on loan interest costs.

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.

Transition Team Focus Group Meetings

The next phase of the transition process is to hold focus groups to glean additional in-depth insights that go beyond the survey responses. Three meetings have been set for March. The first session is today at 12:15 in person. The next sessions are Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm (in person/Zoom hybrid meeting) and Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm (Zoom only). We ask that you please RSVP at https://bit.ly/47oOs1E or scan the QR code in order to attend a session.

Estate Planning Workshop
Today – 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 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.

Wednesday Dinners and Services during Lent

March 11

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

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

March 18 | March 25

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

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.

Young Adult Meeting
March 9 – 7 to 9 pm

Young adults are invited to attend our next meeting hosted at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be provided. Please contact grace@redeemermclean.org with any questions.

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.

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 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 meet on the second and third Thursdays this month, March 12 and 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.

Thank you to our Youth!
Over 120 Food Packs Donated to Lynbrook Elementary

Thank you to our 19 youth who put together 127 weekend food packs for kids experiencing food insecurity. These were given to Lynbrook Elementary School through Britepaths Food4Thought Program.

YOUTH

Sweetie Pi Dance
March 13 – 6 to 7:30 pm
All Redeemer Families Welcome!

Join us to bring out your child's best through music at the Sweetie Pi Dance for Redeemer Lutheran Church & Redeemer Renaissance families! Bring your sweeties to experience the magic where dance meets the charm of Sweetie Pi in the form of pizzas and pies. 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.

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 3/8	*Sunday Worship Service Times*	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	*(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)*
	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am – 10:45 am	Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes
		High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center)
		Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom)
	10:55 am – 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
	12:15 pm – 1:45 pm	Transition Team Focus Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon., 3/9	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Young Adult Meeting (Lewinsville Presbyterian)
	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Zoom)
	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 3/10	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Transition Team Focus Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Weds., 3/11	6:15 pm – 7:00 pm	Lenten Dinner
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer Service
Thurs., 3/12	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room/Zoom)
	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Fri., 3/13	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Sweetie Pi Dance (Fellowship Hall/Gym)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Nancy
William
Budde, Jackie
Cavallo, Michael
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Etkin, Nancy
Greeger, Brett
Haas, Andrea
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Kunec, Ingrid
Lawrence, Ann
Martin, Patty
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.