

# Social Concerns Ministry Directory



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Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

Our Social Concerns Ministry is one of our strongest links to the outside world. We are blessed to have the resources to give volunteer and/or financial support to organizations in our community and abroad.

We invite you to become familiar with all of our different ministries at our church. This booklet will help you learn about the organizations that we support. We also engage in hands-on projects throughout the year that enable our youth to work side-by-side with other adults in our faith community.

Each ministry listed includes a brief description of each organization under a certain theme. As you scroll through the different organizations, you will see a variety of opportunities to serve. We welcome all volunteers and encourage you to reach out to the group's lead contact to learn more.

Yours in Christ – Pastor Sandy Kessinger

# Social Concerns Ministry Areas of Service

(Order in directory)

## Food, Clothing, Furniture and Household Services

- Britepaths
- Ham Run
- Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area
- N Street Village
- Rise Against Hunger
- Share of McLean

## Homelessness and Housing Services

- Bethany House of Northern Virginia
- Homestretch
- N Street Village
- Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia
- The Village at Rockville

## Family Support, Refugee Services, Early Education and Transportation Services

- Bethany House of Northern Virginia
- Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area
- Refugee Services Group
- Falls Church-McLean Children's Center
- Shepherd's Center of McLean, Arlington and Falls Church

## Health Services

- Capital Caring
- Partner for Surgery

## Spiritual Comfort, Social Justice and International Relief

- Gifts of Hope
- Quilt Group
- Shawl Ministry
- Lutheran Volunteer Corps
- Lutheran World Relief

## ELCA Day of Service

# ***Food, Clothing, Furniture, and Household Goods Services***



# Food, Clothing, Furniture, and Household Goods Services

- Britepaths
- Ham Run
- Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area
  - N Street Village
  - Rise Against Hunger
  - Share of McLean



**Britepaths** develops sustainable solutions that stabilize low-income working families, builds resilience through financial literacy and mentoring, and provides seasonal supports.

Website: <https://britepaths.org>

Organization Contact: 3959 Pender Drive, Suite 200,  
Fairfax, VA, 22030-6041; 703-273-8829; info@britepaths.org

Redeemer Contact: Deanna Heier, [dmheier@yahoo.com](mailto:dmheier@yahoo.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Donating gift cards and food items; delivering food to families through food drives 2-3 times a year.



Through the **Ham Run**, Redeemer members pick up hams and sides from Honey Baked Hams and make weekly deliveries of food to various food banks and social service programs, including Community Family Life Services, DC Central Kitchen, Martha's Table, N Street Village, and Thrive DC.

Redeemer Contact: Rick Stewart, [ricstew2002@yahoo.com](mailto:ricstew2002@yahoo.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Making weekly pick-ups and deliveries of hams and sides. In 2018, Redeemer delivered 15,795 pounds of ham.



LUTHERAN  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
National Capital Area

**Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area**

(LSS/NCA) works with our neighbors in need and mobilizes community partners to provide services that offer hope and rebuild lives.

Website: [www.lssnca.org](http://www.lssnca.org)

Organization Contact: Northern Virginia Office, 8922 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA., 22031; 703-698-5026

Redeemer Contact: Stephanie Hunter, [sbeckes2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sbeckes2001@yahoo.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Sponsoring collections for ongoing needs, including winter wear and welcome kits of linens, kitchen supplies and toiletries to refugee families; hosting refugee families at a Redeemer-sponsored fellowship event; making an annual financial contribution.



**N Street Village** empowers homeless and low-income women in Washington, DC to claim their higher quality of life by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. NSV helps women achieve stability and make meaningful gains in their housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery. For women who need housing services, NSV offers housing options at other facilities and with additional services.

Website: [www.nstreetvillage.org](http://www.nstreetvillage.org)

Organization Contact: 1333 N Street NW, Washington, DC, 20005; 202-939-2076; [info@nstreetvillage.org](mailto:info@nstreetvillage.org)

Redeemer Helps by: Making an annual financial contribution.



**Rise Against Hunger** is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people and works to end global hunger in our lifetime.

Website: [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)

Redeemer Contact: Roberta Pittman, [rtpittman@cox.net](mailto:rtpittman@cox.net)

Redeemer Helps by: Hosting an annual community event that brings together various faith, civic groups and residents from McLean to package meals that are sent to orphanages and schools in developing countries.



**Share of McLean** is a non-profit organization established in 1969 by a coalition of local faith communities to help meet the emerging needs of the less fortunate in McLean and the nearby areas of Northern Virginia. Share provides food, clothing, furniture, and family assistance to more than 2,500 families with over 7,500 people each year.

Website: [www.shareofmclean.org](http://www.shareofmclean.org)

Organization Contact: P.O. Box 210 McLean, VA 22101; (703) 229-1414;  
[info@shareofmclean.org](mailto:info@shareofmclean.org)

Redeemer Contact: Gene Durman, [ecdurman@aol.com](mailto:ecdurman@aol.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Picking up furniture and delivering it to needy families; participating in food drives; making an annual financial contribution.

# *Homelessness and Housing Services*



# Homelessness Services

- **Bethany House of Northern Virginia**
  - **Homestretch**
  - **N Street Village**



**Bethany House of Northern Virginia** eliminates domestic violence one family at a time and provides emergency shelter for families escaping abusive homes.

Website: [www.bhmv.org](http://www.bhmv.org)

Organization Contact: 6601 Little River Turnpike, Suite 110, Alexandria, VA 22312; [703-658-9500](tel:703-658-9500); [info@bhmv.org](mailto:info@bhmv.org)

Redeemer Helps by: Making an annual financial contribution.



***Homestretch*** is designed to address the root causes of homelessness for each family and reverse it. Clients receive life skills training one evening per month and dinner is provided as they come from work and do not get home until well into the evening.

Website: <https://homestretchva.org/about-us/>

Organization Contact: Homestretch, Inc.,  
303 South Maple Ave., Suite 400,  
Falls Church, VA 22046, 703-237-2035  
[eryanmiller@homestretchva.org](mailto:eryanmiller@homestretchva.org)  
info@homestretch

Redeemer Contact: Carol Pribulka, [pribulkas@verizon.net](mailto:pribulkas@verizon.net), 703-409-5090

Redeemer helps by: Providing dinner for clients during training nights. Cooking or purchasing a portion of the meal.



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Redeemer Helps by: Making an annual financial contribution.

## Housing Services

- **Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia**
  - **The Village at Rockville**



**Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia** rallies our community together to help families build strength, stability, and self-reliance to create better lives for themselves and their children through the purchase of their first home.

Website: [www.habitatnova.org](http://www.habitatnova.org)

Organization Contact: 6925 Edsall Road, Suite 120,  
Alexandria, VA 22312; (703) 521-9890;  
[info@habitatnova.org](mailto:info@habitatnova.org)

Redeemer Contact: Ellen Kennedy, [Ellen.kennedy@cox.net](mailto:Ellen.kennedy@cox.net)

Redeemer Helps by: Participating in building homes; being a member of the Fairfax Interfaith Coalition for Habitat (formerly McLean Interfaith Coalition); making an annual financial contribution.



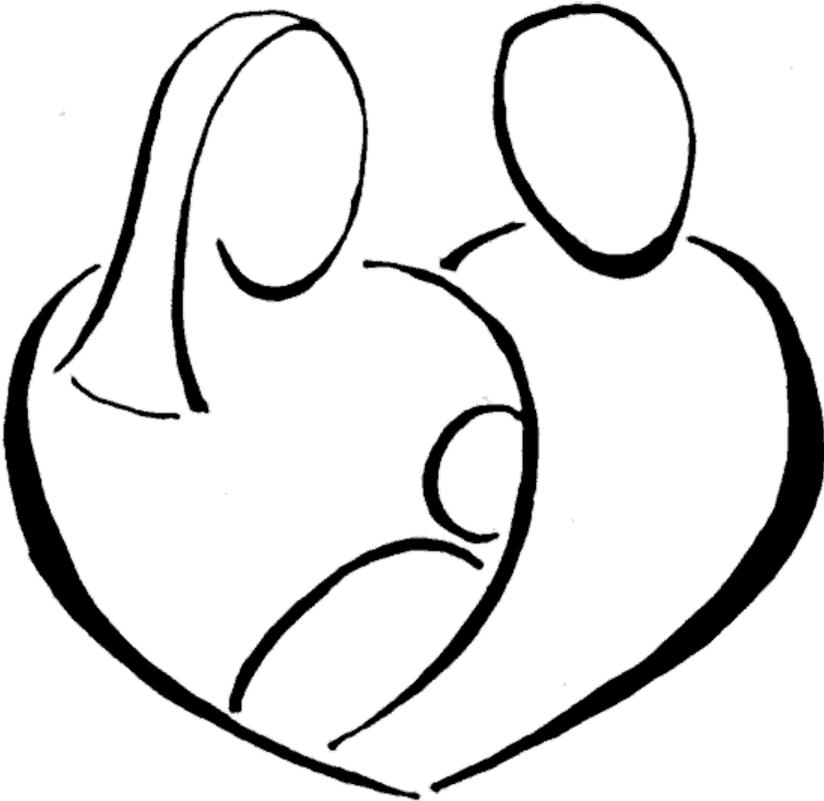
To fulfill its Christian ministry, National Lutheran Communities and Services and **The Village at Rockville** provides an array of options for seniors including residential living along with home and health care services which are designed to meet individual needs.

Website: [www.thevillageatrockville.org](http://www.thevillageatrockville.org)

Organization Contact: 9701 Veirs Drive, Rockville, MD  
20850; 301-368-6380

Redeemer Helps by: Making an annual financial contribution.

***Family Support,  
Refugee Services, Early Education  
And Transportation Services***



## Family Support Services and Refugee Services

- Bethany House of Northern Virginia
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  - Refugee Services Group



*Eliminating Domestic Violence  
One Family At A Time*

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Organization Contact: 703-658-9500

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Redeemer Helps by: Sponsoring collections for ongoing needs, including winter wear and welcome kits of linens, kitchen supplies and toiletries to refugee families; hosting refugee families at a Redeemer-sponsored fellowship event; making an annual financial contribution.



Redeemer's ***Refugee Services Group*** provides on-going assistance to refugee families as they adjust to living in our community and becoming productive members of our society.

Redeemer Contacts: Stephanie Hunter, [sbeckes2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sbeckes2001@yahoo.com); Joan Durman, [jdur6740@gmail.com](mailto:jdur6740@gmail.com).

Redeemer Helps by: Providing household furnishings and some medical supplies; offering financial assistance for rent and utilities; encouraging educational activities by supplying a computer, printer, and internet service as well as technical assistance; helping refugee families become fluent in speaking, reading and writing English; identifying recreational opportunities; familiarizing refugee families with our community; offering camaraderie and encouragement.

## Early Education and Transportation Services

- Falls Church McLean Children's Center
- Shepherd's Center of McLean, Arlington and Falls Church

### Early Education



**Falls Church-Mclean Children's Center** provides a high-quality, early childhood education for all children, regardless of their family's resources.

Website: [www.fcmlcc.org](http://www.fcmlcc.org)

Organization Contact: 7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church, VA 22043; 703-534-4907

Redeemer Contact: Deanna Heier, [dmheier@yahoo.com](mailto:dmheier@yahoo.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Contributing for lunch and snacks; making an annual financial contribution.

### Transportation



**Shepherd's Center of McLean, Arlington and Falls Church** inspires dynamic living among older adults through volunteerism, enrichment, and community connection.

Website: [www.scmafc.org](http://www.scmafc.org)

Organization Contact: 1205 Dolley Madison Boulevard, McLean, VA 22101, 703-506-2199, [info@scmafc.org](mailto:info@scmafc.org)

Redeemer Contact: Kate Jones, [katerjones@gmail.com](mailto:katerjones@gmail.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Driving seniors for medical appointments; making an annual financial contribution.

## ***Health Services***



## Health Services

- **Capital Caring**
- **Partner for Surgery**



**Capital Caring** is the largest and most experienced nonprofit hospice and palliative (pain and symptom relief) care provider in the mid-Atlantic region. It provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support to patients and families and is actively engaged in public education and advocacy to raise awareness of the benefits of hospice and palliative care.

Website: [www.capitalcaring.org](http://www.capitalcaring.org)

Organization Contact: 2900 Telestar Ct. Falls Church, VA 22042, 703-538-2065

Redeemer Contact: Elaine Tucker, [eptucker2@gmail.com](mailto:eptucker2@gmail.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Meeting with patients to provide comfort and companionship; making an annual financial contribution.



**Partner for Surgery** is on the front lines of medical and surgical care in rural Guatemala, helping impoverished Guatemalans living in remote locations.

Website: [www.partnerforsurgery.org](http://www.partnerforsurgery.org)

Organization Contact: P.O Box 388, McLean, VA 22101, 703-893-4335

Redeemer Contact: Linda Peterson, [linda.peterson4@gmail.com](mailto:linda.peterson4@gmail.com).

Redeemer Helps by: Serving on the board of Partner for Surgery to set policy for surgery services; fund-raising; assisting with surgery delivery in Guatemala; providing gift bags and quilts to patients; making an annual financial contribution. *Partner for Surgery was founded in 2001 by Redeemer members, Frank & Todd Peterson.*

***Spiritual Comfort, Social Justice  
and International Relief***



# Spiritual Comfort

- **Gifts of Hope**
- **Quilt Group**
- **Shawl Ministry**



*Gifts of Hope*

**Gifts of Hope** is an alternative gift-giving program for individuals who are in need locally or internationally. Gifts of Hope is a ministry of the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Website: [www.giftsofhopedc.org](http://www.giftsofhopedc.org)

Organization Contact: 305 E Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20001;  
[director@giftsofhopedc.org](mailto:director@giftsofhopedc.org)

Redeemer Contact: Nancy Power, [npower6803@verizon.net](mailto:npower6803@verizon.net)

Redeemer Helps by: Purchasing a Gift of Hope at Redeemer during the Advent Season or any time during the year on the Gifts of Hope website.



The **Quilt Group** makes quilts for children in Guatemala who receive services through Partner for Surgery and for Lutheran World Relief.

Redeemer Contact: Kate Jones, [katerjones@gmail.com](mailto:katerjones@gmail.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Partner for Surgery and preparing teddy bears and tote bags for Partner for Surgery. Meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 9:30am - 2:00pm to make quilts, using donated fabric to design, cut, sew and tie the quilts. No sewing experience is necessary.



The **Shawl Ministry** was founded to create a warm, loving gift for those who are ill, have special needs, are newly baptized, or are celebrating a happy event --for anyone who could use warmth, care, prayer, and God's grace.

Redeemer Contact: [Gretchen Stark, gretchenstark@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenstark@gmail.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Meeting at 10:30 AM – Noon on the first and third Thursday of each month in the Redeemer library to knit or crochet shawls, small afghans, lap robes, and scarves.

# Social Justice and International Relief

- **Lutheran Volunteer Corps**
- **Lutheran World Relief**

## Social Justice



Building community,  
working for social justice,  
living simply and sustainably

**Lutheran Volunteer Corps** is a community of faith uniting people to work for peace and justice, living simply and sustainably. Recent college graduates work at agencies in six cities in the United States.

Website: [www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org](http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org)

Organization Contact: 1226 Vermont Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC; 202-387-3222;  
[recruitment@lutheranvolunteercorps.org](mailto:recruitment@lutheranvolunteercorps.org)

Redeemer Contact: Judy Kuhagen, [judy.kuhagen@gmail.com](mailto:judy.kuhagen@gmail.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Volunteering at the Lutheran Volunteer Corps office; making an annual financial contribution.

## International Relief



Sustainable Development,  
Lasting Promise

**Lutheran World Relief** is a non-profit organization that works with local partners to provide lasting solutions to poverty, injustice and human suffering in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East. Their support comes from the ELCA and other church bodies and organizations throughout the United States.

Website: [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

Organization Contact: 700 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230; 1-800-597-5972

Redeemer Contact: Pastor Kessinger, [psk@redeemermclean.org](mailto:psk@redeemermclean.org); Steve Gunderson, [sgun511@gmail.com](mailto:sgun511@gmail.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Making financial contributions for special relief efforts; serving on the LWR board; making an annual financial contribution.

# ***ELCA Day of Service***



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## **ELCA Day of Service:**

Encourages Lutheran congregations across the country to demonstrate God's work by participating in service projects to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. This year's Day of Service is scheduled for ***Sunday, September 8, 2019.***

Join us in our worship services to learn about the many ways we at Redeemer serve the world together throughout the year.



**I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was  
thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink;  
I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;  
Naked, and you clothed Me;  
I was sick, and you visited Me;  
I was in prison, and you came to Me.**

**—Matthew 25:35-36**

# Redeemer Social Concerns Ministry Helps in Many Ways

## Would You Like to Volunteer?



Consider how you might join us to make a positive change in our community, to build and deepen our relationships within our community, and to share God's love.

Please read this directory which describes the services in which we at Redeemer are involved. We have included information about each organization, the type of service we provide, and contact information in case you have any questions. We welcome your participation!

If you would like to sign up for one or more of our activities, please let us know by completing this form and returning it to the church office. Thank you!

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Name

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Telephone Number

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Email address

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Activities that interest me