

# Volunteer for 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

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.

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[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, and lap robes

# Volunteer for 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 ten cities in the United States.

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

Organization Contact: 1226 Vermont Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC; 202-387-3222

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

## ***Volunteer for Our 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. Last year, over 100 Redeemer volunteers helped to make a difference in our church and our community. This year's Day of Service is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 2018.

Redeemer Contacts: Deanna Heier, [dmheier@yahoo.com](mailto:dmheier@yahoo.com) and Carol Smith, [csmithsw6@gmail.com](mailto:csmithsw6@gmail.com)

Redeemer Helps by: Volunteering time and resources to the church and community organizations. During its 2017 Day of Service, Redeemer helped seven community organizations, including Britepaths, Falls Church McLean Children's Center, LSS Refugee Services, McLean Fire station, McLean Police station, Partner for Surgery, and Rise Against Hunger.