

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



Redeemer Lutheran
Building a Community-Based Church

AED

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Having an AED at church is a good thing. Having a plan so there is a rapid response if the AED is needed can save a life. If you are CPR certified or would like to learn CPR, join the AED TEAM.

Altar Guild

Ann Allen (dr.momster@gmail.com) 794-6108

Members prepare communion, change altar linens, decorate the chancel for festive occasions, and oversee the chancel area.

Audio-Visual Operators (8:30 and 11:00 services)

Pastor Ian Thormodson (ithormodson@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

Volunteer to assist with the soundboard, Live Streaming and PowerPoint applications during the worship services.

First Response Team

Pastor Matt Bean (mbean@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

Volunteers take a few minutes a week to phone and welcome first-time visitors.

Hospitality Team

Ron Kemp (ronandjeannekemp@verizon.net) 513-5131

Men and women volunteers welcome both members and visitors as they enter the church for worship.

Offering Counters

Linda Nau (lnau@redeemerric.org) 514-0095

This group counts, records, and deposits the offerings from each service.

Ushers

Skip Adie-8:30 service (ocltc@aol.com) 276-2328

Charlie Strube-11:00 service (chstrube@verizon.net) 477-3799

Men and women serve as church ushers on monthly teams.

Worship Assistants

Frank Scott (cfscott3@comcast.net) 731-0617

Men and women (age 16 or older) serve during worship, assisting with the distribution of communion and/or as readers of the scripture lessons.

MUSIC

Contemporary (11:00 service)

Contact Adam Bailey
(abailey@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

"Simple Truth," Redeemer's Contemporary praise band, is made up of instrumentalists and vocalist who lead worship. Audition required.

Traditional (8:30 service)

Cheryl Van Ornam (cvanornam@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

Groups include the Adult/high school-age choir; Joy Ringers Hand Bell Choir; and Brass Ensemble. Come and praise God through music!

COMMUNITY

Center of Faith

Becky Wade (bwade@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

Redeemer's Center of Faith serves the material, emotional, and spiritual needs of our community through a variety of programs, including weekly food distribution and monthly clothing distribution. Donations and volunteers are always welcome!

Christmas Giving Tree

Gina Kisner (timandgina2@verizon.net) 920-3828

Each Christmas season, RLC "adopts" several families-in-need. RLC members have the opportunity to make Christmas list wishes come true by purchasing gifts for these families.

Good Samaritan Inn

Sue Woodcock (suway2@verizon.net) 379-8166

Twice a month, teams of volunteers prepare simple casseroles at home (recipes provided) which are returned to church to be delivered to a Christian homeless shelter, The Good Samaritan Inn. Because many hands make light work, each volunteer makes a casserole just 3-4 times a year.

Knit/Crochet Craft Group

Cathy Guske (cguske68@comcast.net) **239-5789**

Women, girls, and friends of RLC are welcome to join this casual group that meets the last Saturday of each month from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fellowship and skill-sharing are their goals. Projects focus on creating items for those in need.

Quilting Group

Gina Ferree (geferree@gmail.com) **897-6388**

Each year, RLC creates and distributes quilts to members who are in care with health issues, our Christmas Giving Tree families, our Child Development Center, and to Lutheran World Relief. These quilts have gone to places as far away as West Africa and India where they are distributed to the destitute and those in crisis.

Thanksgiving Meals

Pat Hoy (terryandpat2@verizon.net) **276-8316**

RLC members prepare, donate, or serve food for a Thanksgiving meal held annually at The Good Samaritan Inn at its Hull Street location.

FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUAL CARE

All Saints Team

Wayne Woodcock (suway2@verizon.net) **379-8166**

The All Saints Team assists with a variety of tasks before, during, and after funerals, and memorial services at Redeemer. Our purpose is to welcome and serve families who have lost loved ones.

Bereavement

Barbara Smith (smith.barbaralee@gmail.com) **320-0275**

This ad hoc committee comes together on an as-needed basis to provide meals and/or post-funeral receptions for those who have lost loved ones.

Board of Spiritual Care

Pastor Matt Bean (mbean@redeemerric.org) **272-7973**

This 2-part committee (with the pastors) oversees the spiritual needs of RLC members. One visitation team visits the sick, shut-in, and grieving. Another team follows up with inactive members.

Card Ministry

Debbie Felton (care@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

Redeemer's card writing ministry sends cards to our members and friends who could use some extra love or encouragement. If you know someone who could use a handwritten note, please send their name, address and a brief description of the situation to care@redeemerric.org, and our team will see that they receive it!

Fellowship

Pastor Ian Thormodson (ithormodson@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

Volunteer teams are assembled to plan quarterly events for the purpose of gathering members of RLC for fun and fellowship. Examples of events include the Golf Tournament, Church Picnic, and Mother's Day Tea. We have several groups that focus on gender or specific age ranges.

GriefShare

Marsha Donovan (donovanmarsha123@gmail.com) 931-5733

GriefShare is a special weekly support group designed to offer help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Join our study group to learn what God says about grief. Join others through the journey of healing as you lean on God and each other for strength and encouragement.

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

Penny Helmore (ukmompjh@aol.com) 320-1207

Support The Southeastern District's missionary efforts locally, nationally, and overseas through quarterly regional meetings and "mite box" contributions.

New Members' Team

Wendy Brooks (brookswa@verizon.net) 379-2939

Several times a year, this group organizes the New Members' Class and Brunch with the goal of making each new member feel welcomed and engaged by helping them pair their talents and needs with our RLC ministries.

Small Groups

Pastor Matt Bean (mbean@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

These are groups of 6 - 18 adults who meet on a regular basis on various nights of the week for fellowship, prayer, Bible study, and service. Facilitated by a trained leadership team, small groups form an integral part of Redeemer's ministry; offering members a chance to grow in their faith, their relationships with other Christians, and their service to God.

Sunday Morning Coffee

Linda Nau (lnau@redeemerric.org) **514-0095**

Do you enjoy coffee and a donut during the Sunday School hour? You can help make your fellow church-goers happy by signing up for a Sunday morning to help with one of these tasks.

ADULT EDUCATION

Bible Study

Pastor Ian Thormodson (ithormodson@redeemerric.org) **272-7973**

Meet Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Topics range from books of the Bible to practical, contemporary, and faith-based interests.

“JOY” Bible Study (“Just Older Youth”)

Ellie Lynch (ellielynch@aol.com) **272-8582**

Lead by Pastor Finck, men and women meet on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. preceded by fellowship from 10:00-10:30 a.m. In-depth studies include books of the Bible, as well as, Bible-based faith-challenging topics.

Men’s Bible Study

Bob Wigg (b2dwigg@aol.com) **276-9405**

Men of all ages are invited to participate in this study group that meets on Tuesdays from 6:45 - 7:30 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study

Jan Schroeder (jan.schroeder48@gmail.com) **320-3038**

Women of all ages are invited to join this group. Topics include Bible study, as well as, Bible-based contemporary issues often accompanied by video presentations. Gatherings are held on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Children's Church

Children ages 3 – 2nd grade are dismissed prior to the Sunday sermon to learn the value and purpose of worship at their level. Volunteers present pre-planned lessons and activities for the children.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

Confirmation Classes

Pastor Ian Thormodson (ithormodson@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

6th - 8th grade students explore the foundational teachings of the Christian faith under the guidance of our pastors and adult leaders. Meeting on Tuesday evenings throughout the school year, confirmation offers students an opportunity to engage in small groups, fellowship and service activities, as well as, classroom instruction to understand faith and to apply it to their life.

FaithLab

Lindsey Douglas (ldouglas@redeemerric.org) 873-4623

Redeemer's FaithLab includes children in Preschool (3 years) to 5th Grade. It's during our time together that we form a special bond in faith and learn more about God. FaithLab lays the foundation for a lifetime of learning and loving the Bible. It's about including the whole family and discovering who we are. Most importantly, it's about strengthening our faith in Christ through service, fellowship and education. This is where strong, healthy relationships start!

Middle School Student Ministry

Theresa Richardson – Middle School (tlaporich@gmail.com) 347-5601

During the months when Confirmation is not in session, Fellowship and Bible study opportunities are provided to help keep our kids connect to each other in Christ throughout the year.

Nursery Care

Brittany Bridges

Paid workers supervise nursery-age children (through 3rd birthday) during worship and Sunday School. Volunteers needed for special events.

Student Ministries

Brittany Thormodson (youth@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

RLC offers a wide variety of ministry opportunities for High School students. We feature fun fellowship, service projects, weekly meetings, summer mission trips, youth gatherings, and more!

Summer Servant Event

Jim Dempsey (jndempsey@comcast.net) 467-2494

Each summer, youth and parent chaperones join with members from other regional Lutheran churches by spending a week in Garrett County, MD doing service projects for families in an underprivileged rural area.

Sunday School

Lindsey Douglas (Ldouglas@redeemerric.org) 873-4623

Meets Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:45. Children ages 3 through high school are presented with creative and interactive opportunities to build firm foundations for growing their faith lives.

Vacation Bible School

Pastor Ian Thormodson (ithormodson@redeemerric.org) 272-7973

Redeemer's hallmark summer education experience (held the 2nd to last week in July) requires a host of volunteers to carry it out. From teachers to decorations, to set construction, to registration/administration; we simply couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers.