

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT REDEEMER



## Chili Cook-Off & Football

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-7:30pm**

Get ready for a night of bold flavors and big plays. Join us for a chili cook-off and playoff football party all rolled into one. **What to Expect:** Homemade chili showdown, all the toppings, cornbread, desserts, drinks (BYOB if desired), football on the big screen, fellowship, and friendly competition. **This event is free and open to all.** Bring your appetite, your friends, and your game-day spirit.

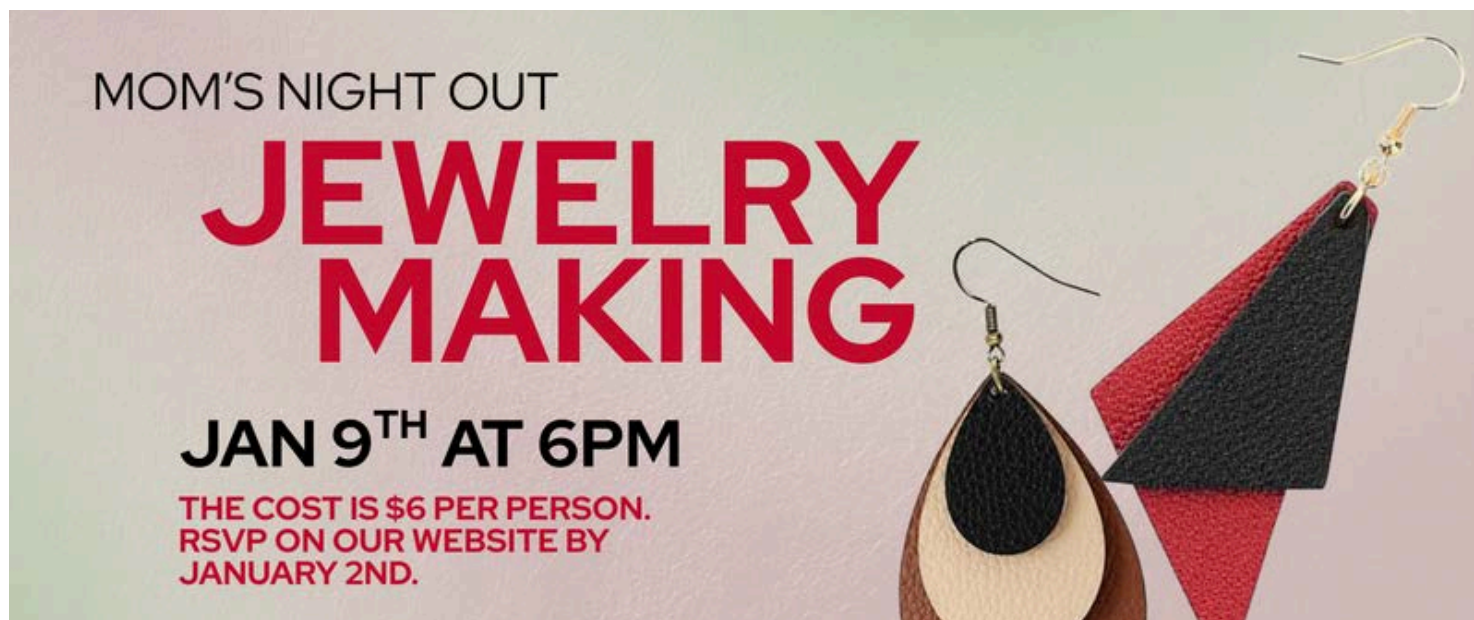


### THINK YOUR CHILI HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN?

Calling all chili champs, spice masters, and flavor fanatics to enter our Chili Cook-Off event. Bring your best pot of chili and compete in these deliciously fun categories:

- *Best Kick – Spiciest chili that's still enjoyable*
- *Most Original Recipe – Unique ingredients or creative twist*
- *People's Choice – Voted on by all attendees*
- *Judge's Favorite – Overall best selected by our panel*
- *Best Name – Most creative or humorous chili name*

**RSVP to enter your chili by January 14, 2026**



## MNO Jewelry Making

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> | 6pm

Join us for our first mom's night of the new year! On January 9th at 6:00 we will be creating our own leather jewelry. These are very easy to make and instructions and materials will be provided. No experience needed! The cost is \$6 per person. RSVP on our website by January 2nd.



## John Denninger - PGI Presentation

Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

Join us at Redeemer where John Denninger will give a presentation on January 14th (10.30 AM) to share information about financial planning through wills and estates (The Planned Giving Initiative).





## Discover RLC/New Member Sunday

**January 17th & 18th**

Redeemer Lutheran Church invites all those looking to learn more about our ministry to join us for **Discover RLC on January 17th**. Enjoy a day of connection, learning, and fellowship with our pastor, ministry leaders, and fellow members. Lunch is included.

Join us in **welcoming our new members** at brunch between services on **January 18th**. We're grateful to share this special morning of fellowship and connection with you.



## Food Pantry Volunteer Training

**Sunday, Jan 25th | 12:15pm | RSVP by: January 22**

Whether you're a current volunteer or curious about getting involved, join us for a practical, hands-on training to support this growing ministry. We'll cover procedures, roles, safety, and how to serve neighbors with care and dignity.

**Questions/RSVP:** Becky Wade — [bwade@redeemerric.org](mailto:bwade@redeemerric.org)

Come learn, connect, and make a difference!

## NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK



## National Lutheran School Week

**Jan 26-30<sup>th</sup>**

Join us as we celebrate with Lutheran schools across the world! This special week is a time to come together as a community and share in the joy, purpose, and Christ-centered mission of Lutheran education. 🎵 This year's theme: Let's Make a Joyful Noise! 🎵 We can't wait to celebrate with our students, families, and staff all week long!

We give God special thanks for Redeemer Lutheran Child Development Center. May God continue to bless us as we enter this new year.



## Limping with God: Jacob and the Guide to Messy Discipleship

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup> | 9am-3:30pm | Trinity Lutheran Church (C10 Event)**

When we look to the Bible for faith role models, we tend to think of Moses' obedience or David's bravery. Wait. Jacob? This trickster, liar, and selfishly ambitious man who fathers children with four women and leads a dysfunctional family rife with jealousy and backstabbing!

Yes. Jacob. This sinner-saint, who limps along with the Lord, burdened by weakness and beset by problems. Jacob. The mirror image of all of us who follow Jesus.

Chad Bird's presentation will open our eyes to new ways of thinking about our Christian life and faith. Join us for this inspiring workshop!





## A Light in Dark Places

### January Sermon Series

The season of Epiphany is a season of light, centered on Scripture's witness to Christ as the Light of the World. In this series, we will explore how Jesus brings His Light into the darkness of our world and into our own lives. Each week, through the Gospel lessons, we will reflect on how His Light pushes back the darkness with hope and power.

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**SAVE THE**

**VBS 2026**  
Rainforest Falls  
July 20th-July 23rd

**DATE**

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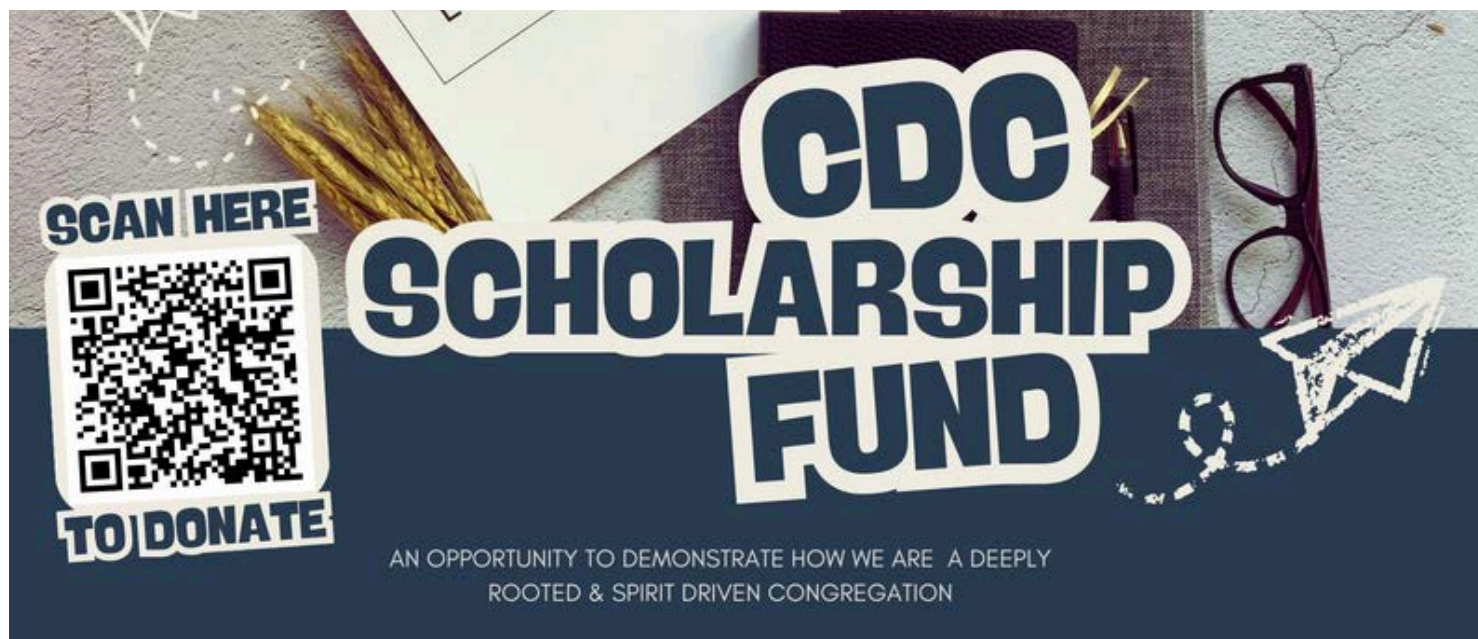
**NEW**

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**BIBBLE STUDIES**

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Begin January 2026



## A message from Ramona Carper

With a heavy heart, I am stepping down as the contemporary music leader Effective January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026. I want to thank the amazing musicians that

I've had the privilege to play with. They have supported every idea I've had and been an amazing team to lead. I also want to thank the congregation for allowing me to share my ministry with you each week. I have loved every minute of it. No matter who leads, one thing will never change: Redeemer Lutheran is a special place because of the warm and inviting community that exists, felt by all who walk through the doors.

**Thank you for four wonderful years!**





**REV. DR. MATTHEW BEAN**

*and*

**MS. REBECCA WADE**

*along with their children*

invite you to celebrate their wedding  
with a cake reception

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026**  
*from* **TWO UNTIL FOUR PM**

*Redeemer Lutheran Church*

9400 Redbridge Road  
North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236

RSVP before January 17  
*at* [bit.ly/beanwedding](https://bit.ly/beanwedding)

# RLC CALENDAR - RECURRING EVENTS

## Worship

Traditional Service | Sundays, 8:30 am | Sanctuary  
Contemporary Service | Sundays, 11:00 am | Sanctuary  
Wiggle Church | Thursdays, 5:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

## Bible Study/Christian Education

Adult Bible Classes | Sundays, 9:45 am  
Confirmation | Tuesdays, 6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall  
JOY Group | Wednesdays, 10:30 am | Fellowship Hall  
Men's Bible Study | Tuesdays, 7:30 am | Board Room  
Women's Bible Study | Wednesdays, 10:00 am | Community Room  
The Chosen Bible Study | 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30pm | Online

## Music

Choir/Music Rehearsals | Thursdays, 7:30 pm | Choir Loft/Choir Room  
Simple Truth | Tuesdays, 6:30 pm | Sanctuary  
Joy Ringers | Thursdays, 6:30 pm | Choir Loft

## Growing up RLC

Nursery | Sundays, 8:30 am & 11:00 am | Lower Level  
Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45 am | Lower Level  
Youth Night | Tuesdays, 6:30 pm | Youth Ministry Room

## RLC Group Meetings

Board for Spiritual Care | 1st Thursday, 6:00 pm | Board Room  
Board of Directors | 3rd Wednesday | Board Room  
Koinonia Small Group | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00 pm | Lounge  
Middle & High School Youth | 2nd Sunday Lunch & Bible Study, 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall  
Quilters | 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 10:00 am | Solarium  
Quiram Small Group | 2nd Friday, 2:00 pm | Community Room  
Smith Small Group | Sundays, 2:00 pm | Community Room

## CDC

Administration Meetings | Tuesdays, 10:00 am & Thursdays, 10:30 am | Board Room  
Chapel | Wednesdays, 9:30 am | Sanctuary

## Community Events

Cozens NA | Thursdays, 7:15 pm | Fellowship Hall  
NA Meeting | Wednesdays, 7:00 pm  
RLC Food Distribution | Thursdays, 3:00-6:00 pm | Upper Parking Lot



## PRAYER LIST

### Those with Cancer:

Kathy Groves (Friend of Robin Balsamo), Jackie Murphy (Friend of Kate Kersten), Linda Lynch, Samantha Reed and Sharon Riddle (Friends of Margaret Clikeman), Debbie Parker, Chuck Sickels (Brother-in-law of the Balsamo's), Kathy Boucher.

### General Prayers:

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers for:

- Our RLC Family, as we seek to grow as followers of Jesus
- Redeemer's Child Development Center & our CDC families
- Our efforts to build a Community-Based Church
- Our national & global leaders as they strive for peace throughout the world
- Our missionaries (the Cimas and the Wolfs)
- Our seminarian (Tucker Wright & family)
- Our friends and family: Chris Bickes, Michael Jones, Evelyn Barton (Friend of Andriea Ukrop), LaRay Mason, Bob Lenhart

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