


LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

JANUARY 2023



**YOU WILL BE ENRICHED
IN EVERY WAY SO THAT
YOU CAN BE GENEROUS
ON EVERY OCCASION
AND THROUGH US
YOUR GENEROSITY
WILL RESULT
IN THANKSGIVING
TO GOD.**

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM

Help with Weeding

🕒 2-4 hours a month from March – November

✉️ Gretchen Stark gretchenstark@gmail.com

There are five garden areas around the Redeemer building that need our care. One or two volunteers are needed for each of those areas. The responsibility includes weeding, cleaning the area and reporting any damage to plants. Volunteers use their own gardening tools and work on their own schedules. A short orientation and training are available.

Help with Watering

🕒 30 minutes 3x a week from March - December

✉️ Gretchen Stark gretchenstark@gmail.com

There are 8 pots on the Redeemer grounds that need to be watered up to 3 times each week from March-December. Volunteers work as a team on a rotating basis.

Storm Clean-Up

🕒 Variable

✉️ Gretchen Stark gretchenstark@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to be on call after storms to clean up fallen branches, shovel snow, etc.

Building Host

🕒 Variable

✉️ Rob Wenk robwenk@gmail.com

Groups often use the building on weekends and some weekday nights. Volunteers are needed to welcome and assist those groups as needed. Training is provided.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

Faith Formation Teachers

🕒 1 hour on Sunday mornings from September - May

✉️ Shelley Brennan shelleybrennan@gmail.com

The Faith Formation Ministry team is always looking for teachers to help mentor and guide our youngest members in their faith journey. Lead teachers, assistant teachers, and those willing to substitute from time to time are all needed.

Classes take place during the school year on Sundays at 9:45 am for Pre-K through Grade 6. No experience is necessary. Training, support and lesson plans are all provided.

Note: A background check is required to work with our youth.

Confirmation Class Support

🕒 1 hour any Sunday morning that fits your schedule from September - May

✉️ Pastor Josh Wullenweber josh@redeemermclean.org

Pastor Josh and Pastor Kessinger teach the Confirmation class during the school year on Sundays at 9:45 am. One of the pastors is present in the class but another adult is needed to be in the room as well. The additional support person helps with handing out any materials and participates as they are comfortable.

High School Mentors

🕒 As needed for 1 hour on Sunday mornings from September - May

✉️ Kim Wenk kbwenk@gmail.com

Christian Richter and Kim Wenk take the lead with the High School class that meets during the school year on Sundays at 9:45 am. Sometimes one of them is not able to be present so a second adult is needed to attend the class. On occasion both Christian and Kim are unavailable, and we need a substitute who is willing to talk with the youth about current events and how they relate to our faith.

Note: A background check is required to work with our youth.

RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY MINISTRY TEAM

Ministry Team

🕒 Flexible

✉ Pastor Sandy Kessinger psk@redeemermclean.org

This ministry team formed in June of 2020 in response to the death of George Floyd. We list our goals as a means for everyone to get involved in this ministry. These include being an advocate for legislation and policy, supporting black-based businesses, and helping Northern Virginia Family Service (<https://www.nvfs.org>).

Northern Virginia Family Service is an organization that helps individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. Volunteer opportunities include providing administrative assistance, graphic design experience, working in the shelter kitchen or thrift shop and/or being a Head Start classroom volunteer.



Redeemer Book Club

🕒 Flexible

✉ Teresa Schellenger ipschellenger@aol.com

Learn more by joining the Redeemer Book Club that reads a variety of books on the topic of racial equity. You can also borrow a book from the cart found in the Crossroads.

Pathways Out of Poverty

🕒 Flexible

✉ Liz Scheffler dwerschef@aol.com

This is a ministry that developed as part of the Racial Justice and Equity Ministry Team. We work cooperatively with members from the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

Volunteer opportunities include helping the Financial Empowerment Center (a sub-group of Britepaths) (<https://www.britepaths.org>) by being an English-speaking or Spanish-speaking financial coach and/or become a financial literacy instructor.



You can also help **APAH** (<https://apah.org>) which is an organization that develops affordable housing in Northern Virginia and provides services to the people. Some volunteer opportunities include to deliver groceries to residents who cannot go to the distribution center, donate essential household pantry items, be an advocate for affordable housing and/or provide occasional office assistance.

Cornerstones in Reston (<https://www.cornerstonesva.org>) is an organization providing services to strengthen families living and working along the Dulles Corridor. Some volunteer opportunities include being a financial mentor, a tutor or volunteering for the **Literacy Council of Northern Virginia** to provide ESOL instruction (<https://lcnv.org>).

Computer Core also needs volunteers to teach computer technology and digital literacy skills (<https://www.computercore.org>).

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

Building Concerns and Special Events

Open the Building on Sunday Mornings

🕒 1-2 Sundays a month

🕒 Rob Wenk robwenk@gmail.com

Help is needed to open the building before the first scheduled service on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include unlocking the entrance doors, turning on the lights in the worship space and checking in with the pastors for any other special needs.

Close the Building on Sunday Mornings

🕒 1-2 Sundays a month

🕒 Rob Wenk robwenk@gmail.com

Help is also needed to close the building after the last scheduled service on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include locking all entrance doors, turning off the lights in the worship space and checking in with the pastors for any other special needs.

Hospitality for Special Events

🕒 Variable

🕒 Kim Wenk kbwenk@gmail.com

A list of volunteers is needed that we can call upon to help with special events such as the Lenten dinners and receptions after a funeral. Responsibilities include preparing the room and tables for the event, making sure the meal is ready to be served along with drinks, and then cleanup. Most meals are catered or covered dish, so meal preparation is minimal.

Security Task Force Leader

🕒 Variable

🕒 Rob Wenk robwenk@gmail.com

A volunteer is needed to evaluate and make recommendations to improve safety and security for our members, guests, staff, preschool and after school students and teachers. This person works alongside the current staff.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

Preparation and Assistance for Worship Services

Sound System Assistance

- 🕒 1-2 Sundays a month from September - June
- 🕒 Rob Wenk robwenk@gmail.com

Help is needed to run the sound system during the 11:00 am service from September through mid-June. It does **not** involve the use of the video livestreaming. Training will be provided.

Greeters

- 🕒 As your schedule permits on Sunday mornings and for special occasions
- ✉ Mark Cronin mlm.cronin@gmail.com

Greeters are needed for each worship service to welcome everyone coming to worship. Responsibilities include arriving early to open the doors, greeting everyone as they enter, opening the doors at the end of the service and thanking everyone for being with us. Greeters are also responsible for setting up and putting away the snack cart.

Greeters are also needed on special occasions such as Christmas Eve, Easter, weddings, special music offerings, memorials and funerals.

Coffee Hour Volunteers

- 🕒 As your schedule permits for about 20 minutes on Sunday mornings
- 🕒 Kim Wenk kbwenk@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to set up for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include arriving in time to get the first round of coffee ready, setting out the coffee cart along with coffee, tea and any other refreshments.

Volunteers are needed after each service to make sure enough coffee and treats are available.

Volunteers are also needed to clean up after the last service including rinsing the coffee carafes in the kitchen, ensuring the coffee machine is turned off, storing any treats and returning the cart to its storage position. Training is available.

Ushers

🕒 As your schedule permits on Sunday mornings and for special occasions

✉ Andy Pribulka andy@storage-systems.biz

Ushers are needed for each worship service to arrive early and hand out the bulletins to those coming to worship. Responsibilities also include asking newcomers to sign our guest book, assisting people who are not sure where to sit, guiding people as they come forward for Holy Communion and collecting the offering and placing it in the safe at the end of the service. Training is provided.

Acolytes/Crucifers

🕒 As your schedule permits on Sunday mornings and for special occasions

✉ Kim Wenk kbwenk@gmail.com

At the traditional service the cross is carried into the worship space during the gathering hymn. At the end of the service the cross is carried to the back of the church during the sending hymn. We ask that the acolytes/crucifers wear a robe.

Readers

🕒 As your schedule permits on Sunday mornings and for special occasions

✉ Kim Wenk kbwenk@gmail.com

Readers read the Old Testament and the Epistle lesson for the day.

Assisting Ministers

🕒 As your schedule permits on Sunday mornings and for special occasions

✉ Kim Wenk kbwenk@gmail.com

Assisting Ministers introduce the creed for the day, read the prayers that have been prepared ahead of time and assist with Holy Communion.

Chancel Care

🕒 1-2 Sundays a month

✉ Phyllis Peter-Mallard ppetermallard@yahoo.com

Chancel care volunteers clean up after the last service. The communion hosts are properly reserved for the other services and the communion ware is thoroughly washed and put away.

Changing of Banners

🕒 As needed

📧 Kate Jones katerjones@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to change the banners in our worship space. The banners are housed in one of our closets and are changed based on the liturgical color of the day. Volunteers will be shown how to hang and store the banners to ensure their proper care.

Music Ministry

🕒 Weekly rehearsals except during summer months

✉ Matt Osifchin mosifchi@hotmail.com

We are blessed with a Youth Choir, Handbell Choir and Adult Choir. Rehearsals take place on Sunday mornings for the Youth Choir and on Thursday evenings for the other two choirs.



SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Activities at Redeemer

Ministry Team

✉ Judy Kuhagen judy.kuhagen@gmail.com

Our Social Outreach Ministry is one of our strongest links to the outside world. Below you will find activities at Redeemer as well as outside organizations that we support. There are different ways to contribute including the giving of time, in-kind donations and/or financial contributions.

Prayer Shawl Volunteers

🕒 Flexible

🕒 Gretchen Stark gretchenstark@gmail.com

This group makes crochet or knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, and winter scarves to give to those in need. Each creation is offered with prayers of comfort or celebration. Volunteers work on their own time, and everyone is invited to the meetings. The meetings are hybrid (in-person and zoom) and take place on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Free yarn is supplied for all projects or volunteers may purchase their own. Volunteers can choose to knit or crochet, and beginners are welcome. Seasoned members are there to offer help and guidance.

For shawls, volunteers choose the design pattern and the size of the shawls to fit an adult. For baby blankets, volunteers choose a design or pattern – the approximate size is 32-35 inches square. For scarves, volunteers choose a design pattern and size the scarf to fit an adult or designate the scarf for a child.

Quilting Group

🕒 As your schedule permits on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

✉ Kate Jones katerjones@gmail.com

✉ Joyce Clarke joyceclarke1943@hotmail.com

The Quilting Group members meet to cut fabric and sew quilts on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. You can donate fabric and/or come and be in fellowship with our quilters. Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief and Partner for Surgery.

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Local Community Events at Redeemer

SHARE

Donate food items for SHARE (<https://www.shareofmclean.org>) from lists that are found on their website and our weekly announcements. Items can be left on a cart that sits outside Door #10 at Redeemer.

Ham Runs

✉ Rick Stewart ricstew2002@yahoo.com

Individuals who volunteer to make “ham runs” pick up ham scraps (bones) from Honey Baked Ham stores and deliver them to non-profit organizations.

McLean Day

✉ Tricia Engle triciaengle07@gmail.com

McLean Day is a community event that is held one Saturday in May. Volunteers are needed to assist at our booth. We offer games for the children and share information about Redeemer with all attendees. Watch this spring for more details on how you can help.

Rise Against Hunger

✉ Roberta Pittman rtpittman@cox.net

This ministry is a global movement to end hunger. At Redeemer we set aside the first Saturday in November to host an event in our gym that packages up to 150,000 meals. Financial donations are needed to order the food. You can learn more about Rise Against Hunger and what is needed by following this link – <https://riseagainsthunger.org>.



SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Organizations Outside of Redeemer

Bethany House <https://www.bhmv.org/volunteer>

An organization that serves women and children suffering from abuse and trauma. Some volunteer opportunities include office assistance and professional services such as marketing, creating social media content, and fundraising.

Britepaths <https://britepaths.org/get-involved/volunteer>

An organization providing services to stabilize low-wealth working families and to build resilience through financial empowerment and workforce development. Some volunteer opportunities include to provide administrative assistance, assist individuals with interview preparation, LinkedIn assistance, and resumé review and writing. You can also be a career mentor and/or financial literacy mentor.

Capital Caring <https://www.capitalcaring.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer>

An organization that provides hospice care, palliative care, and grief support. Some volunteer opportunities include to read to a patient, run an errand for a family, give support via phone or in-person to people who are grieving, provide art or music therapy to patients and families, volunteer at the “Health Store and Boutique” in Falls Church, and/or maintain the garden at the Halquist Center in Arlington.

Facets <http://facetscares.org/volunteer>

An organization that serves people in poverty. Some volunteer opportunities include to be a mentor, help with homework and ESL/ESOL lessons, assist staff involved in the hypothermia prevention program from November through March, and/or be a driver.

Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center <https://fcmlcc.org/volunteer>

An early childhood education program that also provides speech-language services and dental/vision/hearing screenings. Some volunteer opportunities include to visit a classroom to read to children and/or help with mailings.

Homestretch <https://homestretch.org/volunteer/>

An organization that helps families move to stable finances, employment, family relationships, and housing. Some volunteer opportunities include general office and computer work, mentoring, providing professional services, and/or maintaining properties with general repairs, yard maintenance, and moving furniture.

Just Neighbors <https://www.justneighbors.org/volunteer/>

An organization that serves the immigrant community in Virginia, DC, and Maryland. Some volunteer opportunities include to be a translator (especially Spanish) and/or teach English, provide administrative assistance, be a volunteer attorney, help write grant applications, provide IT support for social media, and give presentations to local community groups.

Lamb Center <https://www.thelambcenter.org/get-involved/volunteer-first-time/>

A daytime drop-in homeless shelter for individual who are experiencing homelessness in Fairfax. Some volunteer opportunities include to provide breakfast and lunches, be a mentor, and donate personal hygiene items, clothing, and gift cards.

Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service <https://lirs.org>

An organization that supports resettlement for refugees and migrants from around the world. Some volunteer opportunities include to be a pen-pal to immigrants in detention, be an advocate by contacting government officials about legislation and other matters, help with citizenship test preparation and with English language learning, and/or support refugee resettlement in general by taking action.

Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area <https://lssnca.org>

An organization that provides refugee and immigrant resettlement, foster care for unaccompanied refugee minors, and health and wellness services. Some volunteer opportunities include to be a refugee family mentor or a refugee youth/family tutor, help individuals fill out forms for permanent residence and family reunification, drive refugees to health appointments and/or language classes, pick up and deliver furniture, and provide office assistance.



N Street Village <https://nstreetvillage.org>

An organization that supports women in Washington, D.C. experiencing homelessness. They offer a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. They partner with women to achieve stability and make meaningful gains in their housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery. There are no current volunteer activities due to the coronavirus.

NoVA RAFT <https://novaraft.org>

RAFT stands for “Resettling Afghan Families Together.” You can donate furniture and/or electronics and help move Afghan refugees resettling in Northern Virginia.

PRS, INC. <https://prsinc.org>

An organization that provides mental health care. Some volunteer opportunities include to provide administrative services, provide calls to socially isolated or older adults, provide assistance and support to individuals experiencing crisis through the 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention program.

Second Story <https://www.second-story.org>

An organization that provides housing, counseling, and life skills support for teenagers experiencing crisis and for young people experiencing homelessness. Some volunteer opportunities include to provide after-school support, provide care packages, help with home repair, and/or answer hotline calls.

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church <https://scmafc.org>

An organization helping older adults who are aging in place. Some volunteer opportunities include to provide rides to medical appointments, provide rides to grocery store and help with shopping, provide simple home repairs, and/or be a ride scheduler / coordinator.

The Village at Rockville <https://www.thevillageatrockville.org>

A Lutheran retirement community. Some volunteer opportunities include to make regular one-on-one visits, play a musical instrument, teach painting, garden with residents, and/or join residents during daily programming activities.

