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Life at Redeemer

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Welcome to Redeemer

We welcome you to our worship service this morning! Please sign the guest book that is found in our entry area or the red attendance book found in the pews. If you include your email address, we will keep you informed of any upcoming events. You can also email us at church@redeemermclean.org. Pastor Kessinger is open and available for one-on-one conversations with you.

Holy Communion Open to All

We offer Holy Communion at all of our worship services. Please follow the instructions of the pastor when it is time to come forward. If you are not comfortable taking Holy Communion for any reason but would like to come forward for a blessing, then just cross your arms and the pastor will bless you. All are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Hymns Today at the 8:30 and 11:00 services

- #339 Christ, the Life of All the Living
- #339 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
- #485 I Am the Bread of Life
- #833 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Gwenn Holmlund

On February 27, Gwenn peacefully passed away at the tender age of 93. A memorial service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 12, at 11 am. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Please keep the family in your prayers, especially her sons, Mark, Kevin, and Jon.

It is a Redeemer tradition to bake cookies for funeral receptions. If you would like to contribute homemade cookies or help at the reception, please sign up at this [link](#).

Counting our Blessings during Lent Dish Soap for Homestretch

During Lent this year we are counting the many blessings in our lives. The blessings calendar, available [here](#) or in Crossroads, has a question for each day to help us give thanks.

Once a week there is an “action” related to the “question”. After answering the current “question” about the number of pans in our kitchen, we give thanks for people who cook our meals in our homes and elsewhere. The “action” is to help local people who are moving into permanent housing by putting a small bottle of dish soap in the box for Homestretch in the Blessings box in Crossroads. Homestretch is a local organization that helps “homeless families with children living in Virginia to attain permanent housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge, and hope they need to become productive participants in the community.” For more information about Homestretch and other ways you can help that organization, visit this [link](#).

Redeemer Renaissance Restaurant Night at Chipotle April 8 — 4 to 8 pm

Join us on April 8 for a fundraiser at Chipotle, 6707 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA 22101. Please let them know you are there as part of the Redeemer Renaissance Pre-school & After-School Fundraiser. You can [order online](#) for pickup using code WZGYXN9.

Wednesday Lenten Service & Dinner April 9 — Supper 6:30 pm | Prayer 7:30 pm

Come and pray with us as we hold an Evening Prayer service at 7:30 pm. Our final Lenten supper at 6:30 pm will be hosted by the Greeters. During the service Mary and Jason Eckberg will reflect on the biblical characters Mary and Joseph.

The worship service will be live streamed; please use this [link](#) to join us remotely.

Weekly Construction Project Update

As we enter into construction contract negotiations with the General Contractor, we are looking for assistance with the legal aspects of this process. If you or someone you know has expertise in the area and would be willing to help the Redeemer team, please let us know by sending an email to church@redeemermclean.org.

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Get your friends, family, or ministry group together and sign up! All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. If you have any questions, contact [Kim Wenk](#). Go to bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour to sign up.

Interfaith Choir—Calling for Singers

Children and adults of all abilities are welcome! A concert will be held Sunday, May 4 at 7 pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Practices will be 3-4 pm on 4/5, and 4-5 pm on 4/12, 4/26, & 5/3. There will be a children's choir (ages 7+) and an adult/youth choir. If you are interested, please contact Lani Richards for details at 571-405-7490.

Serving the Synod

Our synod will be electing a new vice-president and treasurer at the Synod Assembly to be held this June. Also needed is a lay person from our conference, one at-large youth, and one at-large young adult, all of whom will be expected to attend the Synod Council meetings throughout the year. In terms of the synod committees, the synod is seeking two lay people to serve on the Discipline Committee. Information and expectations are on the synod assembly website at this [link](#).

Two New Bible Study Series

Wednesday AM Bible Study (Morning)

On Wednesday, April 23, we will start a new 6-week series looking at the Pentateuch. For each of the first five books of the Bible, we will address issues of interpretation, theology, history, and its formation as it relates to the Old Testament canon. The sessions will run from April 23 through May 28, 8 am to 9 am. We will meet in person and via Zoom (hybrid model). If you are interested in this Bible Study series, please contact [Pastor Kessinger](#).

Wednesday PM Bible Study (Evening)

On Wednesday, April 23, we will start a new 6-week series looking at the Book of Ezekiel. The sessions will run from April 23 through May 28, 7 pm to 8 pm. We meet only by Zoom. If you are interested in this Bible Study series, please contact [Pastor Kessinger](#).

Holy Week Worship Service Schedule

Palm Sunday — April 13

8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11 am

No Faith Formation, but the High School Class will meet.

Maundy Thursday — April 17

7:30 pm

Good Friday — April 18

12 pm and 7:30 pm

Easter — April 20

8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11 am

No Faith Formation, High School Class, or Table Talk.

For Your Calendar: May 5

Next Redeemer Day of Prayer

Redeemer's next Day of Prayer is Monday, May 5. You're invited to join others to pray for our country and world. Considering the fear/anxiety in our country/world now, the theme this time is "Trust and Hope in God" with an emphasis on the courage to act in faithful ways.

A resource document consisting of prayers and reflections written by Redeemer members/others, scripture selections, and audio files will be available for your use. A SignUp-Genius form will be available soon where you can sign up to be part of the goal of us praying continuously throughout the day.

Support for those affected by Government Layoffs

We are planning ways to best support congregational members affected by the recent government layoffs. To help with this, we're hoping you'll take a few minutes to share your thoughts by completing our [survey](#) both on how we, as a congregation, can help, and how you, individually, might be willing to support the affected members.

Information for Federal Workers / Contractors

We have created a page on our website which can be found [here](#) for relevant information and resources as well as upcoming events. We will update this regularly as new information is made available.

Upcoming Events

Alexandria:

- Friday, April 18 – [Back To Work Hiring Event](#)
 - "Meet employers from various industries, explore job opportunities, and take the next step in your career. No pre-screenings will be conducted on-site —just bring your resume and be ready to connect."

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 4/6	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	<i>(Live stream first two services)</i>
	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am - 10:45 am	Faith Formation and Confirmation Group Classes
	10:55 am - 11:25 am	High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center)
Mon., 4/7	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Tues., 4/8	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Racial Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Wed., 4/9	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Women's Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Redeemer Renaissance Restaurant Night at Chipotle
Thurs., 4/10	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Lenten Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sat., 4/12	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
		Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)
		Gwenn Holmlund Memorial Service & Reception

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

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Bettina
Carol
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Charlotte
Christina
Geri
Jana
Jeff
Jesse
Kim
Mandy
Marie
Nancy and Peter
Phil
Steve M.
Trevor W.
Achikian, Maral
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica
Ayers, Kyle
Bates, Barbara
Bergdahl, Carol
Blakey, Patrick
Blankenship, Bob
Born, King "Song"
Bornmann, Keith
Boyer, Charlie
Canes, David
Capodanno, Philippe
Carter, Nicole
Cavallo, Michael
Cooke, Martin
DeGioia, Jack
Detweiler, Shirley
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Dotterweich, Pam
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Ginger
Glindemann, Keith

Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Hughes, William
Hunter, Baxter
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Knorr, Lorelei and Gene
Kuhn, Michael
Kutscher, Betsy
Leong, Chee Lee
Leong, Helen
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly
Martin, Trevor
McManus, Pete and Ada
Miller, Coletta
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther
Reblitz, Jennifer
Richmond, Dan
Ryding, Karin
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Scheinblum, Terry
Schmid, Rahizza
Schneck, Pastor Tony
Shaefer, Phil
Stear, Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Sullivan, Katie
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Ed Culhane
The family & friends of Gwenn Holmlund
The family & friends of Zane Prescott

For Comfort and Peace

Brittin, Michael
Collins, Josephine
Meck, Eric
Portis, Carol
Peggy
Terry and Jana

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country
Armas, Jesús
The Uriel Family

For all healthcare workers and first responders

Dominic, Elizabeth, and Ian
Sharon
Tara and family
Kuhagen, Leslie
Kutscher, Karin
Laredo, Sandra

For Comfort and Strength

Ari
Dave
Katelyn
Anna and Stephen
Sarah and Jenny
Franks, Hannah
Martin, Ramona
Ogg, Lawrence
Stewart, Katie
Taylor, Charles
Weber, Amy and Emerson and Fynn
Those who suffer from depression
Those who suffer from mental illness

Prayer List Note:

To add names to this list, you may email or telephone the church office. We want all our prayers to be current — so **please keep us up to date on those whom you have added to our prayer list.** With the exception of safety prayers for our military, we will remove names after one month unless we hear from you. We are prepared to pray indefinitely.

Prayers for the World, our Nation, and our Community

We pray for people in countries around the world that experience violence, war, and/or political division.
We pray for people who live in areas where there have been disasters of any kind.
We pray for improved relationships among all nations.
We pray for our elected leaders that they lead with compassion while making hard decisions.
We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed and all federal workers.
We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression.

Each month we will offer prayers for one of our congregations in the Virginia Conference.

We are part of the Virginia Conference of the ELCA Metro DC Synod.

We pray for Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Reston, and their pastor, Kenny Champagne.

We also have a prayer partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Mary in Ulyanovsk, Russia, and their pastor, Zhanibek Batenov.