



*Our Mission: Sharing Christ's love with the greatest number of people*



*Life at Redeemer*

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## January 4, 2026

### 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](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org).

### 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.

### Construction Project Update

Currently, every two weeks there is a meeting with the general contractor and the architect to review the construction progress. As a result of the last meeting of the month, there is a billing to the church for the work completed and the materials purchased to date. Those payments are made from your previous donations to the capital campaign. Your gifts now to the capital campaign will delay the need to use borrowed funds and will reduce the church's interest costs.

### Prayer List Updates

As has been mentioned over the past few weeks, to keep our prayer list current we have removed names added prior to December 2025. For names that you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office at [church@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org) or by calling 703-356-3346. While we are prepared to pray indefinitely, we ask that you please update the church office monthly if you have added a name, in order to keep the prayer list up to date. We will remove the name if we do not hear from you. We appreciate your understanding.

### Bake Sale Raised \$1000 for Britepaths Food4thought Program!

A huge thank you to all those who baked and volunteered with the Bake Sale this year. We were able to raise \$1000 for Britepaths Food4thought program. We plan for our youth to put together the food packages in the near future. We are so grateful for all who contributed, whether by baking the yummy treats or by selling them.

### Youth Leadership Sunday January 11



Youth Leadership Sunday is an opportunity for children to actively participate in worship services as they attend with their parents. Sign up your youth to serve as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and readers by going to <https://bit.ly/46OFXfc> or scanning the QR code! There are many volunteer opportunities still available for the 8:30 am and 11 am services.

### Hearing Aid Recycling Drive—Eagle Scout Project Collection through January 11

Cooper Thesmar, from Troop 1916 sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church, is organizing the collection of hearing aid devices that are no longer needed (any brand, model, or age) for his Eagle project. Working with the Lions Club International, the old equipment will be cleaned, restored/refurbished, and then provided to those in need. Donation receipts will be provided upon request. Thank you for participating in this worthy project and supporting our Scouting community. For additional information or questions, please email: [HearingAidRecycling@gmail.com](mailto:HearingAidRecycling@gmail.com).

### Building Entrance During Construction

Please note the church office and visitor's entrance (Mondays - Fridays) has moved to Door #15 on the other side of the building running along Chain Bridge Road.

## Share Donation Drop Off at Redeemer Paused During Construction

Thank you everyone for your donations to Share at the Redeemer drop off location these past few years! You have consistently provided donations to fill Tricia's car most weeks! During construction of the offices, we will be pausing the drop offs at Redeemer. If you have a large donation, please reach out to Share or Tricia Engle by email at [triciaengle07@gmail.com](mailto:triciaengle07@gmail.com) to arrange the drop off. You are also welcome to drop off directly at Share of McLean. For the list of most needed items and the drop off location, please check <https://www.shareofmclean.org/food-and-clothing-pantry>.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Next Meeting January 8 – 10:30 am

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Thursdays of most months. Because of the holidays, the next meeting will be on January 8th. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 am to noon. All are welcome. Beginners are enthusiastically welcomed! Please email Lynn Barth at [lynnbarth@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbarth@gmail.com) for more information or for yarn for scarves, Project Linus blankets, or prayer shawls. Yarn is also available most Sundays in the Crossroads.

## Social Justice & Equity Book Club Starting New Book January 12

The Social Justice and Equity Book Club will be finishing up *Horse: A Novel* by Geraldine Brooks on our next meeting January 5 and will be starting a new book, *The Black Box* by Henry Louis Gates Jr. in the new year on January 12. Anyone is welcome to join us and this would be a good time to do so! We meet every Monday via Zoom @ 7:30pm - 8:30 pm and will be taking a Christmas break the two Mondays before and after Christmas. Please contact Teresa Schellenger for more info at [jpschellenger@aol.com](mailto:jpschellenger@aol.com).

## Partner for Surgery

There is a big need for pacifiers, baby socks, and travel-sized baby shampoo.

Items can be donated by:

- Placing them in the bin located in Crossroads.
- Purchasing them through the Amazon wish list using this [link](#) or the QR code.



## Confirmation Parent Meeting January 11 at 12 pm



On January 11 a meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall for Confirmation parents, to allow for a mid-year check-in with the Confirmation teachers and Faith Formation coordinator. Lunch will be provided. Please let us know you are coming by signing up at <https://bit.ly/49yikKu> or by scanning the QR code.

## Join the Youth Ministry Team!

Do you want to help our youth connect with God's word through fellowship, service, worship, and more? Do you have ideas for events or programming?

Support our youth ministry by getting involved!

We are looking for youth volunteers ages 12 to 18 and this is a wonderful opportunity to gain leadership experience. Adult volunteers are needed too! If you are interested please fill out the form by going to <https://bit.ly/4j2LiVW> or scanning the QR code. We plan to have a first meeting later this month.



## Redeemer Renaissance 2026-27 Registration

Registration for the Preschool & After-School will happen on the following dates:

- January 12th-16th: Returning families
- January 19th-23rd: Waitlist priority/new families

We can't wait to welcome you!  
To schedule a tour or for more information:  
703-356-3567

## 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! It is a great way to meet people, welcome visitors, and inform people about your ministry or group. All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. If you have any questions, contact Kim Wenk at [kbwenk@gmail.com](mailto:kbwenk@gmail.com). Scan the QR Code or go to [bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour](https://bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour) to sign up.



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 1/4	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i> 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am 8:30 am – 12:00 pm 9:45 am – 10:45 am  10:55 – 11:25 am	<i>(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)</i> Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center) Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Mon., 1/5	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 1/6	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Wed., 1/7	9:15 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 1/8	8:00 am – 9:00 am 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room/Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Fri., 1/9		2025 Annual Reports Due

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# *Please Remember to Pray....*

## **For Healing**

Emily  
Scott  
Cavallo, Michael  
Daley, Liam  
Devine, Dan  
Etkin, Nancy  
Geissl, Irene  
Glindemann, Keith  
Glindemann, Ginger  
Harner, Julie  
Johnson, Ted  
Rovito, Ramona  
Yesko, Edmund

## **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of Stephanie Foster  
The family & friends of Frank Nauman  
The family & friends of Terry Retter

## **For Safety**

All refugees  
All our military & diplomatic people  
throughout the world  
All those who serve to protect our country

## **For all healthcare workers and first responders**

## **For Comfort and Strength**

Ari  
Those who suffer from depression  
Those who suffer from mental illness

## **For Comfort and Peace**

Heuer, Mark

### **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 Bethel Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, and their pastor, Andreas Armstrong.**

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