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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

- #655 Son of God, Eternal Savior
- #609 Chief of Sinners Though I Be
- #802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
- #449 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response for U.S. Wildfires

We are praying for the communities in California impacted by the wildfires. Making a donation to Lutheran World Relief and/or Lutheran Disaster Response is one of the ways we can help. Here are direct links to the donation sites:

[Lutheran World Relief](#) [Lutheran Disaster Response](#)

Obituary Notice for Marilyn Jacquay

Marilyn Jacquay, a former member of Redeemer, passed away peacefully at home on January 9 after battling cancer. Her funeral service was January 25. For those who would like more information, please find her obituary at this [link](#).

Souper Bowl 2025 At All Three Services

Help us predict who might win the Super Bowl by participating in this year's Souper Bowl! Drop any amount of money into the Eagles' or Chiefs' pot this Sunday and help feed a member of our community. We have it on good authority that the pot with the most money will win the Super Bowl! All proceeds will go to The Lamb Center, an organization that supports the homeless, food insecure, and unemployed in Fairfax County.

Annual Meeting Today at 12:00

A reminder that our annual meeting is today at 12:00. The 2024 Annual Reports were distributed so please review them carefully. At the meeting, we will be making decisions about the capital campaign and more details will be made available regarding the pastoral transition. We hope you can attend in person, but we will also have a Zoom option. Please [sign up here](#) if you need to attend remotely and then the link will be sent to you. Thank you!

Interfaith Prayer Gathering for the Victims of the Air Tragedy February 9—2-4 pm

A small interfaith prayer gathering is being hosted through Tysons Interfaith today. Join in prayer for the victims, families, and emergency response teams affected by the recent plane crash at Reagan Airport. Registration is necessary; please register at [this link](#).

Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area: Virtual Town Hall February 11 at 12 pm

You are invited to join Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA) on Tuesday at 12 pm for a virtual town hall meeting. The focus of the meeting will be to learn more about how the organization is pivoting due to the policy changes that have been put in place. We will also learn how we can be of service. If you are interested in learning more, please register at [this link](#).

OUR MISSION: SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE

Weekly Construction Project Update

At today's Annual Meeting, the congregation will be voting on a motion to authorize the Council to enter into a mortgage to complete the construction project. The amount of the mortgage is based on the pledges and monetary donations received thus far against the total anticipated costs. While we don't have actual contracts yet for all construction phases that are going to take place, it is our best estimate of the costs at this point. Since the mortgage would not actually be finalized until later in the year, it provides the Council with the authority to determine the best loan terms and loan provider for Redeemer at that time.

Wednesday Bible Study Series

Our two Wednesday Bible Study series are continuing. People can join at any time. The Wednesday AM Bible Study is looking at the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Everyone interested in these sessions can purchase the book, *Discipleship* (Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works - Reader's Edition - November 1, 2015). The class will be both in-person and via Zoom.

The Wednesday PM Bible study will concentrate on "The Sermon on the Mount" and will meet only via Zoom. All are welcome to either or both series.

[Zoom for Wednesday AM Bible Study](#) (also in-person)

Meeting ID: 820 6387 6042
Passcode: 340292

[Zoom for Wednesday PM Bible Study](#) (Zoom only)

Meeting ID: 818 7158 8819
Passcode: 127484

Annual Lenten Retreat February 22 — 10 am to 4 pm

Every year we get together on a Saturday, right before Lent, and spend the day introducing our theme for the season. This year our theme will be "Build Character." We will highlight the qualities of different Biblical figures, relate them to people who share those same gifts, and then work on some ways to develop our own "character." The retreat day is good for the soul. Come engage in fellowship along with time to pray together and study God's Word together. The cost is \$25, which includes snacks and lunch and the cost of the room. Scholarships are always available; if needed please reach out to Pastor Kessinger (psk@redeemermclean.org). Please sign up [here](#) as you are able! We would love to have you join us.

Redeemer Renaissance Preschool & After-School Registration 2025-26

It's time! Church and community families with children 1.5 – 12 years of age are welcome to register for the 2025-26 school year! Families with enrolled children returning for 2025-26 along with waitlist priority and new families may now register.

Children delight in experiencing open-ended play with peers in a safe, developmentally appropriate environment. Our staff engages the children to delve into topics of interest, build hands-on projects, and create bonds that will help them navigate their childhood years and beyond.

We can't wait to welcome you!
Schedule a visit to take a tour & register:
Preschool 703-356-3567 or
After-School 703-356-3346 ext. 106

Racial Justice and Equity Book Club Mondays at 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Redeemer's Racial Justice and Equity Book Club has just started a new book, *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, to be followed by *James: a Novel*, a retelling of the classic story by Percival Everett. We read about 30-80 pages per week and meet Monday nights 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm over Zoom with lively discussions on what we have read. Anyone is welcome to join us, and the start of a new book would be a good time to join! Contact Teresa Schellenger (ipschellenger@aol.com) if interested.

Youth Save the Dates

Group Activity (Faith Formation and Confirmation) — February 16, 9:45 am

Parents' Coffee — February 23, 10:45 to 11:15 am

Youth Dinner (Grades 7 to 12) — Date TBA
If your child is interested in attending, please fill out [this survey](#) by Feb. 14 to determine the date that is best for the most people. Thank you!

Pew Cards

In follow up to the letter sent in December to the congregation regarding the Beyond Measure Capital Campaign, there is now a pledge card for your use in the pew racks. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate or in the locked drop box in the Crossroads lobby. If you already have made a pledge or a direct contribution, we heartily THANK YOU! We invite everyone to join us in the campaign to improve our grounds and facilities and "together our impact is limitless".

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 2/9	<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 Classes	
		High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center)	
		Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Hybrid)	
	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Annual Meeting	
Mon., 2/10	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Needlepoint Group (Library)	
	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Hybrid)	
	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Racial Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)	
Tues., 2/11	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women's Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)	
Weds., 2/12	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Weds. AM Bible Study (Conference Room/Hybrid)	
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Weds. PM Bible Study (Zoom)	
Thurs., 2/13	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)	
	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)	

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Aaron
Carol
Jeff
Jesse
Steve M.
Trevor W.
Achikian, Maral
Antokas, Fr. Dimitrios
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica
Ayers, Kyle
Bates, Barbara
Blakey, Patrick
Blankenship, Bob
Born, King "Song"
Bornmann, Keith
Boyer, Charlie
Canes, David
Capodanno, Philippe
Carter, Nicole
Cavallo, Michael
Cooke, Martin
Culhane, Ed
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Dotterweich, Pam
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene
Gelfand, Roy
Glindemann, Keith
Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Himes, Jack
Holmlund, Gwenn
Hughes, William
Hunter, Baxter
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Knorr, Lorelei & Gene
Kutscher, Betsy
Laverty, Margaret

Leong, Helen
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly
Martin, Trevor
McManus, Pete & Ada
Miller, Coletta
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther
Reblitz, Jennifer
Ryding, Karin
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Scheinblum, Terry
Schmid, Rahizza
Schneck, Pastor Tony
Schumacher family
Shaefer, Phil
Stear, Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Sullivan, Katie
Swenson-Reinhold, Ephraim
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vender, Harriet
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry
Winter, Joyce
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol
Zimmerman, Dawn

For Comfort and Peace

Brittin, Michael
Collins, Josephine
Meck, Eric
Portis, Carol
Peggy

For Safety

All refugees
All our military and 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 & Stephen
Sarah & 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

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Pam G.
The family & friends of Bonnie Jares
The family & friends of Patricia Layton-Smith

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 the people in countries around the world where there is violence and war.

We pray for the people in areas where there have been natural disasters.

We pray for the families who lost loved ones in the plane crash over the Potomac River.

We pray for improved relationships among all nations.

We pray for our elected leaders.

We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed.

We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression because of their faith and/or ethnicity.

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 in 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.