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# Life at Redeemer

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# April 13, 2025

## 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). 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

- #344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
- #328 Restore in Us, O God
- #342 There in God's Garden
- #416 At the Name of Jesus

## Holy Week Worship Service Schedule

### **Palm Sunday — April 13**

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

No Faith Formation or High School Class

### **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.

## Counting our Blessings during Lent Colored Pencils for HopeLink

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.

One question this week is about the number of colored pencils in our homes, as we give thanks for imagination. Our action is to help people engaged in art therapy by putting a box of colored pencils in the HopeLink Blessings bin in Crossroads. HopeLink Behavioral Health is a local organization that helps individuals and families living with behavioral or mental health challenges. For more information about HopeLink and other ways you can help that organization, go to [hopelinkbh.org](http://hopelinkbh.org).

This week is the last opportunity to donate any of the items listed in the blessings calendar. If you don't see a collection bin for your item on the Blessings table in Crossroads, you can put the item on the table.

You have donated many items during this Lenten season – thank you for your generosity!

## **2025-26 Faith Formation Coordinator Needed**

We are looking for someone to coordinate our Faith Formation & Confirmation program for the upcoming 2025-26 school year. The coordinator acts as a liaison between teachers, parents, students, and the staff at Redeemer. Primary responsibilities include managing the Faith Formation budget, purchasing teaching materials and other supplies, creating and communicating the schedule for the school year, ensuring classes comply with Redeemer's child protection policy, and generally supporting our lead teachers, substitutes, and parent volunteers each week. You do not necessarily need to teach yourself. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to [Shelley.Brennan](mailto:Shelley.Brennan).

## **Giving in the Easter Season**

This Easter Season we will be collecting donations for Lutheran World Relief and Global Refuge. A donation form will be made available in your bulletins starting on Easter through June 1.

## Weekly Construction Project Update

Over the last couple of weeks, the economic uncertainty has been very unsettling for all of us. As it pertains to our construction project, it may result in lower interest rates and a less competitive environment for access to subcontractors. Fortunately, there is not much steel or lumber used in our renovations and the extra lead time will allow our suppliers to preorder key items in advance. When everything is all completed, we will have a much more functional, efficient, and attractive building and grounds as we seek to call a new senior pastor and to fulfill our mission "to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people."

## Young Adult Meeting

**April 22 — 7 to 9 pm**

Young adults are invited to attend our next meeting hosted at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be provided. Please contact [Grace Howie](#) with any questions.

## Two New Bible Study Series

**Starting April 23**

### Wednesday AM Bible Study (Morning, 8 to 9 am)

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. We will meet in person and via Zoom (hybrid model).

### Wednesday PM Bible Study (Evening, 7 to 8 pm)

We will start a new 6-week series looking at the Book of Ezekiel. We meet only by Zoom.

**Both sessions will run from April 23 through May 28. If you are interested in either Bible Study series, please contact [Pastor Kessinger](#).**

## Youth Service Volunteer Opportunity

**Special Olympics of Virginia Event**

**April 26 — 9 am to 12 pm**

Join in volunteering for the Virginia Special Olympics 2025 Potomac Region Unified Time Trials at Annandale High School. Volunteers are needed to assist with event logistics, timekeeping, registration, & cheering on the athletes! Youth must be 14 unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please contact [Grace Howie](#) by April 20 if you are interested in volunteering. Depending on this interest, we may try to carpool; otherwise, parents will be responsible for transportation.

## Sunrise of McLean Pre-Easter Egg Hunt

**April 19 — 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

Sunrise of McLean Village has invited us to celebrate the season in their Heritage Garden! Join for an Easter Egg Hunt, egg coloring & decorating, and more exciting spring-themed activities. All ages welcome!

## 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. Bring your resume and be ready to connect.”

## Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club

**(Formerly Redeemer's Racial Justice & Equity Book Club)**

The Book Club will be starting our final book before a summer break - *This Other Eden: A Novel* by Paul Harding. All are welcome to join us, and this would be a good time to do so. We meet Mondays on Zoom 7:30-8:30 pm. Please check out the summaries of the books we have read on [our website](#) and feel free to borrow a copy from our lending cart in the Crossroads! Contact [Teresa Schellenger](#) for more information.

## Serving the Synod

**Candidate Deadline May 1**

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](#).

## For Your Calendar:

**Redeemer Day of Prayer**  
**May 5**

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 and anxiety in our country and world now, the theme is "Trust and Hope in God" with an emphasis on the courage to act in faithful ways. Resources will be available for your use. Please use [this link](#) to sign up.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

|              |                                     |  |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Sun., 4/13   | <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                  | NO Faith Formation, Confirmation, or High School Class |
|              | 10:55 am - 11:25 am                 | Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Hybrid)    |
| Mon., 4/14   | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm                   | Youth Choir Rehearsal                                  |
|              | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm                   | Needlepoint Group                                      |
|              | 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm                   | Congregation Council Mtg. (Conference Room/Hybrid)     |
| Thurs., 4/17 | 8:00 am - 9:00 am                   | Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)               |
|              | 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm                   | Men's Bible Study (Zoom)                               |
|              | 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm                   | Maundy Thursday Service                                |
| Fri., 4/18   | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm                  | Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)             |
|              | 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm                   | Good Friday Service                                    |
|              |                                     | Tenebrae Service                                       |

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

|   |                                  |                                |                                 |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Senior Pastor                                 | Pastor Sandy Kessinger           | ext. 102<br>cell: 703-635-4672 | psk@redeemermclean.org          |
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| Organist                                      | Joy Mentzel                      |                                | joymentzel@gmail.com            |
| Pianist                                       | Kathy Detwiler                   |                                |                                 |
| Youth & Communications<br>Coordinator         | Grace Howie                      |                                | grace@redeemermclean.org        |
| Youth Choir Director                          | Waka Osifchin                    |                                | waka.soprano@gmail.com          |

# ***Please Remember to Pray....***

## **For Healing**

Aaron  
Bettina  
Carol  
CH  
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  
Scheinblum, Terry  
Schiedt, Mary Jane  
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

## **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.**