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Redeemer*

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## March 9, 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

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| #831 | The God of Abraham Praise           |
| #319 | O Lord, throughout These Forty Days |
| #328 | Restore in Us, O God                |

### Lenten Blessing: A Washcloth for the Lamb Center

We are thankful for our access to fresh water. The Lamb Center, a daytime drop-in homeless shelter in Northern Virginia, offers its guests the opportunity to take a daily shower. Over 14,000 showers are taken annually. You can help by putting a washcloth in the box in Crossroads. For more information about the Lamb Center and other ways you can help, go to: [www.thelambcenter.org](http://www.thelambcenter.org)

### Counting our Blessings during Lent

Redeemer's Social Outreach Ministry has created a simple way for us during Lent to count the many blessings in our lives. It is so easy not to notice our blessings, or perhaps to recognize some but not others. So, the hope is that each day we, both adults and children, stop to answer the question assigned to that day and give thanks. Copies of the blessings calendar are available in the Crossroads.

### Youth Leadership Sunday Today

Today is Youth Leadership Sunday! This is an opportunity for children to actively participate in worship services as they attend with their parents. You will see our youth serving as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and readers. The Youth Choir and individual musicians will also perform.

### Guest Speaker Robyne Davis Navigating the Emotional Rollercoaster: Practical Strategies for Emotional Regulation March 11— 6:30 pm

Redeemer Renaissance will host Robyne Davis, a Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Special Education Teacher, and board-certified Dance/Movement Therapist with over 20 years of clinical experience. Please join us for an informative discussion that will provide concrete tools and strategies to help your child understand and regulate their feelings, leading to calmer days. This is a free event; all are welcome.

### Joint Ramadan Iftar and Lenten Dinner March 12 — 6:30 pm

On March 12, we are taking a pause on our regular Lenten schedule to host the American Turkish Friendship Association for an Iftar dinner. We are currently at capacity for this event. All those who signed up are on our list, and for those who are still interested, please email Kim Wenk at [kbwenk@gmail.com](mailto:kbwenk@gmail.com).

Our regular Lenten schedule will come back on Wednesday, March 19 and for the subsequent Wednesdays through April 9.

### Tax-Advantaged Giving

Remember there is a tax advantage of giving appreciated stocks or mutual fund shares to the church as part of your planned giving. This method allows you to minimize capital gains taxes and yet provide the full current value and financial benefits to the programs and ministries at Redeemer. At the top of Redeemer's website there is a tab labeled "More" and then "Giving" and under the "All Other Options" there is additional information and forms available for your use.

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

## Weekly Construction Project Update

Are you new to Redeemer and want to know more about our construction project and the accompanying capital campaign? Here is the link to our website and the specific area that provides more details: <https://redeermclean.org/beyond-measure>. If you have any additional questions, you can send an email to [church@redeermclean.org](mailto:church@redeermclean.org) and we will have the appropriate person get back to you.

### Youth Events

#### **Parents' Coffee**

**March 16 — 10:45 to 11:15 am**

Parents are invited to join for coffee and an opportunity to build fellowship. This month we are encouraging those with children in the Pre-K / K and 1st / 2nd grade classes to come and get to know one another, but all parents are welcome! The gym will be open during this time for the youth. If you are interested in volunteering to make the coffee or provide light refreshments, please sign up [here](#).

#### **Service Project and Pizza**

**March 23 at 12 pm**

Join us on Sunday immediately after services for pizza and a service project in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up [here](#) so we know how many to expect. A few parent volunteers are needed, but all parents are welcome to attend!

#### **Good Trouble: Being Bold and Boundless**

**March 29 — High School**

The Metro D.C. Synod Racial Equity Team and Youth + Family Committee invite youth to a powerful event series on racial justice. Led by Dr. Marci Vandiver, each session will include interactive activities, racial education, and a time of fellowship and discussion on how to take bold action for justice. All sessions will be held in-person or online from 10:00 am–1:00 pm. For more information and to register, please visit [this link](#).

### **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/group. All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. If you have any questions, contact [Kim Wenk](#). Go to [bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour](http://bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour) to sign up.

Today's coffee hour is hosted by Table Talk and Sunrise Senior Living.

## **Help Lutheran Social Services Help Refugees**

Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area (LSSNCA) is one of the local agencies contracted by the federal government to provide services to refugees arriving legally, including Afghan Allies (those who assisted the U.S. mission in Afghanistan). The current federal grant funding has not been released and the \$2 million amount for services already provided has not yet been reimbursed. 42 staff members have been laid off and others have been furloughed.

LSSNCA needs financial donations to continue providing basic services. Redeemer's Social Outreach Ministry has sent the congregation's annual budgeted donation. Individuals can help by donating at <https://lssnca.org/donate/> or by sending a check:

ATTN: LSSNCA Development  
1730 Rhode Island Ave NW  
Suite 712  
Washington, DC 20036

### **Information for Federal Workers/Contractors**

Below are four websites with information for individuals affected by recent federal workforce actions.

- Fairfax County "Federal Workforce Resource Hub"  
◊ <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/federal-government-resource-hub>
- Civil Service Strong: "Resources for Civil Servants"  
◊ <https://www.civilservicestrong.org/resources>
- Commonwealth of Virginia "Resources for Impacted Federal Workers"  
◊ <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/constituent-services/federal-employee-resources/>
- United States Department of Labor: "Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees"  
◊ [https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/docs/factsheet/UCFE\\_FactSheet.pdf](https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/docs/factsheet/UCFE_FactSheet.pdf)

An "Employment Resource Fair" will be held at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Centreville on March 23, 12:30-2:30 pm. It is sponsored by Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services, Faith Communities in Action. A flyer with more information can be found at <https://bit.ly/41H3YDH>.

Theaters across the Washington, DC area are offering free and discounted tickets to federal workers affected by layoffs and furloughs. Please visit <https://bit.ly/41J0DnK> for a list of participating theaters.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 3/9	<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	No Faith Formation and Confirmation Group Classes
		High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center)
		Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	10:55 am - 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
Mon., 3/10	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Needlepoint Group (Room 203)
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Racial Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 3/11	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women's Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Robyne Davis Talk (Sanctuary)
Weds., 3/12	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Joint Ramadan Iftar and Lenten Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm - 8:15 pm	Interfaith Prayer Service
Thurs., 3/13	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)

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# *Please Remember to Pray....*

## **For Healing**

Aaron  
Bettina  
Carol  
CH  
Charlotte  
Christina  
Jana  
Jeff  
Jesse  
Mandy  
Marie  
Michael & Jana & family  
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  
Brown, Terrence  
Budde, Jackie  
Canes, David  
Capodanno, Philippe  
Carter, Nicole  
Cavallo, Michael  
Cooke, Martin  
Culhane, Ed  
DeGioia, Jack  
Detweiler, Shirley  
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  
Hughes, William  
Hunter, Baxter  
Keating, Kathleen and Michael  
Knorr, Lorelei & Gene  
Kutscher, Betsy  
Leong, Chee Lee  
Leong, Helen  
Maheshwari, Mohan  
Martin, Beverly  
Martin, Trevor  
McManus, Pete & 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  
Schumacher family  
Shaefer, Phil  
Stear, Carolyn  
Steinmuller, Chris  
Stolar, Bob  
Sullivan, Katie  
Teutler, Alexander  
Teutler, Olga  
Vender, Harriet  
Vosburgh, Leah  
White, Jerry  
Winter, Joyce  
Wu, Jian  
Yesko, Edmund  
Yox, Karol  
Zimmerman, Dawn

## **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of Pam G.  
The family & friends of Gwenn Holmlund

The family & friends of Patricia Layton- Smith

## **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

### **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 the families who lost loved ones in recent plane crashes.  
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 King Lutheran Church, Great Falls, and their pastor, Hank Langknecht.**

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