



# Life at Redeemer

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

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### March 8, 2015

#### New Members' Class Becoming Disciples for Christ

We will hold New Member's Classes on the following dates and times -

- Sunday, March 22, at 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm (Conference Room)
- Sunday, April 12, at 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm (Conference Room)
- Saturday, April 25, dinner at 5 pm (Crossroads)

The first class is held with Pastor Kessinger as she gives a general overview of what it means to be a disciple and to be connected to the church body. The second class is led by members of the congregation as more details are shared about Redeemer and our ministries. A tour of the building is available for those who are not familiar with our facility. The last class is a dinner that is held at the church and includes members of the congregation. It is a social event so that new members can begin to meet and form relationships with others. New members will be received Sunday, May 3rd at the service they normally attend.

If you are interested in joining Redeemer at this time then please send an email to Pastor Kessinger at [psk@redeemermclean.org](mailto:psk@redeemermclean.org)

#### Following the Scarlet Thread: The Mystery of Christ Revealed Throughout the Bible

You are invited to participate in a new, six week Sunday School class that will meet at 9:45 a.m in the Fellowship Hall. This Lenten Bible Study is entitled *Following the Scarlet Thread: The Mystery of Christ Revealed Throughout the Bible*. Deborah Yearwood and Diane Liesman are facilitating this discussion as a way to go deeper into the scriptures and the different blood covenants made between God and man. So far we have covered Adam and Eve's Fall in the Garden and the introduction of sin, The Passover and Abraham's testing, but do not be discouraged if you missed it. The sessions are designed so that you can come to all, or any, as you are able. Marlon Yearwood is our guest speaker today and Peggy McCracken from Christian Embassy will be with us next week. A light breakfast will be offered every week and all are welcome!

#### Easter Sunday

**Please note the time change....** The Easter services are at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am.

#### Book Club - 2 pm

This month we are delving into some witchcraft. **The two books highlighted are Kepler's Witch and the Scarlet Letter.** Please come and join our group for a stimulating conversation.

#### Volunteers Needed

We need 1 or 2 additional volunteers to help operate the sound system on Sunday mornings, primarily during the 11am service. Training will be provided and we'll make sure you are comfortable with the system before you are on your own. It is a great opportunity to serve, whether you are an adult or in high school. Please let us know of your interest by sending an e-mail to [church@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org).

#### Needed: Coordinator for Spring College Care Packages

For the last few years, Redeemer has gathered and sent care packages to our college students around the time of their respective final exams. Most of our students finish their spring semester in late April and early May. A coordinator is needed to facilitate the collection and packaging of materials and the mailing of boxes at the appropriate times. Please contact Paula Green if you are interested or would like more information at [pegreen@verizon.net](mailto:pegreen@verizon.net).

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WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE

# A N N O U N C E M E N T S

## YOUTH NEWS

Friday, March 13, 7 - 8:30 pm. 4 - 6th grade Gym night. Come play games, have fun with friends, savor **snacks and enjoy God's love!** Friends are welcome! Contact: Kris Deleonardis ([ktdeleonardis@verizon.net](mailto:ktdeleonardis@verizon.net)).

Sunday, March 15, 3 - 4 pm, National Youth Gathering meeting. All kids registered to attend the Gathering are invited to another planning (aka games / snacks / fun) meeting to discuss the trip. Contact: [Joan.bradley27@outlook.com](mailto:Joan.bradley27@outlook.com).

Sunday, March 15, 5 - 7 pm. Confirmation Workshop - Passover Seder. All 7th and 8th grade Confirmation Students, their parents and siblings are invited to join Pastor Kessinger as we explore the traditions of the Passover Seder, Redeemer style. Please RSVP to Carol in the Church office by Monday March 9 so that we prepare enough food for all. Attendees will be asked to contribute something to the meal--an email sign up will be distributed shortly. Please contact Lisa Richter at [lcrichter3@hotmail.com](mailto:lcrichter3@hotmail.com) with questions.

Teens- Looking for a great evening of fun, food and fellowship? Every Thursday night there is a place open for you! Come join the Teen CBS family! The evening begins with a top notch meal followed by a fun game or challenge. We then transition into a modern cool worship experience with modern day worship music and a youth worship band. After the worship music we have a dynamic message that is relevant and geared toward you! The evening wraps up with small interactive groups divided as such; HS boys, HS girls, MS boys and MS girls. Within the small groups we discuss the message we heard, we listen, and we talk about life. The small groups are safe and confidential. Contact: Marlon Yearwood ([marlonyearwood@yahoo.com](mailto:marlonyearwood@yahoo.com))

## Welcome Kits for Refugees

Help a new refugee settle into our community by donating items that Lutheran Social Services may include in a welcome kit. LSS/NCA works in partnership with the U.S. State Department to welcome and resettle refugees from around the world, including Southeast Asia, the Middle East and West Africa. Between March 8 - 21, Redeemer will collect new and gently loved bed linens and towels, including fitted and flat sheets for single and queen beds; pillow cases (standard size); pillows; washcloths; hand towels; bath towels; laundry detergent; and laundry basket. Please consider donating sets or individual bed and bath linens. Collection boxes will be located in the Crossroads. For more information, please contact Joan Durman, [jgdurman@aol.com](mailto:jgdurman@aol.com) or 703-356-4929.

## A Monthly Update

A lot of successful events took place during the month of February for the youth at Redeemer. A new Gym Night was created for children that are in Pre-K to third grade. We had a great turnout with around thirty kids in attendance. Meanwhile, our Gym Night for older youth, from fourth to sixth grade, continues to be a success. The Teen CBS, on Thursday nights, averaged around forty students from Redeemer and the local community.

As part of our outreach, I began mentoring two new young men at the Juvenile Detention Center in Fairfax County. I taught them from a curriculum that I created; based on the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians Chapter 5. **At Redeemer I took over Vicar Amy's class and began teaching the seventh grade confirmation class on Sunday mornings.** In addition, I attended a great performance, Big Fish: The Musical, at McLean High School that starred three of our own youth, Jack Posey, Nicole Sheehan, and Camille Richter (costumes). Last of all, we had eleven of our youth and four of our adults serve the local community through the local food bank. We collected donations from the local shoppers at Giant, then helped to package the food, load and unload the food from the Share Food Truck.

Take Care,  
*Marlon Yearwood*

## Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia Celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015.

Since 1990, HHNoVA has built 80 new homes, rehabilitated 10, and performed significant exterior repairs on 25, benefitting hundreds of people in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church.

**You can change someone's life by using your hands to help build them a home.** Be a part of the Habitat for Humanity mission of service now.

Volunteers needed:

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 (5 volunteers needed)

Friends, family, college students, high-school students 16 and older. No building experience necessary; there are tasks for every skill level. Please email Lynn Barth at [lynnbarth@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbarth@gmail.com) or call [703-346-8012](tel:703-346-8012) if you can volunteer or if you would like more information or to be added to the email list for volunteers.

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Senior Pastor	Pastor Sandy Kessinger	703-635-4672 psk@redeermclean.org
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## This Week at Redeemer

## Upcoming Events

Sun	3/8	8:30a	Traditional Worship	Nave
		9:45a	Contemporary Worship	Nave
		9:45a	Sunday School	RLC
		9:45a	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
		9:45a	Table Talk	Classroom 204
		11:00a	Traditional Worship	Nave
		1:00p	MYI Volleyball	Parents Hall
		2:00p	Book Club	Library
		3:00p	Daisy Scouts	Classroom
		4:00p	Cub Scouts	Classroom
Mon	3/9	6:30p	Aerobics	Conference Room
		6:30p	MOJO Volleyball	Parents Hall
		7:00p	AA	Music Suite A
		7:30p	Congregational Council	Conference Room
Tue	3/10	12:00p	Rotary	Fellowship Hall
		6:30p	MYI Volleyball	Parents Hall
		7:00p	Finance and Administration	Library
		7:30p	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
		7:30p	Stained Glass Committee	Conference Room
Wed	3/11	10:45a	Preschool Lunch Bunch	Music Suite A
		6:30p	Lenten Supper	Fellowship Hall
		7:00p	Yoga	Music Suite A
		7:30p	Lenten Service	Nave
		8:00p	Al-Anon	Classroom
Thurs	3/12	5:30p	McLean Teen CBS	RLC
		6:30p	MYI Basketball	Parents Hall
		7:00p	Bell Choir	Music Suite A
		7:45p	Traditional Choir	Music Suite B
		8:00p	<b>Men's Basketball</b>	Parents Hall
Fri	3/13	7:30p	Youth Grades 4-6	Parents Hall



- 3/9 Congregational Council Meeting
- 3/10 Finance and Administration
- 3/11 Lenten Supper/Service
- 3/13 Youth Grades 4-6
- 3/15 National Youth Gathering Mtg.
- 3/15 Seder
- 3/17 Lá Fhéile Pádraig
- 3/18 Lenten Supper/Service
- 3/20-21 Consignment Sale
- 3/20-22 Shekinah Retreat
- 3/21 Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner
- 3/25 Lenten Supper/Service



- 4/2 Maundy Thursday
- 4/3 Good Friday
- 4/5 Easter
- 4/11 Laser Tag
- 4/11-12 Theologian in Residence
- 4/12 Book Club
- 4/12 First Communion Class
- 4/12 New Members Class
- 4/12 Young Adult Group
- 4/13 Congregational Council Meeting
- 4/14 Finance and Administration
- 4/22 **Nat'l. Youth Gathering Meeting**
- 4/25 Virginia Strings Association
- 4/26 Confirmation Workshop

*Redeemer members,*

***Please call Redeemer's office to let us know when you are in the hospital or if you know of a member who is in the hospital. We want to provide all members with a pastoral presence and prayer in times of need. Also, please let us know if a member is homebound, so that we can visit and provide Holy Communion. Thank you for your partnership in our caring ministry. Pastor Sandy Kessinger***



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

### For Healing:

Ed Allen  
Anna  
Keith Bornmann  
Mallory Bryan  
Carol  
Ginny Cassell  
James Cassell  
Cherrie  
Ruth Crowley  
Electa  
Addi Faye  
Fran  
Allison G.  
David Gleason  
Shirley Heier  
Holly  
Joannie  
Katie  
Kay  
Kevin  
Ron March  
Coletta Miller  
Linda Pipper  
Barbara Ramsey  
Rev. Robert Richter  
Karin Ryding  
Bensten Schone  
Julia Stear and Lilly Stear  
Beth Telford  
Marian True  
Eyeleen Vance  
Miles Vaughn  
Marion Wildung

### For Comfort in Death:

The family and friends of Matthew Poyner  
The family and friends of Pastor John Steinbruck

### For Comfort and Peace:

Amelia Bechberger  
Bill Bussman  
Leyla  
Bea Lindsten  
Margaret Paterson  
Catherine Racca

### For Comfort and Strength:

Eleanor Ogg  
Lloyd and Joann Schupp  
Carolyn and Gary Stear  
Eric and Melinda Stear

### For Safety:

For all our military and diplomatic people throughout the world  
Garrett Reese, in Kuwait  
Jon Walsh

#### *Prayer List Note:*

*To add names to this list, use the Prayer Request book located in the Crossroads. You may also email or telephone the church office. We will forward your request to the telephone prayer chain and to the email prayer chain. We want all our prayers to be appropriate—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 two weeks unless we hear from you. We are prepared to pray indefinitely.*