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Life at Redeemer

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October 19, 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.

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

The recent construction activity in the education wing includes new pipes, ducts, electrical, and HVAC equipment installed in the ceilings. Soundproofing material has been added between the classrooms. New closets have been built in the back hallway. The old cement blocks in the hallways and classrooms have been covered over for an improved appearance. Plumbing has been added for two new sinks and counters to be installed. A new office was created for the Redeemer Renaissance Preschool and After School programs by splitting an existing large office into two sections.

Dave Muhlenberg

John D. S. Muhlenberg died at his home on September 23, 2025, at the age of 95 years. To read his obituary please go to www.moneyandking.com/obits/john-d-s-muhlenberg/. Funeral services will be on November 1, 2025 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna, VA. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, 3 children, and 8 grandchildren.

November Tidings Contributions

Please submit content for the November issue of *Tidings* no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, October 20. We will not be able to accept items after that date.

Social Outreach Lunch Meeting October 19 – 12 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend, learn, and get involved with what Redeemer is doing to help those in need in our community. Please scan the QR code or go to <http://bit.ly/3IGApvy> to RSVP.



Blessing of Animals October 19 – 1:30 pm

Each year we bless animals in October, the time when the church commemorates St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment. All pets are welcome to gather outside Redeemer (in between the playground and the church and near the parking area) today at 1:30 pm.

Good Grub & God October 21 — 7 pm

Join us for a night out at a local restaurant for fellowship and casual discussion on an aspect of faith. Come solo or bring a friend, coworker, or partner. You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/good-grub-and-god> or by scanning the QR code. Please sign up by 10/20. More details will be available soon!



Young Adult Meeting October 21 — 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 at grace@redeemermclean.org with any questions.

Bible Study with Pastor Sharon Challenging Words from the Lord October 22 — 12 pm

Are there Biblical words/phrases that give you pause? *Righteousness, Obedience, Fear of the Lord.*

Pastor Sharon has begun leading a conversation around some words and phrases that you've suggested! She will continue the conversation over the next 4-weeks (last day November 12). Gather over lunch (bring your own) and chew on the words for a bit, who knows what new appreciation may be discovered for them!

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/z1bLfKpAN4jPGVMk9>.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"—Psalm 100

Join Redeemer's Musical Groups!

We are seeking volunteers for the various musical groups at Redeemer including: Bell Choir, Traditional Choir, and Youth Choir. Please consider joining us in fellowship and sharing your musical gifts. We would love to have you join us! For more information contact Matt Osifchin at mattosifchin@gmail.com

All Saints Sunday

November 2



All Saints is the one day in the church year when we remember and name aloud those who have gone before us in faith. We will read the names of those from Redeemer who died this past calendar year (November 2024–2025) and any other names that you submit. Please submit the name as you would like it read no later than October 27 by going to <https://bit.ly/rlc-all-saints> or by scanning the QR code. You may also call the church office at 703-356-3346.

Youth

Youth Leadership Sunday October 26



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!

"Called in our Wandering" Confirmation and High School Event November 21 to 23

Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join the Metro D.C. and Delaware-Maryland Synod Event. Come make new friends and strengthen your faith! The sign up deadline is October 26.

Mission Trips 2026—June 21 to June 26, 2026 Sign Up Deadline Today

We will have two trips in 2026: one for those in 7th and 8th grades, to Harrisburg, PA, and one for those in high school, to Wilmington, NC.

Please contact Grace Howie to sign up for youth events or trips at grace@redeemermclean.org.

Next Redeemer Day of Prayer November 3

You're invited to join others to pray for our country and world.

The theme this time: prayers for God's presence in our lives as we continue to experience all the transitions in our lives/world, with a focus on how we interact with each other in a divided nation during these transitions.

A resource document will be available for your use. A SignUpGenius form will be available soon, so you can sign up to be part of the goal of us praying continuously throughout the day at Redeemer, at home, at your office, or at school.

Metro D.C. Synod Bishop Installation November 9 – 3 pm

Rev. Philip Hirsch will be installed at National Presbyterian Church (4101 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016). The ELCA's new presiding bishop, Rev. Yehiel Curry, will preach at the installation. Due to her connection with the church, Pastor Sharon is involved with the event. If you are interested in attending this momentous occasion marking the beginning of new leadership, please register at <https://metrocelca.org/event/installation-of-rev-dr-philip-hirsch/>

Fall Meal Baskets Donation Drive through October 26



We have the opportunity to help Second Story provide fall meal baskets to area youth and families who are struggling through critical times in their lives. The cost of one basket of food plus a \$20 gift certificate is \$60.00. We're collecting contributions and hope to provide 25 baskets! You may give cash, checks, or online by scanning the QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4pRIL5i>. Please mark the funds for Second Story. Contact Cindy Morrow with any questions at thetomorrowplace@gmail.com.

Rise Against Hunger

Every 10 seconds at least one person somewhere dies of hunger or hunger related diseases. Rise Against Hunger is dedicated to ending hunger worldwide. The next McLean Community Meal-Packaging Event will be November 8, 2025 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. The goal for this event will be to package 200,000 meals, requiring contributions of \$80,000. To donate, please go to: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/McLeanCommunity2025> or make a donation to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer designated for Rise Against Hunger.

Ham Run—Drivers Needed!

Would you like to help feed people in our area who don't have enough to eat? Do you have 2 hours per month and a vehicle to drive? Contact Laura Wareham (LLwareham@hotmail.com or [703-927-4397](tel:703-927-4397)) for more information on how Redeemer helps deliver donations from HoneyBaked Ham to various organizations that feed the hungry in Virginia and DC.



hear ye! hear ye!



Redeemer Lutheran Church and
Redeemer Renaissance Preschool & After-School

RENAISSANCE FAIRE

October 24 at 5:15 PM



Your presence is kindly requested at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Grounds for a Royal Celebration of Our Children & the Bounty of Fall!

Get to know our Preschool, After-School, and church families! Frolic about the grounds, play games, trick-or-treat, marvel at original art, learn about Youth Ministry, and make it a proper event for your family!

All will be merry!

**Volunteers are needed for the trunk-or-treat
& activity booths!**

Confirmation / High School youth volunteers are encouraged & may receive service hours. If interested in volunteering please scan the QR code or go to <http://bit.ly/4nAO0DQ>



Sign up to volunteer!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 10/19	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)
	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 (Music Suite A/Zoom)
	10:55--11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
	12:00 pm--1:00 pm	Social Outreach Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	1:30 pm--2:30 pm	Blessing of the Animals
Mon., 10/20	7:30 pm--8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 10/21	9:30 am--10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Music Suite A/Zoom)
	7:00 pm--9:00 pm	Young Adult Group Meeting
	7:00 pm--8:30 pm	Good Grub & God
Weds., 10/22	12:00 pm--1:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor (Music Suite A)
Thurs., 10/23	8:00 am--9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm--8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm--8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Fri., 10/24	5:15 pm--7:15 pm	Redeemer Renaissance Faire

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Aaron
Bettina
Carin & Bill
Carol
Charlotte
Chris
Christina
Jana
Jean
Jeff
Jesse
Jon
Kim
Mandy
Marie
Michael
Nancy and Peter
Sam
Debbie G.
Joan and Ed
Joe G.
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, Carol
Boyer, Charlie
Brown, Richard
Canes, David
Capodanno, Sophie
Carter, Nicole
Cavallo, Michael
Cooke, Martin
Cox, Mary
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Daniel

Diaz, Martin
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Ginger
Glindemann, Keith
Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Hopkins, Harley
Hughes, William
Jackson, Shirley
Jephson, Patrick
Johnson, Ted
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Kennedy, Will
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly
Martin, Trevor
Miller, Coletta
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Pittman, Larry
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther
Reblitz, Jennifer
Ryding, Karin
Scheinblum, Terry
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Schmid, Rahizza
Schneck, Pastor Tony
Shaefer, Phil
Stear, Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vanderhoof, Brenda
White, Jerry
Williams, Tim
Wright, Jim
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund

For Comfort and Peace

Edi
Peggy
Collins, Josephine
Portis, Carol

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Stephanie Foster
The family & friends of Dave Muhlenberg
The family & friends of Terry Retter
The family & friends of Dan Richmond
The family & friends of Larry Smothers

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
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 New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, and their pastor, Rev. Joshua Wullenweber.

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