



Our Mission: Sharing Christ's love with the greatest number of people



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.

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

We are still in need of additional support for our Capital Campaign to fund Redeemer's renovation and improvement plans; please consider one of the tax advantaged giving options. The giving of appreciated stocks or mutual funds will help minimize your capital gain taxes. Also, the giving of an IRA's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) can also lower your taxable income. See Redeemer's [website](#) under the additional "Giving" heading for more information. This is an option for your regular giving to the church too.

Job Opening

Brian Doyle, our evening Facilities Host, is moving on to a new opportunity. Therefore, Redeemer is looking to hire a new part-time person at the church. As the Facilities Host, this person would ensure the overall safety and security of people in the building and assist groups that meet in the church. The schedule would be during the work week in the evenings. If you know of someone to recommend, please contact the office at church@redeemermclean.org.

Women's Faith Group

Tuesdays – 9:30 to 10:30 am

On Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am, Redeemer's Faith Group gathers in person (Conference Room) and online (via Zoom). We welcome the women of Redeemer and friends and neighbors to join in as we begin a new book, *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr on April 14. This is a follow-up book to *Meeting Jesus on the Road*, discussed during the Lenten season. Join us for an uplifting hour with inspiring reading and the encouragement of Redeemer family. For more information contact Mary Eckberg at church@redeemermclean.org

Partner for Surgery

We have a new request from this important ministry benefitting Guatemalan children undergoing cleft palate repair. In addition to the usual infant supplies that we provide, the program has asked for a total of 45 Medela Harmony Manual breast pumps. We've already gotten 34 but need help to get to our goal. Donations can be left in Crossroads or by using the Amazon link:

Items can be donated by:

- Placing them in the bin located in Crossroads.
- Purchasing them through the Amazon wish list at <https://bit.ly/46YyCLg> or by scanning the QR code.



Social Justice & Equity Book Club's Lending Cart Book Club Starting New Book April 13

Check out the The Social Justice & Equity Book Club's lending cart in the Crossroads! Please feel free to borrow any book but please remember to return it to the cart for others to read :)

The group is just finishing up another great book, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, and will read a collection of poems and essays by Black writers on April 13.

Anyone is welcome to join us and this would be a good time to do so! We meet every Monday via Zoom from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for more details.

YOUTH

Take-Home Service Project for April Placemats for Sunrise of McLean Village Return by May 3

Our April Service Project will be to create placemats for Sunrise of McLean Village. This involves decorating a paper placemat, with hopes of spreading joy to the residents. Specific paper will be available in Crossroads starting on Easter and distributed during Faith Formation the following week. We ask that these be returned by May 3 so they can be delivered to the residents the following week on Mother's Day. Our goal is to create at least 30 placemats as this would allow for each resident in the memory care unit to receive one. All ages are welcome to participate, and you can create more than one! Please do not use 3-D elements since the placemats will be laminated.

Metro D.C. Synod Day of Service Family Event April 18 Register by April 5

In celebration of Earth Day and our commitment to Creation Care, all Metro D.C. Synod families are invited to join in a Family Day of Service at Caroline Furnace Camp & Retreat Center.

The camp is ADA accessible and there will be projects available for all abilities.

To register and find out more information go to <https://bit.ly/3NsLYZz>.

Join the Christian Education Ministry Team

Do you care about helping children, youth, and adults grow in faith? Redeemer's Christian Education Ministry Team is seeking new members to help guide and strengthen our Faith Formation, Confirmation, adult education, and other learning opportunities. This team provides vision, support, and encouragement for the educational life of our congregation - ensuring that all ages are nurtured in Scripture, discipleship, and love of Christ.



If you have a heart for teaching, mentoring, organizing, or simply supporting the faith development of our community, we would love to have you join us. Serving on this team is a meaningful way to share Christ's love and invest in the spiritual growth of Redeemer.

To learn more or express interest, please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/4ua8bfu> or scan the QR code. If you have any questions before completing the form, please reach out to Annabelle Allard at annabelleoallard@gmail.com.

McLean Day Coordinator Needed

Do you enjoy a good town festival? Do you think Redeemer should be out in the community more often? Then this volunteer opportunity is for you! The Membership Outreach team is looking for someone to coordinate our booth and volunteers at this year's McLean Day to be held on May 16. You will be in charge of gathering a team of volunteers to set up and tear down the booth and staff the booth throughout the day. This is one of our key outreach events and we need YOU! More details are available! Please contact Karen Miller at president@redeermclean.org or church@redeermclean.org to get involved.

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 or group. All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. Sign up by scanning the QR code or going to bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour.

Upcoming Fun!

Feed Fairfax 5K and FunWalk May 2 – 8 am

Planet Fitness Lot - Greenbrier Town Center
13055-B Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy
Fairfax VA 22033

Join friends from Redeemer for an early May fun run (or fun walk) through the Greenbrier neighborhood in Fairfax. Proceeds go towards food/supplies for children in need in Fairfax County. Register at feedfairfax.com. For more information, contact Mary Eckberg via the Redeemer Lutheran email - church@redeermclean.org. Hope to see YOU!

Redeemer Renaissance Preschool Register Today!

Preschool offers classes and extended day options for children aged 1.5–5 years old. Explore summer camps for 3–5-year-olds!

Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year is currently open!

For questions or to learn more information about all Redeemer Renaissance has to offer, please call 703-365-3567. We can't wait to welcome you!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 4/5	<p><i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i> 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am 8:30 am – 12:00 pm 9:45 am – 10:45 am</p>	<p><i>(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)</i> Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) No Faith Formation Church Office Closed Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom) Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom) Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)</p>
Mon., 4/6	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
Tues., 4/7	9:30 am – 10:30 am	
Thurs., 4/9	8:00 am – 9:00 am 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Gerald
Georgia
Nancy
Budde, Jackie
Cavallo, Michael
DeGioia, Jack
Denson, Barbara
Devine, Dan
Greeger, Brett
Haas, Andrea
Harner, Julie
Hashemi, Caspian
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Kunec, Ingrid
Lawrence, Ann
Martin, Patty
McDonald, Austin
Morgan, Eric
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
Ryan, Don
Williams, Timothy
Wu, Jian

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Shirley Jackson

For all healthcare workers and first responders

Laredo, Sandi

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country

For Comfort and Strength

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, Rev. Kenny Champagne.

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