



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

Here is a recap of the benefits being realized with our building renovation: improved classrooms and offices with better sound privacy, remodeled public restrooms, cabinets and sinks added to the conference room and a classroom, ability to individually control heating/cooling in each room, improved space utilization in the sacristy and robe room, larger meeting space in the library, separate area for member mailbox access and copier use, improved building security, better energy efficiencies, an additional office for our preschool and after-school programs, and additional storage spaces. Thank you for your contributions to this project.

Summer Worship Service Schedule First Day June 14

On June 14 we switch to our summer schedule. Please see the worship service schedule below.

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 11 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Reception of New Members

Today Scott and Annie Kruger, along with their children, will become members of our faith community at the 11 am service. We are excited to have them be a part of our ministry. Please welcome them after the service and in the coming weeks as they learn more about us and we learn more about them.

Special Congregational Meeting May 31 between 9:45 and 11 am Services

With the work of the Transition Team winding down, Council has established a nominating team to identify candidates for the Call Committee. Many thanks to Sabine Detweiler, Gene Morrow, Matthew Kratz, and Ellen Kennedy for serving on that team.

We are pleased to announce that the nominating team has identified and proposed a slate of eight candidates to serve on the Call Committee for Senior Pastor. According to Redeemer's constitution, this Call Committee, which is to be broadly representative of this congregation, will be elected at a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026. Bios for each candidate were provided in an email to the congregation on May 3.

First Communion Instruction

We are planning to hold First Communion Instruction early in June. In order to faithfully plan this time, we would like to know who is interested. If you feel your child may be ready for their First Communion, please complete the form found at <https://bit.ly/4djUrXU> and we will be in touch. Many thanks! If you have questions, please email Pastor Sharon at sharon@redeemermclean.org.



Want to support the Little Food Pantry but no time to shop?

Have a busy summer travel schedule ahead? No problem. Select the Little Food Pantry tile found at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home>, and we'll take care of the shopping for you! We need your continued support to fulfill our community's short-term food needs, which also includes families whose children would normally receive reduced-cost breakfasts and lunches during the school year. Physical donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the church.

Regularly needed items include:

- canned tuna and chicken
- canned fruit and vegetables
- beans
- oatmeal packets
- hearty soups
- instant soups and microwave options
- peanut butter
- Ritz crackers
- granola bars
- rice
- pasta

Please - no glass jars, expired, or partial food portions. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Annual Scarf Drive for N Street Village

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Annual Scarf Drive for N Street Village.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is hosting its annual winter scarf drive for the women of N Street Village. If you are a crafter, please consider crocheting or knitting a winter scarf. Gently used or newly purchased scarves are also gratefully accepted.

Pick up a scarf-in-a-bag kit in the Crossroads and enjoy a hands-on project over the summer. Each bag contains enough yarn to knit or crochet a scarf and a pattern or use any pattern of your choosing.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Thursday of most months in the library. We take a break in July and August. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 to noon. All are welcome. Please email Lynn Barth at lynnbarth@gmail.com for more information.

A collection box for the scarves will be put out in September, and the drive will end in early October.

Endowment Ministry - Lutheran World Relief Making an Impact This Summer!

The Endowment Fund and Committee were formed in 1995 to extend Redeemer's outreach mission. All donations remain in the Fund; only earnings are dispersed as modest grants to nonprofit organizations.

The latest Endowment Committee grant was approved by Council for \$5,000 to Lutheran World Relief. LWR works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering.

Find out more at LWR.org

With LWR's current initiative, Love Thy Neighbor Summer Match, the Endowment Committee's contribution will be doubled.

Redeemer continues its commitment to share God's love with our neighbors locally and abroad.

For questions about the work of the Endowment Committee or about giving to the Fund, please email Stephanie Hunter at endowment@redeemermclean.org.

Check out the The Social Justice & Equity Book Club's lending cart in the crossroads!

Feel free to borrow any book but please remember to return it to the cart for others to read! The group has just finished another great book, *Let Us Descend* by Jesmyn Ward, and will take the summer off. Meetings will resume on Sept. 14 with a discussion on an essay written by John Hopes Franklin on "The Emancipation Proclamation". Anyone is welcome to join us and September would be a good time to do so!



Redeemer Renaissance 2026-27 Registration Open

Registration for the Preschool is happening now!

We can't wait to welcome you!
To schedule a tour or for more information:
703-356-3567

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 5/24	<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 10:55 am – 11:25 am	<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) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Mon., 5/25	Memorial Day	Church Office Closed
Tues., 5/26	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Thurs., 5/28	8:00 am – 9:00 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Georgia
Helen
Augustenborg, Erica
Beck, Willam
Cavallo, Michael
Craig, Keith
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Harner, Julie
Hashemi, Caspian
Heefner, Scott
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Morgan, Eric
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of William Buchholtz
The family & friends of Rob Hahne
The family & friends of Todd Steinwand
The family & friends of Wayne Winter
The family & friends of Katherine Woodward Thomas
The family & friends of Edmund Yesko

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 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, and their pastors, Tony Prinsen and Lydia Posselt.

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