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*Life at Redeemer*

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## June 14, 2026

### 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).

### 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 an update to the financial overview which was provided initially at the congregational annual meeting. So far \$1.59M has been given to the capital campaign for all the project areas—building renovation, columbarium construction, and playground renovations. The actual construction costs on the interior building renovations was \$1.518M (\$1.815M for all project areas). This leaves approximately \$225K of total costs remaining which we have funded from our internal reserves. This funding delays the need to use borrowed funds and saves on interest costs. We will begin to pay down that amount through our monthly operating statement. This self-financing is something that Redeemer has done in the past with other building projects.

### Reception of New Members

Today Derek and Brittany Mumford, Ryan and Rahizza Schmid with their children, and Kevin and Susan Schneider 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.

### First Communion Celebration

Today, we will be providing First Communion instruction to a number of our children. They will then receive communion at the 11:00 am worship service. Hold in your prayers these children and their families.

### Adult Christian Education Opportunity: The Nicene Creed and the Proposed Change to How it is Recited Today at 12:15 pm

Harold Hofstad will lead a discussion on the Nicene Creed and the proposed change in how to recite it today in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. A little bit of history and background information will also be presented to help us understand the context, and why the change is being proposed. Please join us, and if you can't attend in person, a Zoom meeting is available for virtual participation. Use the following link if you need it: <https://bit.ly/3ROweBV>.

- Meeting ID: 821 3328 7119
- Passcode: 790630

### Summer Worship Schedule & As Requested Education for All Ages!

We begin our summer worship schedule today. The traditional service will be at 8:30 am; the contemporary at 11:00 am. Why so much time between services? What is going to happen? We are planning a number of educational events for all ages and will be using the time between the two services. Please stay tuned for an extended calendar but see below our first opportunities that will take place from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

- June 21 – Hymn Sing (All ages welcome!)
- June 28 – Neighborhood Exegesis (All ages welcome!)
- July 12 – Adult Class: Verbs in the Bible led by Pastor Core | Youth activity: The Parable of the Sower

**Young Adult Group–Dinner at Matchbox  
June 15—7 pm**

Young adults are invited to meet up at Matchbox (1340 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean, VA 22101) for dinner. Join us for fellowship and fun! Please contact [Grace Sweeney](#) with any questions.

**Good Grub & God  
June 16 — 7 pm**

The Good Grub & God group will meet for dinner Tuesday, June 16, at 7pm. This month, we'll meet at Lost Dog Cafe in McLean (1690A Anderson Rd). Please sign up by June 15 at <https://bit.ly/good-grub-and-god>.

**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, peanut butter, granola bars, rice and pasta, canned beans, oatmeal packets, hearty soups, Ritz crackers, instant soups and microwave options

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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry  
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 ([lynnbarth@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Financial Stewardship at Redeemer -- Update**

We thank you for your ongoing generosity of giving! The May 31 status does show a \$5.9k improvement over the year-to-date loss as of April 30. But, as seen in the snapshot below of Redeemer's financial picture as of the end of May, we are still facing a financial challenge. May the Holy Spirit continue to challenge all of us to share our treasure as we are able during this summer season.

Current year through 5/31/26			
	Actual	Budget	Budget variance
Total Receipts*	\$ 425,827	\$ 483,522	\$ (57,695)
Total Expenses	\$ 465,711	\$ 483,522	\$ (17,811)
Over (Under)	\$ (39,884)		\$ (39,884)
*Includes \$10,000 roll-over from 2025			

**Homestretch School Supply Drive  
Until July 12**



There will be a collection box in the Crossroads, or you can order directly from the Amazon wish list link, found at <https://bit.ly/4opXDGL> or by scanning the QR code, to be delivered directly to Redeemer. Homestretch is an organization whose mission is empowering families with transformational support to acquire the resources, skills and behavioral changes necessary for achieving and sustaining their economic independence, disrupting the cycle of homelessness. If you have any questions feel free to email Elizabeth Carroll at [elizabethccarroll@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethccarroll@gmail.com).

We thank you in advance for your support!

**Call Committee**

These are exciting times at Redeemer! Congratulations to the newly approved members of the Call Committee who will start the process to identify and call a new senior pastor to Redeemer. Members of the Call Committee include:

- Bonnie Barndt-Maglio
- Samantha Brainard
- Craig Carroll
- Jason Eckberg
- Tricia Engle
- David Kostelancik
- Ellie McGuire
- Robin Taylor
- Johannes Wiklund
- Karen Miller
- Hannah, a youth representative

Jason Eckberg has been elected as Committee Chair. He will manage the process of:

1. Completing and submitting the required Synod documentation.
2. Conducting pastoral search and evaluation.
3. Submitting recommendations to the Council for official call.

The Committee has already gotten started on the Synod required documentation. Stay tuned for process and progress updates to be provided regularly.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

*Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 6/14	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i> 8:30 am and 11:00 am 8:30 am – 12:00 pm 9:45 am – 10:45 am 9:45 am – 10:45 am 12:00 pm 12:15 pm	<i>(Live stream 8:30 and 11:00 services)</i> Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) First Communion Instruction Mission Trip Meeting (Conference Room) Class on Nicene Creed (Fellowship Hall)
Mon., 6/15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Young Adult Dinner
Tues., 6/16	7:00 pm	Good Grub and God
Wed., 6/17	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 6/18	8:00 am – 9:00 am 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Zoom)
Fri., 6/19	Juneteenth	Church Office Closed

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Senior Pastor	Pastor Sharon Core	ext. 102	sharon@redeemermclean.org
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## *Please Remember to Pray....*

### **For Healing**

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 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 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Herndon, as they prepare to install Rev. Eric Randolph as their new senior pastor in August.**

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