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*Life at Redeemer*

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## June 28, 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

We are currently addressing a couple of issues with the columbarium. Our plans call for the construction to begin this fall. However, the county is requiring us to provide a separate stormwater management facility, if the columbarium is built as a standalone project. In addition, more detailed structural drawings of the pergola (wooden structure above the niches) are now required for a building permit to be issued. In addition, overall project costs have increased, so we are working through all of these issues with our architect and civil engineer.

### Homestretch School Supply Drive Until July 12



There is 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 [elizabethcarroll@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcarroll@gmail.com).

We thank you in advance for your support!

### As Requested: Education for All Ages!

We are planning a number of educational events for all ages and will be using the time between the two services. See below the opportunities that will take place from 9:45 to 10:45 am today.

- **Neighborhood Exegesis:** What is happening in McLean on a Sunday morning? This summer, we'll have an opportunity to explore that question as we engage in times of neighborhood exegesis. The word exegesis literally means a critical interpretation of a text. Usually we think of it in terms of Biblical exegesis. For our purposes this summer, the neighborhood surrounding Redeemer is what we are being invited to critically interpret. Strapping on comfortable walking shoes, joining friends and family, armed with a list of reflective questions, we will begin to exegete our neighborhood. We will gather in the sanctuary for some preliminary conversation and then leave the building! What will we learn? What new things will God reveal to us?
- **Knitting/Crocheting Instruction with the Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Join us in the Library for fellowship and knitting or crocheting. Have you always wanted to learn to knit or crochet? Did you learn in the past and you just need a refresher? Get started on your knitting or crocheting journey with hands-on instruction and online resources to continue your learning at home or just join us with your current knitting project for fellowship and light refreshments. Yarn, needles, and crochet hooks provided.

To help us prepare materials and arrange space appropriately, we encourage you to RSVP whenever possible. However, everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you sign up in advance. RSVP links for Adult Offerings: <https://bit.ly/4uHzhcQ> and Youth Offerings: <https://bit.ly/4uFDM7X>.

## Youth Organizing Blood Drive



Hello! My name is Anna Broderdorf, and I am a 17-year-old Redeemer Lutheran Church member. I'm currently working to try and organize a blood drive with the American Red Cross in McLean, but in order to do that there must be around 40 people interested in donating. If you scan the QR code, an interest form in regard to the blood drive will come up. The form is non-binding and does not commit anyone to donating blood, as there must be interest in a blood drive before a date and location can be settled on. A single donation of blood can make a difference in the lives of three people! If you or someone you know is able to donate, please fill out the form using the QR code so we can make this blood drive happen. Thank you so much for your time and generosity!

## 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.

## 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 fruits and vegetables; canned beans; hearty soups; peanut butter; granola bars; rice and pasta; oatmeal packets; Ritz crackers; instant soups; microwave options

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

## Update on SHARE of McLean

McLean Baptist Church has provided SHARE with space to operate for over 60 years. Redeemer has always supported SHARE by holding food drives and with financial donations. During Covid, Redeemer became a collection site for people to drop off food donations for SHARE. While we will continue to support SHARE with financial donations and food collection drives periodically during the year, we are no longer going to be a 24/7 drop off site for SHARE.

We encourage people to continue to donate food to SHARE directly. Donations can be left at SHARE 24/7 in the storage closets located outside door #8 at McLean Baptist Church. For more information about donating to SHARE, please visit their website: [shareofmclean.org](http://shareofmclean.org).

Please note that we will always be collecting non-perishable, unopened food at Redeemer for our Little Food Pantry. The Little Food Pantry is our congregation's commitment to serving our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

## A Note from Pastor Core

Interested to see how the Presbyterians do things? After I attended the ELCA Synod Assembly, I was struck by the similarity between the ELCA and the Presbyterian Church (USA)-PCUSA. The way we conduct meetings is very similar. And if you're interested in seeing the Presbyterians in action, I invite you to join me on Tuesday, June 30. The General Assembly (GA) of the PCUSA (our biennial denominational meeting) begins Sunday, June 28 in Milwaukee, WI. Plenary sessions are live-streamed and for those of us who are GA Junkies (of which your interim pastor is one!) we plant ourselves in front of a large screen to keep up with all things GA. I'll be in the conference room most of Tuesday morning (9:30 - noon) and would welcome company. Be forewarned there will be some nerding out over parliamentary procedure, overtures, debate, and church decisions!

Evidence of Full Communion! Here is one account of a Presbyterian's experience sharing the table with Lutherans at our General Assembly: <https://www.edgewaterpcusa.org/home/dispatches-from-ga227-the-lutherans-elca-have-a-seat>

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

*Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 6/28	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am and 11:00 am	<i>(Live stream 8:30 and 11:00 services)</i>
	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am – 10:45 am	Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom)
		Neighborhood Exegesis (Sanctuary)
		Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
Thurs., 7/2	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
Fri., 7/3	Independence Day (observed)	Church Office Closed

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

### **For Healing**

Helen  
Augustenborg, Erica  
Cavallo, Michael  
Craig, Keith  
DeGioia, Jack  
Devine, Dan  
Dorr, Jeanne  
Harner, Julie  
Johnson, Ted  
Koenig, Tammie  
Neece, George  
Pittman, Larry  
Williams, Timothy  
York, Vivienne

### **For Comfort and Peace**

Shupp, Lloyd

### **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of JoAnn Lancaster  
The family & friends of Alice Shaw

### **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.**