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Life at Redeemer

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July 27, 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.

Hymns Today at the 10:30 Service

- #392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**
Seek Ye First
- #746 Our Father, God in Heaven Above**
- #645 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

Worship Service Schedule

Traditional and Contemporary Services Switch Today

Please note that our worship services have switched times starting this week. The contemporary service will be at 9 am and the traditional service will be at 10:30 am through August 31.

Prayers for the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

We pray for the members of the ELCA who will gather for the 2025 Churchwide Assembly from July 28 to August 2 in Phoenix, AZ. We pray that those involved allow the Holy Spirit to work as they elect the ELCA's new presiding bishop and secretary.

New Mortgage

Opportunity for Questions Today in Crossroads

The Council has selected the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund to provide the new mortgage for the completion of our upcoming construction project. The \$1.6M loan will be fully amortized over a 25-year term with no balloon payment due. The rate will be approximately 7.375% (final rate is set just prior to closing) and will adjust every 5 years over the life of the loan. The monthly principal and interest payments will be approximately \$11,700. There are no penalties involved with paying off the loan early, as we have done in the past. While the congregation already approved taking on a \$1.6M mortgage at the last annual meeting, there does need to be congregational approval on the selection of the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund and the loan terms. This vote will take place at an upcoming special congregational meeting (date yet to be finalized). In the meantime, there is an opportunity for questions and discussion on mortgage TODAY in the small meeting room off the Crossroads lobby (on the side by the coffee station) following each worship service. Questions can also be emailed to church@redeemermclean.org.

Volunteer Coordinator Needed for Social Outreach Ministry Team

Redeemer's Social Outreach Ministry Team supports the congregation's response to both ongoing and sudden needs of various groups serving others within Redeemer, in the local community, and beyond.

The ministry team distributes financial contributions from Redeemer's annual budget and sponsors the collection of donated items (e.g., school supplies, grocery gift cards, items for Share's food pantry) during the year for specific groups. Some members of the ministry team organize activities within Redeemer (e.g., prayer shawl group, quilting group, Little Food Pantry) and other members are liaisons to groups in the community.

If you are interested in being the coordinator beginning in September or would like more information about the responsibilities, please contact Tricia Engle (triciaengle07@gmail.com) or Karen Miller (president@redeemermclean.org).

Construction Project Update

Members have asked how the construction will impact parking at the church. The construction crew will be parking in the lower lot on the Chain Bridge Road side of the building. There will be a dumpster and a storage unit in the lot throughout the construction period. Other pieces of equipment will be coming and going as needed. There will be a construction superintendent from Whitener & Jackson on site each day who will be responsible for managing the subcontractors and their activities.

Redeemer Renaissance Playground Playtime July 30 – 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Friends and neighbors are invited to come and play this summer! RRP families will gather on the playground! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and introduce your child to the grounds—natural play area, play structures, gardens, and outdoor classroom—which are special places for them. These spaces offer your child a safe place to wonder, discover, and explore while increasing their confidence and independence as they transition to begin the new school year.

Thursday AM Bible Study July 31 — 8 am

The group meets via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please contact Doug Scheffler at dougscheffler@aol.com or email the church office at church@redeermclean.org.

Volunteer Coordinator Needed for Faith Formation Teachers/Parents No Teaching Required

Faith Formation is seeking a volunteer to coordinate teachers and parent classroom volunteers. This involves weekly tasks, but presence on Sunday is not required. These tasks include:

- Confirming classroom coverage each week and arranging substitutes as needed.
- Managing a SignUpGenius or similar tool for scheduling parent classroom volunteers.
- Communicating to parents announcements and events.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact grace@redeermclean.org.

Redeemer Day of Prayer: “Transitions” August 4

You're invited to join others to pray on August 4. The theme for this quarterly Day of Prayer at Redeemer is “transitions.” You can pray at Redeemer or from home or office.



This summer so many of us are experiencing transitions: as individuals, families, the Redeemer congregation, various groups in our country, as well as so many in our world. Some of those transitions are expected but may still be unsettling even if the outcome is positive. Others may be completely unexpected and we're unsure how to manage the changes. So, we pray for God's presence in our lives during this time of transitions, and that we experience the hope of God's promises.

A resource document consisting of prayers written by Redeemer members and others, scripture selections, and audio files is available [here](#) or please contact church@redeermclean.org for the document.

To be part of the Day of Prayer: sign up for a half-hour segment at this [link](#), by scanning the QR code, or by calling the church office (703-356-3346) to claim a time slot.

Redeemer Renaissance Open House August 12 — 10 to 11 am & 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Families are invited to an open house at Redeemer Renaissance Preschool. The open house will showcase our preschool for the 2s, 3s, and 4s with morning and all-day availability. For more information, please call 703-356-3567.

Save the Date Metro D.C. Synod Faith Day at Nats Stadium August 16 – 4 pm

You're invited to join congregations from across the Metro D.C. Synod for Faith Day at Nationals Park—an afternoon of baseball, fellowship, and community connection. Tickets are just \$17, with \$5 from each ticket supporting Youth For Tomorrow, a nonprofit organization making a difference in young lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others from across our synod and enjoy a summer evening together at the ballpark! If you are interested, please purchase tickets at <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Metrodc4> by August 13.

Pastoral Emergencies before Interim Pastor

If you experience an emergency and need pastoral care, please call the church office at 703-356-3346 or email church@redeermclean.org. You may also email Council President Karen Miller at president@redeermclean.org.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 7/27	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	<i>(Live stream both services)</i>
	9:00 am--10:00 am	Contemporary Service
	10:30 am--11:30 am	Traditional Service
	8:30 am--12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	10:15 am--11:15 am	Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Weds, 7/30	9:30 am--10:30 am	Redeemer Renaissance Playground Time
Thurs., 7/31	8:00 am--9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Aaron
Bettina
Carol
Charlotte
Chris
Christina
Jana
Jeff
Jesse
Jon
Kim
Mandy
Marie
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
DeGioia, Jack
Detweiler, Shirley
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene

Glindemann, Ginger
Glindemann, Keith
Graham, Jim
Green, Evelyn
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Hopkins, Harley
Hughes, William
Hunter, Baxter
Jephson, Patrick
Johnson, Ted
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Kennedy, Will
Lawrence, Kai
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly
Martin, Trevor
Miller, Coletta
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Pittman, Larry
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther
Reblitz, Jennifer
Richmond, Dan
Ryding, Karin
Scheinblum, Terry
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Schmid, Rahizza
Schneck, Pastor Tony
Shaefer, Phil
Shaw, Alice
Stear, Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Sullivan, Katie
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vanderhoof, Brenda
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry
Williams, Tim
Wright, Jim
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol

For Comfort and Peace

Collins, Josephine
Portis, Carol
Peggy

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Terry Retter
The family & friends of Larry Smothers
The family & friends of Virginia Teitman

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 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Herndon, and their continued search for a permanent pastor.

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