



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 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.

We thank you in advance for your support!

Welcome Pastor John Teitman

With thanksgiving, we welcome Pastor John Teitman to the pulpit today.

Playground Playtime July 8 – 9:30 to 10:30 am

Please come and play this summer! Redeemer Renaissance Preschool and After-School invites all Redeemer families and friends to 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.

Food for Biblical Thought (Adult Christian Education) Verbs in the Bible--led by Pastor Core July 12 to August 2 – 9:45 to 10:40 am

Free food! Grab a pastry and join with your friends (and meet someone new) at 9:45 am in between our two summertime services.

Too often when we read scripture, we trip over the nouns because they may not be ones we are familiar with—shekel, yoke, omer, ephah, Nazarene, vipers, alms. In order to understand what is going on in the text, we need to stop and define the nouns.

Verbs, however...we all have verbs, Jesus shared our verbs, Abraham and Sarah shared our verbs, Jacob, Esau, Issac, Joseph...folks in the Bible have the same verbs we do.

For four weeks beginning July 12 - August 2 (9:45 - 10:40 am), we're going to explore verbs! Specifically the verbs in Genesis 29:15-28, Genesis 32:22-31, Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, and Exodus 1:8 - 2:10.

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

SHARE of McLean

The Giant in McLean is offering 2 ways that you can support SHARE:

- Buy a Giant Reusable Community Bag in July at the McLean Giant and for every \$2.75 bag purchased, SHARE receives \$1.00!
- SHARE's Gift Card Tree is at the McLean Giant through July 12, 2026! Simply choose an envelope, activate the gift card at checkout, and return it to the Giant customer service desk.

Thank you for supporting SHARE!

Please continue to support Redeemer's Little Food Pantry this summer

You may select the Little Food Pantry tile found at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home> or place your donations in the specially-marked basket in the church narthex. Regularly-needed items include:

- canned tuna and chicken
- canned fruit and vegetables
- beans
- oatmeal packets
- single serving boxes of cereal
- hearty soups, instant soups and microwave options,
- peanut butter
- Ritz crackers
- granola bars
- rice
- pasta

Please - no glass jars, no expired 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 will take a break in July and August. Please email Lynn Barth (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.

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 or go to <https://bit.ly/3RaJ9OE>, 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!

Youth Summer Education Offerings Starting July 12 – 9:45 am

Youth are invited to join this summer starting July 12, between the two services, for Christian educational opportunities that mirror the lectionary to help deepen understanding of what is heard in worship. To help us prepare materials and arrange space appropriately, we encourage you to RSVP at <https://bit.ly/4uFDM7X> whenever possible. However, everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you sign up in advance. Parent volunteers are needed!

Focus Topics:

- July 12: Parable of the Sower
- July 19: Wheat and Weeds
- July 26: God's Kingdom Is Precious

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. If you have any questions, contact Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com. Scan the QR Code or go to bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour to sign up.

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., 7/5	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am and 11:00 am	<i>(Live stream 8:30 (Traditional) and 11:00 (Contemporary) 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)
Wed., 7/8	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Playground Playtime hosted by Redeemer Renaissance
Thurs., 7/2	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Helen
JD
Augustenborg, Erica
Cavallo, Michael
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

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 Trinity Lutheran Church, Leesville, and their pastor, Rev. Kristin Hoyer.

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