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## August 10, 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](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.

### Hymns Today at the 10:30 Service

- #831 The God of Abraham Praise
- #773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- #697 Just A Closer Walk with Thee
- #796 How Firm a Foundation

### Jim Ahlgren Memorial Service

A memorial service for Jim Ahlgren will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 16, at 11 am.

### Presiding Bishop of ELCA Elected Bishop Yehiel Curry

On July 30, Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected at the Churchwide Assembly to serve a six-year term. He is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA. Rev. Curry has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He will be installed as presiding bishop on October 4 at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

### Welcome Pastor Teitman

Pastor John Teitman is preaching and presiding at both services today. Please welcome and greet him before and/or after the services today.

### Register for Youth Classes

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class will resume September 7. All students need a new registration each year.

Registration is now open and families can do so online, or physical forms will be made available at the Kids' Corner table in Crossroads on Sundays before and after services.

We will be re-assigning some of the classrooms during the renovation of the old classrooms and offices. Please register as soon as possible so that we have an accurate number of students for planning purposes, and can reassign each class to a room where they will be comfortable.

To register online, please scan the QR code or use this link: <https://forms.gle/jETNJ22QnWBHvbV17>.



### New Mortgage Congregational Meeting for Vote – August 24

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 each 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. The loan may also be refinanced to a shorter term when appropriate. 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 a special congregational meeting on August 24th, which is being announced today. In the meantime, if there are questions, you can speak to a council representative or email your question to [church@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org).

### Construction Project Update

On August 18, construction will start in the education wing. The Conference Room set-up will be moved into Music Suite A and the classrooms will be closed. The items in the sacristy have already been moved into the Robe Room. In December, when the first phase of construction is expected to be finished, the office wing will then be closed and the pastor and the staff will be working out of the renovated classrooms temporarily. Once the office wing construction is finished, the staff will move back into their renovated offices. This second phase of construction will also include the renovation of the bathrooms by the office entrance. Signs will be posted to direct people through the location changes.

### Donations for Partner for Surgery

We'll be sending 80 more bags to Guatemala for families of infants who are having primarily cleft lip palate repairs. Happily, the need is all for the youngest (0–2 years of age), as there is no longer a demand for treatment among the older kids/adults. At this time, we need:

- Baby shampoo
- Baby socks
- Pacifiers

These items can be donated in the bin located in Crossroads or purchased through the Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code. For more information, please contact Joan Bradley at [joan.bradley27@outlook.com](mailto:joan.bradley27@outlook.com).



### Britepaths Book Drive Secret Garden Book Nook

Britepaths has opened The Secret Garden at Britepaths, a welcoming in-office book nook where children of client families can browse and take home new and like-new books to start or build their personal libraries. Created with client families in mind, The Secret Garden at Britepaths is a welcoming space for young readers, offering a variety of new and like-new books for children and teens to enjoy during their visit and take home to keep. For more information please visit: <https://britepaths.org/our-services/theseecretgardenatbritepaths/>

Please consider donating any new and like-new books for children and teens. Books written in Spanish, Amharic, Dari, and Pashto, along with culturally diverse titles, are especially welcome. Books can be dropped off in the bin labeled "Britepaths book donations" in Crossroads.

### 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.

### Thursday AM Bible Study August 14 — 8 am

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

### 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.

### Blessing of Backpacks August 17

We will have the Blessing of Backpacks at both the 9 am and 10:30 am services. All youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed.

### Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. It is a great way to meet people, welcome visitors, and inform people about your ministry or group. If you have any questions, contact Kim Wenk at [kbwenk@gmail.com](mailto:kbwenk@gmail.com). Scan the QR code or go to [bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour](http://bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour) to sign up.



*Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Table Talk.*

### 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](mailto:church@redeermclean.org). You may also email Council President Karen Miller at [president@redeermclean.org](mailto:president@redeermclean.org).

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 8/10	<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)
Mon., 8/11	7:00 pm--9:00 pm	Needlepoint Group (Room 203)
Tues., 8/12	10:00 am--11:00 am	Preschool Open House
	5:30 pm--6:30 pm	Preschool Open House
Weds, 8/13	9:30 am--10:30 am	Redeemer Renaissance Playground Time
Thurs., 8/14	8:00 am--9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
Sat., 8/16	11:00 am--12:00 pm	Jim Ahlgren Funeral

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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  
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 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, and their pastor, Rev. Dr. Elijah Mwitanti.**

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