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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@redeermclean.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

- #610 O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come**
- #612 Healer of Our Every Ill**
- #574 Here I Am, Lord**
- #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Worship Schedule

Return to three services – September 7

Please note that on September 7 we will return to three services. Service times will be as follows:

- 8:30 am - Traditional
- 9:45 am - Contemporary
- 11:00 am - Traditional

Faith Formation Mentors Needed

We are in need of Faith Formation mentors for the upcoming school year (September 2025 - May 2026). Lead teachers and assistants are needed for the 3rd/4th grade class, and an assistant teacher is needed for the 5th/6th grade class. There is also the opportunity to be a substitute as needed for any grade level. Mentoring is a wonderful way to connect with our youth and nurture them in their faith journey. No prior teaching experience is necessary! Mentors are fully supported with training, a weekly curriculum, and supplies. If you are interested in teaching or have questions please email grace@redeermclean.org.

Welcome Pastor Core!

Our interim pastor, Pastor Sharon Core, is preaching and presiding at both services today. Please welcome and greet her before and/or after the services today.

New Mortgage

Congregational Meeting for Vote – Today

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 after each worship service today.

**Confirmation Meeting for Parents and Confirmands
Today – 11:45 am in the Nave**

A meeting will be held for all 7th and 8th graders and at least one of their parents to go over what to expect in the coming year. Together we will review the curriculum and requirements for the Confirmation program.

**God's Work. Our Hands.
ELCA Day of Service – September 7**



All are invited to spend an afternoon of fellowship with the residents of Sunrise of McLean Village from 2 to 3:30 pm on September 7th (also Grandparent's Day!). We will have several activities to enjoy. We will meet at Redeemer at 1:45 pm. Youth are welcome and can earn community service hours. Please sign up to attend by scanning the QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/RLCdayofservice>.

Construction Project Update

Members have asked how the planned new mortgage of \$1.6M compares to what Redeemer has done in the past. Prior to when Pastor Kessinger was called to Redeemer, we had two mortgages totaling \$2.3M. The monthly principal and interest payments were approximately \$15K per month. We paid off the first mortgage 7 years early, leaving a \$10K monthly mortgage payment remaining, which was then paid off 6 years early. Therefore, we have handled larger obligations in the past and have paid them off ahead of schedule. However, the new mortgage will require us all to be more intentional in our giving.

Join the Redeemer Youth Choir! Starting August 31 – 9:55 to 10:25 am



Our Youth Choir is looking for new members! Join for great songs and lots of fun. Rehearsals are on Sundays in Music Suite B. They will begin 8/31 at 9:55 to 10:25 am but move to 10:55 am to 11:25 am starting 9/7. The group performs periodically throughout the year. To register, please fill out the form by scanning the QR code or by going to <https://forms.gle/aboP59pw3ySdNFaH9>.

Winter Scarf Drive Collection begins September

Thank you for the scarves – keep them coming!

HOOKS AND NEEDLES ONCE AGAIN: The prayer shawl group is hosting the annual winter scarf drive to benefit the women at N Street Ministries helping homeless women in DC with a wide range of programs that foster independence (<https://www.nstreetvillage.org>). Please consider crocheting or knitting a winter scarf. “Scarf in a bag” kits are available in Crossroads with directions or pick up yarn and use any pattern of your choosing. Gently used and newly purchased winter scarves are also welcome.

Collection boxes will be put out in September, and the drive will end in early October.

Please email Lynn Barth at lynnbarth@gmail for more yarn or information about our prayer shawl group which will begin meeting again in September.

Britepaths Book Drive – Secret Garden Book Nook Collection until September 15

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. This 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/thesecondgardenatbritepaths/>

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.

Register for Youth Classes Resume September 7



Faith Formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class will resume September 7 at 9:45 am. All students need a new registration each year.

We will be reassigning 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>. Physical forms are available at the Kids' Corner table in Crossroads.

Social Justice and Equity Book Club Resumes September 8 – 7:30 pm

Redeemer's Social Justice and Equity Book Club will resume their weekly Zoom meetings on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 pm, when they will be discussing the first two chapters of their new book *Go Back To Where You Came From* by Wajahat Ali. All are welcome! Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for Zoom info.

Donations for Partner for Surgery Collection until August 31



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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 8/24	<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)
	11:45 am-- 12:15 pm	Confirmation Meeting
	12:00 pm--1:00 pm	Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Core (Fellowship Hall)
Tues., 8/26	6:30 pm--8:30 pm	Council Dinner with Pastor Core (Crossroads)
Weds, 8/27	9:30 am--10:30 am	Redeemer Renaissance Playground Time
Thurs., 8/28	8:00 am--9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm--7:45 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm--8:15 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

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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
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Finocchiario, Charlie

Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Ginger
Glindemann, Keith
Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Hopkins, Harley
Hughes, William
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

Peggy
Collins, Josephine
Hunter, Baxter
Portis, Carol

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.**