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***Life at Redeemer***

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**August 3, 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**

#871 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good  
#856 How Great Thou Art  
#496 One Bread, One Body  
#840 Now Thank We All Our God

**Redeemer Renaissance Playground Playtime**  
**August 6– 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.

**Welcome Pastor Posselt**

Pastor Lydia Posselt is preaching and presiding at both services today. Pastor Posselt joins us from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna. Please welcome and greet her before and/or after the services today.

**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](https://forms.gle/jETNJ22QnWBHvbV17) or please contact [church@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org) for the document.

To be part of the Day of Prayer: sign up for a half-hour segment at this [link](https://forms.gle/jETNJ22QnWBHvbV17), by scanning the QR code, or by calling the church office (703-356-3346) to claim a time slot.

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



### **Construction Project Update**

As you think about how you can support Redeemer's renovation and expansion plans through the capital campaign, please consider one of the tax-advantaged giving options. The giving of appreciated stocks or mutual funds will help minimize your capital gain taxes. Also, the giving of an IRA's Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can lower your taxable income. See Redeemer's website under the additional "Giving" heading for more information. This is an option for your regular planned giving to the church, too.

### **Donations Needed - Little Food Pantry**

The Little Food Pantry, in the Redeemer parking lot, is getting daily use and supplies are running low. When school is not in session, free/reduced breakfasts and lunches are not available to children in need. Due to the summer heat, please no plastic containers of fruits or vegetables. Canned items are best:

- Hearty Soups
- Pasta/Spaghettios
- Beans
- Tuna
- Peanut Butter

Donations can be placed directly in the LFP, in the bin in the Crossroads, or in the bin outside Door 10.

### **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/thesecretgardenatbritepaths/>

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.

### **Thursday AM Bible Study**

**August 7 — 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@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org).

### **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.

### **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.

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

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 8/3	<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., 8/4	8:00 am--8:00 pm	Redeemer Day of Prayer
Weds, 8/6	9:30 am--10:30 am	Redeemer Renaissance Playground Time
Thurs., 8/7	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  
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.**