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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@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

Now that we are close to getting County approvals for the Natural Play Area renovations and the building of the Columbarium, we have sent out RFPs (Requests for Proposals) to the general contractors who bid on the interior building renovations, plus some additional firms. With those responses, we will have a better idea on the current costs and timelines for completion. Once we review their proposals, we will discuss the details with the contractors and consider any of their recommendations and options.

Transition Status Update

Council has been working with Pastor Core to help her get oriented and familiar with the aspects of life at Redeemer that she is being asked to lead. Council has also started working on a process with Pastor Core for managing our transition work and to explore who we are (and who we want to be) as a congregation. This transition process will help us create a timeline for the call process where we will define the skills and gifts that we would like to see in a new pastor and also to develop the Ministry Site Profile documentation. That documentation will be registered with the Synod to begin the pastoral search. Stay tuned for more information!

Temple Talk – Rise Against Hunger



Every 10 seconds at least one person somewhere dies of hunger or hunger related diseases. Rise Against Hunger is dedicated to ending hunger worldwide through empowerment programs, sustainability projects, education and providing emergency food relief. Since 2010 members of the greater McLean community and beyond have come together to package meals for the emergency food program.

The next McLean Community Meal-Packaging Event will be November 8, 2025 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Shifts begin at 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

The goal will be to package 200,000 meals, requiring contributions of \$80,000 (40¢ per meal) and over 1000 volunteers.

Register and Donate by scanning the QR code or going to <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/McLeanCommunity2025>

Donations also can be made to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and designated for Rise Against Hunger. For more information please contact riseagainsthungermclean@gmail.com

Joan Coffman Graveside Service September 30 – 11 am

Our sister, Joan Coffman, died on September 5. A graveside service will be held at Columbia Gardens Cemetery (3411 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA) on September 30 at 11 am.

David Muchow Celebration of Life October 10 – 11 am

With sadness, we announce the death of David Muchow. A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, October 10 at 11 am at Lyon Park Community Center (414 N. Fillmore Street, Arlington, VA). May the God of the empty tomb surround David's family with comfort and hope.

**Good Beginnings at Redeemer Renaissance Preschool
Outdoor Classes for Ages 1.5 and older with Caregiver
Starting October 14– 9:30 am**

Come and play! This outdoor-play program for toddlers and caregivers to enjoy together promotes a sense of wonder, discovery, and exploration while providing a fun introduction to preschool. Children will build their first friendships and work with new materials as they engage in open-ended play in a safe, developmentally appropriate environment. During exploratory play, caregivers will have the opportunity to discuss topics of interest and create bonds that will help them navigate the early childhood years and beyond. The class is offered on the following dates: Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 18 & 25, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, Mar. 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, and May 5 & 19. Please call 703-356-3567 for more information.

Youth

**“Called in our Wandering”
Confirmation and High School Event
November 21 to 23**

Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join the Metro D.C. and Delaware-Maryland Synod Event. Youth will experience a weekend of music, games, small group faith discussion, service projects, and worship. Come make new friends and strengthen your faith! The cost is \$200 and scholarships are available.

**Mission Trips 2026 – June 21 to June 26, 2026
Sign Up Deadline October 19**

The planning for our 2026 Youth Mission trips is underway. We will have two trips: one for those in 7th and 8th grades, to Harrisburg, PA, and one for those in high school, to Wilmington, NC. Both trips will be through the organization YouthWorks as we have done in the past. We will need chaperones for both trips.

Please contact Grace Howie to sign up for youth events or trips at grace@redeermclean.org.

Ushers Needed

We are looking for people to help serve as ushers at Redeemer. You may only need to support one service a month or less, but you make a large impact. Ushers are the greeters as people enter worship. They support the service through offering and communion, and play an important role in helping the services run smoothly. But it is also fun and a great way to share fellowship with everyone at service. Training is provided and all ages are welcome. Talk to any usher or reach out to Matthew Kratz at pghkratz@gmail.com.

**Redeemer Women's Faith Group
Tuesdays – 9:30 to 10:30 am**

The Redeemer Women's Faith Group is working through *Braving Change--Trust Where God Is Leading You* by Andi Andrew. We hope that you may join us for what is sure to be a rewarding reading and discussion opportunity. We meet on Tuesdays (Music Suite A/Zoom).

If you would like to attend, please sign up via this link: <https://bit.ly/rlcwomensgroup>. A copy of the book is available at the church office. Questions? Contact Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com.

**Social Justice and Equity Book Club
Mondays – 7:30 to 8:30 pm
Starting New Book October 6**

Redeemer's Social Justice and Equity Book Club resumed their Zoom meetings every Monday @ 7:30-8:30 pm when they have been enjoying and discussing the book *Go Back To Where You Came From* by Wajahat Ali. They will be starting a new book on Monday, October 6: *They Came for the Schools: One Town's Fight Over Race and Identity, And the New War for America's Classrooms* by Mike Hixenbaugh, followed by *Mad Honey: A Novel* by Jody Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. This would be a great time to join us! All are welcome! Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for Zoom info.

**Britepaths Donation Drive
Through October 13**

Join us in making a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors by donating today to Britepaths' Emergency Food Support program. Together, we can provide vital support and foster resilience within our community.

Every donation directly assists individuals and families facing temporary crises by providing them with necessary household and personal hygiene products and a gift card for groceries. This crucial support allows recipients to purchase essential groceries and find relief during their challenging times, allowing them to focus on stabilizing their situation.

To make a donation, please include “Britepaths” on your donation envelope or the memo line on your check. We are collecting donations through October 13.

**Winter Scarf Drive
Collection through Early October**

Collection boxes are out now for the annual winter scarf drive hosted by the Prayer Shawl Group to benefit N Street Ministries (<https://www.nstreetvillage.org>). Please email Lynn Barth at lynnbarth@gmail.com for more yarn or for information about our Prayer Shawl Group, which meets at 10:30 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Library or via Zoom.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 9/28	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)
	8:30 am--12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am--10:45 am	Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes
		High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center)
		Table Talk Adult Education (Music Suite A/Zoom)
	10:55--11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Mon., 9/29	7:30 pm--8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 9/30	9:30 am--10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Music Suite A/Zoom)
Weds., 10/1	9:00 am--11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 10/2	8:00 am--9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	10:30 am--12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Zoom)
	7:00 pm--8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm--8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Aaron
Bettina
Carol
Charlotte
Chris
Christina
Jana
Jean
Jeff
Jesse
Jon
Kim
Mandy
Marie
Michael
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
Cox, Mary
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Duval, Louis

Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Ginger
Glindemann, Keith
Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Hopkins, Harley
Hughes, William
Jackson, Shirley
Jephson, Patrick
Johnson, Ted
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Kennedy, Will
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
White, Jerry
Williams, Tim
Wright, Jim
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol

For Comfort and Peace

Peggy
Collins, Josephine
Portis, Carol

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Joan Coffman
The family & friends of Stephanie Foster
The family & friends of Baxter Hunter
The family & friends of Terry Retter
The family & friends of Larry Smothers

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 Bethel Lutheran Church, Manassas, and their pastor, Rev. Katie Pocalyko.

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