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Our mission is to share Christ's love
with the greatest number of people.

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**A Message from
Pastor Sharon Core**



**Family Stories
June 2026**

Siblings in Christ,

Whenever my parents, sister or I head out on a trip, we say “Let us know when you get there; we don’t want to have to call the police.” That instruction, of course, has a backstory and that story is this:

The summer after I graduated from high school, I headed to Bethelwoods. Bethelwoods is a camp in upstate South Carolina and I had worked there the summer before—not old enough to be a camp counselor and so did the odd jobs needed that help keep a camp running—working in the kitchen, staffing the arts and crafts shelter, sorting mail, answering the phone, etc.

As a high school graduate, I still wasn’t old enough to be a counselor, but no mind—I was heading back to Bethelwoods—a summer job of gopher and being with people I enjoyed. The day I left, I was traveling with two other friends—Ginny and Grace—we all had been there the summer before. My Plymouth Volare was carrying three trunks and the assortment of other odds and ends needed for a summer living in a platform tent. Pulling out of the driveway, my parents said “Call us when you get there.”

The three hour drive from Summerville to York was uneventful. We arrived excited to see our friends and I promptly forgot to call my parents. Two hours later, I realized that and rushed to the camp director’s office to make the call. You might imagine the reception I received from my parents when they answered the phone! That and the next sentence: “When we didn’t hear from you, we called the York County police” “You what?!” and then I hear my friend Ginny saying to someone “It’s okay, she’s talking to them right now.” “I have to see her for myself.” And in walked a York County police officer. “Are you Sharon Core?” GULP! “I am.” “And you are talking to your parents?” “I am.” “Please let me confirm that.” And he takes the phone and talks to my parents and then looks at me and says “Your parents were very worried. Please do not put them through that again.”

It is a family story everyone knows and no one needs to repeat save for “Let us know when you get there; we don’t want to have to call the police.”

Do you have stories like that—ones so familiar that just a phrase or word or look retells it? There is power in our family stories—they remind us of great love. They can also remind us of where we went wrong, where we seek forgiveness, where we need to repair relationships. And then there are those stories we don’t often repeat—because they embarrass us or reveal parts of ourselves that we’d rather not be reminded of.

This summer, we are going to hear some of those family stories—ones from Genesis and Exodus. Some of them are joy-filled; some are harsh; some exude hopefulness; some reveal the depths of human pain. All of them are infused with the presence of God. As a part of worship, on some Sundays, I’m going to invite you to share your thoughts with one another. How do these family stories from the pages of scripture inform, guide, frame your family stories?

And because some of these stories are really hard—Abraham called to sacrifice Isaac, Hagar and Ishamel sent into the wilderness to die, midwives risking the wrath of the Pharaoh—I’m hesitant to use them during the Children’s Message. And so, I wonder about Redeemer family stories—what are the stories you hold of this place that our younger generation would be blessed to know? And would you be willing to share one on a Sunday

during the summer? Part of being a family is sharing stories with one another. And I would love it if some of you would be willing to share your stories with the children. Please email me if that is something you are willing to entertain.

“Let us know when you get there; we don’t want to have to call the police.” Be they funny or hard or sad or challenging or loving or even unspoken, we all have family stories. How we learn from them and share them is an opportunity for each one of us.

Blessings,
Pastor Sharon



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Traditional worship services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Contemporary worship service at 9:45 am

Switch to two services on June 14

Traditional worship service at 8:30 am
Contemporary worship service at 11:00 am

Table Talk (Adult Class in Conference Room) – 9:45 am

WEEKLY EVENTS

Thursdays Bible Study (Zoom) – 8:00 am

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Week of May 31

Tuesday, June 2
Wednesday, June 3
Thursday, June 4

Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom) – 9:30 am
Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) – 9 am
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Zoom) – 10:30 am
Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) – 7:00 pm
Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B) – 7:45 pm

Week of June 7

Monday, June 8
Tuesday, June 9
Thursday, June 11

Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Zoom) – 7:30 pm
Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom) – 9:30 am
Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) – 7:00 pm
Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B) – 7:45 pm

Week of June 14

Sunday, June 14
Wednesday, June 17
Thursday, June 18

Mission Trip Meeting (Conference Room) – 12 pm
Adult Christian Education Class on Nicene Creed (Fellowship Hall) – 12:15 pm
Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) – 9 am
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Zoom) – 10:30 am

Week of June 21

Sunday, June 21
Friday, June 26

Mission Trip Group depart
Mission Trip Group return

**Minutes: May 11, 2026, Meeting of Congregation Council
RLC Conference Room**

Council Members Present in Person: Annabelle Allard; Steve Bott, Treasurer; David Broderdorf; Lee Cronin; Sara Egeland; Chris Hernadi, Secretary; Megan Kratz; Karen Miller, President; Gene Morrow; Anna.

Council Members Absent Excused: Pastor Sharon Core; Sabine Detweiler, Vice President; Tyler Posey.

Council Meeting Guests:

Call to order. Karen Miller called the meeting to order at 7:34

Opening Devotions. Megan Kratz led devotions with a reading from Acts 4:32-25 and Community Builder 30, "Sharing from One Another," from Growing Together. Following the prompts in the community building discussion, Council brainstormed words that could be used to describe the "ideal church:" community; giving; fellowship; loving; supportive; welcoming; gathering; smiling; social justice; accepting.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes from the meeting were previously approved by email.

Adoption of Agenda. The agenda, as emailed in advance of the meeting, was approved by the Council.

Executive Committee Summary. The Executive Committee met on May 5 and talked about the items on tonight's agenda.

Discussion Item: General Updates from Pastor Core. In Pastor Core's absence, Karen Miller reported that Pastor Core has been focused on settling the administrative team into the renovated offices, working with Rob Wenk on the building project, refreshing and updating Redeemer's Building Use Policy, and expanding the network of outside support to Redeemer's Youth Ministry.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Steve Bott presented the 2026 Financial Summary through April 30, which was made available via email prior to the meeting and which reports a YTD deficit of \$45,809. In discussion, Karen noted that she shared the report with the Stewardship Committee for their analysis of the shortfall and contribution rates. Karen and Steve both noted that service attendance has gone down since the pre-COVID days, and Council discussed ways to expand membership outreach to help boost contribution rates throughout the year.

Steve also reported that Redeemer made the final payment for the renovation of the classroom and administrative wings of the building.

Discussion Item: Transition Team Progress. Karen Miller reported that the Transition Team began work on its final report, which will be delivered to the Congregation by the end of May.

Discussion Item: Call Committee Progress. Karen Miller noted the items below:

- The full Congregation Meeting to approve the members of the Call Committee is rescheduled for May 31, in between the 9:45 and 11:00 service.
- Council members Chris Hernadi and Sara Egeland will announce the new meeting date during services on May 17, and Council Vice President Sabine Detweiler will make the announcement during services on May 24.
- A meeting with Pastor Amy Sevimli, Assistant to the Bishop, is tentatively scheduled for June 1 to brief the Call Committee team on the next phase.
- The Ministry Site Profile has a target completion date of June 30.

Discussion Item: Endowment Committee Report. David Broderdorf reported that the Endowment Committee identified Lutheran World Relief as the recipient of Redeemer’s Quarter 2 gift of \$5,000. He further noted that Lutheran World Relief is currently engaged in a matching campaign, and that the \$5,000 would be part of a fund targeted towards nutrition and starvation relief.

David made the motion for Council to approve the gift of \$5,000 to Lutheran World Relief. Gene Morrow seconded the motion. There was no follow-up discussion, and the motion was approved unanimously by Council.

Discussion Item: Building Update. Karen Miller noted the items below:

- Interior Building Renovations. The administrative and classroom wing renovation is complete and staff have moved to their permanent spaces
- Columbarium. The firm with whom Redeemer contracted for the Columbarium is no longer in business, and Rob Wenk has been provided with references to undertake the project. Rob is pursuing those references and will report back to Council with his findings.
- Outdoor Space. Karen reported that Rob is working through a reevaluation of the project in light of the increased costs associated with this phase.

Discussion Item: Pastor Sharon Core contract. Karen Miller reported that Pastor Sharon Core’s contract expires in August, and that Pastor Core has confirmed her availability and interest in continuing to serve as Interim Pastor during the Call Process.

Karen Miller moved that Council extend Pastor Core’s contract through December 31, 2026. Megan Kratz seconded. During discussion, it was noted that the extension would not include amendments or any changes to the existing terms. The motion to extend the contract through December 31, 2026 was unanimously approved by Council.

Discussion Item: Unrestricted Coffman Gift. Karen Miller noted that Redeemer has received an unrestricted gift from the Coffman family. In the discussion of how to allocate these funds, Council reaffirmed commitment to Redeemer’s tradition of a 10% tithe, acknowledged the cost overage of the Outdoor Space portion of the building campaign, and recognized the value of preserving funds for future internal needs.

Karen Miller made the motion to commit 47% of the Coffman gift to meet the costs of the building project. Steve Bott seconded the motion. There was no follow-up discussion, and the motion was approved by Council unanimously.

Megan Kratz made the motion to split 10% of the Coffman Gift evenly between Lutheran World Relief and the 2026 Rise Against Hunger Campaign. Annabelle Allard seconded the motion. In discussion, it was noted that the contribution to Lutheran World Relief could be eligible for the matching campaign provided the funds arrive prior to the deadline. The motion was approved unanimously by Council.

Announcement: McLean Day. McLean Day is scheduled for May 16, and Karen Miller noted the items below:

- Grace Sweeney has designed and ordered a new table covering
- The Theme is “Redeemer Lutheran – We are the Sign Church”
- An organizer has been identified, and there is still a call for volunteers for the day of the event

Discussion Item: Youth Topics. Annabelle Allard reported that the Christian Education Team will meet during the week of May 25 to focus on Faith Formation for the summer and fall. The team is also planning for youth activities (movie night, babysitting in the gym for parent “date night”) for the fall and will reach out to other conference churches to expand the network for youth ministry and engagement.

Discussion Item: Processing of Minutes. Sabine Detweiler will process the minutes of this meeting and make the approved version available to Grace Sweeney by May 20 for distribution.

Ministry Reports: Congregational Life: Lee Cronin updated Council on her plans for standing lunches at local restaurants once a month after the 11:00 service. Sara Egeland shared the process used by the dinner group, and Cynthia Finocchiaro was suggested as a resource to help publicize lunch group activities.

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New Business: None.

Close with Prayer and adjourn at 8:55.

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Upcoming Dates:

- McLean Day May 16, 2026
- Congregational Meeting May 31, 2026
- Executive Committee June 3, 2026
- Synod Assembly June 6, 2026
- Next Meeting of Council June 8, 2026

Construction Project Updates from May

Pastor Sharon and the staff have moved back into their renovated offices. Everyone is in the same original office locations. The mailboxes are now located next door to where they used to be and are outside the finance office. The office side visitor's entrance is available again at Door #10 on the Westmoreland Street side of the building. The restrooms near the office entrance and the music suites are also now available for use.

Here is a recap of the benefits being realized with our building renovation: improved classrooms and offices with better sound privacy, remodeled public restrooms, cabinets and sinks added to the conference room and a classroom, ability to individually control heating/cooling in each room, improved space utilization in the sacristy and robe room, larger meeting space in the library, separate area for member mailbox access and copier use, improved building security, better energy efficiencies, an additional office for our preschool and after-school programs, and additional storage spaces.

A big thank you to everyone who has made this much needed renovation possible through your financial gifts to the capital campaign.

Office Wing Before and After Construction

BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



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STEWARDSHIP AT REDEEMER

Stewardship is ...

Stewardship is more than what we put into the offering plate.

God is also calling us to share our time and talents with our siblings in Christ and with the larger community. Here's how some of our members are making a wonderful difference in the life of our church -- while helping people in urgent need of assistance:

Laura Wareham

Do you ever wonder, "How can I help people in our community who don't have enough to eat?"

Seeking an answer to this question is how I got started picking up food donations from Honeybaked Ham stores and delivering them to locations that feed those in need. Dropping off food at So Others Might Eat in Washington, DC when people are lining up for lunch, starkly showed me how great the need is. Also, I have enjoyed getting to know the other members of the congregation who volunteer to support this church stewardship ministry.

Ellie McGuire

I grew up at Redeemer Lutheran Church, was confirmed here, and have watched my faith grow deeper with every passing year through this wonderful community — though I'll admit my journey here started in the nursery, where I cried so much my parents had no choice but to bring me into the service with them!

This is my first-year teaching faith formation to 3rd and 4th graders, and it has already been such a rewarding experience — I love their curious, inquisitive minds and the joy they bring to class each week. I have also volunteered packing meals for Stop Hunger Now and participated in youth mission trips.

Service has a quiet way of filling your heart — no matter the role, knowing you've made even a small difference in someone's life makes it all worthwhile. The lifelong friendships I've made at Redeemer are a true blessing, and I'm grateful to be part of a faith family that continues to inspire me to serve.

Elizabeth Carroll

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIV says: "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

Most Sundays you will see me in the choir loft at the 11am service. I've been singing in church choirs before I could even read. Singing has always made me feel closer to God and when a piece really comes together, I'm certain he's listening. It also brings me joy to see others who hear the choir's song and connect with the music. I'm grateful that the Lord has blessed me with the ability to sing and share my gift with others.

Laura Stoessel

Last year, we lost my beloved mother and long-time faithful Redeemer member, Betsy Kutscher. Shortly after her death, several members of the Assisting Minister team approached me with the statement: "It's been a long time since we've had a member of the Kutscher family in the front of the church during service. Would you consider serving as an Assisting Minister?" I hesitated, wondering if I could do this, but I reluctantly said, "Yes." Later that day as I sat in the pew, the sun beamed down on me through the stained glass windows Mom had a big part in creating. I felt her presence and God's presence, and I silently said to myself, "Yes, Mom, I hear you, I know you approve and are excited." I have now served as Assisting Minister several times. I truly feel blessed to be part of the service, growing in my own faith and carrying on Mom's legacy in the church.

Louise Storm

It's been a joy to serve our Redeemer family in various expressions of time and talent: as part of the prayer and encouragement support to Pastor Sharon, offering a reflection for this year's first Lenten Vespers service, taking a turn as the adult observer in the Confirmation class, and joining the cleanup crew for PSK's farewell celebration.

What a gift to have this wide array of experiences — from writing insights on paschal scripture to simply sitting as the 7th and 8th graders receive outstanding theological guidance to scraping cake off plates. Each engagement has given me real encouragement and has deepened my connection to the Lord and to this body. Finding time to serve can be challenging; as a working parent to four teens, I can empathize with overlapping schedules and deadlines. By being open to invitations of service, sharing ourselves and putting aside weariness, Jesus has shown up with his great love and empowerment (1 Thess. 2:8 & Gal. 6:9).

Joyce Clarke

"Stewardship" is not just about money. As you know, it is also acts of service and an expression of faith.

Serving at Redeemer is one of the most rewarding things one can do. The opportunities are endless.

Greeting members on a Sunday morning is a chance to enlarge your friendship circle. Setting up the altar for Chancel Care on a Sunday morning adds to the expected well-run church service. Sewing quilts for the children in Guatemala expresses kindness towards others outside our church environs. Creating bags for Shut-ins brings happiness to those in need of staying connected. Watching the children's faces when doing a project with pre- and after-school programs is priceless. But we are not limited here at Redeemer: helping with seasonal dinner set-ups, managing the church library, washing tablecloths or robes, and many odd jobs are rewarding themselves.

With so many talented people here at Redeemer, surely all of us can find something to contribute.

God has gifted each of us with unique talents, interests, and experiences, and we are all called to put our faith and lovingkindness into action.

Every day, members of our faith community are helping to address hunger, illnesses, homelessness, and other urgent human needs. Our volunteers are also joyfully singing in our choir, teaching our youngsters, and doing lots of behind-the-scenes work to enhance your weekly worship experience.

We cannot thank our volunteers enough for everything they do to bring you an enjoyable music-filled worship experience every Sunday, while extending God's love, mercy, and grace with all of those who need our understanding and assistance.

What might God be calling you to do? Please think and pray about how you also might lend a hand.

HAPPENING AT REDEEMER

Endowment Ministry – Lutheran World Relief

Making an Impact This Summer!

The Endowment Fund and Committee were formed in 1995 to extend Redeemer’s outreach mission. All donations remain in the Fund; only earnings are dispersed as modest grants to nonprofit organizations.

The latest Endowment Committee grant was approved by Council for \$5,000 to Lutheran World Relief. LWR works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering.

For more information go to LWR.org

With LWR’s current initiative, Love Thy Neighbor Summer Match, the Endowment Committee’s contribution will be doubled.

Redeemer continues its commitment to share God’s love with our neighbors locally and abroad.

For questions about the work of the Endowment Committee or about giving to the Fund, please email Stephanie Hunter at endowment@redeemermclean.org.

Financial Stewardship at Redeemer Update

Stewardship is ...

Stewardship is expressed in three ways: sharing of our time, talents, and treasure. Making a commitment in any of those areas is an act of faith, an act of worship.

Exciting things are happening at Redeemer:

- the completion of the construction work inside the building (be sure to walk around the hallways and see the “new look”);
- the move from the transition team to a call committee as the next step in calling a new pastor;
- the scarf drive for N Street Village, the collection of school supplies for Homestretch, and the ongoing supply of items for the Little Food Pantry as current examples of ways to live out our mission to share Christ’s love with the greatest number of people.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing generosity of giving! But, as seen in the snapshot below of Redeemer’s financial picture as of the end of April 2026, we are facing a financial challenge. May the Holy Spirit challenge all of us to share our treasure as we are able during the coming summer season.

Current year through 4-30-26			
	Actual	Budget	Budget Variance
Total Receipts*	\$ 337,913	\$ 386,818	\$ (48,905)
Total Expenses	\$ 383,722	\$ 386,818	\$ 3,096
Over (Under)	\$ (45,809)		\$ (45,809)
* Includes \$10,000 roll-over from 2025			

Adult Christian Education Class
June 14 at 12:15 pm
The Nicene Creed and the Proposed Change to How it is Recited

On Sunday, June 14 at 12:15, in the Fellowship Hall, Harold Hofstad will lead a discussion on the Nicene Creed and the proposed change on how to recite it. A light lunch will be served. Some history is necessary to understand why the change is being proposed and the reason for this gathering at Redeemer.

Last year, Christians around the world celebrated the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed. It has a history of three revisions, the last of which has a continuing legacy of controversy between churches in the east and the west.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father **and the Son** is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Note that the highlighted clause “and the Son” known as the **Filioque** (its Latin name) was added after the universal version agreed to by both east and west was established in 381. This change began to be popular in churches in the west after that time, under the influence of theologians such as Augustine. About 400 years later it was officially adopted by the Roman Catholic Church in a papal declaration.

The Lutheran Church inherited the creedal tradition of the western church without question. In recent years, however, theological dialog with the Eastern Orthodox has raised anew the question of whether the Filioque should be used or dropped from the recitation of the Creed in worship. The Lutheran World Federation has recommended that it be dropped by its member churches in the interest of achieving greater unity and cooperation. The ELCA, our denomination, as a member of the LWF, is recommending the issue be studied and considered by its congregations before any decision might be made in the future.

As you can see, there is much to discuss! We hope you will join us for lunch and conversation. So that we can be good stewards of lunch, please sign up [here](#). Also, Harold has provided more background information that will be helpful to the discussion in a separate document to be found [here](#). We look forward to seeing you on June 14.

Adult Christian Education
Have an idea for a topic? Want to teach a class?

During the summer we are planning to increase the Adult Christian Education Opportunities by utilizing the time between our two services. Is there a topic you have always been curious about? Is there a topic you have always wanted to lead? If the answer is “Yes!” to either question, please reach out to [Annabelle Allard](#) with your thoughts and ideas. All are welcome!

Prayers for the Mission Trip

On Sunday, June 21, eight youth along with four chaperones will embark on a Mission Trip to Wilmington, NC returning on June 26. We ask that you pray for the group going that they may have a rewarding and exciting time, filled with fellowship and a deepening of faith.

YouthWorks, the organization facilitating the trip, has also asked for additional prayers that can be seen below.

Prayer Requests

Pray for our friends and community leaders who take great pride in Wilmington and work tirelessly to support neighbors who are under-resourced, elderly, disabled, and veterans. Lift up their efforts in home repairs, food sustainability, and meeting other essential and tangible needs. Pray for continued strength, renewed vision, and the resources necessary to sustain and grow this important work. We also ask for prayer for our partner agencies and individuals impacted by ongoing economic challenges across the country, praying for provision, stability, and encouragement during this time.

Thank you for keeping both those that are part of our Redeemer family and the greater Wilmington Community in your prayers.

Social Justice & Equity Book Club On Summer Break, Resumes September 14

Check out the The Social Justice & Equity Book Club's lending cart in the Crossroads! Feel free to borrow any book but please remember to return it to the cart for others to read :)

The group has just finished another great book "Let Us Descend" by Jesmyn Ward and will take the summer off. Meetings will resume on Sept 14 with a discussion on an essay written by John Hopes Franklin on "The Emancipation Proclamation".

For most recent book summaries please visit this [link](#). We have just added summaries of *The Black Box: Writing the Race* and *Mad Honey*.

Anyone is welcome to join us and September would be a good time to do so! We meet every Monday via zoom @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for more details.



**Mission Trip Meeting
June 14 at 12 pm**

On June 14 at 12 pm, there will be a Mission Trip Meeting for parents and students to go over final details for the trip. This will take place in the conference room. If you cannot attend, please email grace@redeemerclean.org.

**Redeemer Renaissance Preschool
Register Today!**

Preschool offers classes and extended day options for children aged 1.5–5 years old. Explore summer camps for 3–5-year-olds!

Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year is currently open!

For questions or to learn more information about all Redeemer Renaissance has to offer, please call 703-365-3567. We can't wait to welcome you!

**Redeemer Renaissance Summer Camp
June 22 to August 14**

To register please visit <http://redeemerrenaissance.org/>



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE GRADUATES!



Austin Humes is graduating from Yorktown High School. He will attend Purdue University to major in Aeronautics and Astronautics as his first step to a career in aerospace engineering.

As he begins his next chapter, we want to thank the Redeemer family for his Faith Formation teachers and for supporting Austin with opportunities to participate in mission trips and the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Victoria Johnson is graduating from McLean High School. She will attend the University of Virginia in the fall to major in Neuroscience.



SOCIAL OUTREACH

Quilting Group Sewing Happiness into Every Stitch

Quilting Group: Sewing Happiness into Every Stitch

We love what we do! The Quilting Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from 9:00–11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. We are a small but mighty group on a mission to share our love of sewing and make a difference through our craft.

Who We Support: Our quilts and handmade items bring comfort and care to those in need through:

- Partner for Surgery (Guatemala) – Providing medical and surgical care in rural communities, we provide quilts, flannel blankets, tote bags, and bears for the children.



- Project Linus – Supporting children in Fairfax County and beyond, we provide them with quilts and fleece blankets.
- Redeemer – Providing parishioners with quilts during service, flannel blankets for toddler baptisms, shut-ins, pre-school/after school care, or anyone else in our church family that is in need.

Partnering with the Prayer Shawl Group: We've teamed up with the Prayer Shawl Group to make fleece blankets for Project Linus. The Quilting Group preps the fleece, and the crocheters add a beautiful edge. For Prayer Shawl info, contact Lynn Barth.

How You Can Help: We desperately need sewers! Either in person on Wednesdays or if you cannot attend in person, we will provide you with:

- Quilt squares already designed, and marked for sewing a quilt top
- Bundled quilt kits that include a sewn top, pre-cut batting and backing, yarn and/or binding)

Other ways to support:

- Monetary donations (please designate for "Quilting Group") to purchase batting, fabric, thread, and other essentials.
- Fabric, thread, and sewing supplies that you or someone else no longer needs/uses.

Interested? Please contact: [Darlene McCoy](#) or [Joyce Clarke](#).

Homestretch School Supply Drive

Redeemer will be sponsoring a school supply drive for Homestretch again this year. Items will be collected starting June 7 thru July 12th. There will be a collection box in the Crossroads or you can order directly from the [Amazon wishlist link](#) 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 elizabethccarroll@gmail.com.

We thank you in advance for your support!

Little Food Pantry Want to Support the Little Food Pantry but no time to shop?

Have a busy summer travel schedule ahead? No problem. Select the [Little Food Pantry tile](#), and we'll take care of the shopping for you! We need your continued support to fulfill our community's short-term food needs, which also includes families whose children would normally receive reduced-cost breakfasts and lunches during the school year. Physical donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the church.

Regularly needed items include:

- canned tuna and chicken
- canned fruit and vegetables
- beans
- oatmeal packets
- hearty soups
- instant soups and microwave options
- peanut butter
- Ritz crackers
- granola bars
- rice
- pasta

Please - no glass jars, expired, or partial food portions.
Thank you for supporting this important ministry!



Prayer Shawl Ministry Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry in the 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 meets the first and third Thursday of most months in the library. We take a break in July and August. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 to noon. All are welcome.

Please email Lynn Barth at 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.

Partner for Surgery Thank you!

On May 1, we received word that 52 care bags and 52 blankets were distributed to patients of the Cleft Infant Nutrition Program in Guatemala.

“The families are incredibly grateful. These thoughtful gifts bring comfort and peace on what can be a very emotional and uncertain day, as they wait to learn whether their babies will be eligible for surgery.

May God bless the hands of each person who contributes to making this possible. Your support is truly making a difference in the lives of these families.”

- Emily Lopez, Partner for Surgery.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the creation of the care bags and blankets!

Looking forward, we'll be preparing 50 gift bags for the babies (up to 1 year) for delivery in July. In addition to infant rattles, infant socks and Nuk pacifiers for 0–6 months, the big ask for this trip is to include a specialized cleft palate nipple to use on bottles—found at Amazon through the [wish list](#).



PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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