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Life at Redeemer

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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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. Pastor Kessinger is open and available for one-on-one conversations with you.

Holy Communion Open to All

We offer Holy Communion at all 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.

Summer Worship Schedule June 16 - September 1

June 16 - July 21
9:00 am - Traditional
10:30 am - Contemporary

July 28 - September 1
9:00 am - Contemporary
10:30 am - Traditional

Back to School Supplies Collection for Homestretch

Congratulations to all students and teachers on the end of the school year! As you are heading out for summer vacations and camps, [Homestretch](#) is starting the collection for back to school supplies! Please help Redeemer collect the following school supplies: Clorox wipes, 24 count Crayola crayons, glue sticks, and boxes of tissues. We have created an [Amazon list](#) for the supplies (these will be delivered to Redeemer Lutheran Church) and there will be a collection box in the narthex through July 13. Please reach out to [Elizabeth Carroll](#) for more information.

Hymns today at the 9:00 Service

- #632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- #740 God of the Sparrow
- #612 Healer of Our Every Ill
- #733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Funeral Service

Ginny Cassell
Today at 2 pm

The funeral service for Ginny Cassell will be held today at Redeemer. The family extends an invitation for anyone from our faith community to attend. After the service there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall. It will give us an opportunity to share our memories with Ginny's family and friends over some wonderful food. Please come, or attend the [livestream](#).

Faith Formation Mentors Needed

We are in need of Faith Formation mentors for the upcoming school year (September 2024 - May 2025). Lead teachers and assistants are needed in classes for pre-K through 6th graders. 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.

Reach out to [Shelley Brennan](#) if you are interested in signing up or if you have any questions!

Introducing the Gratitude Jar

In the coming weeks and months, a Gratitude Jar will be in the Crossroads. Its purpose is for us to not only be a welcoming church but a grateful church – grateful to God and for each other. Please stop by the Gratitude Jar and fill out a “I am grateful for . . .” note. Who has shown you kindness, made you smile, listened to you? What gives you joy? Keep the message simple but when a thought comes to mind, write it down and put it in the jar. Each week we will post the gratitude notes! No need to sign your name. It is enough to be grateful!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18a – Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

OUR MISSION: SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE

Construction Project Update

As you think about how you can support Redeemer's renovation and expansion plans, please consider one of the tax advantaged giving options. The gifting of appreciated stocks or mutual funds can help minimize capital gain taxes. Also, the gifting of retirement Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can also lower your taxable income. See Redeemer's website under the Giving heading for more information.

Summer Bible Study Series Comparing the Gospel Stories Wednesdays through July 24

We are currently studying the healing stories found in all four gospels. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom. We discuss the similarities and difference between the gospel accounts and their placement in the gospels. We also explore how they are relevant to our lives.

For this coming Wednesday, June 26, we will study the faith of the Centurion as recorded in Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10, and John 4:46-54. Join us for any of these sessions as they are independent of what went on before and what will come after. All are welcome!

[Zoom link here](#)

Meeting ID: 834 8580 0164
Passcode: 624218

Scholarships Available

There are scholarship funds available for students in the congregation who are pursuing studies in music and/or dance or to assist with the student's spiritual growth. These funds became available through a special gift given to Redeemer from charter members of the church. If you are interested, please send an email to church@redeemermclean.org with the details of your specific situation and we will respond to you.

Deadline for *Tidings* Articles

If you have an article to submit for next month's *Tidings* newsletter, please send it to [Cynthia](#) by Wednesday, June 26 so that it can be included. Thank you!

Capital Campaign Update

As of June 20th, the total amount pledged or donated for the Capital Campaign project is now \$1,574,114 which is 58% of our \$2.7 million goal. This includes the \$10,500 grant received earlier this month from the McLean Community Foundation (MCF) to help fund the natural outdoor play area as well as \$3,935 in recent fundraiser proceeds. We appreciate your continued support and generosity.

Keynote Speaker for the 2024 Synod Assembly Held on Saturday, June 1

Dr. Marci Vandiver is an Associate Professor of Education at Towson University in Baltimore County, Maryland. She received her B.S. in Middle Grades Education from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. After her undergraduate studies, she worked as a teacher for Atlanta Public Schools and received a master's in educational policy and leadership from Georgia State University. She later received her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Dr. Vandiver's research interests focus on issues of diversity and inclusion, anti-racism, and educational equity for marginalized students. She is happily married to Rev. Dr. Kevin Vandiver, the senior pastor of Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Capitol Hill. They are the proud parents of two toddler boys.

Link to her speech - <https://youtu.be/qBEdV7owVIA?list=PLPSCMqCp9Z-Hyc5I1Pf-KjNkp5o-aRGYd>

Preacher at the Opening Worship for the 2024 Synod Assembly

Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde serves as spiritual leader for 86 Episcopal congregations and ten Episcopal schools in the District of Columbia and four Maryland counties. The first woman elected to this position, she also serves as the chair of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation, which oversees the ministries of the Washington National Cathedral and Cathedral schools.

Link to her book - [Bishop Budde on Courage in Decisive Moments - The Living Church](#)

Redeemer Renaissance Preschool Welcomes Katrina McNair

Redeemer Renaissance is excited to announce that Katrina McNair has taken the position as our new Preschool Director. Katrina holds a Bachelor of Elementary Education, and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration. Decades of experience working with children in preschool through high school and a passion for ensuring that each child has opportunities to learn and grow will serve the children and families of our ministry well. Katrina is looking forward to meeting everyone and collaborating to support the mission of Redeemer Renaissance.

Katrina will greet families at our summertime Playground Playtime. Join us on Wednesdays through August 28th, 9:30 – 10:30 AM, to bring your children to visit and play! Questions? Contact Linda McConaughay, Redeemer Renaissance Executive Director at 703-356-3346 ext. 106.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 6/23	<i>Sunday Worship Service times</i>		
	9:00 am and 10:30 am <i>(Live stream both services)</i>		
	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)	
	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Cassell Funeral and Reception (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)	
Tues., 6/25	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Beyond Measure Meeting (Zoom)	
Weds., 6/26	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Weds. PM Bible Study (Zoom)	
Thurs., 6/27	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	

PASTORS AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Nursery Care	Bernarda Rodriguez Lusbi Pina		
Evening Facility Host	Milo Engel		

Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing:

Ari
Jack
Beth C.
Betts
Emma E.
Jesse
Judy M.
Rosie-Beth
Achikian, Maral
Antokas, Fr. Dimitrios
Armentrout, Brian
Armentrout, Stephanie
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica
Bates, Barbara
Blakey, Patrick
Blankenship, Bob
Bonner, Kirby
Bornmann, Keith
Brandenburg, Wyatt
Carter, Nicole
Cavallo, Michael
Crabbs, Leslie
Culhane, Ed
Devine, Daniel
Dotterweich, Pam
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Engelke, Ruth
Finocchiaro, Charlie
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Keith
Heuer, Mark
Holmlund, Gwenn
Hughes, William
Hunter, Baxter

Johnson, Diane
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Knowles, Helen
Kutscher, Betsy
Leong, Helen
McDonald, Michelle
Miller, Coletta
Millward, Jane
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Ogg, Lornie & Eleanor
Ortman, Andy
Reblitz, Jennifer
Ryding, Karin
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Scheinblum, Terry
Schopp, Henry
Schmid, Rahizza
Schumacher family
Shaefer, Phil
Stear, Garry and Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry
Yox, Karol

For Comfort and Peace:

Collins, Josephine
Portis, Carol
Peggy
Smith, Trish Layton

For Comfort in Death:

The family and friends of Michael B. Scott
The family and friends of Ginny Cassell
For the family and friends of Roy Curt Rom,
father of Gretchen Stark

For Safety

All refugees
All our military and diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country
Erik
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:

Dave
Katelyn
Anna & Stephen
Sarah & Jenny
Dotterweich, Mark
Franks, Hannah
Hahne, Bob
Taylor, Charles
Weber, Amy and Emerson and Fynn
Family of Kevin and Yam
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 the people in countries around the world where there is violence and war.
We pray for the people in areas where there have been natural disasters.
We pray for improved relationships among all nations.
We pray for our nation as we address the causes and effects of violence and the courage to act in faithful ways.
We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed.
We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression because of their faith and/or ethnicity.

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 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, and their pastors, Anthony Prinsen and Lydia Posselt.