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## Life at Redeemer

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# September 1, 2024

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

### 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

#660	Life High the Cross
#656	Blest Be the Tie That Binds
#445	Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
#669	Rise Up, O Saints of God!

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class will resume September 8. 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 use [this link](#) or the QR code.



### ELCA Social Statement: Civic Life and Faith

You are invited to give feedback on a draft of an ELCA social statement on "civic life and faith." The statement, which calls on the Church to foster more humane discussion in the public square, will be considered for adoption by the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. You can read the draft statement [here](#) (both short and long versions) and leave feedback [here](#) through September 30.

### Worship Schedule Starting September 8

On Sunday, we will return to three services – 8:30 am (traditional), 9:45 am (contemporary), and 11 am (traditional). At 9:45 am all of our educational opportunities will also start up. They include Faith Formation, Confirmation, and High School (Bible and Bagels). Table Talk (Adult class) will shift from a 10:15 am start time to 9:45 am to accommodate the change in schedule. Please come and be a part of our worship and any of our offerings to study God's Word. All are welcome.

### Doughnut Sunday Next Week September 8

We will be offering a coffee hour with doughnuts next Sunday. We look forward to enjoying some fellowship! This month we will be fundraising for the Beyond Measure Capital Campaign,

### God's Work. Our Hands--ELCA Day of Service Sunday, September 8--1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship with Sunrise of McLean Village. We will be meeting at Redeemer at 1:15 pm. We will be playing games, engaging in a knitting/crochet circle, and doing crafts with the residents. Please reach out to [Tricia Engle](#) or [Grace Howie](#) if you would like to contribute in a way that is not mentioned. If you are interested in participating please [sign up here](#). For more information about "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, please visit the [ELCA website](#).

### New Staff Member

Brian Doyle has joined the church staff as our part-time Evening Facility Host. Brian will be focused on the overall safety and security of the building and assisting groups that meet at the church. His schedule will typically be Monday through Thursday evenings, 5-9 pm. If you need to schedule something involving Brian, please make those arrangements through [Cynthia](#) in the church office.

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

## Construction Project Update

One of the important features of our renovated outdoor spaces will be a new Pavilion. This structure provides a covered area for use by our preschool, after-school, summer camp, church groups, and the community. It will feature a deck, picnic tables, ADA accessibility, and both water and electrical service. It could also be used for faith formation classes, church committee meetings, and as a stage for an outdoor concert or worship service.

## Women's Prayer Group Tuesday, September 10

The Women's Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday at 9:30 am starting September 10. Everyone who attends will need to purchase the book titled *Women of the Bible: A One Year Devotional Study* by Ann Spangler and Jean E. Syswerda. Each week the devotional will highlight one of the women in the Bible and will include questions that will help make their lives relevant to our lives. We meet in person and have a Zoom option as well. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact [Pastor Kessinger](#).

## Wednesday AM Bible Study "The Work of the Holy Spirit" Wednesday, September 11

We are starting a new series this fall in our Wednesday morning Bible study that meets from 8 am to 9 am. We will use Scripture to learn more about the work of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Kessinger will send out weekly study notes that will include the Old Testament understanding of the Spirit through that of the early church. We will also study the doctrines that were developed by the Reformers on the subject of the Spirit. We will meet in person and have a Zoom option as well. If you are interested in joining, please contact [Pastor Kessinger](#).

## Wednesday PM Bible Study "The Parables of Jesus" Wednesday, September 11

We are starting a new series this fall in our Wednesday evening Bible study that meets from 7 pm to 8 pm. We will use the gospels to delve into the Parables of Jesus. Pastor Kessinger will send out weekly emails to let you know which parables we will be studying. We will meet via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please contact [Pastor Kessinger](#).

## Racial Justice & Equity Book Club

Redeemer's Racial Justice and Equity Book Club is reading *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride during the summer on our own. We will discuss it when we return to our Zoom meetings in the fall on September 16! After that we will be reading *The Religion of Whiteness* by Emerson and Bracey. We read about 30-50 pages each week, and meet every Monday 7:30 - 8:30 pm via Zoom to discuss what we have read. Anyone is welcome to join us! If interested, please contact [Teresa Schellenger](#).

## "Good Grub and God" Tuesday, September 17th, at 7:00 pm

Good Grub and God is a night out for adults in a local restaurant to enjoy a good meal, fellowship, and a discussion on some aspect of our faith. Come solo or bring a friend, co-worker, or partner, but come enjoy getting to spend time together.

We will be meeting on Tuesday, 9/17 at 7pm at The Union, 1379 Beverly Rd, McLean. If the weather is good, we will enjoy sitting outside on the patio. If you would like to attend, please sign up [here](#) or contact [Kim Wenk](#). You can sign up as late as the day before; we just want to be sure we have enough seats for everyone.

## Youth Events

### Youth Mission Trip — June 22 to 27, 2025 Sign up by September 27

Our 2025 Youth Mission trip will be to Niagara Falls, NY through the organization YouthWorks. This trip is open to current 7th through 12th graders. Spaces for this trip are limited and we are in need of chaperones. If you are interested in attending, please email [Grace Howie](#) for more details.

### 30 Hour Famine Lock-In October 11, 6pm to October 12, 5pm

The 30 Hour Famine is a fundraiser that concludes with the lock-in event where we will go hungry ourselves to support the need and raise awareness. This year we will fundraise for Rise against Hunger, and participants can receive service hours for this event. The lock-in is open to 9th through 12th graders and we are in need of 2 chaperones. If you are interested in participating, please [sign up here](#) or contact [Grace Howie](#) for more information.

## 200 in 24 Winter Scarf Challenge

Calling all yarn artisans to join the 200 in 24 winter scarf challenge for N Street Ministries, serving homeless women in the DC area. The collection so far is robust, but we have not yet reached our goal. We have over 90 scarves on hand now. Scarf-in-a-bag kits are available in the Crossroads, and collection boxes are there too. The scarf drive ends October 20 when the scarves will receive a blessing at the Sunday services. So with needles clicking and yarn a-flying, we can head for our goal and have fun along the way.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 9/1	<i>Sunday Worship Service times</i>	
	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Contemporary Service (Livestreamed)
	10:15 am - 11:15 am	Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Traditional Service (Livestreamed)
Mon., 9/2	Labor Day	Church Office Closed
Weds., 9/4	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 9/5	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Hybrid)
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)

## PASTORS AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ***Please Remember to Pray....***

### **For Healing:**

Ari  
Jack  
Beth C.  
Betts  
Emma E.  
Jesse  
Jesse D.  
Judy M.  
Kristin F.  
Rosie-Beth  
Steve M.  
Teddy  
Achikian, Maral  
Antokas, Fr. Dimitrios  
Armentrout, Brian & 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  
Diaz, Martin  
Dotterweich, Pam  
Duval, Louis  
Eifler, Ruth  
Geissl, Irene  
Glindemann, Keith  
Heuer, Mark  
Holmlund, Gwenn  
Hughes, William  
Hunter, Baxter

Johnson, Diane  
Keating, Kathleen and Michael  
Knowles, Helen  
Kutscher, Betsy  
Leong, Helen  
Maheshwari, Mohan  
Martin, Beverly  
McDonald, Michelle  
Miller, Coletta  
Millward, Jane  
Moe, Mike  
Myers, Kathy  
Ogg, Lawrence  
Ogg, Lornie & Eleanor  
Ortman, Andy  
Prentice, Roy  
Reblitz, Jennifer  
Ryding, Karin  
Schiedt, Mary Jane  
Scheinblum, Terry  
Schmid, Rahizza  
Schumacher family  
Shaefer, Phil  
Stear, Carolyn  
Stolar, Bob  
Teutler, Alexander  
Teutler, Olga  
Vender, Harriet  
Vosburgh, Leah  
White, Jerry  
Winter, Joyce  
Yox, Karol

### **For Comfort in Death:**

The family and friends of Michael B. Scott  
The family and friends of Garry Stear  
The family and friends of Marjorie Umbach  
The family and friends of George Vergonis

### **For Comfort and Peace:**

Collins, Josephine  
Portis, Carol  
Peggy  
Smith, Trish Layton

### **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 during this election year.  
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 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, and their pastor, Garrett Wolf, and deacon, Alyssa Prinzivalli.**