Our Mission: Sharing Christ's love with the greatest number of people

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.

Register for Youth Classes Resume September 13

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class will resume September 13 at 9:45 am. All students need a new registration each year.

To register, please scan the QR code or use this link: https://forms.gle/k96YCUB1GPamsiQ86.

Do you have Interior Space Design or Art Experience?

Now that the offices and classroom renovations are complete, we have a few projects to accomplish with regard to furniture and artwork. If you have skills in either interior design or art selection or appreciation, we'd like you to help! If interested, please send an email to President@redeemermclean.org.

Williams Family Update

You may recall that the Williams Family has been managing a serious cancer diagnosis for Tim over the last year. He and his daughter Leila will undergo a liver transplant procedure on September 18 in Rochester, NY. Please keep Tim and Leila and the rest of the Williams family in your prayers. If you'd like to help, they have requested gift cards for food delivery or groceries at this time. You can do that from their Meal Train link: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/73o79n/.

Welcome Pastor John Teitman

With thanksgiving, we welcome Pastor John Teitman to the pulpit today. Pastor Sharon Core is away on vacation.

Worship Service Schedule
Return to Three Services September 13

Please note that next week we return to our regular schedule with services at 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11 am.

ELCA Day of Service
September 13 – 12:30 to 2pm
Car Wash at Redeemer to fill the Little Food Pantry

Please plan to participate at Redeemer's Car Wash. This is a great opportunity to serve as a family, serve with friends, and make new friends! Here is how you can serve and enjoy fellowship:

VOLUNTEER: You can sign up to volunteer at the car wash by clicking this link: https://bit.ly/4zuSl1D

GET YOUR CAR WASHED AND DONATE:
You can come get your car washed. You can invite your friends and neighbors to come get their car washed

What is the cost of the car wash? Donation can be either monetary or a bag of canned food!

All donations will be used to keep Redeemer's Little Food Pantry stocked to serve our neighbors in need.

ELCA Day of Service - Sunday, 9/13 Coffee Hour
Learn where you can serve in and around Redeemer. Make a donation to Britepaths: we will be collecting toothpaste and tooth brushes.

TableTalk
New Series "Evil and the Modern Christian Response"
Starts on September 13– 9:45 am

Learning, Discussion, Discipleship

Come join us! We meet in the conference room.
For more information and to receive a copy of the readings contact Robin Taylor at tabletalk.rlc@gmail.com

Please support Britepaths
Fall Donation Drive starting September 13 until October 13

This drive will kick off at our ELCA Day of Service, We are collecting funds, toothbrushes and toothpaste which will assist our Fairfax County neighbors in need through Britepaths' Emergency Food Support program. (https://britepaths.org/our-services/food-security/) 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. Your contribution ensures we can continue to provide timely assistance to those experiencing hardship in our community.

A financial donation can be made one of three ways: 1) donation envelope with "Britepaths" on your envelope, 2) check with Britepaths in the memo line. or 3) online giving via https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home. Toothbrushes/toothpaste will be collected to add to the Britepaths Snap Gap Pantry. There will be a collection box in the Crossroads.

Social Justice & Equity Book Club
Meetings Resume on September 14 – 7:30 pm

Meetings will resume with a discussion on an essay written by John Hopes Franklin on "The Emancipation Proclamation". 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 for more details (jpschellenger@aol.com).

Little Food Pantry - Seeking Volunteers and Donations.

Are you available one day a week to restock the pantry with donated food already collected from the congregation? Do you know a youth who needs community service hours? Is your group within or outside of church looking for an opportunity to support our neighbors? If yes, please contact Paula Green (pegreen@verizon.net) for more information!

Thank you for your continued stewardship to Redeemer's Little Food Pantry. You may select the Little Food Pantry tile on the church's website as a giving option or place your donations in the specially marked basket in the church narthex.

Regularly needed items, in order of current need, include:

- peanut butter, Ritz crackers, hearty soups, instant soups and microwave options, pasta, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, canned tuna and chicken, beans, oatmeal packets, single serving boxes of cereal, and granola bars.

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

Women's Faith Group
Resume Meeting on September 15 – 9:30 am

Are you interested in joining with other women to learn and discuss matters of faith? Do you enjoy good conversation and fellowship while doing so? If yes, The Women's Faith Group may be for you! We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am at Redeemer and via Zoom. We will start this session with a study of six of the primary stories from Genesis. Week one will be a fellowship time so we can all meet each other and catch up!

We will use "Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning" by Amy Jill Levine for our first 8 weeks or so. A limited number of books has been ordered! Email Karen Miller (cavallomiller@gmail.com) to reserve yours (cost is $19). Alternatively, you may order your own physical or e-book.

Please sign up at https://bit.ly/4x52Ki7 so we can make sure we have a room large enough!

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry
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. 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 in the library. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 to noon. All are welcome. Please email Lynn Barth (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.

Coming this fall - New Redeemer Dinner Groups

Dinner groups are a great way to make new friends while sharing a fabulous meal! These groups (usually 8 or 9 people) get together one time during the year in each family's home. The host family sets the theme for the evening and provides the beverages and the main entrée item. The other families each bring a dish - an appetizer, side or dessert - that fits with the theme the host family has set. The groups will determine their own schedule to meet. With four evenings together as a group you have a chance to get to know one another well. Couples and singles are welcome to join. The only requirement is that you host 1 dinner for your group. To sign up or for more information, please contact Phyllis Peter-Mallard (ppetermallard@yahoo.com).

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 9/6	*Sunday Worship Service Times*	
	8:30 am and 11:00 am	*Live stream 8:30 (Traditional) and 11:00 (Contemporary) services*
	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am – 10:45 am	Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom)
	10:10 am – 10:40 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
Mon., 9/7	Labor Day	Church Office Closed
Thurs., 9/10	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (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)

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Helen
James
Mike
Augustenborg, Erica
Biffl, Heidi
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Geissl, Irene
Gelfand, Trudy
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Pittman, Larry
Sakellarides, Michael
Williams, Leila
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd
Welsh, Ari

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Ashley
The family & friends of Harold Core
The family & friends of Miriam Howard
The family & friends of Elizabeth Sylvester

For all healthcare workers and first responders

Laredo, Sandi

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country

For Comfort and Strength

Those who suffer from depression
Those who suffer from mental illness

Prayer List Note:
To add names to this list, you may fill out the form found at https://www.redeemermclean.org/prayer-requests or *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, Lovettsville, and their pastor,
Rev. Andreas Armstrong.**

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