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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

When you mark on your offering envelope that you would like your gift to go towards the Capital Campaign or Debt Reduction or Principal Payment, your giving serves to reduce the amount owed for what has been spent thus far on all three project areas: 1) renovations to the building, classrooms, and offices, 2) preparation for the construction of the new columbarium, 3) preparation for the renovation of the outdoor natural playground. We were able to borrow these funds from our internal reserves and avoid the interest expense and now will be paying down that balance.

Support SHARE of McLean at Giant

The Giant in McLean is offering 2 ways that you can support SHARE:

- Buy a Giant Reusable Community Bag in July at the McLean Giant and for every $2.75 bag purchased, SHARE receives $1.00!
- SHARE's Gift Card Tree is at the McLean Giant through July 12, 2026! Simply choose an envelope, activate the gift card at checkout, and return it to the Giant customer service desk.

Thank you for supporting SHARE!

Message from the Call Committee

Most munificent greetings, siblings in Christ! Warmest blessings as we enter the summer season and we continue our adventure together to find our permanent senior pastor. Here is a brief update on where we are in the call process, a description of the call procedure, and a note to highlight if you have recommendations to pass directly to the DC Metropolitan Synod.

Our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is drafted and completed and has been sent to the church council for approval. The MSP is the singular document used by the ELCA to identify both objective and subjective characteristics of a congregation seeking a pastor. Development of the MSP was supported by the work of the transition team, your active and thoughtful inputs to the research it conducted, and the collaboration of your elected call committee to compose and deliver the document.

Submission of the MSP is a second major step in the call process, the first of which was the establishment of the call committee by election of the congregation. Official submission will occur with the approval of the council, at which time the synod will receive it and facilitate matching of acceptable candidates from ELCA rostered ministers seeking a call. These rostered ministers and their profiles (resumes) will be provided to the call committee via the committee chairperson. The committee will then schedule a series of interviews to evaluate candidates. Following the interviews, the committee will deliberate and decide upon a primary candidate, submitting that recommendation to the council for review and invite to preach and preside over worship, allowing the congregation to decide on whether to issue the official call.

Between study, discussion, prayer, thoughtfulness, deliberation, and decision, the call committee will focus our efforts to represent the priorities and needs of the congregation. We will not rush these activities, but we will act judiciously to ensure we don't delay the evaluation and selection of acceptable candidates. In all of this, the DC Metro Synod is central to the discovery of and assistance in finding the right candidates.

If you wish to recommend an ELCA rostered pastor, you may directly contact Pastor Amy Sevimli, Assistant to the Bishop, at asevimli@metrodcelca.org, OR pass the recommendation along to the call committee chairperson, Jason Eckberg, at jasonalaneckberg@gmail.com. If you do contact Pastor Amy directly, we kindly ask that you cc Jason so that he will be able to timely follow up with Pastor Amy about the status of the candidate.

Thank you all for the continued support, prayers, and patience as we work through the call for a permanent pastor.

- Your Redeemer Call Committee

Food for Biblical Thought (Adult Christian Education)
"Verbs in the Bible" led by Pastor Core
July 12 to August 2 – 9:45 to 10:40 am in Classroom 137

Free food! Grab a pastry and join with your friends (and meet someone new) at 9:45 am in between our two summertime services.

Too often when we read scripture, we trip over the nouns because they may not be ones we are familiar with—shekel, yoke, omer, ephah, Nazarene, vipers, alms. In order to understand what is going on the in the text, we need to stop and define the nouns.

Verbs, however…we all have verbs, Jesus shared our verbs, Abraham and Sarah shared our verbs, Jacob, Esau, Issac, Joseph…folks in the Bible have the same verbs we do.

For four weeks we're going to explore verbs! Specifically the verbs in Genesis 29:15-28, Genesis 32:22-31, Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, and Exodus 1:8 - 2:10.

To help us prepare materials and arrange space, we encourage you to RSVP at https://bit.ly/4uHzhcQ whenever possible. However, everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you sign up in advance.

Letter from Director of
Pender County Christian Services, NC

Dear Pastor & Congregation,

We would like to thank Julianna, Jason, and Austin for all their hard work at our food pantry in Willard, NC. What a blessing they were and all were so blessed to have them come and help our clients as well as our staff.

They did represent your church family well and we pray that the Lord will bless them and your church family as well.

May the Lord bless you and we will uplift them and your church family in prayer.

Love and Prayers,
Sandy Harris
Director PCCS

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Get your friends, family, or ministry group together and sign up! It is a great way to meet people, welcome visitors, and inform people about your ministry or group. All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. If you have any questions, contact Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com. Scan the QR Code or go to bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour to sign up.

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by TableTalk.

Youth

Youth Summer Education Offerings
Starting Today – 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall

Youth are invited to join this summer starting July 12, between the two services, for Christian educational opportunities that mirror the lectionary to help deepen understanding of what is heard in worship. To help us prepare materials and arrange space appropriately, we encourage you to RSVP at https://bit.ly/4uFDM7X whenever possible. However, everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you sign up in advance. Parent volunteers are needed!

Focus Topics:
- July 12: Parable of the Sower
- July 19: Wheat and Weeds
- July 26: God's Kingdom Is Precious

Apply for The Lutheran Youth Organization!
Youth Leadership Development Program
for rising 9th-12th Graders
Applications open until July 19

The Lutheran Youth Organization, or LYO, is the high school youth leadership program for the Delaware-Maryland and Metro D.C. Synods.

Youth are organized into one of five teams to live into their God-given gifts and sharpen their skills for service in our synods, their congregations, and the surrounding community. Each team is mentored by two to three gifted adults, and led by Leaders Among Leaders, who are selected by each team at the beginning of each year.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please go to https://bit.ly/3TjyAJE.

Please continue to support
Redeemer's Little Food Pantry this summer

You may select the Little Food Pantry tile found at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home or place your donations in the specially-marked basket in the church narthex. Regularly-needed items include:

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

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 7/12	*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)
		Food for Biblical Thought: "Verbs in the Bible" (Classroom 137)
		Youth Education: Parable of the Sower (Fellowship Hall)
Mon., 7/13	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Zoom)
Thurs., 7/16	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Helen
JD
Augustenborg, Erica
Bobak, Leland
Cavallo, Michael
Cumberland, Marilyn
Cupka, Aubrey
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Dorr, Jeanne
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd

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 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Leesburg, and their pastor, Rev. Kristin Hoyer.

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