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

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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.

All Saints' Sunday
November 1
Submit Names by October 26

All Saints' is the one day in the church year that we remember and name aloud those who have gone before us in faith. We will read the names of those from Redeemer who died this past calendar year (November 2025–2026) and any other names that you submit. Please submit no later than October 26 at https://bit.ly/rlc-all-saints or by scanning the QR code, with the name as you would like it read. You may also call the church office (703-356-3346).

Good Beginnings
Outdoor Classes for Ages 1.5 and Older with Caregiver
October 27– 9:30 am

Come and play! This outdoor-play program for toddlers and caregivers promotes a sense of wonder, discovery, and exploration while providing a fun introduction to preschool. Children will build their first friendships and work with new materials as they engage in open-ended play in a safe, developmentally-appropriate environment. During exploratory play, caregivers will have the opportunity to create bonds that will help them navigate the early childhood years and beyond. The class is offered on: Oct. 27, Nov. 10 & 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9 & 23, Mar. 9 & 30, April 6 & 27, May 4 & 18.

Please call 703-356-3567 for more information.

Confirmation Sunday at 11 am

We celebrate the confirmation of John Allard, Claire Broderdorf, Ella Budde, Cara Dillaman, Elyse Henshall, Evan Humes, Devin Karnik, Josephine Rodriguez, and Connor Vergonis

Let us all give thanks to God for this amazing day, and join them and their families in celebrating this important step in their faith journey.

Youth Leadership Sunday
Today

Today is Youth Leadership Sunday! This is an opportunity for children and youth to actively participate in worship services as they attend with their parents. You will see our youth serving as greeters, ushers, acolytes, readers, and preachers. A group of young people designed and wrote prayers for the service. The Youth Choir and individual musicians will also perform.

Rise Against Hunger
November 7

It is with a profound sense of gratitude that McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Events would like to announce that the goal of raising $99000 to package 247,536 meals in 2026 has been met. More than 1200 volunteers have registered to prepare for the event and to package the meals. During the afternoon shift on November 7th , the McLean Community will package their 4 millionth meal in honor of Barb and Bob Hahne.

The generosity of many individuals, The McLean Stake of the Church of Latter Day Saints, Temple Rodef Shalom, Trinity United Methodist Church, St. Luke Catholic Church, Elevation Church, McLean Community Foundation, Bob's Discount Funiture, the Bergstom Foundation, Rotary Clubs of Dunn-Loring and Tysons, and the extreme generosity of the McLean Rotary Club and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer have made this possible.

Rise Against Hunger Events would like to especially thank Scout Troop 1916, and the congregation, leadership, staff, and clergy of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for their continued support of this event.

Save the Date!
Ordination of Max Gabriel Miller
November 20 at Redeemer
5 pm

Please save the date for the Ordination of Max Gabriel Miller on Friday evening, November 20, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. The service will begin at 5:00 PM followed by a light dinner and dessert.

Social Justice & Equity Book Club

All are welcome to join Redeemer's Social Justice and Equity Book Club on November 2 to discuss our new book, Toni Morrison's only short story "Recitatif".

After that we will read "A Short History of Reconstruction: Abridged from Reconstruction America's Unfinished Revolution" by Eric Foner.

We read about 50-70 pages each week and meet via Zoom on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for Zoom info!

Partner for Surgery Update!

We're getting close to reaching the goal for the upcoming fall Guatemala trip!

As of today, we are still in need of:

- 10 Pigeon Bottle Nipple for Cleft Lip/Palate Baby, Regular Size
- 4 Medela Harmony Manual Breast Pumps

Both are available through Amazon using this link Amazon Partner for Surgery or use the QR code.

Little Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued stewardship to Redeemer's Little Food Pantry. The need is robust, and donations are much appreciated. You may select the Little Food Pantry tile on the church's website as a giving option (https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home) or place your donations in the specially-marked basket in the church narthex.

Regularly needed items include:

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

Please - no glass jars, expired, or partial food portions.

Many thanks to our new volunteers who will be helping with weekly restocking. Your support of this important ministry is much appreciated!

Youth
Metro D.C. Synod Middle/High School Event
"Lost and Found"
November 20-22
Sign Up Deadline November 1

Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join the Metro D.C. and Delaware-Maryland Synod event, "Lost and Found". Youth will experience a weekend of music, games, small group faith discussion, service projects, and worship. Come make new friends, strengthen your faith, and make memories with youth from our 2 synods! For more information, please contact Grace Sweeney at grace@redeemermclean.org. Chaperones are needed.

Young Adult Meeting
Friendsgiving
November 3 – 7 to 9 pm

Young adults are invited to attend our next meeting hosted at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. This month we will have a friendsgiving celebration. Bring a friend and a dish (either homemade or store bought) to share! Please contact grace@redeemermclean.org for questions.

Holiday Meal Food Baskets
Donate by 11/8

Please join Redeemer in helping Second Story provide Holiday Meal Food Baskets to local youth and families who are struggling through critical times in their lives.

Since each basket needs to contain the same items and a grocery store gift card, we will be collecting funds to purchase the desired items in bulk, and then we will gather to assemble the baskets.

Funds maybe donated by giving checks/cash in envelope marked "Second Story" or online at: https://bit.ly/4sfPK8w

To have the baskets ready and delivered in time for Thanksgiving, the deadline for giving is 11/8.

If you would like to help assemble the baskets and/or deliver them to Second Story, please contact Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com.

Second Story equips local youth and their families with critical tools, housing, and communities of support needed to achieve lasting self-sufficiency through residential and community-based programs. To learn more about Second Story, visit their website at second-story.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 10/18	*Sunday Worship Service Times*	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	*Live stream 8:30 (Traditional) and 9:45 (Contemporary) services*
		Youth Leadership Sunday
	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)
Mon., 10/19	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 10/20	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Thurs., 10/22	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

Amber
Catherine
Charlotte
Rena
Angstadt, William
Augustenborg, Erica
Buckley, Doug
Buseman, Kim
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Gelfand, Trudy
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Parks, Bill
Pittman, Larry
Sargent, Kristin
Tucker, Ed
Williams, Leila
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Innis, Scott
Shupp, Lloyd
Welsh, Ari

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Ann Caswell
The family & friends of Harold Core
The family & friends of Cathleen Gannon
The family & friends of Miriam Howard
The family & friends of Elaine Russo

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 New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, and their pastor,
Rev. Joshua Wullenweber.**

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