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# Life at Redeemer

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## July 7, 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 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

### Day of Prayer: Monday, August 5

You are invited to join with others for Redeemer's next Day of Prayer on Monday, August 5. It's simple: you sign up for a half-hour segment to be part of the goal of us praying continuously throughout the day. You can pray at Redeemer or from your home or office.

Considering all the storms around the country/world in recent weeks and the temperature and storm predictions for the summer, the focus for the August Day of Prayer will be on the effects of climate change and efforts to address it. Please sign up by using [this link](#) or by calling the church office at 703-356-3346.

#### Hymns today at the 9:00 Service

- #796 How Firm a Foundation
- #717 Let Justice Flow like Streams
- #787 On Eagle's Wings
- #660 Lift High the Cross

### Welcome to Pastor Annabelle Markey

Pastor Annabelle is preaching and presiding today at both services. She is currently taking the time to explore how best to use her spiritual and creative gifts! We are blessed to once more have her with us. Pastor Kessinger is on vacation with her family and will return to the area on Sunday evening.

### Lunch Bunch at Italian Oven Thursday, July 11, 11:30 am

On Thursday, July 11, Pastor Kessinger will meet with anyone who is interested in having lunch together at the Italian Oven in McLean. We will share a meal over casual conversation. Please use [this link](#) to sign up, or you can email [Pastor Kessinger](#). Please let us know no later than Tuesday, July 9, so that we can make a reservation. Hope you can come!

### 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!

### July 4th Prayer

Holy God, we give thanks for the freedoms we experience in our nation. We pray that you will continue to challenge us to embrace and demonstrate the biblical values of freedom, justice, equity, and care for all people. Keep us ever mindful that you are the God of all nations and the God of all people. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

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

## Construction Project Update

The new Columbarium is intended to be built in two phases in order to lower our upfront construction costs. The first phase will include the base area for the entire structure and just one wall of niches for ashes. The second section will be added as additional niches are needed. In the Crossroads lobby you can now see updated artist renderings of what both phases will look like.

## Wednesday PM Bible Study July 10, 7 pm via Zoom

On Wednesday the Bible Study group will meet [via Zoom](#) to continue our study of the healing stories found in the gospels. Anyone can join at any time as each session is independent of the others. This coming Wednesday we will study the story of the paralytic as found in all four gospels – Matthew 9, Mark 2, Luke 5, and John 5. All are welcome!

## ELCA Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024

Six of our youth (Hannah Allard, Sophie Allard, Austin Humes, Hendrick Johnson, Victoria Johnson, and Anna Paukovits) and three chaperones (Douglas Johnson, Claudia Wrzesinski, and Pastor Kessinger) will leave for New Orleans on Tuesday, July 16 and return on Saturday, July 20. Please keep the group in your prayers for safe travel and for us to experience the different ways that God works in our lives and in the lives of others!

A special commissioning service will take place on Sunday, July 14, at the 10:30 am service. Watch the announcements in the coming weeks for more details about our trip. We have a full week of events!

## 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 to discuss 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](#).

## Scarf in a Bag Kits Brought to You by Thrivent

Scarf in a bag kits are available in the Crossroads in July. Laura Broderdorff arranged a gift card from Thrivent, a financial services organization. The yarn is a contribution toward the 200 in 24 challenge for the winter scarf drive. Collection boxes will be in the Crossroads during July and again in September/October.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org) with the details of your specific situation and we will respond to you.

## Capital Campaign Update

As of June 26th, the total amount pledged or donated for the Capital Campaign project is \$1,577,614 which is 58% of our \$2.7 million goal. This includes the \$10,500 McLean Community Foundation (MCF) grant received in June to help fund the natural outdoor play area as well as \$3,935 in recent fundraiser proceeds. We appreciate your continued support and generosity.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 7/7	<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)	
Mon., 7/8	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Needlepoint Group (Room 203)		
	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Hybrid)		
Weds., 7/10	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wed. PM Bible Study (Zoom)		
Thurs., 7/11	8:00 am - 9:00 am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)		
Sun., 7/14	10:30 am - 11:30 am Commissioning for ELCA Youth Gathering (10:30 am Service)		

## PASTORS AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## **For Healing:**

Ani  
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  
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  
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  
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 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Herndon, and their interim pastor, Mark Cole**