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

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Life at Redeemer

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August 2, 2026

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.

Food for Biblical Thought
Sundays at 9:45 am in Classroom 137

August 2
Verbs in the Bible with Pastor Core
Join us as we continue to explore verbs, with this being our last week!

August 9
What might God calling us to do with our faith? And why?
Greg Adams will lead a lively discussion on how we can navigate our way through life's challenges using the teachings of Jesus, Paul, and Moses. We'll also discuss the age-old controversy over faith versus works, and much more!

August 16
Key Takeaways from the Sermon on the Mount
If you have ever read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he lays out some pretty high standards for how we should treat one another – like love your enemy and "Be perfect like your Father in heaven is perfect." So, is this just another list of RULES? Even his disciples questioned, who can do such things? But Jesus was onto something of great value to us. Join us as Greg Adams leads an exploration of how Jesus is trying to change us from the inside out.

Website Updated!

We've given our online home a fresh new look with improved features, easier navigation, and updated content to make your experience better than ever. Take a look and explore the new site today — we can't wait for you to check it out!

As with all new things there is possibility for error. If you do encounter any, please contact grace@redeemermclean.org.

Knitting/Crocheting Instruction with the Prayer Shawl Ministry
August 2 – 9:45 am

Join us in the Library for fellowship and knitting or crocheting. Have you always wanted to learn to knit or crochet? Did you learn in the past and you just need a refresher? Get started on your knitting or crocheting journey with hands-on instruction and online resources to continue your learning at home or just join us with your current knitting project for fellowship and light refreshments. Yarn, needles, and crochet hooks provided.

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!

Youth

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.

Youth Summer Education Offerings 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall

Youth are invited to join this summer, 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:

- August 9: Jesus Walks on Water
- August 16: Persistent Faith

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 over the summer. 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 of most months in the library. We take a break in July and August. 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.

Redeemer Renaissance Preschool Welcomes Gaby Moore as Preschool Director

Redeemer Renaissance is excited to announce that Gaby Moore has taken the position as our new Preschool Director. Gaby brings years of experience as a preschool teacher, a background in business, and a passion for ensuring that each child has opportunities to learn and grow, building a strong foundation in their early childhood education. Gaby is looking forward to meeting everyone. and collaborating to support the mission of Redeemer Renaissance.

Gaby will greet families at our summertime Open House Playground Playtime. Join us on Wednesdays through August 26th, 9:30 – 10:30 AM, to bring your children to visit and play!

Registration for the 2026-27 school year is open.
Questions? Contact Linda McConnaughay, Redeemer Renaissance Executive Director, at 703-356-334



Check out the The Social Justice & Equity Book Club's lending cart in the Crossroads!

Feel free to borrow any book but please remember to return it to the cart for others to read!

The group is taking the summer off. Meetings will resume on Sept. 14 with a discussion on an essay written by John Hope Franklin on "The Emancipation Proclamation".

Anyone is welcome to join us and September would be a good time to do so! We meet Mondays via Zoom @ 7:30-8:30pm.

Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for more details.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 8/2	*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)
		Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
Wed., 8/5	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Open House Playground Playtime hosted by Redeemer Renaissance
Thurs., 8/6	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Youth Choir Director	Waka Osifchin		waka.soprano@gmail.com

Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

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

For Comfort and Peace

Core, Harold
Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

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 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, and their pastors,
Rev. Dr. Elijah Mwitanti and Rev. Garret Wolf.**

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