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*Life at
Redeemer*

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May 12, 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. Pastor Kessinger is open and available for one-on-one conversations with you.

Worship Schedule

8:30 am and 9:45 am and 11 am

For those unable to attend in person:

8:30 am Traditional Service [Livestream link](#)

9:45 am Contemporary Service [Livestream link](#)

11:00 am Traditional Service (In Person Only)

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.

Hymns today at the 8:30 & 11:00 am Services

- #385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
- #655 Son of God, Eternal Savior
- #496 One Bread, One Body
- #368 With High Delight Let Us Unite

Mother's Day Carnations

Mother's Day carnations will be distributed to all ladies in honor of their mothers following the services today. These flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Terwilleger, mother of Janet Pfister and great grandmother of Andrew and Caroline Pfister.

A special thank you is extended to Lynn Ann Mullane and Anna Ross, who assisted Janet in tying bows on the carnations.

Youth Leadership Sunday

Today is Youth Leadership Sunday. Our young people in Faith Formation and Confirmation will not meet in their classes but will be participating in all of our worship services. Thank you to Shelley Brennan for coordinating the youth and to Waka Osifchin who put together the special music planned for today.

McLean Day Change

McLean Day is this coming Saturday, May 18. We do not have enough volunteers to help with the booth at Lewinsville Park but we will continue to seek volunteers to be at Redeemer to greet and meet those who park in our lot and wait for a bus to take them to the event. Please [sign up here](#) if you can be at the church for a portion of the time from 9:30 am – 12 pm or 12 pm - 2:30 pm or 2:30 pm - 5 pm. The last shift includes cleaning up everything but will be done no later than 5 pm. Thank you!

Calling All Graduating High School & College Seniors and Those Achieving Military Commissions

We want to celebrate your achievements in our June issue of the Tidings Monthly Newsletter. Please send your picture and your future plans to [Cynthia](#) in the church office by Sunday, May 26th, so we can spotlight you!

Online Giving Change

Vanco, our online giving processor, has modified the look of their application. When you use the [link](#) on our website, you will see a more modern and improved look. Behind the scenes, your giving through your credit card, debit card, or bank account will be processed in the same way. If you have any questions, please contact [Sara Nail](#), Redeemer's Financial Coordinator.

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

Construction Project Update

A fence is being added around the play area that is being renovated. Safety and security for our pre-school, after-school and summer camp kids is of our utmost concern. We need to ensure that the kids are safe not only from cars and strangers in the area, but also from any pets that might have gotten off leash. When our programs are not in session, friends and neighbors will still be able to enjoy our improved grounds and play areas.

Volunteer Corner for May

- We have some transitional times in May! We change from the Easter season to Pentecost Sunday to Holy Trinity Sunday and then to the Pentecost season. Our banners will need to be changed from white to red to white to green. People who are taller can help with the larger banners in front. Banners can be changed any time in between the Sundays. Contact [Pastor Kessinger](#) for details.
- The Memorial Garden needs to be weeded on an ongoing basis from May – October. Volunteers may work on their own schedules or team up with other volunteers. Contact [Susan Posey](#) for details.
- Redeemer has pots in the Memorial Garden, outside the Crossroads, and outside Parents' Hall (the gym). We need volunteers to keep the plants tidy and watered (Spring – October). The time involved is about 30 minutes. The pots need to be checked every 2-3 days unless there is rain. Contact [Joyce Clarke](#) for details.
- The areas of the building along the Chain Bridge and Westmoreland sides of the building need volunteers to weed from May – October. Volunteers may work on their own schedules or team up with other volunteers. Contact [Steve Koenig](#) for details.
- Mulch is spread in the spring to minimize weeding. This is a one-time activity each year. Volunteers spend time whenever they are available and can work with a group or independently. Contact [Rob Wenk](#) for details.

Updating Contact Information

Judy Kuhagen has volunteered to review our current contact information for all members and visitors of Redeemer. [Please contact her directly](#) if you have a new mailing address, new email address, and/or new cell phone number. If you have not received our Friday emails and monthly Tidings newsletters, then also reach out to Judy so that you can be included. Thank you!

Redeemer Renaissance Preschool Director Position

Gina Thorson, our wonderful and talented Preschool Director, will be bidding us farewell as she relocates to be nearer to family. Gina is a blessing and has graciously shared her strengths: knowledge of early childhood education, leadership skills, and building community to engage staff and families alike to facilitate educational offerings for the children in our care. She will be missed!

Redeemer Renaissance is conducting a search for a new Preschool Director. Interested candidates may contact Linda McConnaughay at 703-356-3346 ext. 106 for more information or to apply for this full-time position. We look forward to welcoming a passionate early childhood professional to join us in building a strong community of happy learners.

Job Overview

- The Preschool Director is to promote a positive and engaging learning environment for students, families, and staff of the Redeemer Renaissance Preschool, which is part of the Redeemer Renaissance continuum of learning for children ages 1.5 – 12.
- The Preschool Director plans and administers a program that provides a developmentally appropriate education for preschool aged children in a Christian setting.
- The Director manages daily operations and activities including staffing, enrollment, curriculum, financials, marketing, safety, and outreach.
- The Director of RRP collaborates with the Redeemer Renaissance Executive Director and the Director of the Redeemer Renaissance After-School program.

The Redeemer Renaissance Preschool operates in accordance with the vision, mission, and guiding principles of the ministry and the Virginia Department of Education.

This is a full-time position, Monday through Friday, with benefits including health and dental insurance, life insurance, matching 403(b), paid time off, paid holidays, and professional development opportunities.

Committal Service Pastor Paul and Geri Opsahl

On Monday, May 20, the committal service for Pastor Paul and Geri will be held at the Washington National Cathedral at the Cathedral Garth. The brief service (around 15 minutes) is scheduled for 2 pm. The family has extended an invitation to anyone who would like to attend.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 5/12	<i>Sunday Worship Service times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am <i>(Live stream first two services)</i>	
	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am - 10:45 am	High School Class
		Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Mon., 5/13	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Tues., 5/14	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women's Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Weds., 5/15	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Weds. AM Bible Study (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Weds. PM Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs., 5/16	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group (Library/Hybrid)
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)
Sat., 5/18	11:00 am - 5:00 pm	McLean Day Festival

PASTORS AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Nursery Care	Bernarda Rodriguez Lusbi Pina		
Evening Facility Host	Jonathan Marroquin		

Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing:

Ani
Jack
Beth C.
Emma E.
Judy M.
Rosie-Beth
Achikian, Maral
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
Eifler, Ruth
Etkin, Nancy
Finocchiaro, Charlie
Frazier, Maggie
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Keith
Heuer, Mark
Holmlund, Gwenn
Hughes, William
Hunter, Baxter
Johnson, Diane
Jones, Kate
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Kutscher, Betsy
Leong, Helen
McDonald, Michelle
Miller, Coletta
Moe, Mike

Myers, Kathy
Ogg, Eleanor
Reblitz, Jennifer
Ryding, Karin
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Scheinblum, Terry
Schopp, Henry
Schmid, Rahizza
Schumacher family
Shaefer, Phil
Stolar, Bob
Strok, Josh and family
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Tucker, Elaine
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry

For Comfort and Peace:

Cassell, Ginny
Collins, Josephine
Edminson, Lucy
Portis, Carol
Peggy
Smith, Trish Layton

For Comfort in Death:

The family and friends of John Butcher
The family and friends of Alyssa Kleven
Morrison
The family and friends of Rick Granholm

For Safety

All refugees
All our military and diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country
Erik
Anna Duval
Staff Sgt. Joe Freed
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
Stauffer, Tom & family
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 Community Lutheran Church, Sterling, and their interim pastor, Kirsten Laderach.