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

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.

Hymns Today at the 8:30 and 11:00 services

- #665 Rise, Shine, You People!
- #449 We Know That Christ Is Raised
- #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
- #693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Summer Worship Service Schedule

On June 15 we switch to our summer schedule of two services until September 7, when we will return to three services. Please see the Worship service schedule below.

June 15 to July 20

- 9 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

July 27 to August 31

- 9 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

Reception of New Member

Today Cheryl Wilhoyte will become a member of our faith community. We are excited to have her be a part of our ministry. Please welcome her after the service and in the coming weeks as she learns more about us and we learn more about her.

Youth

Mission Trip Meeting

Today — 12 pm

A meeting for those going on the mission trip in June will be held after the 11 am service. This will be our last team-building meeting.

Confirmation Dinner

Today — 5 to 7 pm

All 8th graders and their families are invited to join Pastor Sandy for dinner tonight from 5 - 7 pm to prepare for their upcoming confirmation on June 8th.

Join the Redeemer Youth Choir!

Our Youth Choir is looking for new members! Join for great songs and lots of fun. Rehearsals are on Sundays during the school year from 10:55 am to 11:25 am in Music Suite A. The group performs periodically throughout the year. To register, please fill out the form at this [link](#).

Giving in the Easter Season

Donation Collection Ending Today

This Easter season we have been collecting donations for Lutheran World Relief and Global Refuge. A donation form is available in Crossroads. Donations will be collected through today.

Construction Project Update

In the new columbarium, the individual niches will be able to hold one or two urns containing ashes. The internal size of a niche is 11.5" x 11.5" x 11.5". Therefore, when selecting an urn for a loved one, please note these dimensions and what size urn or urns will fit into the space. The outside of the niche will have a granite cover plate with one or two engraved names and dates.

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. It is a great way to meet people, welcome visitors, and inform people about your ministry or group. If you have any questions, contact [Kim Wenk](#). Please sign up [here](#).

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Sunrise of McLean Village.

Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club Last meeting before break for Summer June 2 – 7:30 pm

This Monday, Redeemer's Social Justice and Equity Book Club will have their final meeting before a summer break. The book club will resume meeting in the fall. For more information, please contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com.

Donations for Partner for Surgery

Support the medical/surgical mission work in Guatemala where life-changing education and surgeries are provided in rural areas. 70 support bags for the patients (all infants) were recently sent and we need a full restock of our infant items – we're particularly in need of:

- Baby shampoo
- Baby socks
- Baby washcloths
- Pacifiers
- Rattles

These items can be donated in the bin located in Crossroads or purchased through the Amazon wish list found [here](#). For more information, please contact [Joan Bradley](#).

Prayers for those attending Synod Assembly

Please keep in your prayers all who will be going to the Synod Assembly on June 6th and 7th. We pray that those involved allow the Holy Spirit to work as they elect a new Bishop.

Community Event: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Symposium June 12 — 8:30 am to 8:30 pm

A special symposium honoring the 125th anniversary of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" will take place at the Museum of the Bible in-person and virtually. This will explore the hymn's origins and lasting cultural impact. Join to celebrate the powerful legacy of a song deeply rooted in African American cultural heritage, spirit, and unity. For tickets, visit this [link](#).

Pastor Kessinger's Retirement Reception June 21 — 3 to 5 pm

All are invited to join in celebrating Pastor Kessinger's 35 years of ministry! The reception will take place at Redeemer in Parent's Hall and the Gym. RSVP at your earliest convenience, whether you plan to attend or not, so we can plan accordingly. RSVP "yes" or "no" at this [link](#).

Information for Federal Workers / Contractors

We have created a page on our website (which can be found [here](#)) for relevant information and resources as well as upcoming events. We will update this regularly as new information is made available.

Winter Scarf Drive Pickup "Scarf in a bag" Kit

The prayer shawl group will be hosting the annual winter scarf drive once more. Please consider making a scarf for the Women of [N Street Ministries](#). Gently used and newly purchased winter scarves are also welcome. "Scarf in a bag" kits are available in Crossroads. Each bag contains enough yarn to knit or crochet a scarf and directions for both crocheted and knitted scarves, or use any pattern of your choosing. Collection will begin in September, and the drive will end in early October. Please email [Lynn Barth](#) for more information or yarn.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 6/1	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	(Live stream first two services)
	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)
	10:55 am - 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Mission Trip Meeting
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Confirmation Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Mon., 6/2	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	McLean High School Baccalaureate Service
Tues., 6/3	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women's Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Weds., 6/4	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 6/5	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Hybrid)
	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Aaron
Bettina
Carol
CH
Charlotte
Christina
Jana
Jeff
Jesse
Jon
Kim
Mandy
Marie
Nancy and Peter
Sam
Debbie G.
Steve M.
Trevor W.
Achikian, Maral
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica
Ayers, Kyle
Bates, Barbara
Bergdahl, Carol
Blakey, Patrick
Blankenship, Bob
Born, King "Song"
Bornmann, Keith
Boyer, Carol
Boyer, Charlie
Brown, Richard
Canes, David
Capodanno, Philippe
Carter, Nicole
Cavallo, Michael
Cooke, Martin
DeGioia, Jack
Detweiler, Shirley
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Dotterweich, Pam
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Ginger

Glindemann, Keith
Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Hopkins, Harley
Hughes, William
Hunter, Baxter
Johnson, Ted
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Kutscher, Betsy
Leong, Chee Lee
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly
Martin, Trevor
Miller, Coletta
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther
Reblitz, Jennifer
Richmond, Dan
Ryding, Karin
Scheinblum, Terry
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Schmid, Rahizza
Schneck, Pastor Tony
Shaefer, Phil
Stear, Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Sullivan, Katie
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vanderhoof, Brenda
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry
Wright, Jim
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol

For Comfort and Peace

Collins, Josephine
Portis, Carol
Peggy

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Terry
The family & friends of Michael Brittin
The family & friends of Phil Duncan
The family & friends of Eric Meck
The family & friends of Lawrence Ogg
The family & friends of Terry Retter
The family & friends of Joanne Taylor

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country
Armas, Jesús
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

Ari
Dave
Katelyn
Anna and Stephen
Sarah and Jenny
Franks, Hannah
Martin, Ramona
Stewart, Katie
Taylor, Charles
Weber, Amy and Emerson and Fynn
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 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 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, and their pastors, Anthony Prinsen and Lydia Posselt.

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