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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.

Renaissance Faire
Volunteer for the Trunk-or-Treat; Donate Candy!
October 23 – 5:15 pm

Join in a wonderful event bringing together the families of our Redeemer Renaissance program and those of the church. Volunteers are needed for the trunk-or-treat! Youth volunteers in confirmation and high school are encouraged. Sign up to volunteer by going to https://bit.ly/4dbvgaW or scanning the QR code.

You can donate candy by placing bags in the bin located in Crossroads--*candy CANNOT contain nuts.*

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, with the name as you would like it read. You may also call the church office (703-356-3346).

Scarf Drive for the Women of N Street Village
Collection Ends Today

The N Street Village scarf drive ends today. There is a collection box in the Crossroads. The scarves will be distributed in early November. Thank you for your participation!

Thanks from the Stewardship Committee

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who has made a financial intention to Redeemer for 2027. Your prayerful consideration and commitment to Redeemer's mission will allow us to plan how Redeemer continues to serve our community in the year ahead. If you have not yet made your intentions known, there is still time! Just fill out the orange form and place in the box in the Crossroads. Again - thank you!

Blessing of Animals
Today – 1 pm

Each year we bless animals in October, the time when the church commemorates St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment. All pets are welcome. We will pray in thanksgiving for the comfort and joy they bring to us. Please come and invite others to attend as well.

Young Adult Meeting
October 19 – 7 to 9 pm

Young adults are invited to attend our next meeting hosted at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be provided. Please contact grace@redeemermclean.org for questions.

Tysons Interfaith Event: Apply Mindfulness to Citizenry
October 22 – 7 to 9 pm on Zoom

Are you genuinely concerned about the outcome of the mid-term elections? Want to ensure your value-based ballot counts?

This non-partisan, free online workshop will guide you to understand your personal core values more deeply and give you the tools you need to identify candidates that align with them.

To register for this lively discussion, please visit: https://tysonsinterfaith.org/iwe-event/vote-your-values-2/.

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

Please save the date for the Ordination of Max Gabriel Miller on Friday evening, November 20, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. The specific time will be confirmed soon, but will likely begin between 5:00 and 6:00 PM followed by a light dinner and dessert.

Youth

Youth Leadership Sunday
October 25

Youth Leadership Sunday is an opportunity for children to actively participate in worship services as they attend with their parents. Sign up your youth to serve as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and readers by going to https://bit.ly/46OFXfc! There are volunteer opportunities still available at the 8:30, 9:45, and 11 am services.

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.

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!

Rise Against Hunger
November 7

The next Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event will be on Saturday, November 7th at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. It is possible that this year the 4 millionth meal since the first event in 2010 can be packaged.

Donations of $8500 are still needed to purchase the ingredients for 247,536 meals to reach that goal.

There is still a need for volunteers at the 8:00 AM shift and at the 2:00 PM shift. Now is the time to go to the event page and make a donation and/or register to volunteer at the event. There are jobs for volunteers from age 4 to age 104.

Donations can not only be made on the registration page, but through Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, or by mailing a check to McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Events, PO Box 150, McLean VA 22101.

Follow us on Facebook, facebook.com/mcleancommunityrah

Partner for Surgery Update!

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

Still in need of:

- 21 Pigeon Bottle Nipple for Cleft Lip/Palate Baby, Regular Size. Available through Amazon cleft palate nipple.

- 7 Medela Harmony Manual Breast Pumps – Available:
  - Amazon breast pump
  - Target breast pump
  - Walmart breast pump

If ordering through Amazon, you can use the QR code to go to the Partner for Surgery wishlist which will be delivered directly. Financial donations also very much appreciated

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 to enjoy together 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 discuss topics of interest and create bonds that will help them navigate the early childhood years and beyond. The class is offered on the following dates: Oct. 27, Nov. 10 & 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9 & 23, Mar. 9 & 30, April 6 & 27, and May 4 & 18.

Please call 703-356-3567 for more information.

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*
	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am – 10:45 am	Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes
		High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center)
		Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom)
	10:55 am – 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	1:00 pm	Blessing of Animals
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Dinner
Mon., 10/19	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Young Adult Meeting (Lewinsville)
	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)
	7:00 pm	Good Grub and God
Wed., 10/21	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
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)
Fri., 10/23	5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Redeemer Renaissance Faire

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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
Gannon, Cathleen
Gelfand, Trudy
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
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 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.**