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

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.

Office Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a way to serve the congregation but aren't able to commit to a weekly routine? Redeemer needs a few volunteers to serve as "office subs" now and then when Cynthia is out. The office is open 9 am-5 pm on weekdays.

The position comes in two flavors:

- Cover for Cynthia in short-term absences. Handle phone calls and messages, reply to emails, let people in who have business at the church. No handling of sensitive data or projects.
- Cover for longer-term absences. This is where Cynthia may be on vacation or out for more than just a day or two. In addition to general administration, you would help with bulletins, maybe some data entry, and generally managing the office day to day.

Training will be provided for either position. Several sets of hands in this group will make sure we can cover absences and decrease the work others have to do now to address the work of a missing staff member. Contact Cynthia at 703-356-3346 or cynthia@redeemermclean.org for more info.

Pictures for Membership Directory Today

Today we have another opportunity for members to have their picture taken for the new directory between services. It will be helpful to have current pictures for a new pastor. Please stop by the table in Crossroads to fill out an updated member information form and give consent to have your picture taken. A photograph area is set up in the Prayer and Care room.

If you did not receive an email to access the new directory, please contact grace@redeemermclean.org.

Tysons Interfaith Event
Different Beliefs – Shared Values
Hosted at Redeemer & by Zoom
November 22 – 4 to 5:30 pm

Do you have any idea how many values you have in common with your neighbors? Explore some of the foundational principles of some of the world's major religions.

What can a Catholic, a Jain, and a Zoroastrian teach us about how we live and how we connect?

Presenters by Religion:

- Catholicism – Reverend Don Rooney
- Jainism – Sashi Agarwal
- Zoroastrianism – Kersi Shroff

To register, go to https://bit.ly/4erRgip or use the QR code. This is an In-Person and Online event. A Zoom link will be emailed to registered attendees 24 hours before the event.

Donna Zimmerman

Donna Mae Croft Zimmerman peacefully passed away the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. She was 91. Her full obituary can be found at: www.moneyandking.com/obits/donna-mae-zimmerman/

Ordination of Max Gabriel Miller
November 20 at Redeemer – 5 pm

Please save the date for the ordination of Max Gabriel Miller on Friday evening, November 20, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. The service will begin at 5:00 PM followed by a light dinner and dessert. RSVP by November 18 to let us know you will join for the reception and dinner at this link: https://bit.ly/4krUuWM

Winter Coat Collection

SHARE of McLean is collecting gently used and new winter coats to distribute during the winter months from the SHARE Food Pantry that operates out of the McLean Baptist Church. Men's, women's, and children's coats are all needed.

If you would like to donate, please drop off the coats in the box in the Crossroads.

Redeemer Renaissance
Preschool & After-School Open House
December 3 – 10:30 to 11:30 am and 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Join us from 10:30 to 11:30 am or 5:30 to 6:30 pm for an Open House showcasing all Redeemer Renaissance has to offer! Classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's are offered morning and all-day classes. Registration for the 27'-28' school year will begin in January. For questions or more information, please call 703-365-3567.

Quilting Group
Next Meeting November 18

We love what we do! The Quilting Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from 9:00–11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. We are a small but mighty group on a mission to share our love of sewing and make a difference through our craft.

Who We Support: Our quilts, fleece and flannel blankets, tote bags and bears bring comfort and care to those in need through:

- Partner for Surgery (Guatemala) – Providing medical and surgical care in rural communities.
- Project Linus – Supporting children in Fairfax County and beyond.
- Redeemer – Providing parishioners with quilts, flannel blankets for toddler baptisms, shut-ins, pre-school/after school care, or anyone else in our church family that is in need.

How You Can Help: We desperately need sewers! Either in person on Wednesdays or if you cannot attend in person, we will provide you with:

- Quilt squares already designed, and marked for sewing a quilt top
- Bundled quilt kits that include a sewn top, pre-cut batting and backing, yarn and/or binding

Other ways to support:

- Monetary donations (please designate for "Quilting Group") to purchase batting, fabric, thread, and other essentials.
- Fabric, thread, and sewing supplies that you or someone else no longer needs/uses.

Interested? Youth can earn community service hours. Please contact Darlene McCoy (mccoy.darlene@gmail.com) or Joyce Clarke (joyceclarke1943@hotmail.com).

Little Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued stewardship to Redeemer's Little Food Pantry. The need is robust, and both financial and material donations are much appreciated.

Busy with no time to shop? No problem! 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.

Current items needed include: canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, canned fruit, Ritz crackers in small snack sleeves, peanut butter, pasta, rice, instant soups and microwave options, canned vegetables, beans, oatmeal packets, granola bars, and single serving boxes of cereal.

Please - no glass jars, expired, or partial food portions.
We value your support of this important ministry!

The November 7th Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event, A True Community Effort and A Huge Success

On Tuesday, November 3rd, Scout Troop 1916 began affixing expiration labels to the 43,272 meal bags for the meal-packaging event. On Friday afternoon, November 6th, volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Scout Troop 1916, members of Temple Rodef Shalom, and other community members did whatever was necessary to prepare for the Saturday event.

On Saturday morning, with more than 1200 volunteers registered, the event began at 8:00. Rev. Taehwan Roh from Trinity Methodist Church blessed the first shift which packaged 90,000 meals. Rev. Layne Brubaker from Lewinsville Presbyterian Church blessed the second shift which packaged 85,000 meals. Rev. David Rochford from Trinity Methodist Church blessed the third shift which packaged 84,632 meals. At the conclusion of the event, participants were invited to help celebrate packaging the 4 millionth meal since the first event in 2010. The celebration was dedicated to the memory of Barb and Bob Hahne.

The $103,853 raised to purchase ingredients for the 259,632 meals packaged at the event can be credited of the generosity of many individuals, faith-based organizations and community organizations, most notably Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. In addition to the packaged meals which are on their way to El Salvador, donations for the SHARE Food Bank filled the cargo hold of a minivan.

The event itself would not have been possible without the support of the staff, clergy, and members of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, and all the volunteers, particularly the tireless efforts of Tricia Engle, Karen Miller, and above all, Rob and Kim Wenk.

Youth

Youth Group | Ornaments & Eats
December 6 – 12 pm to 1:30 pm
Grades 6 through 12

Join us on December 6! We will gather for lunch and have an ornament making activity. RSVP to attend at https://bit.ly/4kLgagz.

SAVE THE DATE
Redeemer's Living Nativity & Bake Sale | December 18

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 11/15	*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)
Mon., 11/16	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 11/17	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Wed., 11/18	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 11/19	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	ELCA Virginia Conference Meeting (Conference Room)
	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/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., 11/20	5:00 pm	Max Miller Ordination and Reception (Sanctuary/Gym)

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Amber
Catherine
Charlotte
Cheryl B.
Maureen
Rena
Angstadt, William
Augustenborg, Erica
Brock, Tobi
Buckley, Doug
Buseman, Kim
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Etkin, Nancy
Gelfand, Trudy
Green, Tara
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Okorie, Janelle
Pittman, Larry
Prentice, Bob
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 Elaine Russo
The family & friends of Donna Zimmerman

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 St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Centreville, and their pastor,
Rev. Tom Montgomery.**

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