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Life at Redeemer

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July 26, 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.

Support SHARE of McLean at Giant

The Giant in McLean is offering a way that you can support SHARE:

- Buy a Giant Reusable Community Bag in July at the McLean Giant and for every $2.75 bag purchased, SHARE receives $1.00!

Thank you for supporting SHARE!

Miriam Howard

Redeemer member Miriam Howard passed away on July 19, 2026. Condolences may be sent to Jennifer Cooke, her daughter and Bill Howard, her son, at jcooke809@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Sylvester

Redeemer member Elizabeth Sylvester passed away on July 19, 2026. Condolences may be shared at https://obituaries.carewellcremations.com/elizabeth-sylvester

Welcome Pastor Pam Mitcham

With thanksgiving, we welcome Pastor Pam Mitcham to the pulpit. She will preach and preside at both services today. Please welcome and greet her before and/or after the services.

Financial Stewardship at Redeemer -- Update

We thank you for your ongoing generosity of giving! The summary below shows ongoing improvement in our financial status: $8,000 as of June 30 over the year-to-date loss.

However, the challenge remains for us now that we have reached the halfway point in our financial year. As we're busy with summer travel and activities, may the Holy Spirit continue to challenge all of us to share our treasure as we are able.

Current year through 6/30/26			
	Actual	Budget	Budget variance
Total Receipts*	$ 534,731	$ 580,227	$ (45,496)
Total Expenses	$ 566,321	$ 580,227	$ (13,906)
Over (Under)	$ (31,590)		$ (31,590)
*Includes $10,000 roll-over from 2025			

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.

Youth

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:

- July 26: God's Kingdom Is Precious

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
- hearty soups, instant soups, and microwave options
- peanut butter
- Ritz crackers
- granola bars
- rice
- pasta

Please - no glass jars, no expired or partial food portions. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

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 Hopes 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 @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

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

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 2026-27 Registration Open

Registration for the Preschool is happening now!

We can't wait to welcome you!
To schedule a tour or for more information:
703-356-3567

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 7/26	*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)
		Youth Education (Fellowship Hall)
	12:00 pm	Call Committee Meeting
Wed., 7/29	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Open House Playground Playtime hosted by Redeemer Renaissance
Thurs., 7/30	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Senior Pastor	Pastor Sharon Core	ext. 102	sharon@redeemermclean.org
Bell Choir Director	Waka Osifchin		waka.soprano@gmail.com
Director of Music	Matt Osifchin		mattosifchin@gmail.com
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Interim Evening Host	Chris Tillotson		
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Youth & Communications Coordinator	Grace Sweeney	ext. 105	grace@redeemermclean.org
Youth Choir Director	Waka Osifchin		waka.soprano@gmail.com

Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Helen
JD
Augustenborg, Erica
Bobak, Leland
Cumberland, Marilyn
Cupka, Aubrey
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Dorr, Jeanne
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 Michael Cavallo
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 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Leesburg, and their pastor, Rev. Kristin Hoyer.

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