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# Life at Redeemer

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## April 30, 2023

### 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](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org). Pastor Kessinger and Pastor Wullenweber are open and available for one-on-one conversations with you.

### Worship Schedule

**8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11:00 am**

For those unable to attend in-person:

**[Livestream link](#)** for the 8:30 am Service

**[Livestream link](#)** for the 9:45 am Service

### Faith Formation Today

Today is our final Youth Leadership Sunday of the school year! Note that we will NOT hold Faith Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade) and Confirmation classes today. The High School "Bagels and Bibles" class WILL still meet this Sunday at 9:45 am.

### Hymns today at 8:30 am & 11 am Services

Hymns are found in the Cranberry hymnal in pew rack

- # 782 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
- # 778 The Lord's My Shepherd
- # 484 You Satisfy The Hungry Heart
- # 526 God Is Here!

### Coming Forward for Holy Communion

**8:30 am and 11 am**

For Holy Communion you are invited to come forward (as you are comfortable) and kneel or stand by the altar rail. One of the pastors will offer you the host that will be dipped into the wine or grape juice based on your preference. Please receive it in your hands. For those who want to take Holy Communion that is preset, the acolyte will stand in the middle of the altar rails with a tray that has been prepared for you. The acolyte will also hold a basket for you to place the empty cup. If nobody signs up to be the acolyte, one of the pastors will help you receive Holy Communion from the tray.

### Clean Up Opportunity Today, 2 PM

Tyons Interfaith invites our houses of worship to help clean-up Raglan Road Park in Vienna. People are to meet in the parking lot behind Best Buy – 8449 Leesburg Park. Raglan Road Park is a hidden gem in the heart of Tysons. It is adjacent to the Old Courthouse Spring Branch Stream Valley Park. Those who attend are encouraged to wear good walking shoes and your own gloves. If you have any questions, then please email [info@tysonsinterfaith.org](mailto:info@tysonsinterfaith.org).

### Update on Food For Others

#### Power Pack Food Drive

#### Now through Next Sunday

Our High School Leadership team invites you to bring in food items for "Food for Others." The list is specific; so please refer to the third page of the announcements for details. We want to make as many "bags" of food as possible for children in Fairfax County. We are working with an organization called "Food for Others" that feeds over 2,600 families every week throughout Northern Virginia. Each "bag" of food that we donate will provide two-days' worth of meals for hungry students at Fairfax County elementary schools. Bring your food items by next Sunday and/or make a financial donation to "Redeemer Lutheran Church" with the memo "Food for Others." After next Sunday we will purchase any food items we need to complete each "bag." Some of our Faith Formation classes will join the Confirmation and High School classes in putting these "bags" together. We will then transport them to the Merrifield warehouse. Thank you!!!

### Food for Others – Thrivent Dollars

One way that Thrivent Members can support this cause is by applying for Thrivent Dollars. For those members who do not know, every six months all Thrivent Members can apply for a \$250 gift card that can be used for community service events. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to help in this way, please contact [Pastor Josh](mailto:Pastor Josh) for specific event details and instructions.

### Dinner Groups Forming

#### Ring the Redeemer Dinner Bell

For those at Redeemer with appetite for fun social gathering while dining, we look to re-start congregational "Dinner Group" events that had been on the menu, so to speak, before the pandemic came along. The plan is to form groups between seven and nine (singles and couples are welcome) with each group arranging to meet up sporadically (roughly once every two months) for a breakfast, lunch or dinner, either in potluck style at a group member's home, or at a local eatery where everyone in the group pays their own tab. Initial "sign up" to participate in a "Dinner Group" will be through SignUpGenius, where one can indicate whether able to host a dinner for eight, as well as about preferences they might have on meal type and venue. As sign-up numbers grow, the participants will be assigned to a group of about eight members with similar dining format preferences, with one person in each group selected as "coordinator."

Any questions can be directed via email to [Mark Cronin](mailto:Mark Cronin) or [Lee Cronin](mailto:Lee Cronin). [SIGN UP HERE](#) to let us know you are interested. There is a form in Crossroads, if you would like to let us know your interest on paper, rather than [electronically](#).

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### **Schedule for Prayer Group & Bible Studies**

#### **Tuesday, May 2**

Women's Prayer Group 9:30 am (Hybrid)

#### **Wednesday, May 3**

Wednesday AM Bible Study – 8 am (Hybrid)

Wednesday PM Bible Study – 7 pm (Zoom)

#### **Thursday, May 4**

Men's Bible Study, 8 am (Hybrid)

All are welcome at any time! Please contact  
Pastor Kessinger or Pastor Wullenweber  
if you are interested.

### **Men's Bible Study – The Book of Revelation Thursday's 8 am | Now through June 15**

Join Pastor Josh for a Bible study around the Book of Revelation. We will explore this mysterious but hopeful book looking at the signs, visions, and prophecies put forth by John. This meeting will take place Thursday mornings, now through June 15 at 8 am, both in person and via Zoom. Please let [Pastor Josh](#) know if you are interested.

### **Day of Prayer: Monday, May 1, 8 am - 8 pm**

On May 1st, individual members or groups can sign up for half-hour segments with the goal of us praying continuously throughout the day. The theme is the environment. That theme coincides with April 22 being Earth Day, with our sharing of the Virginia Interfaith Power and Light's "creation calendar" during Lent, as Redeemer's impact on the environment is being considered, and as the High School Leadership Team considers related activities. Prayers, written by members of Redeemer, will be sent to you to help you get started. Music from our choir will also be included. You can pray at Redeemer or from your home or office.

You can sign-up by calling the church office at 703-356-3346 or use this [link](#). The sign up link may also be found on the Redeemer website under the "Connect/Sign Up Here for Events" tab. (<https://redeermclean.org/connect/sign-up-here-for-events>.)

### **Church Council Retreat, May 6**

The Redeemer Church Council will hold an off-site retreat on Saturday, May 6. The retreat will include both fellowship and prayerful consideration of our goals and strategic planning as we move forward out of the pandemic and look to our new capital campaign and building projects. We will also reflect on the lessons learned during Covid, including ways to connect, both virtually and in person. We look forward to reporting back to the congregation.

### **Volunteers needed for McLean Day, May 20**

The Annual McLean Day Festival will be held on May 20 from 11 am to 5 pm at Lewinsville Park! Volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts to engage with those who visit the Redeemer Church booth. We will also need volunteers at the church to welcome people who park in our parking lot.

Volunteers are also needed prior to 9:30 am to help load in and set up and after 5 pm to clean up and load out. We are looking for volunteers to be hosts in both the booth and at the church throughout the day. **The McLean Day committee is hosting today's coffee hour.** Stop by to ask questions about McLean Day and sign up to help at the booth For more information contact Tricia Engle at [triciaengle07@gmail.com](mailto:triciaengle07@gmail.com). [Click here](#) to sign up.

### **In the Community - Cookies for Shelter House**

The DECA group at nearby Marshall High School is hosting an end-of-the-year bake project within their entrepreneurship class. They work with David's Cookie Dough for fundraising. Instead of selling cookies, they will be donating them to the Shelter House ([https://shelterhouse.org/contact\\_us/](https://shelterhouse.org/contact_us/)) for houseless people that often don't have the privilege of having home baked goods. Each and every dollar donated will go towards the mass order of the cookie dough which is sold in \$18 increments and will then be baked and donated post shipment, which is expected to be next month. They can take cash or checks, which would be made out to Marshall DECA. (They ask for all checks to be in \$18 increments due to school club accounting limitations.) All funds may be dropped in the box in Crossroads labeled "Shelter House cookie dough \$."

### **In Our Prayers**

Laura McCloud, a longtime member of Redeemer, passed away on Tuesday, April 25, after suffering with Myasthenia Gravis. Laura was active in many of our ministries that included the Teller Counting group and the Prayer Shawl ministry. The date for the memorial service has not been set but will be announced as soon as it is determined. Cards can be sent to her husband, Ken, and to their family at this address: 3440 S. Jefferson St., Apt. 274, Falls Church, VA 22041.

We learned recently that one of our members, Paul Sletten, passed away after a fall. Paul was an active member of Redeemer and sang in our choirs. Paul lived in Sarasota, Florida, and had three children, David, Brian, and Liz. Our prayers are with the family.

### **Get Excited!**

Synod Assembly is June 3

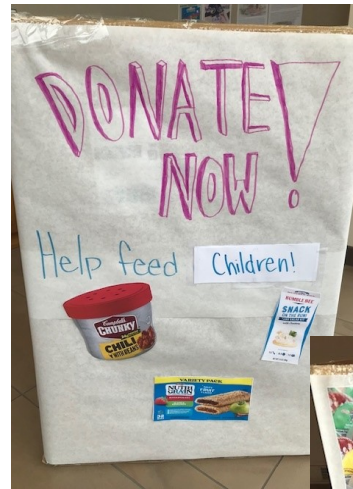
Summer Bash 2023  
June 4, from Noon to 2pm

# Let's Help Feed Youth In Our Community!

## FOOD FOR OTHERS - Power Pack Program Food Drive Through May 6th

### What we DO need:

- Oatmeal Packets
- Cereal (individual sizes)
- Granola Bars
- NutriGrain Bars
- Chili Cups
- Mac & Cheese Cups (single serving)
- Tuna / Chicken Salad Kits with crackers
- Chef Boyardee Ravioli
- Fruit Cups (in juice, not syrup)
- Cheese & Crackers
- Fruit Snacks
- Dried Fruits
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Capri Sun Juice Boxes
- Shelf-stable Milk
- 2 Gallon Ziploc Bags



### Please do NOT include:

peanut butter or items that include peanut butter, candy, pop-tarts, vienna sausages, glass containers, high sugar items, apple sauce, cups with tinfoil lids, or water bottles.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

*Including Live Streaming Options*

<b>Sunday, 4/30</b>	<i>Sunday Worship Service times</i> 8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11 am <i>(Live stream at 8:30 am and 9:45 am)</i> 8 am - Noon 9:45 am - 10:45 am 9:45 am - 10:45 am 10:55 am - 11:25 am 1 pm - 3 pm Thru Noon	Church Nursery is available for infants and toddlers Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room) Faith Formation, High School Class, Confirmation Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Girl Scout Troop (CSCNC Junior Troop 50170) Classroom 204 Confirmation Retreat at Caroline Furnace Camp
<b>Monday, 5/1</b>	6:15 pm - 7:45 pm	AA Young Women's Meeting (Music Suite A)
<b>Tuesday, 5/2</b>	9:30 am - 10:30 am 11 am - 1:30 pm 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm 7 pm - 9 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Women's Prayer Group - (Hybrid   Conference Room) Rotary (Hybrid - Fellowship Hall / Kitchen) Staff Outing Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall & Classrooms 202, 203, 204) BSA Girl Scouts Troop 2119 (Music Suite A)
<b>Wednesday, 5/3</b>	8 am - 9 am 9:30 am - 12 pm 7 pm - 8 pm	Wed AM Bible Study (Hybrid   Conference room) Quilters in Fellowship Hall Wed PM Bible Study (online)
<b>Thursday, 5/4</b>	8 am - 9 am 10:30 am - Noon 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid   Conference Room) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Hybrid   Library ) AA Women's Meeting (Hybrid   Conference Room) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)
<b>Saturday, 5/6</b>	9:30 am - 11 am	Men's 45+ Community Basketball (Gym)

## ***Please Remember to Pray....***

### **For Healing:**

Chris  
Finn  
Frank  
Leon  
Nick  
Rachel  
Rosie-beth  
Steve  
Tom M.  
Rachel and Avelyn  
Anderson, Bjarnie  
Achikian, Maral  
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica  
Bates, Barbara  
Blakey, Patrick  
Bornmann, Keith  
Buzzerd, Harry  
Cavallo, Michael  
Culhane, Ed  
Devine, Daniel  
Falk, Susan  
Gates, Kelly  
Golding, Dawn  
Heuer, Mark  
Johnson, Diane  
Kunec, Ingrid & Peter  
Leong, Helen  
Meaney, Charles

Miller, Coletta  
Moe, Cheryl "Cheri" and Mike  
Pittman, Ella  
Ross, Inessa  
Ryding, Karin  
Scheinblum, Terry  
Steuble, Johnna  
Stolar, Bob  
Strok, Josh and family  
Surgener, Marilyn  
Taylor, Rick  
Thompson, Magda  
Thompson, Rachel  
Tooren, Juergen  
Vanna, Jack and Marge  
Whaley, Margaret

### **For Comfort and Strength:**

Anne  
Dave  
Anna & Stephen  
Sarah & Jenny  
Detweiler, Mark  
Dittmar, Patsy Kutscher  
Granholm, Rick  
Hahne, Bob  
Stauffer, Tom & family  
Weber, Amy, Emerson and Fynn  
Kevin, Yam, & family  
For those who suffer from depression

### **For Comfort and Peace:**

Peggy  
Smith, Trish Layton

### **For Comfort in Death:**

The family and friends of Paula Kessinger Megorden  
The family and friends of Paul Sletten  
The family and friends of Richard Mark Boyd  
The family and friends of Laura McCloud

### **For all healthcare workers and first responders:**

Dominic, Elizabeth, and Ian  
Sharon  
Tara and family  
Kuhagen, Leslie  
Kutscher, Karin  
Laredo, Sandra

#### **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 safety for all refugees, for all military and diplomatic people throughout the world, and all those who serve to protect our country.

We pray for the people in countries around the world where there is violence and for 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.

We pray for those currently suffering from COVID, RSV, and the flu.

**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.**

Prayers for Christ the Servant, Reston and their interim pastor, Pr. Krista Vingelis