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Life at Redeemer

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September 13, 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.

Williams Family Update

You may recall that the Williams Family has been managing a serious cancer diagnosis for Tim over the last year. He and his daughter Leila will undergo a liver transplant procedure on September 18 in Rochester, NY. Please keep Tim and Leila and the rest of the Williams family in your prayers. If you'd like to help, they have requested gift cards for food delivery or groceries at this time. You can do that from their Meal Train link: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/73o79n/.

TableTalk
New Series "Evil and the Modern Christian Response"
Starts on September 13– 9:45 am
Learning, Discussion, Discipleship

Come join us! We meet in the conference room.
For more information and to receive a copy of the readings contact Robin Taylor at tabletalk.rlc@gmail.com

Social Justice & Equity Book Club
Meetings Resume on September 14 – 7:30 pm

Meetings will resume 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 every Monday via Zoom from 7:30pm - 8:30pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger for more details (jpschellenger@aol.com).

ELCA Day of Service Coffee Hour
Hosted by Rise Against Hunger

Learn where you can serve in and around Redeemer. Make a donation to Britepaths: we will be collecting toothpaste and tooth brushes.

Thanks to the Scouts

A big thank you Eagle Scout Candidate Michael Ingulli for initiating and leading the restriping of our parking lot. Michael and many members of Redeemer's Scout Troop 1916 spent all day last Friday and Saturday working on our parking lot. We appreciate all of their efforts and hard work.

Tysons Interfaith Event: Apply Mindfulness to Citizenry
September 15 & 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/.

Women's Faith Group
Resume Meeting on September 15 – 9:30 am

Are you interested in joining with other women to learn and discuss matters of faith? Do you enjoy good conversation and fellowship while doing so? If yes, The Women's Faith Group may be for you! We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am at Redeemer and via Zoom. We will start this session with a study of six of the primary stories from Genesis. Week one will be a fellowship time so we can all meet each other and catch up!

We will use "Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning" by Amy Jill Levine for our first 8 weeks or so. A limited number of books has been ordered! Email Karen Miller (cavallomiller@gmail.com) to reserve yours (cost is $19). Alternatively, you may order your own physical or e-book.

Please sign up at https://bit.ly/4x52Ki7 so we can make sure we have a room large enough!

Please support Britepaths
Fall Donation Drive starting September 13 until October 13

This drive will kick off at our ELCA Day of Service, We are collecting funds, toothbrushes and toothpaste which will assist our Fairfax County neighbors in need through Britepaths' Emergency Food Support program. (https://britepaths.org/our-services/food-security/) Every donation directly assists individuals and families facing temporary crises by providing them with necessary household and personal hygiene products and a gift card for groceries. This crucial support allows recipients to purchase essential groceries and find relief during their challenging times, allowing them to focus on stabilizing their situation. Your contribution ensures we can continue to provide timely assistance to those experiencing hardship in our community.

A financial donation can be made one of three ways: 1) donation envelope with "Britepaths" on your envelope, 2) check with Britepaths in the memo line. or 3) online giving via https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home. Toothbrushes/toothpaste will be collected to add to the Britepaths Snap Gap Pantry. There will be a collection box in the Crossroads.

YOUTH

Register for Youth Classes
Resume September 13

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class will resume September 13 at 9:45 am. All students need a new registration each year.

To register, please scan the QR code or use this link: https://forms.gle/k96YCUB1GPamsiQ86.

ELCA National Youth Gathering Info Meeting
September 27 – 12 pm

High Schoolers and their families are invited to come and learn about the ELCA National Youth Gathering! The Gathering will take place summer 2027, June 27 to July 2.

To help us arrange lunch, RSVP at https://bit.ly/4xKrgpL. All are welcome to attend whether or not you RSVP.

Partner for Surgery

Frank Peterson will be headed back to Guatemala in early December bringing a whole host of items for the infants (and their families) who are undergoing cleft palate repair. The bags will be filled with rattles, diapers, wash clothes, combs, shampoo, soap and socks, in addition to a hand-crafted teddy bear.

We'll also send down 25 breast pumps (very specific as to type) and 25 quilts / blankets.

Donations toward this wonderful ministry can be left in the Crossroads or accessed through the Amazon wish list using the QR code.

Did you know Redeemer has a wonderful library?

Just as you pass to the right of the Crossroads at the first door on the right, you'll encounter Redeemer's library. There you will find a collection of Bibles, books on the Gospels, varied religions, devotions, stewardship, a large selection of books on Martin Luther and much more. In fact, there is a large assortment of books waiting to be read. The library is open to everyone during working hours.

Please come and look and borrow from YOUR library.

Young Adult Outing
September 22 – 7 pm

Young adults are invited to our fall kick-off outing at iSmash Sterling to do splatter glow painting. We will have dinner together afterwards. If you are interested in joining please RSVP to grace@redeemermclean.org by Sept. 17.

Little Food Pantry - Seeking Volunteers and Donations.

Are you available one day a week to restock the pantry with donated food already collected from the congregation? Do you know a youth who needs community service hours? Is your group within or outside of church looking for an opportunity to support our neighbors? If yes, please contact Paula Green (pegreen@verizon.net) for more information!

Thank you for your continued stewardship to Redeemer's Little Food Pantry.

Regularly needed items, in order of current need, include:

- peanut butter, Ritz crackers, hearty soups, instant soups and microwave options, pasta, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, canned tuna and chicken, beans, oatmeal packets, single serving boxes of cereal, and granola bars.

Please - no glass jars, expired, or partial food portions.

Rise Against Hunger
November 7

The next Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event will be at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. It is possible that this year we can package 4 million meals since the first event in 2010. That would require $99,000 to pay for 247,536 meals and 1200 volunteers to package them. It seems like a lot, but with your help, mountains have been moved before, and with your continued support, they can be again.

It's time to go to the event page and make a donation and/or register to volunteer at the event. There will be 3 shifts on Nov. 7 beginning at 8 am, 11 am, and 2 pm. There is also a setup shift on Friday evening, Nov. 6 beginning at 4 pm. There are jobs for volunteers from age 4 to age 104.

The address of the event page is https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e803896
Donations can be made on the registration page, and through Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, or by mailing a check to McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Events, PO Box 150, McLean VA 22101.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 9/13	*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)
		Columbarium Q&A Meeting (Library)
	10:55 am – 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
Mon., 9/14	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Zoom)
	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 9/15	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Wed., 9/16	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 9/17	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	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)

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Catherine
Charlotte
Helen
James
Mike
Augustenborg, Erica
Biffl, Heidi
Buckley, Doug
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Geissl, Irene
Gelfand, Trudy
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Pittman, Larry
Sakellarides, Michael
Tucker, Ed
Williams, Leila
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd
Welsh, Ari

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Ashley
The family & friends of Harold Core
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 Bethel Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, and their pastor,
Rev. Andreas Armstrong.**

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