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.

Sunday Morning Offerings for All Ages at 9:45 am!

August 23
Christmas Ornament Decorating in Fellowship Hall

Christmas in August! Stop by on August 23 and make a new Christmas ornament that will be hung on the tree in the Crossroads this year. A note was found in the box of leftover Chrismon supplies asking that they be put to good use. So to honor this request we've purchased some plain ornaments that need to be glammed up! Bring your artistic spirit and we'll provide all the supplies!

August 30
Neighborhood Exegesis – Meet in Sanctuary

What is happening in McLean on a Sunday morning? This summer, we'll have an opportunity to explore that question as we engage in times of neighborhood exegesis. The word exegesis literally means a critical interpretation of a text. Usually we think of it in terms of Biblical exegesis. For our purposes, the neighborhood surrounding Redeemer is what we are being invited to critically interpret. Strapping on comfortable walking shoes, joining friends and family, armed with a list of reflective questions, we will begin to exegete our neighborhood. We will gather in the sanctuary for some preliminary conversation and then leave the building! What will we learn? What new things will God reveal to us?

Financial Stewardship at Redeemer -- Update

The summary below shows an increase of $11,000 in the shortfall during the month of July compared to the amount at the end of June.

As the summer is nearing its end and so many of us return to our "regular" schedules in coming weeks, may the Holy Spirit continue to challenge all of us to share our financial gifts as we are able for the work inside Redeemer and in the community beyond our walls.

Current year through 7/31/26		
	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts*	$ 605,420	$ 676,931
Total Expenses	$ 648,097	$ 676,931
Surplus (Shortfall)	$ (42,677)	
*Includes $10,000 roll-over from 2025		

Good Grub & God
August 18 — 7 pm

The Good Grub & God dinner group will meet Tuesday, August 18, at 7 pm at Dal Grano restaurant in McLean. Sign up at https://bit.ly/good-grub-and-god. Send questions to Sara Egeland at slegeland@gmail.com.

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.

Blessing of Backpacks
August 23

We will have the Blessing of Backpacks at both the 8:30 am and 11 am services. Bring a backpack to be blessed as we welcome the start of a new school year!

Food for Biblical Thought
Sundays at 9:45 am in Classroom 137

August 16
Key Takeaways from the Sermon on the Mount

If you have ever read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he lays out some pretty high standards for how we should treat one another–like "Love your enemy" and "Be perfect like your Father in heaven is perfect." So, is this just another list of rules? Even his disciples questioned, *who can do such things?* But Jesus was on to something of great value to us. Join us as Greg Adams leads an exploration of how Jesus is trying to change us from the inside out.

August 23
God doesn't need your money!

If that is a surprise to you, come join our discussion led by Greg Adams. The Bible says a surprising amount about the best and worst uses of our money. But it's also easy to misinterpret some of Jesus' parables and teachings. Jesus doesn't hate rich people, for example, despite saying some pretty harsh things about some people's obsession over money. So come join us for this provocative set of readings, reflections, and dialogue as we explore the deeper meaning of these Biblical readings.

To help us prepare materials and arrange space appropriately, we encourage you to RSVP at https://bit.ly/4uHzhcQ whenever possible. However, everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you sign up in advance.

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 Preschool Registration for the 2026-27 school year is open!
Questions? Contact Linda McConnaughay, Redeemer Renaissance Executive Director, at 703-356-334

Quilting Group: Sewing Happiness into Every Stitch
Next Meeting August 19 – 9 to 11:30 am

We love what we do! The Quilting Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month 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:

- Partner for Surgery (Guatemala) – Providing medical and surgical care in rural communities, we provide quilts, flannel blankets, tote bags, and bears for the children.
- Project Linus – Supporting children in Fairfax County and beyond, we provide them with quilts and fleece blankets.
- Redeemer – Providing our parishioners and shut ins with quilts, flannel blankets/quilts for baptisms, 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 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.

Check out our basket in Crossroads!

Contact Joyce Clarke (joyceclarke1943@hotmail.com) or Darlene McCoy (mccoy.darlene@gmail.com) if interested!

Collecting Plastic Cutlery for Thrive DC

Do you accumulate unwanted plastic cutlery at home? Please place any unwanted plastic cutlery, wrapped or unused and unwrapped, in the container in Crossroads. It will be given to Thrive DC.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 8/16	*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 (Classroom 137)
Tues., 8/18	7:00 pm	Good Grub and God Dinner
Wed., 8/19	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 8/20	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Helen
James
JD
Augustenborg, Erica
Bobak, Leland
Cumberland, Marilyn
Cupka, Aubrey
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Dorr, Jeanne
Gelfand, Trudy
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Pittman, Larry
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Core, Harold
Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

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 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, and their pastors,
Rev. Dr. Elijah Mwitanti and Rev. Garret Wolf.**

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