

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 25, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Baptism

As We Gather
For that purpose Christ instituted holy baptism, thereby to clothe you with His righteousness. It is tantamount to His saying, My righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence, your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I bestow on you my righteousness; I strip death from you and clothe you with my life. *(Martin Luther)*

Prayer Before Worship
Strengthen us so that the evil and misfortune of the world may not lead us into impatience, anger, revenge, or other wrongs. As we have vowed to you in Baptism, help us to renounce the lies, deceptions, false promises, and perjuries of the world, and all its evil. Enable us to remain true to this vow and daily to improve our lives. Amen. *(Martin Luther Prayer Book)*

Mystery Prelude - 8:00am Rick Helderop, organist
(Sponsored by Cathy Hanson given in honor of all who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.)

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn 451 Stand Up! - Stand Up for Jesus
1. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross!
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From vict’ry unto vict’ry His army shall He lead
Till ev’ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day!
Ye that are men, now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Order of Service
P: *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: **Amen.**

Easter Proclamation
P: *Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!*
C: **He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

P: *Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*
C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**
P: *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.*
C: **A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading Genesis 17:10-14
(God’s Covenant)

This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

Epistle Reading Colossians 2:9-15
(Spiritual fullness in Christ)

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17
(The Baptism of Jesus)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He

shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn 63 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come, then, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry Christian breast
And furnished for so great a Guest.
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

3. For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.
Without Thy grace our souls must fade
And wither like a flow'r decayed.

Sermon Text: Matthew 3:13-17
“Water and the Word: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism”
Rev. James H. Greenwalt

(Please rise for the Offertory)

Offertory God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage
Hymn 283 in our Red Hymnal
Sung in place of our normal offertory for our 100th Anniversary

God’s Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age, Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

(Please be seated)

Gathering of Offerings
At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:
1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.
This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Voluntary There is a Balm in Gilead – arr. Hayes
Justin Wickers

(Please rise for the Doxology)

Doxology Tune: hymn 15
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction and Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!
C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

Closing Hymn Lord of the Dance
(favorite hymn of Lynn Dutton, Rosemary Ging, Kris Held, Debi Hollis, Jeanne Hollis Donna Hollis, Sean McCauley, David Peterson, Barbara Peterson, Pat Raezler, Judy Weir, Leslie Whitfield)

- 1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain
Dance, then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

- 2. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high;
And they left Me there on a cross to die. –Refrain

- 3. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. -Refrain

Silent Prayer

Postlude Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Sue Semlow in honor of my father Raymond Ryerson, a WWII Veteran. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Cathy Hansen in honor of all who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Chapel altar flowers were placed by Pam Dundas in gratitude to God that 57 years ago today Mike Dundas joined Pam Pavlik on Mr. Toad's Wild Ride.

Altar Guild

Lynn Duerr, Mary Ann Perryman, Julie Buechner, Talitha Farah,
Kay Scheidt, Barb Button Meier, Tracey Fish, Tom Eley

Greeters

10:30 - The Imhoff family

Reader

9:00 & 10:30 - Pam Dundas

Ushers

9:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel, Eric Rolf,
Ron LaLone, Bryan Grattan, David Eberly
10:30 -Steve Ortale, captain; Carter Ortale, Paul Quasarano, Tim Fithian,
John Leonard, Don Jackson, Albert Madlangbayan, Blake Burstein, David Lychuk

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Endress
10:30 - Mike Lapinski and Bruce Helmke

Baptism



May 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Visit us at www.redeemberbirmingham.org for more detailed information.



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
(248) 644-4010 / office@redeemberbirmingham.org

MISSION:
Bringing the love of Christ
to a searching world.

May 25, 2025

next week 100th Anniversary Celebration

IF YOU RESERVED TICKETS ALREADY, PLEASE PICK UP OUTSIDE KITTY'S OFFICE!

We are nearing CAPACITY for the 100th Celebration

All ticket requests received by May 18 (last Sunday) will be reserved in the Gym for seating. All tickets reserved after May 18 will be seated in the library. Once we reach capacity, you will be wait-listed.

Contact Miss Kitty if you would like to join us and CELEBRATE Redeemer.

**MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT
WORK!**

Kitty is in need of many helpers who will only be asked to serve a very short time-slot at the **100th Anniversary celebration** just to get things rolling. Then, at the end of the luncheon you will find Kitty in the kitchen cleaning up, alongside **YOU!** This is a one-of-a-kind day and you won't want to miss it.

WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

No matter your past or present... Your current family or marital status... Your past or current religious affiliation...

Your personal history, age, background, or ethnicity... You are invited, accepted, and most welcomed here. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them. We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura Vowell at (248) 644-4010 x121.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00am - Chapel

Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/*10:30am - Sanctuary
Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

*10:30am livestreamed service

Go to www.redeemberbirmingham.com
and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

Communion - Monday that falls after
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

REDEEMER NURSERY

Infants and children under the age of 3 are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 & 10:30am Sunday worship services. You are welcome to bring your infant/child to the nursery at any time during the service.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Scan the QR code &
fill out the online
attendance form.



**MOMS AND CHILDREN
JOIN US FOR**

SUMMER IN THE SPIRIT

ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL
BIBLE STORY TOGETHER
WITH OUR CHILDREN
FOLLOWED BY FUN ON THE
PLAYGROUND!!

**Mondays starting
June 23, 2025 2pm-3:30pm
ALL SUMMER LONG!!**

Meet in the Lower Level
Fellowship Room

If you have any questions call
Crissy Bienkowski (989)4503946
or
Andrea Calvanese (248)7038289

Garden Club

If you are interested in
volunteering to keep
our gardens beautiful,
please contact Fred S. at
fsuczynski@etkinllc.com



**Congregational
Meeting June 22
after the 10:30
worship!**

SPECIAL ATTENTION!

A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary or Chapel. (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.) Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors



What is a Mystery
Prelude?
Scan the QR code to
sign-up!



WAYS TO SERVE

Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website.
Click on "WAYS TO SERVE" to explore volunteering
opportunities at church! You can also find sign-up
details on the Town Square bulletin board.



- Be A Reader!
- Be A Greeter!
- Host A Coffee Hour!
- Be An Acolyte Or Cross Bearer!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering

HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Grab your family or friends and HOST a coffee hour in memory of your favorite loved one, or just HOST for FUN! We would love for you to help!!

We have clear instructions and someone who can help you through the process!

Signup on the *Coffee Hour signup* under the *Ways to Serve* option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board.

MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

June 9th - August 25, 2025

Fellowship will include light dinner, dessert and refreshments. Starts at 6:30pm outside the Chapel and runs until worship starts at 7:00pm. If you would like to host an evening, call the church office!

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

CEF is a long-trusted ministry partner of churches and schools in the Michigan District since 1901 where individuals and congregations can invest their money.

Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?

When an individual or congregation invests at CEF, they help to build churches and schools across Michigan. The invested money is used to make construction or renovation loans to churches, like the CEF loan Redeemer has, that made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid back on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. When you invest at a bank, you will build another bank building. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It's a win-win for everyone! **For more information call Curtis Burstein at 248.320.5100, our Redeemer Representative.**

Updated Interest Rate sheets for May are available around the building.

COMMUNION



If you wish to receive communion in your pew during the church service, **kindly inform one of the ushers before the service starts**, and they will be sure to accommodate your request.



Our Sanctuary has a Hearing Loop to assist those with hearing loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil.

Please see an usher if you have questions or for additional information.

ITTY BITTY BUDDY BAGS!

Welcome to Redeemer, LITTLE ONES! Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with Mommy and Daddy with your very own Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for tiny tots! Packed with snuggly toys, books, and fun stuff, you can join in, watch, and play during the service! **Don't forget to return the bags to Nicole Olds' office after the fun.** And if you're in the mood for some playtime, we've got a nursery waiting for you with tons of toys!

DONATION INFORMATION



If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's camera, or you can use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering basket indicating you have donated online.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Exciting News! We have a new vendor for Altar flowers, so come take a look! Tiffany Florist is taking the reins. Check out the May Lamp for details. As of May 1, there is a slight increase for Altar flowers, but lectern flowers will be slightly less. The new rates are as follows:

- Sanctuary: \$75
- Chapel: \$55
- Lectern: \$35

You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.



BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

New Member Class - Laura Vowell
(Sermon Series and Annually in the Fall) - Great Room

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds
10:30am - Lower-Level classrooms

RYG (High School) - Gia & Eric
(begins Fall 2025) - 7:00pm - Youth Room

TUESDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy - Heroes of the Bible
(begins Fall 2025) - 9:30am - Great Room

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer
6:30pm - Great Room (*4th Tuesday starts at 6:00pm)

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn - Acts
All-Year 6:45-7:30am - Great Room (*Zoom Available)

Positive Parenting - Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson
(begins Fall 2025) - 9:15-10:45am - Great Room

Confirmation Classes - Laura Vowell
(begins Fall 2025) - 6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms

Core Group (RYG - High School) - Gia Scheidt
(all summer long) - 6:00-8:00pm - Youth Room

THURSDAYS

Young Adults - Michael Banerian's (3217 Maplewood, RO)
6:30-8:00pm - 1st Thursday of Every Month

Community Bible Study - Andrea Schlak
(begins Fall 2025) - 9:30-11:00am - Great Room

For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the Church Office at 248-644-4010.

If you'd like to take a journey and read the Bible, see the Lamp or the back of these announcements for a Bible reading plan.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Guys of all ages are encouraged to join us on **Wednesday mornings from 6:45 – 7:30 a.m.** in the Great Room or via Zoom as we begin our study of the book of Genesis. In addition to our study and great fellowship among the guys, we enjoy some delicious goodies, juice and coffee. For Zoom Log-in details or for further information, contact Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010 ext.123).

COUNSELING

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here at Redeemer. Call Dr. Sandy for more information.
Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248-568-6040



Ready Your Recipes for Our Commemorative Cookbook

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, Redeemer is creating a commemorative cookbook that will feature favorite recipes from you, our members, as well as some vintage specialties from the archives. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be an enjoyable (and useful) keepsake for us all.

Multiple recipes from all members will ensure that the cookbook is a success, so don't be shy. Feel free to submit 3-5 of your family's favorite recipes and be a part of this special occasion cookbook.

We have created an online recipe portal through Morris Press Cookbook to make the recipe-gathering process as easy as possible. However, if you prefer, you can also submit hard copies to the Cookbook Committee.

To ensure your recipes are included, please submit recipes online no later than September 12 so we can meet our deadline of early November.

To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to www.typensave.com and click 'Login.'
- Enter the User Name: redeemercookbook
- Enter the password: potato096 and click 'Submit.'
- Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.

It should be pretty self-explanatory after that in terms of actual recipe entry. Under Notes, we'd love you to include personal comments, such as "this recipe has been in our family for 50+ years" or "this is my kids' favorite meal", etc.

We look forward to creating this culinary collection with you. The Cookbook Committee (Beth Lanthier, Donna Hollis, Nancy Lesinski, Sharilyn O'Boyle, Liz Pedersen, Richelle Pedersen)



POSITIVE PARENTING

Meetings will break for the summer and reconvene after Labor Day.

We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45am in the Great Room! We are a group of moms that discuss topics relating to family-life, parenting, and motherhood. We explore a wide-range of books and ideas throughout the year and enjoy conversation, prayer, and community. Nursery care is provided and available on a drop-in basis for younger children. Each session stands alone-we look forward to having you in the fall!

Please reach out to Kristin Thompson or Victoria Ilitch with any questions.



FAMILY OF GOD

Redeemer cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen - join us in helping others!
June 9, 2025

FEED THE HOMELESS!

Redeemer partners with Family of God (FOG), a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! YOU can help provide these meals in MANY different ways:

- make bagged lunches,
- prepare frozen meals,
- deliver/serve a meal,
- and shop for items.



You can also donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals with the FOG Sponsorship.

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board.

NOTE: If you are signing up on our website, there is a separate sign up to sponsor a meal (\$100) than there is to plan, shop, cook or serve the meal.



NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

JOIN CAMP RESTORE DETROIT ON THE THIRD (3RD) SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR A SERVICE DAY!

People of all ages are welcome - individuals, families, and groups - come by alone or gather your loved ones!

Some things to know before you come...

- Volunteers will serve from 9:30am-3:00pm.
- Bring a sack lunch and a refillable water bottle.
- Dress for the work and the weather - some projects may be outside.

For more information or questions, contact Tanya Karn at tanya@camprestore.org or 313-636-4422 ex.1.



GLEN EDEN
MEMORIAL PARK
Redeemer Columbarium

If you would like more information on Redeemer's Columbarium, you will find brochures located around the building. You can also call Glen Eden directly at 248.477.4460.



FAMILY LIFE

family night

Join us for a night of fun, entertainment, and baseball!

FAITH NIGHT UNICORNS VS. MAMMOTHS - FRIDAY, JULY 18TH
FIRST PITCH 7:05PM - GATES OPEN 6:00PM

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER SUMMER PICNIC

Group Perks Include:

- Game seating in party patio area
- Group photo on the field
- Welcome message on the scoreboard
- Kids Run the Bases after the game
- Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog
- Meet & Greet with a team mascot
- Free Parking

Enjoy an All American BBQ!

Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies. Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes. Each guest will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.

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Purchase your tickets today!
Contact Nicole Olds with any questions!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Two Opportunities To Mark Your Calendar



Men's Golf and Barbecue

Wednesday, August 20

9-hole scramble – 3:00 p.m. at Lincoln Hills

BBQ – 6:00 p.m. at Beverly Park Pavilion

NOTE NEW DATES ON THESE EVENTS!



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A Day at the Hollis' Cottage

Thursday, August 7

2:00-6:00 p.m.

*Hosted by the Prime Timers group open to all!



MUSIC

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Whether you sing or play an instrument, we would love to use your vocal or instrumental talent to provide special music for a 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer! **Summer special music will be needed beginning on Sunday, June 8th**, and all the way through Labor Day weekend. Individuals will be needed to help provide this important ministry at Redeemer. **If you are interested, please contact Steve SeGraves.**



Redeemer KAMP 2025

Kampers will **ARRIVE on SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD** and **LEAVE Kamp on SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH!**

If you have any questions about Kamp, please review our Registration Page and Kamp FAQs on the church website. If you still have questions, please send us an email (redeemerkamp@gmail.com).



Redeemer's Spring New Member Session is a little bit different this time... instead of traditional classes with teachers in a classroom, we will have a special sermon series that reviews the Lutheran doctrine! All you have to do is let the church office know and come to church and listen to the sermons. Once you let the church office know, they will provide you with new member paperwork, along with ***The Lutheran Small Catechism***, which will help you along in your journey. Don't worry if you miss coming to church, you can watch the recording via Vimeo on the church website to make up the day and learn that doctrine.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CHICKS WITH STICKS

We are on break for the summer now but that doesn't mean you need to stop knitting and crocheting. We have lots of yarn in the Trinity Room. We will be checking the yarn supply throughout the summer and we will replenish the boxes of yarn as space becomes available. Stop by often to see what new yarn entices you. I hope you can knit/crochet all summer so that we have a nice big pile of hats and scarves to donate to both men AND women next November to our less fortunate neighbors in Detroit. Thank you for serving Jesus through your knitting and crocheting!



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Women's Book Group meets on **Tuesday, May 27** at 7:30pm to review ***Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*** by Li-Ji Jiang. This is NOT a book about the "big picture" of what happened in Communist China during the Cultural Revolution. Rather, it is a memoir of the lives of a young girl and her family and her friends' families. For the Chinese people, society's rules about what is good and bad were reversed, first when the Communists conquered China in 1949, and then the reversal was emphasized seventeen years later, when the Cultural Revolution began. The result was that families who, before Communism, had worked hard and intelligently and had prospered suddenly became national enemies. Even those who had chosen not to flee China, out of a strong sense of Chinese patriotism, like the author's parents and grandparents, were declared by the state to be "enemies of the people". Even worse, no way was allowed for such a family to "make up" for its past, and even the children who were born into Communism, like the author and her siblings and friends, were declared to be guilty of the "crimes" of their ancestors. Agonizing choices, sacrifice, fear and reprisal underscore this story of passage. We will be waiting for you in the Town Square.

NEW MEMBER SERMON SERIES

SERIES DATES:

- Sunday, April 27th: Ten Commandments
- Sunday, May 5th: Apostles Creed
- Sunday, May 18th: The Lord's Prayer
- Sunday, May 25th: Baptism
- Sunday, June 8th: The Lord's Supper
- Sunday, June 15th: Confession and Absolution

WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE REDEEMER FAMILY!

New member paperwork will be collected this spring and summer. All spring new members will be recognized during next fall's New Member Brunch.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

Summer Sunday School will start June 22nd. We meet every Sunday during the 10:30am service only. The teachers who teach during the school year take a break during the summer so I am looking for people to step up and teach. We have a lesson and then head to the playground for fellowship and popsicles. It can be one week or more, whatever works with your schedule. I am happy to walk you through the lesson, which I provide. Contact Nicole Olds to sign up or if you have questions.

Vacation Bible School is taking place June 16-20!



Magnified! Discovering the BIGNESS of God in the SMALLEST of things!

REGISTER NOW!

Use the QR code to Register.
ALREADY 250 KIDS REGISTERED!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

VBS provides snacks for the kiddos attending, but the teens and adults that volunteer their time love a little something, too!



Please consider providing a snack (bagels, baked goods, chips/pretzels, fruit/veggies, etc.) for our hard workers.

Please sign-up online via the church's Sign-Up Genius to volunteer to bring something in. Thank you for your help!



WE NEED YOU!

Who doesn't LOVE VBS?! We are looking for adults of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun! Teachers, classroom helpers, craft workers, and kitchen sous-chefs are all needed - please consider volunteering!

Please sign-up online via the church's Sign-Up Genius to volunteer in the kitchen or craft area. Interested in teaching? Please reach out to Nicole Olds.

Thank you for making this week possible for our kiddos!

VBS 2025 could use your help gathering decorations!

We are looking for old party supplies you may have lying around the house. Specifically we are looking for bees, butterflies and lady bugs. We can also use brown cardboard egg cartons. Questions contact Nicole Olds - nolds@redeemerbirmingham.org

SUMMER JAMS & RYG

ALL **=SUMMER=** LONG

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on **Wednesdays from 6-8pm ALL SUMMER LONG!** It starts on **Wednesday 6/25** and continues each week throughout the summer – **NO COST!** Everyone meets outside on the playground for a pizza dinner. Afterward, JAMS will go in the Gym to play games and RYG will go to the Youth Room for Bible Study! Parents, you can drop your high schooler and middle schooler off at the same time so that they can have Christian fellowship and some time to grow in their faith! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

JAMS & RYG go to Cedar Point! Students going into grades 6-12 are invited for a day of fun on the roller coasters of Cedar Point on **Wednesday, August 13th!** The cost is \$65 and includes admission, travel to & from park, breakfast, and a water bottle for the day. Grab a permission slip from outside Gia/Eric's Office, Laura's Office, or download one from the church website. Forms & money are due on Sunday 7/27 – **LIMITED QUANTITY OF SPOTS available!** Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY
SCHEDULE CHANGES



All 2025 high school and college graduates are invited to receive a blessing at our "Dads & Grads" celebration on Father's Day, **June 15th**, at the 10:30am church service. If you can attend, please email (gscheidt@gmail.com) or text (248-520-6407) Gia Scheidt so we can print your name in the bulletin!

young
adults

BIBLE STUDY: First Thursday of Every Month

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHES: Once a Month after Church

TEXT MICHAEL BANERIAN TO LEARN MORE
AND GET INVOLVED! (248) 925-7125

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

26 MON

Memorial Day
No Monday Night
Worship
Office & Building
Closed



27 TUES

9:30a Scamper
Camp
9:30a Tuesday
Morning Bible Study
7p VBS Teacher
Meeting
7:30p Women's
Book Group



28 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
9:30a Scamper Camp
6p RYG Core Group
7:30p Board of Elders
Meeting



29 THURS

9:30a Scamper Camp
6:30p Redeemer Pickup
Basketball



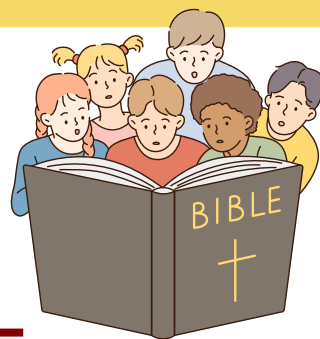
30 FRI

31 SAT



100TH ANNIVERSARY

SUMMER



THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.

Trivia: in 1943, when VBS first started, the registration fee for the entire 3 week program for ages 3-14 was \$1. This fee was used to cover materials. Within a short time, the fee was raised to \$1.25.

OUR VERY OWN "BEACON OF HOPE"



Did you know that our Sanctuary chandelier will be lit all-day - **EVERY day!** - for our entire 100th Anniversary Celebration?!

Tom and Brenda Boyce have graciously sponsored the lighting of our beautiful chandelier in loving memory of their son, John, and all other children who are now held in the arms of Jesus in their heavenly home.

If you would like to read the story of our chandelier, written by Brenda, please email the church office at office@redeemberirmingham.org.

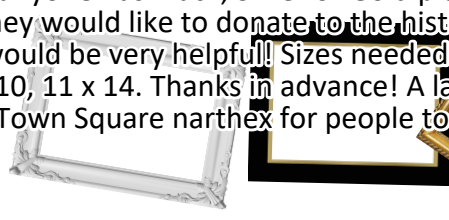
HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS

located in the Town Square!

We hope you enjoy the Holy History display panels as they change each month to highlight each ministry of Redeemer. This month we are celebrating Children's Ministries.

REQUEST FROM THE HOLY HISTORY COMMITTEE:

If anyone has Black, Silver or Gold picture frames that they would like to donate to the history committee it would be very helpful! Sizes needed would be 5 x 7, 8 x 10, 11 x 14. Thanks in advance! A labeled box is in the Town Square narthex for people to drop them off.



ASK ME ABOUT...

During our anniversary year, you will see our church staff and volunteers wearing buttons that invite you to ask them about our vast array of ministries here at Redeemer.

Please ask them questions - they are very excited to share!



Sixth Annual Usher and Elders Party!

**All ushers (and potential ushers), elders and pastors invited!*

NOTE DATE

Please join us:

Sunday, August 10th from 1-4pm

Paul Quasarano's Backyard
31033 Franklin Rd, Franklin, MI 48025

Lunch, drinks and good cheer provided.
Bring your swimsuits if you want to take a dip!

Through These Doors is our little book written by Redeemer members and friends. It is going to publish soon. Thank you for your submissions and wonderful stories about finding your way to Redeemer. It is a joy to read. Please watch the announcements to find out when and where you can pick up your copy.

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- For the family and friends of Elaine Schultz, who was called to her heavenly home. Her memorial service will be planned for some time in the future.
- Prayers of God's Strength and Peace for the family and friends of James Minton, uncle of Ed Ahlquist, who was called to his heavenly home on May 20.
- For the family and friends of Corinne M. Breer, who was called to her heavenly home.

For those with health concerns:

- Monty Bolis
- Melissa Carruth, niece of Bev Yocum
- Leanna Bush
- Lili Camden
- Donna Vald
- Perry Greene
- Janet, friend of Debi & Donna Hollis
- Bib, friend of Bruce Helmke
- Missy Mazur
- Pat Nehls
- Sue Sack
- Amy Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Elfie Rose

Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & firefighters.
- President Trump and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries
- For the wedding of Orion Pederson and Alayna Wolfe who were united in marriage in the city of Chicago this weekend by Pastor Randy.

Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**BOARD OF ELDERS
MEETINGS**

May 28
July 23

**LEADERSHIP TEAM
MEETINGS**

June 11

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS FROM "READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR"

May 25

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18
John 14:15-31
Psalm 119:33-48
Proverbs 15:33

May 26

2 Samuel 9:1-11:27
John 15:1-27
Psalm 119:49-64
Proverbs 16:1-3

May 27

2 Samuel 12:1-31
John 16:1-33
Psalm 119:65-80
Proverbs 16:4-5

May 28

2 Samuel 13:1-39
John 17:1-26
Psalm 119:81-96
Proverbs 16:6-7

May 29

2 Samuel 14:1-15:22
John 18:1-24
Psalm 119:97-112
Proverbs 16:8-9

May 30

2 Samuel 15:23-16:23
John 18:25-19:22
Psalm 119:113-128
Proverbs 16:10-11

May 31

2 Samuel 17:1-29
John 19:23-42
Psalm 119:129-152
Proverbs 16:12-13

