

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 23, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

Theme: Challenging Scripture

**As We Gather**  
Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was as strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath. Also, it was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorites. (Amos 2:9–10).

**Lenten Observance**  
As part of our Lenten observance, we follow the old church custom of omitting the “Alleluias” from our worship, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent.

**Prayer Before Worship**  
"Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your Word, a light to our path and a lamp to our feet. Help us to receive it with open hearts and minds, that we may understand its truths and live according to its teachings. Strengthen our faith, that we may cling to your promises and trust in your unwavering love, even when doubts and fears arise. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to obey, that we may be a light to others and a testament to your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. (Martin Luther)

**Mystery Prelude**

Rick Helderop, organist

Sponsored by the Berean Bible Study Group

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

**Opening Hymn 4**

God Himself Is Present

1.

God Himself is present: let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him. God is in His temple -  
All within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest rev’rence.  
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior;  
Praise His name forever.
2.

God Himself is present: hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding! “Holy, holy, holy”  
Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Thine ear to us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises that Thy church now raises.
3.

O Thou Fount of blessing, purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in Thy merit. Like the holy angels,  
Who behold Thy glory, may I ceaselessly adore Thee.  
Let Thy will ever still rule Thy church terrestrial as the hosts celestial.

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

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism - 10:30am**  
*(Following the Baptism, our worship continues with the Children’s Message)*  
Child: Bennett Morris Schlitt  
Parents: Ian and Jenna Schlitt  
Sponsors: Daniel Chapie and Elle Wilson

*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 6:1-8

(Wickedness in the World)

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

**Epistle Reading**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(Believers who have gone before us)

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Verse**  
*R:* And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,  
**C:** “Let all God’s angels worship him.” Hebrews 1:6

Gospel Announcement

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:23-33

(Marriage at the Resurrection)

That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?” Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.” When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Confession of Faith - 9:00am**

The Apostles’ Creed

(At the 10:30am service, the statement of faith was spoken during the Baptism)

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**

My Song is Love Unknown

1.

My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2.

He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
Who at my need his life did spend:
3.

Sometimes they strew his way  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
And for his death they thirst and cry.

**Sermon**

Text: You figure it out!

“What does Genesis 6:1-8 mean?”  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

(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 Anthem - 10:30am** O Love – arr. Hagenberg  
Vocal Quartet: Kate DeBoer, Alison Ristovski, Justin Wicker, Rick Lee  
Ben Kletzli, Cello; Rick Helderop, Piano

(Please rise for the Doxology)

**Doxology Hymn 441** We Give Thee But Thine Own

- 1. We give Thee but Thine own, what-e’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2. May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blesest us, to Thee our first fruits give!

**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!

**Closing Hymn** I Love to Tell the Story  
(Favorite hymn of Stephanie Bowers, Jodi Curtis, Cathy Hansen, Donna Hollis, Linda Lewis, Judy Mammel, Myrna Orava, MaryAnn Perryman, Bob Stewart)

- 1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story because I know tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story! Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

- 2. I love to tell the story tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from Gods own holy Word. -Refrain
- 3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. -Refrain

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude** Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by the Berean Bible Study Group in honor of our Pastoral Staff for their unceasing efforts to lead us in our faith journey. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13). Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Dan and Emily Dobring in honor of Magnolia's first birthday!

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift,  
Erin Springer, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp, Tracey Fish,  
Richelle and Liz Pedersen

Greeters

9:00 - The Friedrich family

Ushers

9:00 - Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Peter Pridmore, Cindy Grove,  
David Hamada, Ryan Jones, Eric Stein  
10:30 -Steve Ortale, captain; Carter Ortale, Paul Quasarano, Tim Fithian,  
John Leonard, Don Jackson, Albert Madlangbayan, Blake Burstein, David Lychuk

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Wingo  
10:30 -John Mills, Brian Fish

Reader

10:30 - Sharon Tylenda

Acolytes

9:00 - Claire Tafel  
10:30 - Blake Dobbs, Christian Pedersen



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**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](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org) for more detailed information.



SCAN FOR WEBSITE

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

**March 23, 2025**

## LENTEN MENU

**March 26, 2025**

### Lunch:

Homemade Zoupa Toscana  
and Salad, fresh baked  
breadsticks, and Cannoli  
Pudding for dessert

Sponsored by: Sharon Tylanda and  
her crew

### Dinner:

Friday Fish Fry on WEDNESDAY  
Baked Cod, french fries, corn,  
coleslaw, Tarter sauce, Hot dogs  
for Kids, creamy lemonade pie

Sponsored by: Michele Margosian  
with the assistance of  
the Board of Elders

## Happening TODAY

**WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:00,  
9:00, and 10:30am**

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

8:30a Coffee Hour-Men's  
Ministry Sponsor

10a Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:30a Baptism

10:30a Sunday School

11:30a Young Adults Luncheon

11:30a Brass Rehearsal



**Men's Ministry**  
is hosting coffee  
hour today!  
Come join the  
fun!

COFFEE  
TIME



**Vacation Bible School is back  
for 2025 and is taking place  
June 16-20!**

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

Join us this summer when we take a closer look at  
God's awesome creation to discover how big and  
powerful He really is! We need kids from 3 to 99 to  
join us - you are never too old to come to VBS!

## REGISTER NOW!

Use the QR code to Register.

**ALREADY 200 KIDS REGISTERED!**



**A HUGE Thank You  
to Mark Leonetti  
for painting the  
Town Square!**

**DEPOSITS are due now to Travel  
100TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION BUS TOUR  
AUGUST 12 - 15, 2025**

Bus Tour to picturesque Lancaster, PA.

Visit the SIGHT & SOUND MILLENNIUM THEATRE where we will experience  
one of the Bible's most incredible stories, NOAH, live on stage! Families,  
young & "young at heart" are welcome.

Questions? Contact Leslie Whitfield at 248-330-8685

## 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](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.com)  
and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

### MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

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

## REDEEMER NURSERY

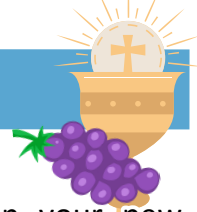
Infants and children under the age of 3  
are always welcome in church, but if  
you choose, our nursery is available  
during 9:00 & 10:30am Sunday  
worship services. You are welcome to  
bring your infant/child to the nursery  
at any time during the service.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



# A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP



## SPECIAL ATTENTION!

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

### Youth Choir - LAST Rehearsal

Youth Choir will sing on **Sunday, March 30** with the last rehearsal being held in the Chapel from 10 - 10:30 **TODAY**. Ages 7 and up are welcome! Contact [nancylesinski@gmail.com](mailto:nancylesinski@gmail.com) with any questions.



## 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!!!**

## 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!**

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



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-up now for either Altar or Lectern flowers in the Sanctuary or the Chapel! Rates are as follows:

- Sanctuary: \$55
- Chapel: \$50
- Lectern: \$45

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.



Should you receive a phone call (even with his voice) from Pastor Randy asking for money, **PLEASE HANG UP!** Pastor Randy will never ask for money personally via email or phone! **IT IS A SCAM!!**

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

March 26  
May 28

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

April 9



# BIBLE STUDIES

## SUNDAYS

**New Member Class** - Laura Vowell  
(Annually in the Fall) - Great Room

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

**RYG (High School)** - Gia & Eric  
7:00pm - Youth Room

NEW MEMBER  
sermon series  
coming in April!

## TUESDAYS

**Adult Bible Study** - Pastor Jimmy - Heroes of the Bible  
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  
9:15-10:45am - Great Room

**Confirmation Classes** - Laura Vowell  
6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms

**Core Group (RYG - High School)** - Gia Scheidt  
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 again in 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

Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings 6:45-7:30am in the Great Room or via Zoom, as we continue to study the book of Acts. The emphasis of this important book is literally the fulfillment of the Great Commission, describing the founding of the Christian Church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire. Contact Gary Priskorn for further information.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday morning Community Bible Study with Andrea Schlak has just concluded. It will begin again in the fall 2025.

See you in the **FALL**

## Women's Bible Study

We have finished "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table".....how timely, accurate and appropriate for the times we live in. We will not have study on Tuesday, March 25 due to Spring Break but will be back in our seats on Tuesday, April 1, 8, and 15 at 6:30 and will do a mini "Walk to the Cross" with readings from scripture of the last days of Jesus. Please let Kitty ([misskitty@redeemerbirmingham.org](mailto:misskitty@redeemerbirmingham.org)) know if you would like to attend and share this journey with us. We will save a place for you.

## POSITIVE PARENTING

Join us 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!

• **March 26th: NO CLASS** - Spring Break

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



## 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?

For more information call Curtis Burstein at 248.320.5100, our Redeemer Representative.

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

## REDEEMER 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

TIME to  
STUDY



## ATTITUDE CHECK!

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest message recorded in the gospels. His message brings to us a great deal of insight into our role in the Kingdom of Heaven. But He starts it all with the "Be Attitudes".

I must admit at one time the beatitudes sounded to me, "Today, life is hard. But, one day soon I will bless you!" yet, I have discovered that these sayings are powerful when viewed through a new lens. It's a prescription on how we are to live.

This Lent we will study the beatitudes as a way to live our lives as Be Attitudes.

## LENTEN MEALS



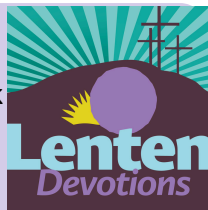
We thank all who participated in making a meal and feeding our congregation for lunch and dinner during the season of lent. We are so blessed for the many hands who participated.



## Hallelujah Chorus on Easter!

If you plan to attend worship at the 9:00am or 10:30am services on Easter Sunday, April 20th, we invite you to join the Chancel Choir in singing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's Messiah! You will be provided with a copy of the music during the service, or a copy can be obtained in advance by contacting Steve SeGraves.

The Lenten Devotion can be found on the Lent/Easter page of the church website, just click on the Lent/Easter link at the top of the homepage of the church website. OR find printed copies around the church building



## PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

It never gets old.....the Palm Cross Workshop is scheduled for **Friday, April 11 at 9:00 am**, in the gym and the palms have been ordered. Intrepid, Kathy and Tom Eley are in the saddle ready to show the novices how to make a cross from a palm branch and encourage the seasoned veterans to continue their good work. Snacks, lunch, beverages and encouragement will be generously served. Everyone loves a palm cross and members take them to others in the community. Join us for the making of 800 crosses to share!

## ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!



**BY APRIL 1**

Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas (Blue & Pink), and Boston Ferns...Oh my!

These gorgeous flowers will add beauty to our Easter Sunday services. The flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter and remember or give thanks to someone or something special in your life. You may then take them home following our 10:30am service or donate them to a local nursing home for a wonderful surprise for those who need an uplifting gift on Easter. Order forms, with the option to pay online, are available on our website (click on the Lent/Holy Week box) or scan the QR code below. The order form can also be found around the building, or in the church office. **Please fill it out and turn into the church office along with your payment/check no later than Tuesday, April 1st.**

**\*Orders placed after this date are NOT guaranteed as the nursery has a limited supply\***

## Ways You Can Help?

We're looking for families/volunteers to take the donated flowers to a local nursing home immediately following the 10:30 Easter morning service! This is a great opportunity to spread God's love, and bring a gorgeous surprise to those who need it. You truly feel the gift of giving firsthand! If you're interested, please contact the church office!

Questions? Contact the church office  
(248) 644-4010

**ORDER FLOWERS HERE**



Join us during mid-week Lenten services, for LentenKidz! All children ages 3 to 5th Grade are welcome! Children go to church with their families and then, after the Children's Message, will go down to the Scheidt Room for lesson and activities. We hope you'll join!

**Palm Sunday - April 13**

**Children's Palm Parade during 10:30am worship**

All kids of the congregation are welcome to join us for a **Palm Parade on Palm Sunday, April 13th**. Meet in the Fellowship Hall (in the lower level under the Sanctuary) at 10:15 and we will process in with our palms.

**Easter Egg Hunt - April 20**

**after the 10:30am Easter Worship Service**

Hey Kids, don't forget your Easter Baskets!



**Any questions of Children's events, contact Nicole Olds.**



## SEASON OF LENT & EASTER

### THE BE ATTITUDES - MATTHEW 5:3-12

This Lent we will study the beatitudes as a way to our lives as Be Attitudes.



**March 26 - Matthew 5:6**

*The Hungry and Thirsty*

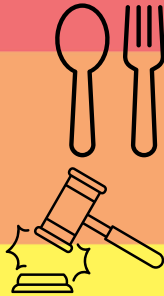
**April 2 - Matthew 5:7**

*The Merciful*



**April 9 - Matthew 5:8**

*Clean of Heart*



1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Each worship service is preceded by a meal:  
Lunch at 12:00 noon and Dinner at 6:00pm  
(5:30pm confirmands)



### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



**Maundy Thursday, April 17** - 1p - Chapel; 7p - Sanctuary  
Holy Communion at both services

**Good Friday, April 18** - 1p and 7p - Sanctuary

**Easter Eve, April 19** - 5p - Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday Services, April 20**

7:30a with Holy Communion; 9:00a and 10:30a

*Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter Sunday 10:30a service.  
Bring your Easter Basket!!*

*\*all 7p Lenten services & the 10:30a Easter Service  
will be livestreamed*

### 100th Anniversary Concert Series!

stay tuned for additional concerts throughout the year!

**Sunday, April 6th - 3:00pm: Birmingham Concert Band**  
(Redeemer Sanctuary)

**Thursday, April 10th - 1:00pm: The Birmingham Musicale**  
Choral Ensemble (Redeemer Sanctuary)

**Saturday, April 26th - 7:00pm: Cabaret Dinner, Show, and**  
Silent Auction with the Farmington Chorus (directed by Steve  
SeGraves - Redeemer gym)

**Saturday, May 10th - 7:00pm: King's Brass Concert**

**Saturday, May 17th - 7:00pm: Men's Choral Concert**  
featuring the Langsford Men's Chorus (conducted by Steve  
SeGraves - Redeemer Sanctuary)

### ★ CABARET DINNER

**Saturday, April 26th at 7:00pm** Come for a great show and  
enjoy a delicious Italian-themed dinner, silent auction!

A minimum donation of \$25.00 per-person is requested or  
reserve a full table (8 people maximum) for a minimum  
donation of \$250.00. Reserved seating tickets may be  
purchased in advance by contacting **Sally Flayer (248.613-  
2623 saflayer@comcast.net)**. Reserved seats will be sold on a  
first come first served basis. If the event sells out, there will  
not be at-the-door sales.

**Please order your tickets early - we hope you'll join us!**  
*When making your reservation, please indicate any special dietary  
requirements.*

## MISSIONS

HELP <sup>the</sup> HOMELESS

### 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.**

### FAMILY OF GOD

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

**April 14th - RYG cooks and serves**

**April 30th - Positive Parenting**

**May 12th - RYG cooks and serves**

### iZōsh Birmingham Spring Event

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, April 11

Arrive at 6:45pm for Stone Voting;  
Presentation starts at 7:00p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer's Great Room  
1800 W. Maple Road,  
Birmingham, MI 48009



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Abadir M. Ibrahim**

Associate Director of the Human Rights  
Program (HRP) at Harvard Law School

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- ✓ Invite a Friend!
- ✓ Be empowered that YOU can change the world!

Sign up TODAY with QR code  
or in the Town Square



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[www.lcr.church/izosh](http://www.lcr.church/izosh)



### COUNSELING

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here  
at Redeemer. Call Dr. Sandy for more information.

**Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248-568-6040**

# MINISTRIES AT WORK

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Scamper Camps 2025!

Programming is open to children who are 2-years old (as of January 1st, 2025) through 5-years old. Once kids have gone off to kindergarten, they are too old to come back.

Contact Nicole Olds with any questions!



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Join us for another Men's Ministry event as we continue to celebrate Redeemer's 100th Anniversary



Beer and Soft Drinks; Bad Boy Chili and Fixin's; Games and Prizes; Center court Cornbread

Watch the NCAA Elite 8 Regional Playoffs!

Signup in the Town Square so we can plan accordingly

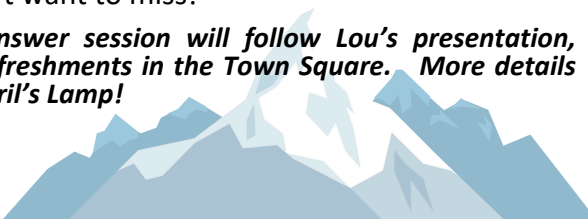
Free-will donation requested - For further information, contact Gary Priskorn 248-644-4010 or Jon Duff 248-214-9037

The Parsonage is at 785 Westwood Drive, Birmingham

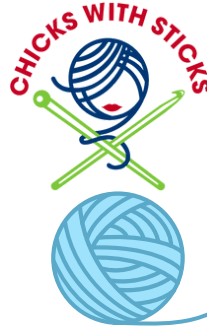
## MOUNT EVEREST TRAGEDY - A TIME TO LIVE...A TIME TO DIE

Everyone is encouraged to mark your calendar for the next Primer Timer event, scheduled **Sunday, May 4th at 6:00pm**. Please join us for a very special and moving presentation in our Sanctuary by **Redeemer member and renowned mountain climber, Lou Kasischke**. Lou was part of a Mount Everest climbing expedition in 1996, one which turned out to be the worst tragedy in Mount Everest's history. His intriguing and inspirational story is one you won't want to miss!

*A question/answer session will follow Lou's presentation, along with refreshments in the Town Square. More details to come in April's Lamp!*



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Our Chicks with Sticks love to knit and share their expertise with others so if you would like to make a scarf, hat, blanket or other item for the less fortunate, homeless or infant in need please plan on joining us every first and third Thursday of the month. Our next date is **April 3 at 1:00 in the library**. See you there!

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



Don't forget to join us for our review of *The Saints of Whistle Grove* by Katie Schuermann on **Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00** in the Town Square. We have things to share and want to hear what you think about this book. Our next couple of months bring the promise of some good reads and great discussion:

**April:** *A Thousand Tomorrows* by Karen Kingsbury

**May:** *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-Li-Jiang



Thank you, Toby and Julie Buechner for sharing your home with 32 women, appetizers, desserts, Bunco tables, prizes, new and old faces, new and very old white elephant gifts and the return of our beloved, awful and ugly "Biggest Bunco Loser Trophy"! We are excited that this gorgeous plastic vase with cartoon cupids is back in circulation, with proud new owner Donna Hollis. What a great night! Women's Ministry team volunteers, Jan Kanka, Tracey Fish and Leslie Whitfield, you are truly an amazing trio of women and have made this evening so special with all your good work.

## RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please keep the Youth Mission group in your prayers as they prepare for their annual Spring Break mission trip to North Carolina. They left yesterday and will return on 3/29!



## YOUTH CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 30** - Mission Trip Reunion - 7-9pm

**\*NO RYG THIS WEEK - HAPPY SPRING BREAK!\***

## ATTEND LENTEN SERVICES

RYG meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm  
Lenten Services at 7:00pm - March 26, April 2, 9  
Questions? Contact Gia or Eric!



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

**24 MON**

7p Al Anon  
7p Worship  
8p Love of Life

MAKE IT  
HAPPEN

**25 TUES**

9:30a Tuesday  
Morning Bible Study  
6p Women's Bible  
Study  
6:30p Redeemer  
Pickup Basketball  
7:30p Women's  
Book Group

**26 WED**

6:45a Men's Bible Study  
9a Lenten Meal  
Preparation  
12p Lenten Lunch  
1p Lenten Worship  
6p Lenten Dinner  
7p Lenten Kids  
7p Lenten Worship  
7:30p Board of Elders  
Meetings

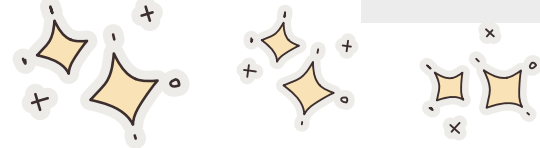
**27 THURS**

6:30p Redeemer Pickup  
Basketball  
7p Redeemer Ringers  
Rehearsal

28 FRI

29 SAT

12p Wedding



**UPDATE**



# 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**THIS MONTH WE ARE  
CELEBRATING MEN'S AND  
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Women's Ministry has enjoyed gathering for Bunco for years now. We had great fun on March 14th, and one highlight was the return of the "Biggest Bunco Loser Trophy!" We are excited that this gorgeous plastic vase with cartoon cupids is back in circulation, with proud new owner Donna Hollis.

# SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST**

## 100th Anniversary Celebratory Church Service and Congregational Luncheon

We are honored to have Pastor Mark Wuggazer who will be guest preacher that morning, and Kitty Sweitzer, with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal!

***More information coming soon!***

## 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!***



***Did You Know?***

Did you know that Pastor Duane Wuggazer was on our 1950's men's baseball team and was the star pitcher?!

He was renowned  
for his blazing fast ball speeds!

*\*Thank you to our 100th Anniversary Committee for this fun tid-bit from our history!\**



# LET'S PLAY BALL!

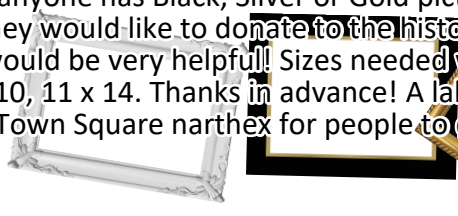
## HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS

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 Women's and Men'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.



# Redeemer KAMP 2025

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



Redeemer Summer Kamp is a week-long sleepaway camp for kids entering 3rd-9th grade. Please visit our website to read more about our Kamp mission, camp facilitates, and staff.

- **Registration is open to Redeemer members and returning Kamp families ONLY!**
- **APRIL 1, 2025:** Registration is open to everyone!

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](mailto:redeemerkamp@gmail.com)).

## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

### For those with health concerns:

- Amber Bergstrom, daughter-in-law of Jill and Dick Bergstrom who is having surgery
- Sue Hawkins
- Ron Pflieger
- Ralph Pedersen
- Sue Sack
- Jeff Harper
- Wayne Denniston & Carolyn, father/friend of Sharon Tylenda
- Matthew Warnicke
- Mark, friend of Donna Hollis
- Norm and Barb Morrell
- Asia Maeder
- Stasi, friend of Andrea Calvaneso
- Marilyn, friend of Ginny Schalm
- Marcie, sister of Bonnie Ernewein
- Bill, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Amy Wargelin
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin

### For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

### 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
- We welcome through baptism, Bennett Morris Schlitt, son of Ian and Jenna Schlitt, who was baptized today, Sunday March 23rd.

**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.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like to be notified when a Congregation member is called to their heavenly home, please email the church office at [office@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberbirmingham.org) and we will add you to our email list.

## Baptism

In honor of the baptism of **Bennett Morris Schlitt**, a \$50 donation in his name has been made to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley. Care Net Pregnancy Center exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and communicate Biblical truth regarding sexuality and the sanctity of human life. To find out more about Care Net and the ministry they provide and ways you can help, call (248) 545-6411 or [carenetberkley.com](http://carenetberkley.com). Also, by the generous donation in memory of Rosa Stauffer, a few drops of water from the Jordan River have been added to the baptismal water.



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

### March 23

Numbers 36:1-13  
Deuteronomy 1:1-46  
Luke 5:29-6:11  
Psalm 66:1-20  
Proverbs 11:24-26

### March 24

Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29  
Luke 6:12-38  
Psalm 67:1-7  
Proverbs 11:27

### March 25

Deuteronomy 4:1-49  
Luke 6:39-7:10  
Psalm 68:1-18  
Proverbs 11:28

### March 26

Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25  
Luke 7:11-35  
Psalm 68:19-35  
Proverbs 11:29-31

### March 27

Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20  
Luke 7:36-8:3  
Psalm 69:1-18  
Proverbs 12:1

### March 28

Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22  
Luke 8:4-21  
Psalm 69:19-36  
Proverbs 12:2-3

### March 29

Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32  
Luke 8:22-39  
Psalm 70:1-5  
Proverbs 12:4

