

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 4, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Theme: The Creed

As We Gather
The creed is a summary of the central truths of Christian faith. It is not intended to be a complete compendium of beliefs expressed in the Bible. It focuses, rather, on the fundamental truths that characterize the life of a Christian believer. As an acorn contains all the elements of a large and verdant tree, the creed condenses into a few words the great faith contained in the Old and New Testaments. **(From Our Sunday Visitor 9/5/2012)**

Prayer Before Worship
O God and Father, give us graciously what belongs to the body and its life. O Son of God, free us from sin and mercifully grant us your spirit. O God the Holy Spirit, heal, comfort, and make us strong against the devil, and finally give us the victory and the resurrection from the dead. Amen. **(Martin Luther)**

If you wish to join us at the Lord’s Table, please read this Communion information. If you share our beliefs regarding the Lord’s Supper, we welcome you to our altar.
✠ I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.
✠ I believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.
✠ I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn 246

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Order of Service for Holy Communion
P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!
C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

(Please be seated)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - 10:30
Child: Jones Marie Mato
Parents: Jordan and Michael Mato
Sponsors: Randi and Adam Seme

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-4

(Love The Lord Your God)

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

(Paul Speaks an Ancient Creed)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16: 13-18

(Peter’s Confession)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

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

Thy Strong Word

(Class hymn of the Confirmation Class of 2025)

1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
3. From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conquering might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee whose light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Sermon

Text: Matthew 16:13-18

“Why do we call it the Apostles’ Creed, when they didn’t write it?”
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.

(Please rise for Doxology)

Doxology
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

Confession and Absolution

Communion Liturgy

The Lord’s Prayer
P: *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;*
C: **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

The Pax Domini
P: *The peace of the Lord be with you always!*
C: **Amen.**

The Agnus Dei
O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion
For prayers before and after receiving the Sacrament, see pages 118-119 in the red hymnal.

*Communion wine is dark in color, grape juice is light. It is in the individual cup trays in the glass cups allowing for each member to grab their own wine cup. **If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or desire the common cup, at the appropriate time, please raise your pointer finger.***

Communion Anthem
Come to Me - Forrest
Chancel Choir; Jeff Buttray, soloist; Ben Kletzli, cello

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

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

Tune: hymn 15

Closing Hymn
I Know that My Redeemer Lives
(Favorite hymn of Robert Anderson, Karl Bushuiakovish, Karen Carson Bennett, Diane Dorantes, David Hardoin, Mary Jane Johnson, Mary Lou Mabee, Judy Mammel, Kaki Mammel Merryman, Greg Merryman, MaryAnn Perryman, Gary Priskorn, Pat Raezler, Kristen Rolf, Leslie Whitfield)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives.
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Decorative flourish
Sanctuary altar flowers were placed in honor of our Confirmation Class of 2025. God bless their continued journey in the faith. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Marilyn Ripson and Sue Zimmerman in memory of Michael and Kathryn Ripson. Chapel altar flowers were placed by Dee Aebersold in memory of her husband Fred and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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


Elders Assisting with Communion
Brian May, Rick Russ

Reader
Mike Dundas

Acolytes
10:30 - Landon Kerr

Ushers
9:00-Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Glesmann,
Brian Vautaw, Robert Artelt, Rudy Becker
10:30-Bob Meyer, captain; Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen, Jim Staargaard,
Orion Pedersen, Brad Baldner, Ryan Teahan

Audio and Video Operators
9:00-David Hamada
10:30-David Hamada, David Hardoin



I Jesus
X Christ
Θ God's
Y Son
Σ Saviour

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1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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your community church

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



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May 4, 2025

Happening TODAY

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

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

8:30a Coffee Hour

10:30a Baptism

10:30a Sunday School

11:30a Redeemer Brass
Rehearsal

6p Mount Everest Tragedy
speaker

7p RYG-We welcome 8th
graders

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

Everyone is encouraged to join us
TODAY at 6:00pm. A 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.*

100th Anniversary Concert!

**Tim Zimmerman and The King's
Brass present hymn classics
with a contemporary flair.**

Saturday, May 10 at 7:00pm

The King's Brass features three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards. These instruments blend together to create a time of innovative worship that will be enjoyed by all generations. Secular and sacred music critics alike applaud their concerts as **"superb in every way"** and **"innovative and well played."** *"Truly, an unforgettable experience!"*

The King's Brass, formed over four decades ago in Detroit, is comprised of professional musicians from across the country, who desire to use the instruments they love to lead others in praise and worship. Based out of Fort Wayne, Indiana, the group plays over 150 concerts per year from coast to coast as well as international destinations. This year, The King's Brass celebrates its 46th Anniversary Season.



Mother's Day Men's Choir

If you are a man at Redeemer and you can sing, please plan to join in with several other men in our annual Mother's Day Men's Choir, as we honor our wives and mothers, and all mothers when we sing together on Sunday, May 11th. Rehearsals are from 7:30pm - 8pm every Wednesday night. See Lamp for more details.

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**NEW MEMBER
SERMON SERIES
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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.



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

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 sign-up* under the *Ways to Serve* option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board.



Should you receive a phone call or an email from Pastor Randy requesting money, gift cards or valuable items, **PLEASE IGNORE IT!** Be sure to look carefully at the email address – if it does not come from

rschlak@redeemberbirmingham.org, it is **NOT** from Pastor Randy. ***Please delete the email and AVOID RESPONDING.***

If you are unsure, kindly forward the email to or contact the Church Office, and we will look into it further for you.

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 ARE GETTING A FLORAL LIFT

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 will be 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
(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

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.

COUNSELING

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

Women's Bible Study

We just wrapped another wonderful series - thank you to Kaki Mammel for her wonderful lesson on the Abrahamic Covenant! She left us wanting more, so we are now studying "The Early Church Becoming a Light in the Darkness." What happened when Jesus died? Real faith, real life. For Christians today, faith in God can sometimes seem to be a cerebral choice. For the early church, it was the difference between life and death. In this next chapter of That the World May Know, discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries. Our study began on April 29th, but we hope you'll join us over the next several weeks! Meet in the Great Room on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm - study will conclude on June 3rd (no meeting on May 27th).

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!

Join us in MAY as we wrap up the year and prepare our hearts and homes for summer!

- May 7th: Meeting Topic To Be Announced
- May 14th: End of Year Party!

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

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



CHURCH CEF 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.

FAMILY OF GOD

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

May 12th - RYG cooks and serves



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.



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.

If you are enrolling your child for the first time at Our Shepherd Lutheran School or Lutheran High Northwest and you'd like to find out more about sponsorship, you must make an appointment to speak with **Pastor Randy**. Be sure to schedule your appointment as soon as possible!

Parents re-enrolling your children at either Our Shepherd or LHNW for the 2025-2026 school year, please inform **Carrie Morris in the Church Office** as soon as possible.

Thank You

TO MARK LEONETTI
FOR PAINTING THE
TOWN SQUARE!
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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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Contact Nicole
Olds with any questions!**

MEN'S MINISTRY

Who Wants to BOCCE?!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our 15th annual "Fred Hollis Memorial Bocce Ball Tournament"

will be on **Wednesday, May 14th!**

Guys of all ages are cordially invited to join us for some great fellowship starting at **6:00pm on Wednesday, May 14th!** Thank you to the Hollis Ladies for - again! - hosting at the Hollis' Home. A meal of chicken shawarma and side dishes will be served from 6:00-6:45pm with bocce ball to follow. There will also be a Bean Bag Toss (Cornhole) "course" set-up for individual competition while waiting for your next round of Bocce!

There is no charge for the evening - a freewill donation will be received. Please sign-up by May 11th on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

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** 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).

New Member Sermon Series

Redeemer's Spring New Member Session is going to be a little bit different this time... instead of traditional classes with teachers in a classroom, we will have a special sermon series that will review 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 ***The Lutheran Small Catechism*** which will help you along in your journey. You will also get new member intake forms. 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.

Dates are: May 4, 18, 25, June 8, 15

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Chicks with Sticks

Chicks with Sticks meets every first and third Thursday afternoon of the month. Join us for conversation, company and creative ideas, new projects and the finishing of old ones... We are knitters making hats, scarves, and small blankets for the homeless through Family of God in Detroit. We love to knit and have lots of yarn here in our bins at Redeemer. All you have to do is come and join us in helping others, or come to learn how to knit. Projects can go with you in the car, while you wait for and on others, or sitting alone in a sunny window! Make those needles click for someone in need! We'll meet you in the Library at 1:00pm on May 1st and May 15th!

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.

PRIME TIME MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND WORSHIP

All are invited to join us as we resume "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" on **May 21**, our 3rd Wednesday of the month gathering at 12 noon in the Great Room. We'll be serving a delicious meal. (Lemon chicken piccata, Lemon orzo salad, Green beans, Baguette and butter, Dessert-Creamy lemon mousse with strawberries) After the meal we'll move to the chapel at 1:00 p.m. for a brief worship service with Holy Communion. Please call the church office (248-644-4010) if you plan to join us for lunch. Also, if you are in need of transportation, let the office know and we'll do our best to assist. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn at the number above, ext. 123.

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!**



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!

REGISTER NOW!

Use the QR code to Register.
ALREADY 200 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!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!

The VBS 2025 team could use your help prepping some of our amazing decorations. We can use people of all abilities not just seasoned pros. Join us May 21 at 6:30pm in the Great Room. Questions contact Nicole Olds at nolds@redeemberirmingham.org



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.

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.

The story of our chandelier, written by Brenda, can found in the Town Square. Be sure to take one home to read!

Congrats to our Confirmands:

James Burke
Blake Dobbs
Cam Friedrich
Grant Harper
Caleb Hurst
JD Kamm
Duke Kiriluk
Nick Mushovic
Meara SeGraves
Evan Yuhn
Luca Zuliani



AND WELL-DONE TO OUR 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS FOR COMPLETING THE YEAR STRONG!

Confirmation will break for the summer and begin again in September. **Classes for 6th-8th grade students will occur every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm.** If your child is in the 6th grade - or if they're older - and you would like to enroll them in Confirmation, please contact **Laura Vowell**, and she will get you all set-up!

RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The RYG May schedule is:

TODAY - RYG 7-9pm (8th graders welcome!)

May 11th - NO RYG (Mother's Day)

May 12th - Family of God

May 18th - Senior Send-off (last Sunday night RYG of the school year)

Core Group will meet on **5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28**

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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES



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...

5 MON

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

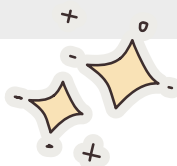


6 TUES

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

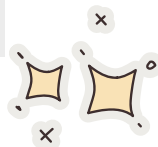
7 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
9:15a Positive Parenting
6p RYG Core Group
6:30p Chancel Choir
Rehearsal



8 THURS

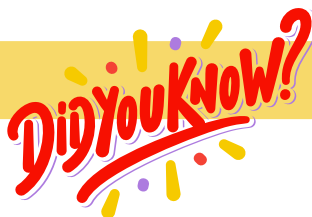
6:30p Redeemer Pickup
Basketball
7p Redeemer Ringers
Rehearsal



9 FRI

10 SAT

7p Tim
Zimmerman
and The King's
Brass Concert

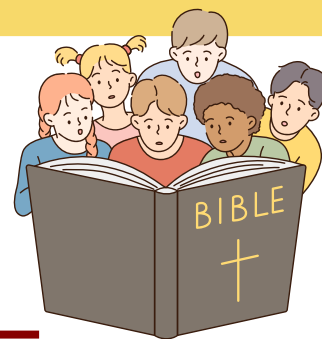


100TH ANNIVERSARY



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.



**YOU'RE
INVITED**

100th Anniversary
of Faith and
Family

Redeemer's 100th Anniversary Celebration – June 1, 2025

In just 7 days, 150 people have signed up to attend Redeemer's 100th Anniversary Luncheon Bash. So, what is this all about? Immediately following the 10:30 service, June 1, 2025, and after you have listened to Pastor Mark Wuggazer (a Redeemer kid born and raised in this church) we will celebrate with a delicious Nino Salvaggio brunch featuring salads, quiche, fruits, pastries, sandwiches, desserts, and a special consideration for our childrena dino-nugget/mac and cheese bar complete with Ranch dressing. There will be table entertainment for the young ones and the rest of us will enjoy each other's company and conversation with a very short program, a few remarks and a lovely meal meant to bring us together in fellowship and celebration. Tables are for 8 people (maybe squeeze 9-but you have to let Kitty know!) You will need a ticket (free) to save a seat. Of course, we will always have room for one more but you will save the committee a last minute frenzy by signing up. I am in need of many helpers who will only be asked to serve a very short time just to get things rolling. Then, at the end of luncheon you will find me in the kitchen cleaning up, alongside YOU! (I hope!) This is a one-of-a-kind day and you won't want to miss it. Questions? Call or email Kitty. Tickets will be available until Sunday, May 18.

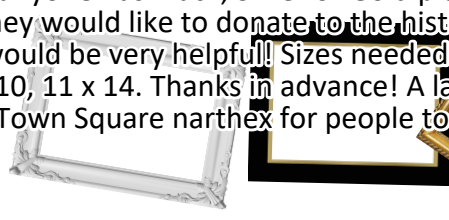
HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS

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!



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

- Please pray for the family and friends of Mary Sarkis, sister of Margaret Loose, who was called to her heavenly home.

For those with health concerns:

- Baby Rosie
- John, friend of Debi Hollis
- David
- Ryder Finkel, friend of the Calvanso's
- Sue Zimmerman
- Marcie, Bonnie Ernewein
- Laura, Friend of the Eley's
- Terry Roberts
- Ron Pflieger
- Sue Sack
- Norm and Barb Morrell
- Amy Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh

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 baptism of Jones Marie Mato, daughter of Jordan and Michael Mato who was baptized this morning during the 10:30 worship service. We welcome Jones into God's family.

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.

Baptism



In honor of the baptism of **Jones Marie Mato**, a \$50 donation in her 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. 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.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

May 28
June 23

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

May 14
June 11

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

May 4

Judges 19:1-20:48
John 3:22-4:3
Psalm 104:24-35
Proverbs 14:22-23

May 5

Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22
John 4:4-42
Psalm 105:1-15
Proverbs 14:25

May 6

Ruth 2:1-4:22
John 4:43-54
Psalm 105:16-36
Proverbs 14:26-27

May 7

1 Samuel 1:1-2:21
John 5:1-23
Psalm 105:37-45
Proverbs 14:28-29

May 8

1 Samuel 2:22-4:22
John 5:24-47
Psalm 106:1-12
Proverbs 14:30-31

May 9

1 Samuel 5:1-7:17
John 6:1-21
Psalm 106:13-31
Proverbs 14:32-33

May 10

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27
John 6:22-42
Psalm 106:32-48
Proverbs 14:34-35

