

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 15, 2025 – 9:00am / 10:30am

The Holy Trinity

Theme: Confession and Absolution

**As We Gather**  
Our Lord Jesus is with us in His living voice each Sunday as the Pastor says, “In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you...” This is no longer the Pastor’s word, but Jesus speaking directly to you and applying the forgiveness that He won for you on the cross through your eyes and ears.

**Prayer Before Worship**  
**A master or lady of the house may say:** “In particular I confess before you that I have not faithfully guided my children, servants, and wife to the glory of God. I have cursed. I have set a bad example by indecent words and deeds. I have hurt my neighbor and spoken evil of him. I have overcharged, sold inferior merchandise, and given less than was paid for. *[Let the penitent confess whatever else he has done against God’s commandments and his own position.]* If, however, someone does not find himself burdened with these or greater sins, he should not trouble himself or search for or invent other sins, and thereby make confession a torture. Instead, he should mention one or two that he knows: In particular I confess that I have cursed; I have used improper words; I have neglected this or that, etc. Let that be enough. But if you know of none at all (which hardly seems possible), then mention none in particular, but receive the forgiveness upon the general confession which you make to God before the confessor.”

**Then the confessor shall say:** “God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Amen.”  
**Furthermore:** “Do you believe that my forgiveness is God’s forgiveness? Yes, dear confessor.”  
**Then let him say:** “Let it be done for you as you believe. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go in peace.”  
*(From Martin Luther Order of Confession and Absolution for the Laity)*

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.

**Prelude** Rick Helderop, Organist

**Opening Hymn - 9:00** The Old Rugged Cross

- On a hill faraway stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffr’ing and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain:*  
*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, 'til my trophies at last I lay down;*  
*I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

- O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me:  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

- To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, it’s shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He’ll call me some day to my home far away, where His glory forever I’ll share. *Refrain*

**Song of Praise! - 10:30** God of Our Fathers - arr. Galbraith

- God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
- Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

*Bridge:*  
*God of our fathers, we love you Lord.*  
*God of our fathers, we lift our praise to You!*

- From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

- Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine. *Repeat Bridge*

**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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.*  
**C: Who made heaven and earth.**  
*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*  
**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P&C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**  
*P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Children’s Message**

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 51:1-4, 8-10  
*(Psalm of Confession)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Epistle Reading** 1 John 1:9  
*(Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness)*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Response:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

**Gospel Announcement**

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

**Gospel Reading** John 20:19-23  
*(Jesus on Forgiveness)*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

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

**Confession of Faith** The Nicene Creed  
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Sermon Hymn** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise His name - I’m fixed upon it; name of God’s redeeming love.
- Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro’t me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me, safely home by Thy good grace;  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.
- O to grace how great a debtor, daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

**Sermon** “Confession and Absolution” Text: John 20:19-23  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

**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.

**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 Red Hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

**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.

**Blessing of VBS Teachers and Helpers**

**Prayer of the Church**

**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**  
9:00am Just a Closer Walk with Thee - arr. Dempsey  
Mike Lapinski, Saxophone

10:30am How Deep the Father’s Love for Us - Townend  
Redeemer Praise

**Blessing of Graduates - 10:30am**

**Benediction and Response:** Amen! Amen! Amen!

**Closing Hymn 376** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me  
*(Favorite Hymn of Janet Gibb, Janet Harthen, Donna Hollis, Mary Jane Johnson, Judy Mammel, Christina Mee, Jacqueline Mee, Samantha Mee, Lynn Duerr, MaryAnn Perryman, Laura Romeo, Judy Weir)*

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood from Thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.
2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude** Rick Helderop, Organist



*Sanctuary Altar Flowers* are given by the SeGraves Family in honor of Steve and all fathers and father-figures celebrating Father’s Day today, and in honor of Meara as she celebrates her 14th birthday this week. *Sanctuary Lectern Flowers* are placed by the Rolf children and grandchildren in memory of Bill Rolf on his 94th birthday.

*Altar Guild*  
Kaki Mammel, Corinne Chesna, Sandy Springer,  
Jane Zehnder, Kris Ortale, Jamie Burstein, Ann Marie Violante,  
Susan Laramie, Rosemary Scheidt, Tracey Fish

*Audio and Video Operators*  
9:00am - Dave Hamada  
10:30am - Greg Merryman and David Hardoin


*Elders Assisting with Communion*  
Rick Russ and David Mammel

*Greeters*  
9:00am & 10:30am - Andrea Schlak

*Readers*  
9:00am - Laura Hessen

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

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION



*mercy*

**June 15, 2025**  
**9:00am / 10:30am**

***Lutheran Church of the Redeemer***  
**1800 W. Maple**



# 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.

**June 15, 2025**

## JOIN US FOR MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!

Join us this summer on Monday  
evenings for fellowship!

Fellowship includes light dinner,  
dessert, and refreshments.

Meet at 6:30pm outside the Chapel,  
and stay to worship at 7:00pm.

Michele Margosian will be hosting  
on June 23rd.

Menu includes...

Chicken Finger Pita Sandwiches

French Fries

3-Layer Jell-O Dessert

We hope to see you there!

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING! NEXT SUNDAY AFTER 10:30am WORSHIP!



**COME ONE COME ALL!**

## CONGRATULATIONS 2025 GRADUATES!

We recognize our graduates today at our 10:30am  
worship service. Congratulations to all who graduated  
from high school, college, or anywhere else this spring!

## FATHER'S DAY BLESSINGS!

Happy Father's Day to all of the amazing  
men of Redeemer! Thank you for being a  
constant source of encouragement and a  
shining example of strength to your  
families and within our congregation!  
May your life be filled with joy, and may  
you always find fulfillment in the legacy  
of love you've built!

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY

## THROUGH THESE DOORS...

...is our little book written by Redeemer members and  
friends. Thank you for your submissions and wonderful  
stories about finding your way to Redeemer! It has  
been a joy to read each and every story.  
*We have decided to **EXTEND** the deadline!*

If you haven't turned in your story of how you found  
your way to Redeemer, please turn it in to Miss Kitty  
by July 1ST. We would LOVE to hear your STORY!!

## 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

### ATTENTION PLEASE!

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 during worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors*



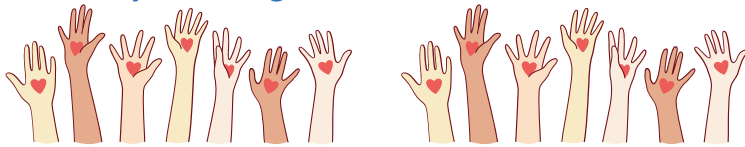
**What is a Mystery Prelude?**  
**Scan the QR code to sign-up!**



### SERVE DURING WORSHIP

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

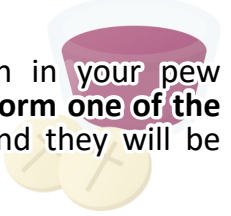
Sign-up on the *Coffee Hour Sign-Up* under the *Ways to Serve* option on the church website or on the Town Square Bulletin board.

### 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!

### 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.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

We have a new vendor for Altar flowers, so come take a look! Tiffany Florist is taking the reins. 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 sign-up online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.



***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.*

### 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!!!**

### 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 June are available around the building.***



# SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

## SUNDAYS

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

## TUESDAYS

Women's Pop-Up Bible Studies - Kitty Sweitzer  
All Summer Long - 6:30pm - Great Room

## WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn - Genesis  
All-Year - 6:45-7:30am - Great Room (\*Zoom Available)  
Summer RYG & JAMS - Gia Scheidt  
All Summer Long - 6:00-8:00pm - Youth Room

## THURSDAYS

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

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.

## NEW MOM & ME GROUP!

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 23rd 2:00-3:30pm  
ALL SUMMER LONG!!

Meet in the Lower Level Fellowship Room!

If you have any questions, call Crissy Bienkowski (989.450.3946) or Andrea Calvaneso (248.703.8289).

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings from 6:45-7:30am in the Great Room or via Zoom. As we kick-off the summer, we're also beginning a new study on the book of Genesis. In addition to our study and great fellowship among the guys, we enjoy some delicious goodies, juice, and coffee. Contact Gary Priskorn with any questions or for the Zoom information. We hope you'll join us this summer!



## WOMEN'S POP-UP BIBLE STUDY!

We will meet for a wonderful pop-up Bible Study lesson on Tuesday, July 16th at 6:30pm entitled "You've Got This, Girl!" Study will include women of the Bible whose names you may have never heard but who made an enormous difference in the lives of others, including us! Should be fun comparing notes and learning how even the most ordinary can do extraordinary things. See you in the Great Room. Goodies provided!

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)

## COUNSELING

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



## UPDATE!!

## NEW MEMBER SERMON SERIES

Redeemer is wrapping up our Spring New Member Sermon Series **TODAY!** A lot of material has been covered on Sunday mornings over the past few months, and we hope you have ALL learned more about the Lutheran doctrine! If you participated in the series to become a new member of Redeemer, or if you're still finishing watching sermons on your own schedule - no problem! **We ask that all participants complete the series by July 31st and notify the Church Office as soon as possible.** They will provide you with new member paperwork, along with *The Lutheran Small Catechism*, which will help you along in your journey. All sermons are recorded and can be watched via Vimeo on the church website.

### 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 summer.  
All spring new members will be recognized during  
next fall's New Member Brunch.\**

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

### 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.

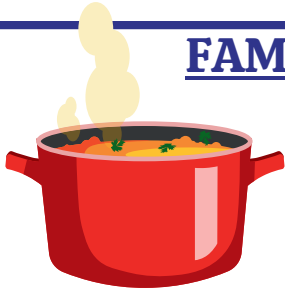


**You can also donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals with the FOG Sponsorship.**

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!  
**July 14, 2025**

# INSPIRE OTHERS

### 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](mailto:tanya@camprestore.org) or 313-636-4422 ext.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

# JIMMY JOHN'S® • FIELD •

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.



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



## MEN'S MINISTRY

### SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMERTIME FUN!

#### MEN'S GOLF AND BARBECUE

Guys of all ages are cordially invited to join us on **Wednesday, August 20th** for our **24th Annual Men's BBQ at Beverly Park Pavilion!**

The BBQ begins at 6:00pm with an optional 9-hole scramble golf event at Lincoln Hills beginning at 3:00pm. Contact "Golf Commissioner" Walt Sweitzer (248.797.2755) to sign-up for golf. **Sign-up by August 17th on the Town Square bulletin board for the BBQ and/or golf. Other questions? Contact Gary Priskorn**  
There is no charge for the BBQ - a freewill donation will be received. Join us for a great time of fellowship!

#### A DAY AT THE HOLLIS' COTTAGE

The Hollis Family has once again invited adults of all ages to join them on **Thursday, August 7th** at their cottage on North Lake in Dexter Township for fun, food, and fellowship from **2:00-6:00pm!**

Guests are asked to bring beverages and a dish to pass to serve 10 (appetizers, salad, vegetables, dessert). An entrée will be provided at 5:00pm. Enjoy a relaxing time as you set sail on beautiful North Lake's "best" pontoon boat and are regaled with stories of the Hollis' Family history on the lake!



Carpooling is encouraged! Sign-up sheet (by August 4th) and maps are on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn!



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

**16 MON**

7p Worship  
7:30p Al Anon  
7:30p Love of Life

**17 TUES**

**18 WED**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

6:45a Men's Bible Study  
6p RYG Core Group

**19 THURS**

**20 FRI**

**21 SAT**

MAKE IT HAPPEN

MAKE TODAY GREAT

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### CHICKS WITH STICKS

Chicks and Sticks will be taking the summer off and hope you will continue to knit and crochet wonderful and necessary scarves and hats for the homeless people of Oakland and Wayne Counties. We will meet again on **Thursday, September 4th** to kick-off another wonderful year together. Thanks for all the good work and generous spirit you have shared with so many!



### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Women's Book Group will meet on **June 24th at 7:00pm** to review Allison Pataki's *The Magnificent Life of Marjorie Post: A Novel*. This is an absolutely terrific novel! If you want to know more about the twentieth century, it's all here... And if you want to be inspired by a brilliant, gorgeous, and powerful woman, then Marjorie Post fits the bill. Pataki manages to make every chapter in this long and complicated life fascinating. Marjorie's power filled life is as enthralling as it is heartbreaking. She never admits defeat and ultimately embodies the ideal of a true American hero.

### 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.

### FELLOWSHIP



### SIXTH ANNUAL USHER AND ELDERS PARTY!

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH FROM 1:00-4:00PM!

\*All ushers, elders, and pastors are invited!\*  
Lunch, drinks, and good cheer provided - be sure to bring your swimsuit if you want to take a dip!

Paul Quasarano's Backyard  
31033 Franklin Road - Franklin

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!



**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL START JUNE 22ND!**

**If you are interested in helping out by teaching, you can sign-up on the church website!**

Summer is a time for slowing down and enjoying fellowship, so we have a lesson and then head to the playground for popsicles and play during the 10:30am service. I have the lesson and any supplies you might need. It is a great way to meet the kids of the congregation and show them how important God is to the young and old!

**Contact Nicole Olds to sign-up or with questions.**



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**VBS STARTS  
TOMORROW AND  
RUNS MONDAY,  
JUNE 16TH THROUGH  
FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF  
OUR ADULT AND TEEN  
VOLUNTEERS FOR  
THEIR HARD WORK  
AND DEDICATION TO  
MAKE VBS POSSIBLE!**



## IMPORTANT

### UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

On behalf of Rick Russ, Head Elder and Chairperson of the Call Committee, please contact the Church Office with the names of any viable pastor you feel can fill the role of our next Senior Pastor. A brief questionnaire will be provided by the Church Office that needs to be completed as part of your recommendation.

**All submissions are due to the Office by  
Monday, June 23rd.**

## SUMMER JAMS & RYG

**ALL  LONG**

**Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG)  
are hanging out Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm!**

Join us starting **Wednesday, June 25** - we'll continue to meet each week throughout the summer - **NO COST!** Everyone meets outside on the playground for a pizza dinner. Afterward, JAMS will go to the Gym for 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, roundtrip travel, breakfast, and a water bottle for the day. Grab a permission slip from outside Gia/Eric's office or Laura's office!

**Forms and money are due on Sunday July, 27th!  
LIMITED QUANTITY OF SPOTS!**

**Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.**

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**ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM  
FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES**



### KID KAT KAMP 2025

**Kampers 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. We rent a beautiful camp facility in western Michigan each year where Kampers spend a week in a rustic outdoors setting, enjoying typical camping activities such as crafts, boating, fishing, hayrides, games, campfires, and more! Our program is combined with Bible study, worship, and singing which all take place in a safe, Christian environment.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO ALL!**

**Please invite family and friends to join you this year at  
Kamp! Sign-up soon to secure your spot!**

**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).**







## 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING PASTORAL MINISTRY

Pastors always have many calls to make - hospital visits and to homebound members. Pastor Duane loved to be on his boat on the Detroit River, which he named "On Calls." He named his boat this way so that he could answer honestly that he was out "on calls!"

How clever he was!



### 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 to receive your own copy!*

### HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS LOCATED IN THE TOWN SQUARE!

We hope you enjoy the Holy History display panels as they change every month to highlight each ministry of Redeemer.

***This month we are celebrating Pastoral Ministry.***

### REQUEST FROM THE HOLY HISTORY COMMITTEE...

If anyone has black, silver, gold, or nice wooden picture frames that they would like to donate to the History Committee, it would be very helpful!

Sizes needed are 5X7, 8X10, and 11X14. A labeled box is in the Town Square narthex for people to drop them off.

Thanks in advance!



### 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!***



### 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 12th so we can meet our deadline of early November.**

#### To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to [www.typensave.com](http://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 would love for you to include personal comments, such as "this recipe has been in our family for 50+ years" or "this is my kids' favorite meal!"

**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



## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

### For those with health concerns:

- Amber Bergstrom
- Rose
- Rick Lee
- Fred
- Linda, Brian Fish's mom
- Max
- Dale Robinson
- Craig Moorhead
- Terry Roberts
- Pat Nehls
- Sue Sack
- Myrna Orava
- Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- Tom Gray
- Margaret Loose
- Bob, friend of the congregation
- Janelle Thorne, friend of Donna Hollis
- Jim Zeer, friend of Myrna Orava
- Joe Lagoe
- Kay Trombat

### For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh

### Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police, and 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.

*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

**LEADERSHIP TEAM  
MEETINGS**

July 9

**BOARD OF ELDERS  
MEETINGS**

July 23



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

### June 15

1 Kings 14:1-15:24  
Acts 10:1-23  
Psalm 133:1-3  
Proverbs 17:7-8

### June 16

1 Kings 15:25-17:24  
Acts 10:24-48  
Psalm 134:1-3  
Proverbs 17:9-11

### June 17

1 Kings 18:1-46  
Acts 11:1-30  
Psalm 135:1-21  
Proverbs 17:12-13

### June 18

1 Kings 19:1-21  
Acts 12:1-23  
Psalm 136:1-26  
Proverbs 17:14-15

### June 19

1 Kings 20:1-21:29  
Acts 12:24-13:15  
Psalm 137:1-9  
Proverbs 17:16

### June 20

1 Kings 22:1-53  
Acts 13:16-41  
Psalm 138:1-8  
Proverbs 17:17-18

### June 21

2 Kings 1:1-2:25  
Acts 13:42-14:7  
Psalm 139:1-24  
Proverbs 17:19-21

