

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Theme: Wisdom

As We Gather
The first book of Kings portrays Solomon as an extraordinarily wise king. At the beginning of Solomon’s reign, God appears to him in a dream and grants him a wish. In his response, Solomon asks for a listening heart to carry out his royal duties, and he receives a wise and understanding mind (1 Kings 3:5-14).

Prayer Before Worship
Lord, please give me the wisdom to see things as you see them and to understand your will for my life. Help me seek your guidance in all things and trust in your plan for me. Lord, you tell us in James 1:5 “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” I humbly ask that you generously pour wisdom into my very being. I want to make godly, wise decisions in my life. I am asking you for help in this area. In your name this I ask. Amen.

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
(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn 94
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

- Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
- Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
- Hail, the heav’nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He leaves His throne on high, born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

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 deserve 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.*
C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading
(Solomon asks for Wisdom)
1 Kings 3:4-15

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Epistle Reading
(Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ)
Ephesians 1:3-8

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading
(The Boy Jesus at the Temple)
Luke 2:40-52

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the

boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn 647
O Little Town of Bethlehem

- O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy darkness shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to men on earth.
- O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Sermon
“Solomon’s Wisdom ”
Rev. Randall J. Schlak
(Please rise for the Offertory)
Text: 1 Kings 3:4-15

Offertory
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

(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 the 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.

Tune: hymn 15

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

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

(Please be seated)

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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace-Temple
arr. Hayes

Justin Wicker

(Please rise for the Benediction)

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

(favorite hymn of Mary Jane Johnson)

Silent Night

1. Silent night, Holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav’nly hosts sing, alleluia,
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by David Hamada. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Laura Kelton and Jacob Hessen in special celebration of their engagement, and years of happiness to come.

Altar Guild

Kathy Eley, Beth Greenwalt, Karen Pridmore, Theresa Schulz,
Stacie Millichamp, Marilyn Staargaard, Colleen Tafel, Laurie Krentz,
Joanne Greenwalt, Tracey Fish

Elders Assisting with Communion

Jon Duff, Matt Pedersen

Ushers

9:00 - Mike Grattan, Rick McDonald, Andrew Taffel, Eric Rolf,
Ron Lalone, Bryan Grattan, David Eberly
10:30 - Bob Meyer, Brad Baldner, Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen,
Orion Pedersen, Jim Staargaard, Ryan Teahan

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Perryman
10:30 - Mike Lapinski and Dave Hardoin



Solomon’s
Wisdom

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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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

January 5, 2025



JOIN US

January 5, 2025
Christmas Un-Decorating

Thanks to all who helped wrangle the Christmas decorations for our Sanctuary, Chapel, Town Square, and outdoors. You made everything so beautiful and all who enter are grateful for the visual message of love, hope, peace, and joy. We will take it all down on **January 5th following the 10:30am service** and we really need helpers to get it all in the right boxes and stored away for another year. Please sign-up on the **Town Square bulletin board** if you can help!

TODAY

Regular Sunday Worship Services - 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30

TOMORROW: Monday night worship service - 7:00pm (Chapel)

8:30am Coffee Hour

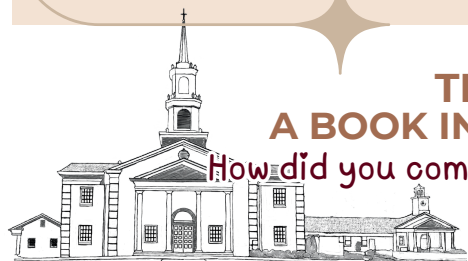
10am Sunday Morning Bible Study

10:30am Sunday School

11:30am Redeemer Brass Rehearsal

7:00pm RYG Bible Study

Make sure you follow RYG on instagram for event updates and photos @redeemer_y00th



THROUGH THESE DOORS A BOOK INCLUDING YOUR STORIES

How did you come to Redeemer? Tell your story!

Use the PURPLE forms around the church to tell your story. In fact, Kitty may hand you one in person and ask you to fill it out. Write 250 words or less about how you came to Redeemer. Include a favorite scripture at the bottom of the page and our little committee (reserving the right to edit) will put your journey on paper to create a beautiful book for our 100th Anniversary celebration here at church. Your book "Through These Doors" will be a history of our people who found a spiritual home in this place. What motivated you? Anyone walk with you? Journey difficult, easy or both? What did you gain? Lose? Tell us your story! Search your past, your heart and memory and let us know how you became part of Redeemer's history.

Questions? Contact Miss Kitty. Deadline for submission February 1, 2025!

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

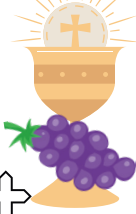
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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



A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP

COMMUNION NEWS: If you would like communion to be brought to you, please let an usher know before the service begins and they will be sure that you are accommodated.



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!



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.

The West Narthex door will be locked on Sundays to enhance building security.

To enter the church on Sunday mornings please use: the main Narthex doors, the West Town Square doors, or the doors by the Chapel.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH & WORSHIP JANUARY 15

All are invited to join us as we resume "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" on **January 15th**, our 3rd Wednesday of the month gathering at 12 noon in the Great Room where we're served a delicious meal of sweet and sour chicken, again graciously prepared by Michele Margosian. After the meal we move to the chapel at 1:00 pm for a brief worship service with Holy Communion. **Please call the church office (248-644-4010) by January 14th if you're joining 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.

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

ALL paper signup sheets in the Town Square are located behind the coffee hour kitchen near the coatroom! Come see how you can get involved!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many spots in January available!

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

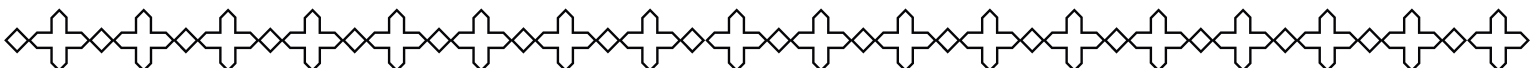
Sanctuary: \$55
Chapel: \$50
Lectern: \$45



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. You can complete the dedication form and make payment directly online or follow the link in your email you receive to confirm your sign-up. Alternatively, you can email your dedication to the **Church Office**, drop off your check at the Church Office, or leave payment in the Sunday morning offering plate **clearly marked "Altar Flowers."**

Please remember to leave the flower liners for the following week when collecting your flowers! Sanctuary flowers can be picked up after Sunday's 10:30am service, and Chapel flowers after Monday's 7:00pm service. For assistance, please reach out to the **Church Office** for support.

**Sign-up links can be found on the church's website by selecting "WAYS TO SERVE" and then "Altar and Lectern Flower Sign-Up."*



HOUSEKEEPING

TIME TO **UPDATE** YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

- Have you moved?
- Have you changed your phone numbers?
- Have your adult children moved away?
- Do you give online and not want to receive envelopes?
- Do you need your login credentials?
- Do you want to send in a photo for your family and individual profiles?

Please make sure you update your family membership information online in Shelby Membership OR send your updated information to

office@redeemberirmingham.org.

You can also call the church office to make any changes to your family profile.

***Please note, if you would like a printed copy of your family profile, we can email that to you so you can make updates.*

NOT RECEIVING EMAILS FROM REDEEMER?

1. Add noreply@shelbynextchms.com to your email contact list.
2. Check your spam or junk folder.
3. If you are still not getting our emails, call or email the church office at office@redeemberirmingham.org/248-644-4010



A great big THANK YOU to a very generous donor who supplied funds to make our Sanctuary Altar and Chancel area beautiful for our Christmas Services.

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!!!

GET YOUR REDEEMER 100TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT



NOTE: We are reordering some sizes and will be distributing them again after the holidays.

Generation to Generation

WESTMAPLE NURSERY SCHOOL WESTMAPLE NURSERY SCHOOL NEEDS WRAPPING PAPER TUBES

Please donate wrapping paper tubes to repurpose for Westmaple projects. Donations will be accepted through **January**. A collection box outside the gym doors will be available to drop off your tubes.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

06	07	08	09	10	11
Epiphany 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm Love of Life	9:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:00am Prime Timer's Comm. Planning Mtg 12:30pm Staff Meeting	6:45am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Positive Parenting 1:00pm Pathways 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm RYG Core Group 6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15p Leadership Team Mtg	9:30a Community Bible Study 1:00pm Chicks with Sticks 6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball 6:30p Young Adult Bible Study 7:00pm Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal		
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT

MISSIONS

HELP *the*
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.

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board. If you have questions or need more information, please contact **Laura Vowell**.

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.

2025 Family of God Soup Kitchen Sponsor Sign-ups are available in the Town Square!
LOTS of spots available!!

FAMILY OF GOD

RYG cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen the 2nd Monday of every month - join us in helping others!

January 13th

February 10th

***Meet in the kitchen at 5:00pm and bring money for dinner!**

HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

Save-the-date for our upcoming Orientation Meeting for mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
4:00-7:00pm - GREAT ROOM

REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS!



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MINISTRIES AT WORK



Fellowship Breakfast January 25th

Adults and youth, men and women, are welcome to join us for our next Fellowship Breakfast hosted by Men's Ministry on Saturday, January 25th beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Great Room with a hearty breakfast. Following the meal, we'll hear the story of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) shared by Tim Morton, the area director for FCA in Oakland County. The FCA "seeks to make disciples through their strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same." He speaks of the need to energize young people in faith in a similar fashion to that of athletic practice! It promises to be an informative and motivating morning for people of all ages! Please sign-up on the bulletin board located in the Town Square by January 20th. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Faith Night event is sponsored by Men's ministry, but **ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.** Make it a family event.



RED WINGS FAITH NIGHT JANUARY 23

Men's Ministry 2025 Kick-Off for Redeemer's 100th Anniversary

Join us at Little Caesar's Arena on Thursday, January 23rd for a very special event!

An inspirational concert followed by an exciting game against the Montreal Canadiens! We have a block of seats in the upper bowl near center ice.

Ticket prices are \$65 each.

For more information, contact Gary Priskorn (248.561.2641) or Jon Duff (248.214.9037).

JAMS-MIDDLE SCHOOL

JAMS GAME NIGHT

Save the date for **Friday, January 24th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm!** We'll do lots of fun things... Aliens in the Church, dodgeball, ice cream sundaes, pizza, and MORE! Permission slip are outside Laura's office or on the Church Website!

Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions - we hope all middle schoolers can join us!



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. **Sign-ups will start in February - please contact Nicole Olds with any questions!**

Redeemer's Vacation Bible School 2025

VBS will take place **June 16-20!** All children in Preschool through 5th Grade are welcome to attend - teens, teachers, and parent volunteers will be needed to make the week fun for all! Contact **Nicole Olds** if you are interested in helping out this summer!

RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

JANUARY SCHEDULE

January 5th: , 7:00-9:00pm

Meet in the Youth Room

January 8th: Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Youth Room

January 12th: , 7:00-9:00pm

Meet in the Youth Room

***EARLY-BIRD RETREAT SIGN-UP DEADLINE!**

January 13th: FOG, 5:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Kitchen

January 15th: Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Youth Room

***JANUARY 19TH: NO MEETING!**

January 22nd: Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Youth Room

January 26th: , 7:00-9:00pm

Meet in the Youth Room

***RETREAT SIGN-UP DEADLINE!**

January 22nd: Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm

Meet in the Youth Room

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FAMILY LIFE

We Still Do – Saturday, February 8, 2025

A marriage reaffirmation ceremony for all Redeemer couples! The vow renewal ceremony will take place at 5pm in our Sanctuary followed by... Dinner & Dancing at 6:30pm at the Auburn Hills Marriott.

\$150 per couple - The cost includes the ceremony, dinner, dancing, and photography. There will also be a cash bar and special rate for those who wish to spend the night.

Kindly RSVP by Sunday 1/26 using the QR code. Questions? Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).

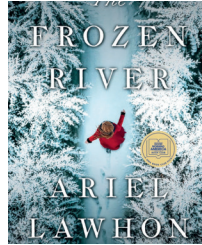


WOMEN'S MINISTRY



CHICKS WITH STICKS JANUARY 9 AND 23

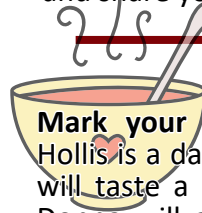
New yarn coming!!!! And there is interest in crocheting which has taken Europe by storm. We know how!!!! Come and learn.



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP JANUARY 28

Women's Book Group will meet again **January 28, 2025**, at which time we will review **"Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon.**

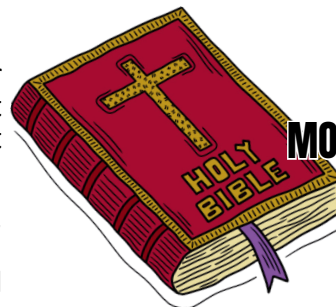
The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon, winner of the NPR book of the year and the GMA book of the year. Clever, layered, and subversive, Ariel Lawhon's newest offering introduces an unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice at a time when women were considered best seen and not heard. The Frozen River is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day. Join us by the fire at 7:30pm and share your thoughts on this exciting new read.



SOUP'S ON!

Mark your calendars! Cooking with our own Donna Hollis is a date on **Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00p.m.** We will taste a variety of soups made by our women and Donna will add her own soup and some fun things to serve along with it.....a perfect way to spend a winter's evening. Sign up sheet is on the Town Square bulletin board and we would love to slurp some soup along with you! Questions? Stacie Millichamp and Miss Kitty might be able to answer them.

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS



BIBLE STUDY:

First Thursday of Every Month

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHES:

Once a Month after Church

YOUNG BIBLE STUDY - JANUARY 9

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH - JANUARY 19

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



100TH ANNIVERSARY

FAMILY CAMPING FOND MEMORIES

BY JENNIFER DOBRING

Family Camping,
Always an adventure!
Ministering to our kids
In the company of other families
Learning about Jesus through devotions
Yogi Bear movies

Canoeing, kayaking,
Activities, games and slushy runs.
Many s'mores by the campfire!
Pitching tents and campers too
Incredible lasting memories
Nurtured friendships
Great Christian family fun!



Written for Family Life Ministry for the 100th Anniversary

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!



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!*

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 are available around the building.*

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.

Save The Date

Sunday, June 1st is our 100th Anniversary celebratory church service and congregational luncheon. We are honored to have Pastor Mark Wuggazer leading worship that morning and Kitty Sweitzer, along with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal.

OUR BUDGET WAS WHAT?!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that in 1940, Redeemer's annual budget was \$3,356.72?! It's amazing how much things have changed over the past 85 years!

We got a kick while reading the Annual Financial Report - hope you find it interesting, too!

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ... 1940			
RECEIPTS.			
Balance Dec. 31, 1939	346.08		
Regular envelopes	1712.99		
Plate Offerings	397.82		
Synod	198.09		
Subsidy	440.00		
Painting and repairs	228.32		
Special donations	141.00		
Centennial Offering	31.85		
Initial Offering	8.40		
Thanksgiving Offering	37.01		
Bank Dividend	8.25		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3618.81	3618.81	
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Pastor's salary	1428.00		
Car allowance	60.00		
Debt payment:			
Interest: 206.07			
Principal: 813.93			
TOTAL	1120.00		
Decorating parsonage	160.00		
Sewer repair	61.00		
Altar wine	6.00		
Water (church & parsonage)	34.25		
Offering Envelopes	9.88		
Financial record books	10.18		
Newspaper advertising	4.90		
Centennial offering	31.85		
Fuel oil	37.23		
Postage and printing	22.60		
Light	17.82		
Repairs at parsonage	25.13		
Mimeograph roller	2.88		
Choir music and collars	7.64		
Corp. & Sec. Commission	2.00		
Drain taxes	3.26		
Fire insurance	25.00		
Easter & Christmas folders	15.00		
Devotional booklets	21.17		
Convention & substitute			
Pastor	11.00		
Janitor	50.00		
Synod	188.09		
Cleaning supplies	2.14		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3356.72		
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1940	182.09		
Church Debt	7077.66		
Building Fund	363.79		

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah - Romans
All-year after 9:00am Worship Service - Scheidt Room

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
(JAN. 2ND STUDY WAS MOVED TO JAN. 9TH)*

Community Bible Study - Andrea Schlak - Moses and the book of Exodus
*9:30-11:00am - Great Room
Begins January 9th!

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Don't Give the Enemy A Seat At Your Table," Louie Giglio. Social media has power for good and evil. We are often unsuspecting about how much influence this media has over the way we process our thoughts and manage ourselves. What if we could end the cycles of endless criticism, negative thinking and take back the authority over our own thoughts? We were made for challenging circumstances but things can get in our way.....why not join in with positive, God-driven reminders of who we are and who our lives belong to.....Streaming video, good friends, study begins on **Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 in the Great Room!** From all of us in women's bible study....Happy New Year and many blessings to all of you!

POSITIVE PARENTING

Join us for conversation and community in Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting. We meet from **9:15-10:45am on Wednesdays in the Great Room** - every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us whenever you can. Positive Parenting is open to everyone, regardless of the ages of your children. There is always childcare available with no need to sign up in advance! Contact **Kristin Thompson** (kethompson1@gmail.com) or **Victoria Ilitch** (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with questions or for more information. **We'll regroup on January 8th.**

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

In-home gatherings are people committed to growing together spiritually, caring for and ministering to one another, reaching others with the love of Jesus and, ultimately, sharing life's victories and challenges. Talk to Pastor Randy if you are interested in joining or starting a Small Group!

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Community Bible Study is back for the winter. Please join us on **Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00am** to study Moses and the book of Exodus with Andrea Schlak.

We will take another look at a familiar story and hopefully learn something new and apply it to our lives today. Any questions contact Andrea schlakandrea@gmail.com

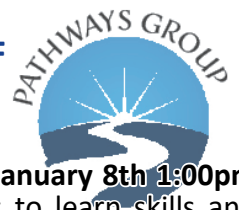
COUNSELING

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here at Redeemer. Call Dr. Sandy for more information.
Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D.
248-586-6040

ATTENTION REDEEMER MEN!

Did you know we have a Pastoral Counselor for you here at Redeemer - Rev. Ronald Farah - that you can talk to man to man? Don't hesitate to call Rev. Farah at 248-642-3137 to make an appointment.

PATHWAYS REDEEMER'S GRIEF AND LOSS RECOVERY GROUP JANUARY 8



Meetings will resume **Wednesday, January 8th 1:00pm** in the Town Square. Come join us to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call **Dr. Sandy Pourcho** (248-568-6040), Redeemer's Resident Counselor.

PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

- The family and friends of Cecilia Groesbeck, friend of Bob Stewart, who was called to her heavenly home.

For those with health concerns:

- Naomi Moore
- Keith C.
- Amy Wargelin
- Paula & Steve friends of Pat Nehls
- David Abalos, Chuck and Diane Dorantes' nephew
- Randall Jacobs
- Wayne Denniston, father of Sharon Tylenda
- John and Jan, friends of Bruce Helmke
- Bill and his family, friends of Bonnie Ernewein
- Marcie, Bonnie Erneweins' sister
- Melissa
- Dorothy, Friend of Bruce Helmke
- Tim Frost
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia
- Albert Shaheen
- Doug Wuggazer

Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & firefighters.
- President Biden 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.
- Marriage of Michael and Ashley Suzan who were united in marriage last Friday.

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

January 8
February 12

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

January 22
March 26

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

January 6

Genesis 13:5-15:21
Matthew 5:27-48
Psalm 6:1-10
Proverbs 1:29-33

January 7

Genesis 16:1-18:15
Matthew 6:1-24
Psalm 7:1-17
Proverbs 2:1-5

January 8

Genesis 18:16-19:38
Matthew 6:25-7:14
Psalm 8:1-9
Proverbs 2:6-15

January 9

Genesis 20:1-22:24
Matthew 7:15-29
Psalm 9:1-12
Proverbs 2:16-22

January 10

Genesis 23:1-24:51
Matthew 8:1-17
Psalm 9:13-20
Proverbs 3:1-6

January 11

Genesis 24:52-26:16
Matthew 8:18-34
Psalm 10:1-15
Proverbs 3:7-8

January 12

Genesis 26:17-27:46
Matthew 9:1-17
Psalm 10:16-18
Proverbs 3:9-10

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@redeemberirmingham.org and we will add you to our email list.