# ORDER OF WORSHIP November 16, 2025 – 9:00am and 10:30am Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Celebration

#### As We Gather

Our appreciation and gratitude is extended to the many members and friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church who untiringly gave of their time, money, and energy in the erection of our Chapel. Their love for their Redeemer and their ardent zeal to promote the Kingdom of God here on earth prompted them in their labors. May the Lord reward them according to His promise and the riches of His grace. [Taken from Redeemer's First Anniversary Directory]

Prayer Before Worship

This souvenir commemorates the First Anniversary of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church of Birmingham, Michigan. It contains matter of interest regarding our local congregation and the Lutheran Church at large. In heartfelt gratitude to God for having planted, prospered, increased and blessed His Church among us, and with a prayer for continued divine guidance, and with joyous prospects of the future, Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrates its First Anniversary. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, But Unto Thy name give all glory, For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.' (Psalm 115:1) [Taken from Redeemer's First Anniversary Directory]

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

\* 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, Piano

Happy Heavenly Birthday, Mom! (Sponsored by Bob Stewart)

# Presentation from the Holy Land

# Closing Remarks from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

# Song of Praise

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart - Moen

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Repeat

#### Chorus:

And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks.

2. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Chorus

#### Coda:

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

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.
- 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.

#### Children's Message

Responsive Reading

Psalm 100

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C: give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

C: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

#### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 21:1-7 (The Birth of Isaac)

Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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

## Gospel Announcement

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

## Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-7

(The Parable of the Lost Sheet)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

**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

I Love to Tell the Story

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

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

2. I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat, What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet; I love to tell the story, for some have never heard, The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. Refrain

Sermon Text: Genesis 21:1-7

> "To Infinity and Beyond!" 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.

# 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.

#### 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

Gratitude – Lake

Redeemer Praise

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn
(Favorite Hymn of Dee Aebersold, Carolyn Becker, Jeanne Bolcer,
Diane Dorantes, Cathy Hansen, Barbi Hardoin, Sherry Higgins, Donna Hollis,
Jeanne Hollis, Judy Mammel, Bonnie Moore, Myrna Orava,
Sandy Pourcho, Pat Raezler, Sharon Tylenda)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed;

#### Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain* 

## Silent Prayer

## Postlude

Rick Helderop, Organist

#### 8003

Sanctuary Altar Flowers are given with gratitude by Ellie Gause and Bill Bartlam for God's many blessings and in celebration of their two year anniversary! Sanctuary Lectern Flowers are given by Dale Robinson and dedicated to Winnie in thanks for her prayers and gift!

Altar Guild

Lynn Duerr, Mary Ann Perryman, Talitha Farah, Kay Scheidt, Barb Button Meier, Christie Hurst, Leslie Baranowski, Tom Eley

<u>Audio and Video Operators</u> 9:00am - David Hamada 10:30am - David Hardoin and John Mills

Acolyte and Crossbearer
9:00am - Avery Friedrich and Josh Hugel
10:30am - Mikey Kamm and Josh Olds

Elders Assisting with Communion
Chris Lagoe, David Mammel, and Eric Stein

<u>Greeters</u> 9:00am - Lynn Kubik Mee Duerr and Andrea Schlak 10:30am - Lynn Kubik Mee Duerr, and Susan and Ron Semlow

> <u>Readers</u> 10:30am - Rylee Durham

9:00am - Keith Lewis, Captain; Robert Artelt, Rudy Becker,
Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Brian Vautaw
10:30am - Karl Bushuiakovish, Captain; Greg Bloom, Jacob Imhoff,
Ben Kamm, Scott Kamm, Brian May, John Mills



# **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**

our community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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



Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

**November 16, 2025** 



#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

# HAPPENING TODAY

# **100TH ANNIVERSARY COFFEE HOUR!**

Join us in the Town Square this morning for a special coffee hour, hosted by the Leadership Team, culminating our 100th Anniversary Celebration! It's been another incredible, blessed year for Redeemer! We thank you all for your participation and appreciate the many hands and talents that made this celebration possible!

#### WELCOME TO OUR HOLY LAND VISITORS!

Please give a warm welcome to Dr. George Ghanem, representing The Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative! George is visiting us from Bethlehem, and with him, he has brought an incredible array of hand-carved olivewood sculptures, nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, and much, much more!



All items are available to be purchased during coffee hour, or before and after all services. All proceeds will support Christian families in Bethlehem, many of whom created the beautiful items displayed. Continue to pray for long-lasting peace throughout the Holy Land where our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, walked the land and shared the good news of salvation!

#### SPECIAL THANKS FOR CHAPEL CANDLE STAND!

On All Saints Sunday, with the rededication of our Chapel, a votive candle stand was erected where members can light a candle in memory of a loved one at any time. Thank you to the Laramie and Zehnder Families for their generosity to Redeemer - they dedicate the stand in loving memory and in thankfulness for their parents, Rose and Don Laramie, who brought them to their faith.

# JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR THE "4 Gs!" GOURMET GRUB, GAMES, AND GAB!



Join us for our next gathering of The "4 Gs!"
We will come together this upcoming Wednesday,
November 19th for lunch and some fun!
Meet in the Great Room at 12:00pm for a delicious
lunch of French Onion Soup, Meatloaf, Mashed
Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, and Dessert, lovingly
prepared by Michele Margosian!
Following lunch, put on your thinking caps for
"Redeemer Trivia!" We hope to see you there!

#### THE CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

If you participated in a photo session with Universal Church Directories here at Redeemer, you are entitled to a free directory. Please pick yours up from the Church Office during the work week.

#### 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 - The Chapel of Mary Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday 9:00/\*10:30am - Sanctuary Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday \*10:30am livestreamed service Go to www.redeemerbirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

#### **MONDAY**

**7:00pm** - The Chapel of Mary 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 we will be sure to accommodate your request.

# **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Tiffany Florist provides beautiful flowers to the church each week for worship, sponsored by our congregation members. 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.

\*NOTE: Sanctuary and Lectern flowers can be taken home after 10:30am worship on Sunday, and Chapel flowers after Monday night worship. Arrangements that are not claimed by Wednesday of each week will be donated to a local nursing home.



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!!!

# THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

# LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

The Lutheran Witness (LW) is the official periodical of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. Lutheran Witness provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, help foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Each issue includes the Michigan In Touch supplement (michiganintouch.com).

If you are interested in an annual subscription for the upcoming year, please contact the Church Office.

\*Subscription sign-up and checks are due to the Church Office by Friday, November 21st.\*

#### **CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES**

#### **SUNDAYS**

New Member Class - Laura Vowell 9:00-10:00am - Great Room - \*Coming Next Spring!\*

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - Kyle Chuhran 10:00am (after 9:00am worship) - Scheidt Room 2 **Book of Hebrews** 

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

Redeemer Youth Group (RYG - High School) Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski 7:00-9:00pm - Youth Room

#### **MONDAYS**

Moms in the Word - Crissy Bienkowski 9:15-10:45am - Library

#### **TUESDAYS**

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy 9:30am - Great Room (\*Zoom Available) Apocrypha

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer 6:30pm - Great Room (\*4th Tuesday starts at 6:00pm\*) The Chosen, Season 5

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

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

**Positive Parenting (\*Childcare Available)** - Victoria Ilitch 9:15-10:45am - Great Room

Confirmation Classes (6th, 7th, 8th Grade) - Laura Vowell 6:00-8:00pm - Various Rooms

Young Adults - Ryan Teahan 6:30-8:00pm - First Wednesday of Every Month

**RYG Core Group (High School)** Gia Scheidt and Eric Wisniewski 7:00-9:00pm - Youth Room

#### **THURSDAYS**

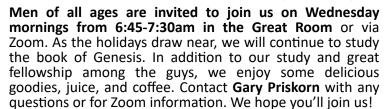
Women's Community Bible Study - Andrea Schlak 9:30-11:00am - Great Room - \*Resumes January 8th\* The Sermon on the Mount



**BIBLE STUDY: First Wednesday of Every Month MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS** 

CHURCH LUNCHES: Once a Month after Church **CONTACT RYAN TEAHAN (248-977-8015) TO** LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



# **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

What? That can't be! Where does it say that in the Bible? Well, shocking as it may be, God had a plan to kill Moses. Yes, Moses - the leader of His people who had a covenant with God. And how does it happen Zipporah, his wife, saved Moses from the wrath of God? Ask any of the women who attend our Tuesday Night Study, and they can give you the whole story. Women of the Bible that nobody has ever heard of have done God-inspired acts to further His kingdom! Want to know more? Come to the Great Room Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 for more amazing truths about ordinary women God called to victory!

# **POSITIVE PARENTING!**

Join us for Positive Parenting, Redeemer's weekly exploration of parenting ideas and strategies. Throughout the school year, we meet to further our spiritual growth, expand our understanding of parenting philosophies, and find strength in the community of other women. Childcare is provided for children ages 0-4 in the nursery. Every class session stands alone, so feel free to join us as you can!

Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 19th when we will discuss sharing Advent with your kiddos! We'll see you in the Great Room at 9:15am!

Please contact Victoria Ilitch (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with any questions or for more information. We hope you'll join us - see you there!

\*PLEASE NOTE: We will not meet on November 26th - have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family!\*

## 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 victories and challenges. Talk to Pastor Randy if you are interested in joining or starting a Small Group!

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

For more information on a particular study, contact the HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH... names indicated or call the Church Office!

## **17 MON**

9:15a Mom's Day Out 9:15a Moms in the Word Bible Study 7p Worship 7:30p Al Anon 7:30p Love of Life



#### **18 TUES**

9:15a Mom's Day Out 9:30a Tuesday Morning **Bible Study** 6:30p Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball

#### **19 WED**

6:45a Men's Bible Study 9:15a Mom's Day Out 9:15a Positive Parenting 12p 4 Gs - Lunch & Games 6p RYG Core Group 6p Confirmation 6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## **20 THURS**

6:30a BNI Networking Group 9:15a Mom's Day Out 1p Chicks with Sticks 6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball 7p Titus 2gether Bible Study

#### 21 FRI

9:15a Mom's Day Out 6p Shakin' with the Spirit Mocktail Event

#### **22** SAT

5p Family Night - Make Your Own Pizza!

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHICKS WITH STICKS

Get those knitting needles ready - Chicks with Sticks now meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month! As the winter weather quickly approaches, we're excited to cozy up together to knit and crochet wonderful pieces for the homeless of Oakland and Wayne Counties. We will meet again on Thursday, November 20th at 1:00pm in the Library to continue another wonderful year together!

\*PLEASE NOTE: We will not meet during the month of December!\*

# **WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP**

"The Water Keeper" is our book of choice for our next Book Group meeting on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:30pm in the Town Square. A riveting story of heroism, heartache, and the power of love to heal all wounds by New York Times bestselling author Charles Martin that combines the intrigue of John Grisham with the heartwrenching emotion of Nicholas Sparks. Murphy Shepherd is a man with many secrets. He lives alone on an island, tending the grounds of a church with no parishioners, and he's dedicated his life to rescuing those in peril. But as he mourns the loss of his mentor and friend, Murph himself may be more lost than he realizes. Murph finds himself confronted with the dark side of the world, encounters modern day slavery, and with the help of friends, attempts to right some terrible wrongs. "The Water Keeper" is at once a tender love story, a heartrending search for freedom, an exploration of the terrible cost of human trafficking, and an anthem to the power of love to create change when it shows up regardless of the cost. Our discussions are always interesting, educational and from the heart. Please join us!

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sunday School runs during the 10:30am worship service every Sunday. If you have a child who is now 3 or you are new to Redeemer, please reach out to Nicole Olds so you can be added to our email list. The more kids the better!!

#### Are you interested in teaching Sunday School?

Everything is provided to create a fun morning of fellowship and growing in God's Word. I am looking for Kindergarten, 1st/2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade teachers, so you can even pick your favorite age group! NOTE: You would not be teaching every week unless you want toour typical rotation is 5-weeks of teaching and then 10-weeks off, teaching 2-3 rotations throughout the year.

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# REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

## **BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT!**



Head to the Youth Room tonight at 7:00pm for our monthly Bible study! Friends are always welcome to join - see you there!

#### **NOVEMBER SCHEDULE**

- November 23rd: No Youth Group Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 30th: Usher at 10:30am Service
- November 30th: Christmas Decorating, 7:00-9:00pm

Core Group - Every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00pm No Core Group November 26th

The high school mission team is going to Belize March 28-April 3, 2026! Please pray for our preparations and stay tuned for ways you can help!



SUPPORT THE HIGH SCHOOL BELIZE MISSION TEAM WITH A ...

# **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

NEED A DATE NIGHT?

...WE'LL WATCH YOUR KIDS!

PIZZA DINNER OPEN GYM GAMES CRAFT SNACK 3-RATED MOVIE

6 MONTHS - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

LITTLES IN THE NURSERY, OLDER KIDS IN AGE-FRIENDLY GROUPS! 1 KID = \$30 2 KIDS = \$40 3 KIDS = \$50 4 KIDS = \$60 FOR THE WHOLE

DECEMBER 13 & JANUARY 10

TO SIGN UP EMAIL GIA SCHEIDT AT GSCHEIDT@GMAIL.COM

"redeemer\_y00th"
ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM
FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES



# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY - MAKE YOU OWN PIZZA NIGHT!

Families with kids of all ages are invited to join us for a night of family fun! Come make your own personal pizza with toppings of your choice! We will also decorate cookies and play BINGO! Parents, we'll also teach you a fun devotion to do with your family leading up to Thanksgiving!

Join us at church on Saturday, November 22nd from 5:00-7:00pm - sign-up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board. Please sign-up in advance so that we have enough pizza dough! Contact Laura Vowell with any questions!



#### **UPCOMING SOCIAL MINISTRY EVENTS!**

#### SHAKING WITH THE SPIRIT!

MOCKTAIL HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR!
Come and join the Social Ministry on Friday,

November 21st for fellowship and learning how to make mocktails - perfect before the holidays! Doors open at 6:00pm - bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

See Pastor Jimmy with any questions.

#### ON THE ROAD WITH PASTOR JIMMY!

Come and join us on Sunday, December 14th for the Holiday Walk at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester! We will attend the 1:30pm tour, lasting an hour - tickets cost \$21.00. Please signup as soon as possible - tickets are going quick!

See Pastor Jimmy with any questions.

\*SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR ALL SOCIAL MINISTRY EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN SQUARE BULLETIN BOARD.\*



# **100TH ANNIVERSARY**

#### THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR MUSIC MINISTRY AND VETERNS!

Redeemer's smallest handbell is under 7 inches tall, and weighs about 7 ounces. The church's largest handbell is nearly 16 inches tall and weighs over 8 pounds. [Those who read music would find the small bell 6 spaces above the top of the treble clef, and the large one two lines below the bottom of the bass clef.]



## **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!



#### HOLIDAY WORSHIP

# JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING WORSHIP!



Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 26th - 7:00pm Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27th - 9:00am \*Friday, November 28th - Church Office Closed\*

# MERRY CHRISTAS

# **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**December 7** - Regular Worship Services \*"A Look Around the Manger-ADVENTure" after the 10:30am Service\*

**December 14** - Regular Worship Services \*Lessons & Carols - All Services\*

**December 21** - Regular Worship Services \*King's Brass Band with our very own Chancel Choir during 9:00am and 10:30am\* \*\*King's Brass Full Concert at 3:00pm\*\*

**December 24** - Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols - 10:00am, 4:00pm, 8:00pm \*Santa Breakfast after 10:00am Service\*

**December 28** - Regular Worship Services

Monday Regular Worship December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Sunday Regular Worship Services** 

8:00am - Chapel of Mary 9:00am and 10:30am - Sanctuary

Monday Regular Worship Services 7:00pm - Chapel of Mary

#### 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 help 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! \*Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to cook and serve!\*

### **COUNSELING**

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

# WINTER GEAR DRIVE FOR FOG!



WE ARE COLLECTING GENTLY USED OR NEW WINTER GEAR FOR FAMILY OF GOD!

As the weather gets colder, the Family of God pastors will hand out winter gear to those in need in Detroit.

Final donations are being accepted past our original deadline!

Please drop-off hats, mittens, coats, or other winter wear by the end of this week to Laura Vowell's office!

Thank you for your contribution!





#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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 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 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.



## **GLEANERS FOOD DRIVE!**

# WESTMAPLE IS CONDUCTING A FOOD DRIVE TO HELP GLEANERS FEED THE POOR AND HOMELESS!

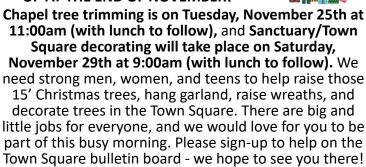


We would like to invite the Redeemer Congregation to join us! PLEASE BE GENEROUS! Donations of nonperishable, non-glass containers would be appreciated. The following items are needed: canned meats, fruits and vegetables, soups, pasta, dressings and sauces. Donations due by November 20th - place donations in the Westmaple Wing across from Pat Raezler's Office or bring them to the Church Office.

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS!

# DECORATE REDEEMER FOR CHRISTMAS!

OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING IN THE CHAPEL AND SANCTUARY ARE COMING UP AT THE END OF NOVEMBER!





#### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Advent by Candlelight, that beautiful reminder of our walk with Christ, is coming on **Tuesday**, **December 2nd at 6:00pm**. At this writing we have registered all the tables, but open seats are still available if you would like to be seated at a guest table. Please contact Kitty to signup, or feel free to speak to any of ABC Team Leaders - Kim Martin, Katre Klow, Nadia Keating, and Andrea Calvaneso. We hope you'll join us!

# LOOK AROUND THE STABLE! A Family ADVENTure!

"Look Around the Stable" is coming on Sunday, December 7th directly following the 10:30am service!

A church-wide, everybody comes, everybody participates Advent journey! Signing-up is <u>necessary</u> to join us for a yummy meal, meaningful craft-making, service projects, and MORE!

\*DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST!\*
Sign-up via the church website or the Town Square
bulletin board. Questions? Contact Laura Vowell
or Nicole Olds.

# **ADVENTure VOLUNTEERS!**

We need LOTS of help to make this event a success... station masters, help in the kitchen, set up, clean up, prepping crafts, working with children, and MORE!

If you would like to serve Redeemer in this way, please sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board or talk to Laura or Nicole!



# CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR ELDERLY AND SHUT-INS!

Calling all confirmation families and any interested Redeemer members! Christmas Card Project Packets are available in the West Entrance vestibule to sign-up and take home this Christmas season! Instructions and all materials are provided for you and your family members to sign cards, write a comforting message or Bible verse, and decorate the outside front of the envelope with a festive or spiritual picture. Drawings can be simple - a cross, a tree, or candy cane - or as detailed as you wish.

PLEASE - NO STAMPS AND DO NOT MAIL!
Return completed cards and extra materials in the same bag and put in the DROP BOX by <u>December 10th!</u>

All cards will be hand-delivered to care facilities in the Metro area. Your loving heart and giving spirit at this time of year will touch the hearts of so many elderly folks - a small reminder that they are not forgotten!

Please call **Leslie Whitfield** (248.330.8685) with any questions. With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you all!

#### FAMILY ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

It has been a long-standing tradition at Redeemer for families to participate in our Advent worship services by lighting the Advent wreath candles together. Each Sunday during Advent (November 30; December 7, 14, 21), we need a family to light the Advent wreath candles during 9:00am and 10:30am services. Families of any shape and size can do this – young families, couples, parents with their adult children, and beyond! If your family is interested, please sign-up via the church website. Contact Laura Vowell with questions or for more information.



# **CHRISTMAS WHISPERS**

Join us the evening of **Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00pm** at the home of Victoria Ilitch as we continue to move towards Christmas! Personal glimpses, laughter, sharing traditions, and more all in the comfort of a lovely home. A favorite evening for many of us! **Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board.** 

# **INGATHERING OF TOYS + STABLE SINGERS!**

On Sunday, December 7th during the 10:30am worship, all Sunday School kids are invited to participate! Please bring an <u>unwrapped toy</u> (for any age and any gender) — at the beginning of the service, we will process into the Sanctuary together with the toys. We will also sing our traditional "In a Little Stable" song dressed as sheep, cows, angels, and shepherds. If you would like to participate, please sign-up with Nicole Olds.



#### PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

#### For those grieving the loss of loved ones.

- For the family and friends of Robert Smith, who was called to his heavenly home.
- For the family and friends of Roberta Grace Pourcho, mother of Bill Pourcho, who was called to her heavenly home.

#### For those with health concerns:

- Andy and Dick Bergstrom
- Mary Jane Johnson
- Pam Priskorn
- Betsy Ukrop
- Leanna Bush
- Pat Nehls
- Sue Sack
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Grace Walworth
- 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
- Dave Adams
- Sabrina

#### **Special Petitions:**

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

December 10 January 14

**BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS** December 3



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

#### **November 16**

Ezekiel 33:1-34:31 Hebrews 13:1-25 Psalm 115:1-18 Proverbs 27:21-22

November 19

Ezekiel 39:1-40:27

James 2:18-3:18

Psalm 118:1-18

Proverbs 28:2

#### Ezekiel 35:1-36:38

James 1:1-18 Psalm 116:1-19

#### November 17

Proverbs 27:23-27

Ezekiel 40:28-41:26

#### **November 18**

Ezekiel 37:1-38:23 James 1:19-2:17 Psalm 117:1-2 Proverbs 28:1

#### November 20

James 4:1-17 Psalm 118:19-29 Proverbs 28:3-5

#### November 21

Ezekiel 42:1-43:27 James 5:1-20 Psalm 119:1-16 Proverbs 28:6-7



#### November 22

Ezekiel 44:1-45:12 1 Peter 1:1-12 Psalm 119:17-32 Proverbs 28:8-10