

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 6, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

Theme: God’s Love

#### As We Gather

Does Narrative preaching prompt and invite the listener to engage his or her own story? And if so, How? (Rev. Dr. Richard Schlak)

#### Lenten Observance

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

#### Prayer Before Worship

Dear God, I come before you with a heart filled with gratitude for your boundless love. Thank you for the gift of life, for the beauty of creation, and for your unwavering presence in my life. I pray that I may always recognize your love in the smallest of moments and the greatest of challenges. Guide me to live a life that reflects your love, and help me to share that love with others. May I always be aware of your presence, and may I find comfort and peace in your embrace. In Jesus Name, 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.

#### Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

Sponsored by Pastor Randy in honor of our very talented organist, Rick Helderop.

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

#### Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

- 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!

- 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 –

#### 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

Isaiah 66:12–13

(God’s Comfort)

For this is what the Lord says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”

#### Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:1–4

(Obey your Parents)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

#### Verse

R: Rend your heart and not your garments.

C: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.  
Joel 2:13

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

#### Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:37–39

(A Mother Hen)

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

Amazing Grace

- Amazing grace! How sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
- Tw’as grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
- When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing Gods praise than when wed first begun.

#### Sermon

Text: Matthew 23:37-39

“A Mother’s Love”

Rev. Randy and the Rev. Dr. Rick Schlak

(Please rise for the Offertory)

#### Offertory

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

Hymn 283 in our Red Hymnal

Sung in place of our normal offertory for our 100th Anniversary

God’s Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age, Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

(Please be seated)

#### Gathering of Offerings

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

- Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
- 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;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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.

(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

It is Well With My Soul - arr. Beck  
Chancel Choir

(Please rise for the Benediction)

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn 651

(Favorite hymn of Pam Dundas, Rosemary Ging, David Hardoin, David Pflieger, Jan Pflieger, Sue Soltess, Betsy Ukrop)

Be Still My Soul

- 1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav’nly Friend  
Thro thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He hath the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, loves purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Raymond and Jennifer Dobring in celebration of the marriage of their daughter Kristina to Matthew Briede yesterday!. Chapel altar flowers were placed Susan and Steve Priest.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsor for this month is the Eley family.

Altar Guild

Laurie Krentz, Katie Moigis, Julie Nummer, Beth Lanthier, Sandy Pourcho, Cheryl Carr, Asia Maeder, Crissy Bienkowski, Erin Mortenson, Tracey Fish

Elders Assisting with Communion  
Brian May, Matt Pedersen

Acolytes

9:00 - Brady SeGraves  
10:30 - Landon Kerr, Tyler Bassett

Ushers

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Glesmann, Brian Vautaw, Robert Artelt, Rudy Becker  
10:30 - Steve Ortale, captain; Carter Ortale, Paul Quasarano, Tim Fithian, John Leonard, Don Jackson, Albert Madlangbayan, Blake Burstein, David Lychuk

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Greg Merryman  
10:30 - David Hamada, David Hardoin

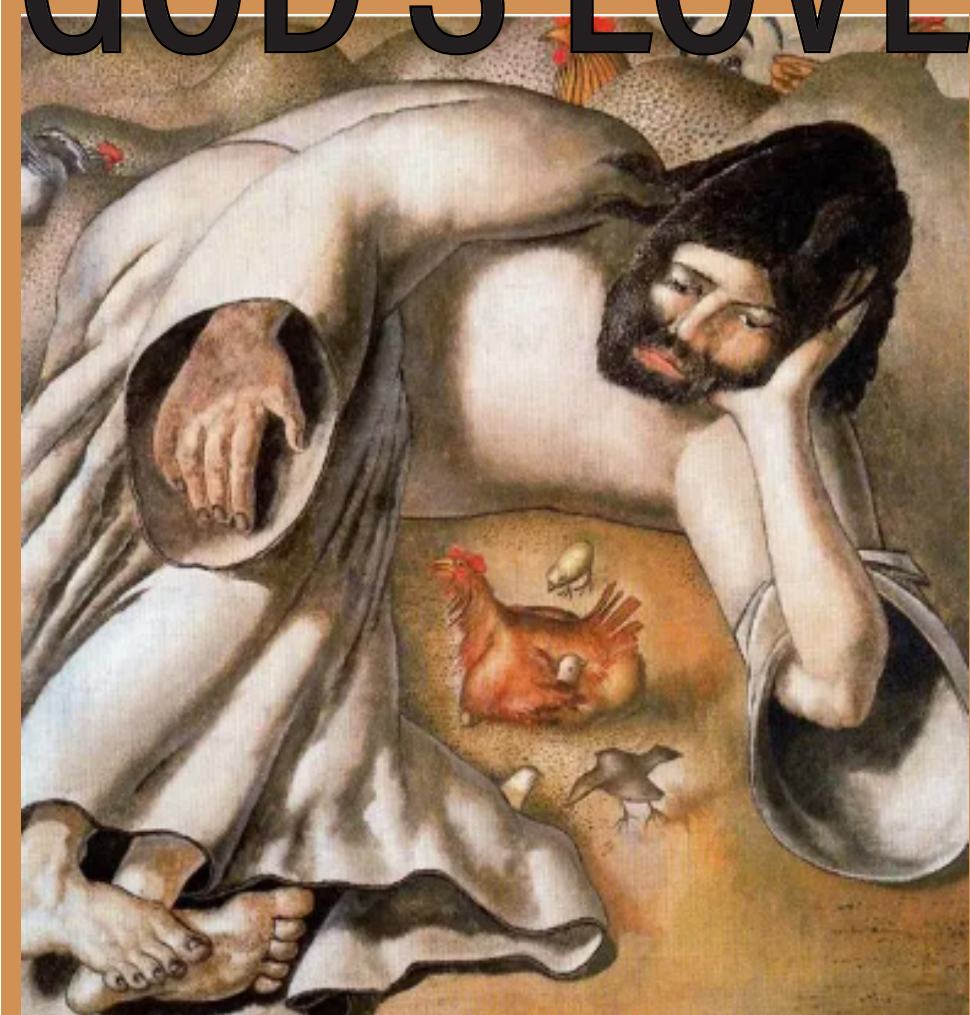
Reader

9:00 and 10:30 - David Mammel


Greeters

9:00 - the Mushovic family  
10:30 - the Dobbs family

# GOD’S LOVE



# A mother's LOVE



**April 6, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**

*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer*  
**1800 W. Maple**  
**Birmingham, Michigan 48009**

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Visit us at [www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org) for more detailed information.



SCAN FOR  
WEBSITE

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

**April 6, 2025**

## LENTEN MENU

**April 9, 2025**

### Lunch:

Six-layer homemade lasagna with  
veal/beef/pork meatball center,  
Crunchy Italian bread sticks with soft  
butter, Sal's style simple salad with  
creamy Parmesan Italian dressing,  
Gelato for dessert

Sponsored by: the Thompson family

### Dinner:

Grilled sliced bratwurst in sauerkraut,  
German Potato Salad, Glazed carrots  
, German creamy cucumber salad,  
Macaroni and cheese (for the kids)  
Rolls, Dessert

Sponsored by: Michele Margosian  
and Men's Bible Study

## Happening TODAY

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

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

8:30a Coffee Hour

10:30a Sunday School

11:30a Redeemer Brass Rehearsal

3p Birmingham Concert Band

3p Langsford Choir Rehearsal

7p RYG

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**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**JAMS and Confirmation**



**JOIN US**  
for Fun and  
Fellowship!

## NEXT WEEK

Last Lenten Worship

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

We will study the beatitudes as a way  
to our lives as Be Attitudes.

**April 9 - Matthew 5:8**  
*Clean of Heart*

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

Lunch at 12:00 noon and Dinner at  
6:00pm (5:30pm confirmands)



## Palm Cross Workshop

The Palm Cross Workshop is  
scheduled for **Friday, April 11 at 9:00  
am**, in the gym. Kathy and Tom Eley  
are ready to show the novices how  
to make a cross from a palm branch  
and encourage the seasoned  
veterans to continue their good  
work. Snacks, lunch, beverages and  
encouragement will be generously  
served. Join us for the making of 800  
crosses to share!

**Palm  
Sunday  
April 13**



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

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



**THIS Friday**  
**April 11 at 6:45p**  
**Register NOW**  
QR code on page 5

## WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

No matter your past or present... Your  
current family or marital status... Your  
past or current religious affiliation...

Your personal history, age,  
background, or ethnicity... You are  
invited, accepted, and most welcomed  
here. May all who walk through our  
door know that God loves them. We  
are pleased to have you worship with  
us. We pray you will return and share

God's Word with us again. For  
information on membership, contact  
Laura Vowell at (248) 644-4010 x121.

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

8:00am - Chapel

Communion - 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/\*10:30am - Sanctuary

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

\*10:30am livestreamed service

Go to [www.redeemberbirmingham.com](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.com)  
and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

### MONDAY

7:00pm - Chapel

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

## REDEEMER NURSERY

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

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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





# A CLOSER LOOK AT WORSHIP



## SPECIAL ATTENTION!

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary or Chapel. (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.) Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors



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



## WAYS TO SERVE

Scan the QR code to visit Redeemer's website.  
Click on "WAYS TO SERVE" to explore volunteering  
opportunities at church! You can also find sign-up  
details on the Town Square bulletin board.



- Be A Reader!
- Be A Greeter!
- Host A Coffee Hour!
- Be An Acolyte Or Cross Bearer!
- Sponsor Altar Flowers!
- Family Ushering

## HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Grab your family or friends and HOST a coffee hour in memory of your favorite loved one, or just HOST for FUN! We would love for you to help!!

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

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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

You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.



## COUNSELING

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

## COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion in your pew during the church service, **kindly inform one of the ushers before the service starts**, and they will be sure to accommodate your request.



**Our Sanctuary has a Hearing Loop to assist those with hearing loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil.**

Please see an usher if you have questions or for additional information.

## ITTY BITTY BUDDY BAGS!

Welcome to Redeemer, LITTLE ONES! Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with Mommy and Daddy with your very own Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for tiny tots! Packed with snuggly toys, books, and fun stuff, you can join in, watch, and play during the service! **Don't forget to return the bags to Nicole Olds' office after the fun.** And if you're in the mood for some playtime, we've got a nursery waiting for you with tons of toys!

### DONATION INFORMATION



If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's camera, or you can use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering basket indicating you have donated online.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

### A NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are grateful for **Don Jackson** and his faithful service as **Treasurer of the Leadership Team**. Earlier this March, Don decided to step down from this role, and while his presence in this position will be greatly missed, we deeply appreciate the dedication, expertise, and countless hours he has devoted to our church.

Don has been instrumental in managing Redeemer's finances, administrative processes, and employment matters, ensuring the smooth operation of our church. His diligence and leadership have been invaluable in keeping our congregation strong and financially sound.

We are excited to share that **Stacey Rolf** will be stepping into the role of **Treasurer**. Stacey has been an active and dedicated member of the Leadership Team, and we have full confidence in her ability to serve with wisdom and care.

Please join us in extending our sincere thanks to Don for his years of service and in praying for Stacey as she embraces this new role.



# BIBLE STUDIES

## SUNDAYS

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

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

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

## TUESDAYS

**Adult Bible Study** - Pastor Jimmy - Heroes of the Bible  
9:30am - Great Room

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

## WEDNESDAYS

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

**Positive Parenting** - Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson  
9:15-10:45am - Great Room

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

**Core Group (RYG - High School)** - Gia Scheidt  
6:00-8:00pm - Youth Room

## THURSDAYS

**Young Adults** - Michael Banerian's (3217 Maplewood, RO)  
6:30-8:00pm - 1st Thursday of Every Month

**Community Bible Study** - Andrea Schlak  
begins again in Fall 2025  
9:30-11:00am - Great Room

*For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the Church Office at 248-644-4010.*

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

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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



## Women's Bible Study

We have finished "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table".....how timely, accurate and appropriate for the times we live in. Join us for Bible Study this Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We will do a mini "Walk to the Cross" with readings from scripture of the last days of Jesus.

Please let Kitty

([misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org))

know if you would like to attend and share this journey with us. We will save a place for you.

## POSITIVE PARENTING

Join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45am in the Great Room! We are a group of moms that discuss topics relating to family-life, parenting, and motherhood. We explore a wide-range of books and ideas throughout the year and enjoy conversation, prayer, and community. Nursery care is provided and available on a drop-in basis for younger children. Each session stands alone - we look forward to having you!

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

**Join us in April as we begin to prepare our hearts and homes for summer!**

- **April 9th:** Officer Gina Moody - Guest Speaker from the Birmingham Police Department
- **April 16th:** NO CLASS - Spring Break
- **April 23rd:** NO CLASS - Spring Break
- **April 30th:** Cook for FOG (Meet in the Kitchen)

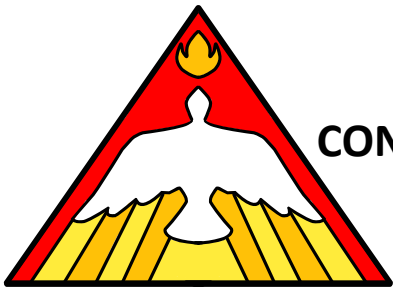


## New Member Sermon Series!

Redeemer's Spring New Member Session is going to be a little bit different this time... instead of traditional classes with teachers in a classroom, we will have a special sermon series that will review the Lutheran doctrine! All you have to do is let us know you'd like to become an official member of Redeemer (by emailing Gary Priskorn - [gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org)) and then come to church and listen to the sermons. If you miss coming to church, you can watch the recording via Vimeo on the church website to make up the day and learn that doctrine.

**Dates are: April 27, May 4, 18, 25, June 8, 15**





## YEAR 3 CONFIRMATION DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday, April 11th-Saturday, April 12th:**  
Confirmation Retreat

**Saturday, May 3rd:**  
Confirmation Day

*Be sure to check out May's Lamp for all of our  
Confirmand bios!*



## Redeemer KAMP 2025

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

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

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

If you have any questions about Kamp, please review our Registration Page and Kamp FAQs on the church website. If you still have questions, please send us an email (redeemerkamp@gmail.com).

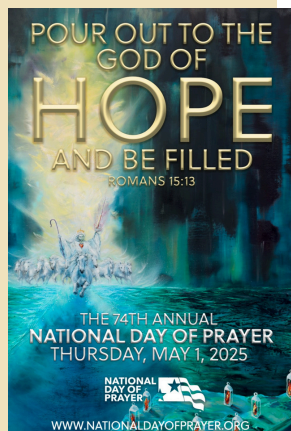
## national day of prayer

**POUR OUT TO THE  
GOD OF HOPE AND  
BE FILLED**

*"Now may the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you will abound in hope by  
the power of the Holy Spirit."  
Romans 15:13*

The annual National Day of Prayer  
will be held on Thursday, May 1st,  
inviting people to pray for the nation.

**JOIN US in the Chapel to PRAY with the Nation.**



## HOLY WEEK

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

***Good Friday, April 18***  
***1p and \*7p - Sanctuary***  
*7p is the Tenebrae service*

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

***Easter Sunday Services, April 20***  
***7:30a with Holy Communion***  
***9:00a and \*10:30a***  
***all Easter services in the Sanctuary***

*\*Holy Week 7p Lenten services and the 10:30a Easter Service will be livestreamed*



**Hallelujah Chorus  
during 9:00 and 10:30  
worship!**

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

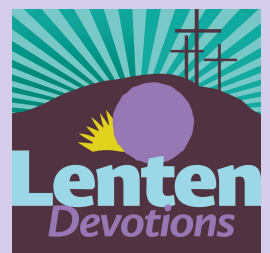
**Easter Egg Hunt - Easter  
morning after the 10:30am  
Easter Worship Service**

Hey Kids, don't forget your  
Easter Baskets!

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



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





**100th Anniversary Concert Series!**  
stay tuned for additional concerts throughout the year!

- **Thursday, April 10th** - 1:00pm: The Birmingham Musicales Choral Ensemble (Redeemer Sanctuary)
- **Saturday, April 26th** - 7:00pm: Cabaret Dinner, Show, and Silent Auction with the Farmington Chorus (directed by Steve SeGraves - Redeemer Gym)
- **Saturday, May 10th** - 7:00pm: Kings Brass Concert (Redeemer Sanctuary)
- **Saturday May 17th** - 7:00pm: Men's Choral Concert featuring the Langsford Men's Chorus (conducted by Steve SeGraves - Redeemer Sanctuary)

## ★ CABARET DINNER

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

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

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

TODAY



**BIRMINGHAM  
CONCERT BAND**

proudly presents

## Here Comes the Sun

April 6, 2025 | 3:00pm

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
1800 West Maple Road  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PATRICK JENSEN  
CELEBRATING 47 YEARS OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE



SCHOOL



## LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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

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

## 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 with the FOG Sponsorship.**

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board.

**NOTE: If you are signing up on our website, there is a separate sign up to sponsor a meal (\$100) than there is to plan, shop, cook or serve the meal.**

### FAMILY OF GOD

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

**April 14th - RYG cooks and serves**  
**April 30th - Positive Parenting**  
**May 12th - RYG cooks and serves**



**iZosh**  
WOMEN INVESTING IN WOMEN®

REGISTER  
NOW!



Friday, April 11

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

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

Dr. Abadir Ibrahim is the Associate Director of Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School. Dr. Ibrahim's research focuses on African approaches to human rights and his broader research interests encompass the intersection of global human rights and non Western institutions and traditions. His academic and legal work focuses on African countries, especially his home country of Ethiopia.

REGISTER TODAY with QR code  
or in the Town Square



# MINISTRIES AT WORK

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Scamper Camps 2025!

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

Contact Nicole Olds with any questions!



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



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

**REGISTER NOW!**

Use the QR code to Register.  
ALREADY 200 KIDS REGISTERED!



## PRIME TIME MINISTRY

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

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

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

### WHO WANTS TO BOCCE?!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our 15th annual "Fred Hollis Memorial Bocce Ball Tournament" will be on **Wednesday, May 14th!**

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

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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Our Chicks with Sticks love to knit and share their expertise with others so if you would like to make a scarf, hat, blanket or other item for the less fortunate, homeless or infant in need please plan on joining us every first and third Thursday of the month. Our next date is **April 10 at 1:00 in the library**. See you there!

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



**"A Thousand Tomorrows"** by Karen Kingsbury is our choice for a good read and an even better discussion - join us on **Tuesday, April 27th at 7:30pm in the Town Square!** Cody Gunner and Ali Daniels both ride in the Pro Rodeo Tour hiding a secret. Cody, a bull rider, is trying to rid himself of the anger he feels toward his father for leaving their family because his brother, Carl Joseph, has

Down syndrome. Ali, a barrel racer with cystic fibrosis, wants to live life to the fullest since the death of her sister, also from cystic fibrosis, even though it means shortening hers. One evening, after her run, Cody finds Ali struggling to catch her breath and he ministers to her. Out of that moment comes a friendship which soon turns to love and the sacrifice it brings. Karen Kingsbury has a unique writing style - the words flow easily, with no mistakes in editing. Join us for a good discussion and even better fellowship!

## RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

### ATTEND LENTEN SERVICES

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



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**ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES**

**Wednesday, April 9th: Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm**  
Meet in the Youth Room

**Sunday, April 13th:**  
**9:00am: Mission-Team Sponsored Coffee Hour**  
Meet in the Kitchen

**7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group**  
Meet in the Youth Room

**Monday, April 14th: FOG, 5:00-8:00pm**  
Meet in the Kitchen

**Wednesday, April 16th: Core Group, 6:00-8:00pm**  
Meet in the Youth Room

**Sunday, April 20th: \*NO MEETING - HAPPY EASTER!\***  
**Sunday, April 27th:**

**10:30am: RYG Ushers for Worship Service**  
Meet in the Sanctuary

**7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group**  
Meet in the Youth Room



# HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

## 07 MON

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

MAKE IT  
HAPPEN

## 08 TUES

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

## 09 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study  
9:15a Positive Parenting  
12p Lenten Lunch  
1p Lenten Worship  
6p Confirmation  
6p RYG Core Group  
6p Lenten Dinner  
7p Lenten Kids  
7p Lenten Worship  
7:15p Ldership Tm Mtg  
7:45p Chancel Choir  
Lenten Rehearsal

## 10 THURS

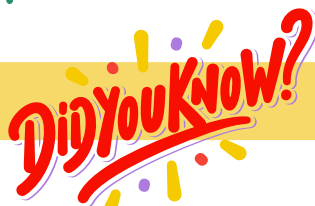
1p Concert -The  
Birmingham Musicale  
Choral Ensemble  
1p Chicks with Sticks  
6:30p Redeemer Pickup  
Basketball  
7p Redeemer Ringers  
Rehearsal

## 11 FRI

9a Palm Cross  
Workshop  
6p iZosh Event

## 12 SAT

baptism



## 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING YOUTH MINISTRIES

In 1977, Kid Kat Kamp had 44 campers. The program budget was \$5,013, with 81% of the cost going directly to Camp Skyline. The budget also included one campership (scholarship), \$10 for curriculum material, \$100 for safety training and supplies, and \$400 total for salaries for four administrative staff and ten counselors. Program costs were partially covered by a fundraiser selling garbage bags, which raised \$359



**YOU'RE  
INVITED**

100th Anniversary  
of Faith and  
Family

On June 1, 2025 following the 10:30 service we will celebrate our 100th anniversary of faith and family at Redeemer. A delicious brunch will be served catered by Nino Salvaggio which guarantees a delicious meal for all ages. Included is a kid-friendly side menu and table activities for the little ones! A free will donation is deeply appreciated and a ticket (free) is essential to ensure a seat at the table and enough everything for all. Stop by the Town Square during coffee hour to pick up your tickets, register your seats. In the event you have to cancel you can return your tickets to Redeemer for some one else to use. Email/call Kitty and she will put tickets for you and yours in the box outside her office door. "Generation to Generation" – that's us! Looking forward to sharing the time with you!

*A free will donation shared now or at the brunch  
is deeply appreciated!*

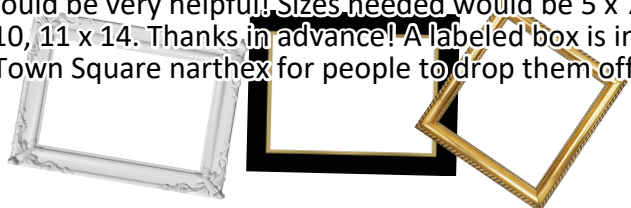
### "GENERATION TO GENERATION"

### HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS located in the Town Square!

We hope you enjoy the Holy History display panels as they change each month to highlight each ministry of Redeemer. This month we are celebrating Women's and Men's Ministries.

### REQUEST FROM THE HOLY HISTORY COMMITTEE:

If anyone has Black, Silver or Gold picture frames that they would like to donate to the history committee it would be very helpful! Sizes needed would be 5 x 7, 8 x 10, 11 x 14. Thanks in advance! A labeled box is in the Town Square narthex for people to drop them off.



### 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!*



### GLEN EDEN MEMORIAL PARK - Redeemer Columbarium

You should have received a letter in the mail highlighting the 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.

## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

### For those with health concerns:

- Jason Sizeland, David Bastian's nephew
- Terry Roberts
- Missy Mazur, friend of the congregation
- Ron Pflieger
- Sue Sack
- Jeff Harper
- Norm and Barb Morrell
- Amy Wargelin
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin
- Ron Ging
- Rick & Carol Warnicke,
- George Bailey

### For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

### Special Petitions:

- For all those who are serving in the military, police & firefighters.
- President Trump and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.
- A man going through legal and medical problems.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries
- For the wedding of Kristina Dobring and Matt Briede yesterday in our Sanctuary.

**Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.**

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

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

### April 6

Deut. 29:1-30:20  
Luke 11:37-12:7  
Psalm 78:1-31  
Proverbs 12:19-20

### April 7

Deut. 31:1-32:27  
Luke 12:8-34  
Psalm 78:32-55  
Proverbs 12:21-23

### April 8

Deut. 32:28-52  
Luke 12:35-59  
Psalm 78:56-64  
Proverbs 12:24

### April 9

Deut. 33:1-29  
Luke 13:1-21  
Psalm 78:65-72  
Proverbs 12:25

### April 10

Deut. 34:1-12  
Joshua 1:1-2:24  
Luke 13:22-14:6  
Psalm 79:1-13  
Proverbs 12:26

### April 11

Joshua 3:1-4:24  
Luke 14:7-35  
Psalm 80:1-19  
Proverbs 12:27-28

### April 12

Joshua 5:1-7:15  
Luke 15:1-32  
Psalm 81:1-16  
Proverbs 13:1



## Come join the Redeemer Oktoberfest Brass Band

to celebrate Frühlingsfest (Spring Oktoberfest).  
**Saturday April 26 from 5-8** at Kuhnenn Brewing,  
3600 Groesbeck, Clinton Twp and on May 3rd 5-8 at  
Kuhnenn, 5919 Chicago Rd, Warren. See Pastor Jimmy  
for questions.

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**BOARD OF ELDERS  
MEETINGS**  
May 28

**LEADERSHIP TEAM  
MEETINGS**  
April 9