

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 12, 2026 – 9:00am and 10:30am
Second Sunday of Easter
Theme: Missouri

As We Gather

Jesus’ disciples were shaken. Fear, confusion, and doubt filled the air, so the resurrected Christ met them where they were – literally and spiritually. He appeared in locked rooms. He walked on roads. He joined them at meals. He showed up in their confusion, not with condemnation but with comfort. Take Thomas, for example. He wasn’t there the first time Jesus appeared. And when the other disciples told him, he famously said, “Unless I see... I will not believe.” (*John 20:25*) What did Jesus do? He came back. He showed Thomas His hands and His side. And Thomas responded with worship: “My Lord and my God!” (*John 20:28*) Notice that Jesus didn’t crush doubt with guilt. He confronted it with grace. And even more, He told Thomas, “Blessed are those who did not see, and yet believed.” (*John 20:29*) That’s a direct encouragement to us today.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord Jesus, I celebrate Your resurrection, the supreme victory over death. I thank You that the same Spirit who raised You from the dead lives in me. I ask that You breathe Your life into my mortal body, my mind, and my spirit. Remove any 'grave clothes' of fear, hopelessness, or despair that have held me captive. I choose to rise with You today into a new life – a life of faith, victory, and purpose. Transform me by Your power. In Your holy and eternal name. Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*
In honor of Walter Vowell turning 1 on Tuesday, April 7th! We love you, Wally John!
(*Sponsored by Marty, Laura, and Ollie*)

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee – Beethoven, arr. Galbraith

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Op’ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Refrain: Halleluia! (Sung by Redeemer Praise)

3. Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o’er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life!

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - 10:30am

(Following the Baptisms, worship continues with the Children’s Message.)

Child: Jaxson Walter-Conrad Hilpert

Parents: Kirsten and Lee Hilpert

Sponsors: Jamie Krest, Matthew Stein, and Morgan Welker

Child: Rowan Clarke Kanka

Parents: Alissa and James Kanka

Sponsors: Tanya Juarez and Cory Karosa

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Children’s Message

First Reading

(The Apostles Arrested and Freed)

Acts 5:29-39

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

Epistle Reading

(Born Again to a Living Hope)

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

(Jesus Appears to the Disciples)

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith - 9:00am

The Apostles’ Creed

(At the 10:30am service, the statement of faith was spoken during the Baptisms.)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn 339

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

1. All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
3. Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the Fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
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Sermon

“Missouri”
Rev. James H. Greenwalt

Text: John 20:19-31

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.

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.

Voluntary Anthem

This Is Our God – Wickham
Redeemer Praise

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

The Lord’s Prayer

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; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

Closing Hymn 463

For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest
(Favorite Hymn of David Pflieger)

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, *Organist*



Sanctuary Altar Flowers are placed by Sara and Graham Ritter in loving memory of Glen and Dottye Young. *Sanctuary Lectern Flowers* are dedicated by Jaxson Hilpert's family in celebration of his baptism. *Chapel Altar Flowers* are placed by Kathy Eley in celebration of Tom's birthday!

Altar Guild

Laurie Krentz, Julie Nummer, Beth Lanthier, Sandy Pourcho, Cheryl Carr,
Asia Maeder, Crissy Bienkowski, Erin Mortenson, Sandy Springer

Acolyte and Crossbearer

9:00am - Brady SeGraves and Meara SeGraves
10:30am - Aven Baker and Anna Baranowski

Audio and Video Operators

9:00am - David Hamada
10:30am - Dave Kiehle and Mike Lapinski

Greeters

9:00am - Ryan Miller, and Carole and Jim Wingo
10:30am - The Trescone Family and The Vowell Family

Readers

9:00am & 10:30am - Mike Dundas

Ushers

9:00am - Ken Baetz, *Captain*; Tom Boyce, Paul Chesna,
Cliff Clark, Ray Dobring, Bruce Helmke
10:30am - The Vella Family
Daniel, Nicole, Michael, and Edith



"Blessed are those who have not seen
AND YET HAVE BELIEVED."
- JOHN 20:29

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



SCAN FOR WEBSITE

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



MISSION:

Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

EASTER THANK YOU!



A special THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time and talents during Lent and Easter. Lenten meals, Palm crosses, and special music - we are truly blessed by all the helping hands! Special thanks to our Music Ministry and Chancel Choir, as well as Andrea Schlak and helpers for decorating the Sanctuary for Easter worship!

SPRING NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER OF REDEEMER... NOW YOU CAN! WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN THE REDEEMER FAMILY THROUGH OUR SPRING SESSION OF NEW MEMBER CLASSES!

Classes start on **Sunday, April 19th** and will run for 4-weeks on Sundays from 9:00-10:00am. Once classes have completed, we will hold a yummy New Member Brunch on Sunday, May 17th! We hope you'll join us!

Contact **Laura Vowell** with questions or for more information.

There is childcare available for ages 0-3 during class in the nursery. If you need care for older children, just let Laura know, and she'll arrange it!



FAMILY OF GOD TOILETRY DRIVE!

Redeemer is collecting toiletries to restock Family Of God's toiletry closet! Needed items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, feminine hygiene products, razors, and soap. Check out the information in the Town Square for the full list and a QR code for our Amazon list.

DONATIONS ARE DUE TODAY! Please place all items on the designated table in the Town Square. If you'd still like to give, please use the QR code to access our Amazon wishlist - all items will be purchased by you and delivered directly to Redeemer!



UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

The new Associate Pastor Call List has arrived! Eleven pastoral candidate profiles were given to us. The Call Committee will now review their eligibility and conduct the interviews. Please pray that we will be blessed with a new Associate Pastor!

SPECIAL COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK - JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY!

Please join us this Thursday, April 16 from 9:30-11:00am in the Great Room for a special Community Bible Study! By popular demand, we are welcoming back Rabbi Jerry to discuss the temple in the Old and New Testaments. Everyone is welcome to attend - we hope you'll join us! Questions? Please contact **Andrea Schlak** (schlakandrea@gmail.com).

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.redeemberirmingham.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.

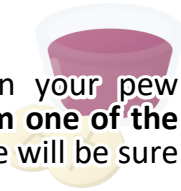
Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors



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



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.*

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.



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

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

DONATION INFORMATION



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

CEF is a long-trusted ministry partner of churches and schools in the Michigan District since 1901 where individuals and congregations can invest their money.



Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?

When an individual or congregation invests at CEF, they help to build churches and schools across Michigan. The invested money is used to make construction or renovation loans to churches, like the CEF loan Redeemer has, which made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It's a win-win for everyone!

For more information call Curtis Burstein, our Redeemer Representative, at 248-320-5100.

Updated Interest Rate sheets for April are available around the building.

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!

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!

HOLY BAPTISM



In honor of the baptisms of **Jaxon Walter-Conrad Hilpert, Rowan Clarke Kanka, and Jane Noelle Skrzypczak**, a \$50 donation in each of their names has been made to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley. Care Net Pregnancy Center exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and communicate Biblical truth regarding sexuality and the sanctity of human life. To find out more about Care Net and the ministry they provide and ways you can help, call (248) 545-6411 or carenetberkley.com.

Also, by the generous donation in memory of Rosa Stauffer, a few drops of water from the Jordan River have been added to the baptismal water.



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.

COUNSELING

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here at Redeemer.

Call Dr. Sandy for more information.
Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248-568-6040



PATHWAYS: GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP



Pathways is back and resuming meetings this spring! We will meet the third Tuesday of each month through the month of May. Join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, May 19th at 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.

JOIN US FOR PRAYER!

JOIN REDEEMER'S NEW PRAYER GROUP! WE MEET ON THE 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH FROM 12:00-1:00PM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY OR VIA ZOOM.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH - PLEASE JOIN US!

Whether you are new to prayer or have prayed for many years, gathering together allows us to support one another, grow spiritually, and experience God's presence more deeply. Prayer is a vital part of our relationship with God, bringing us peace in anxious times and strengthening our faith. Scripture reminds us that God works powerfully through prayer and invites us to bring everything to Him with confidence and trust (Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:6; James 5:16).

If you would like to join the prayer group, there is a sign-up sheet located on the Town Square bulletin board.

Need more information or have additional questions?

Please contact Cheryl Carr (cherylcarr1222@yahoo.com) or Sue Helderop (sue.helderop@gmail.com).

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Spring New Member Class - Laura Vowell
9:00-10:00am - Great Room - **Starting April 19th!**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - Kyle Chuhuran
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**)

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

The Patriarchs
Brandon Movitz (248-421-9226)
8:00-9:00pm - First/Third Wednesday - Great Room

THURSDAYS

Community Bible Study - Andrea Schlak
9:30-11:00am - Great Room - **Currently on break!**

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!**

young
adults

BIBLE STUDY: First Wednesday of Every Month

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHESES: Once a Month after Church

CONTACT RYAN TEAHAN (248-977-8015) TO
LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study is back this week! Please join us on **Tuesday, April 14th** when we'll continue our series presented by Kristi McClelland and her topic "Jesus and Woman" during which we are learning so many historical and biblical details...just when you think you know! **Join us for prayer, laughter, learning, and fellowship - we'll see you in the Great Room at 6:30pm!**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Come out for Pastor Jimmy's weekly Bible Study! Join us on **Tuesday morning, April 14th at 9:30am in the Great Room.** We will continue to study the Apocrypha - hope to see you there!

MOMS IN THE WORD STUDY

It's been wonderful coming together each week to study 2 Samuel where we've been diving into the life and kingship of David, and we'd love for you to join us! **We meet Monday mornings at 9:30am in the Library - join us tomorrow - April 13th!**

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thank you to everyone who attended Community Bible Study this winter! We had a great turnout and learned about some wonderful topics.

Save the date for a special Thursday morning Community Bible Study on April 16th from 9:30-11:00am in the Great Room!

By popular demand, we are welcoming back Rabbi Jerry to discuss the temple in the Old and New Testaments. Everyone is welcome to attend - we hope you'll join us! Questions? Please contact **Andrea Schlak** (schlakandrea@gmail.com).

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 Church Office!

**NEW
UPDATE**

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

THE PATRIARCHS

We are a group of husbands, fathers of school-aged children, and soon-to-be dads with a goal of growing in our faith, building a strong community of Christian men, and discussing how we can better lead our families in faith with strength and humility.

The Patriarchs now offer two groups, providing an opportunity to meet each week:

- **Patriarchs Life Group**: Focused on applying faith in everyday life and building community with other Christian husbands and fathers of young children. **(UPCOMING DATES: APRIL 15, 29)**
- **Patriarchs Study Group**: An opportunity to grow in faith through Scripture and Christian books, learning and deepening understanding together. **(UPCOMING DATES: APRIL 22, MAY 6)**

Come when you can, drop-ins welcome! Questions? Contact **Brandon Movitz** (248-421-9226).



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 this Wednesday, April 15th when we'll start our discussion around financial literacy - we'll wrap-up the same topic on April 22nd. Join us in the Great Room at 9:15am!

Please contact **Victoria Ilitch** with any questions or for more information. We hope you'll join us - see you there!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, AND REDEEMER HAS A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN THE WORKS! SAVE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS, AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our next "On the Road with Pastor Jimmy" event! Redeemer has **9-spots** available to attend the "Vision Dinner with Fellowship of Christian Athletes" on Friday, May 8th at 6:30pm at Twin Lakes Golf Club (455 Twin Lakes Drive - Oakland Township). The evening will include dinner, reception, and speakers who will share what God is doing across Southeast Michigan in the lives of coaches and student-athletes. Questions? Contact Pastor Jimmy.

A sign-up sheet is located on the Town Square bulletin board - limited space available!



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Friday, May 15th: Square Dance - (Redeemer)**
- **Tuesday, May 19th: Bocce Ball Tournament - (Offsite)**
- **Wednesday, August 19th: Men's Golf and BBQ - (Lincoln Hills and Beverly Park Pavilion)**

If you'd like to volunteer or help plan any of the listed events, please contact Pastor Jimmy! Helping hands will be needed to help make these events successful and fun for all!



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

13 MON

9:15a Moms Day Out
9:15a Moms in the Word Bible Study
5p RYG Serves at FOG
7p Worship
7:30p Al Anon
7:30p Love of Life

14 TUES

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

15 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study
9:15a Moms Day Out
9:15a Positive Parenting
6p Confirmation
6p RYG Core Group
7:15p Leadership Team Meeting
8p The Patriarch Life Group

16 THURS

6:30a BNI Networking Group
9:15a Moms Day Out
9:30a Community Bible Study
1p Chicks with Sticks
6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball
7p The Birmingham Musicales Concert

17 FRI

9:15a Moms Day Out
12p Prayer Group
Year 3 Retreat (Offsite)

18 SAT



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CHICKS WITH STICKS



What a joy it is to join with one another in fun and fellowship, and to work on various projects to help support our surrounding community, and we'd love for you to join us! We're excited to come together again this week! **We hope you'll join us at our next meeting - Thursday, April 19th - see you in the Library at 1:00pm!**

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Women's Book Group is reading "Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie...

While it was known that life was difficult in China and all the more so under Mao Zedong, not until recently was it known to what extent; how things seemed almost pointless in so many ways. The Revolution took on meaning for Mao in such a way as to try to purge the country of anything 'Western.' It is difficult after reading this book to imagine a world where all literature is banished, all stories are silenced, and freedom to pursue the arts and creative license is denied. Author Dai Sijie blends humor, romance, and beauty together to create a book that is unforgettable and impossible to put down. It is lamentable how short-sighted and misguided China's "Cultural Revolution" was, and it is amazing that Sijie could spin this touching a tale from that hard and unforgiving period. **"Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress"** is a must read, if only to remind ourselves that the freedom to choose is a very precious thing. **"The Red Scarf Girl"** will also be used as a point of discussion, so reread or bring your copy and share in the discussion. **We'll see you in the Town Square on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30pm - refreshments served!**

GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL'S BOOK GROUP!

Guest Speaker Justin Sweitzer, son of Walt and Kitty, is returning to share his love of literature and learning with our Women's Book Group. Justin, who is a humanities teacher in a private school in California, will review and discuss **"Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress"** and **"The Red Scarf Girl"** outlining details of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Please join us for refreshments and a deeper look at the little understood and catastrophic decade in modern Chinese History with repercussions for today's Christians living and worshiping in China.



REDEEMER SUMMER KAMP

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 NOW OPEN TO REDEEMER MEMBERS, RETURNING KAMP FAMILIES, AND EVERYONE ELSE!

Kampers will ARRIVE on SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND and LEAVE Kamp on SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH!

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).



REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY NIGHT RYG!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break! Sunday Night RYG is BACK - be sure to join us tonight in the Youth Room at 7:00pm!

A reminder that we will head down to FOG tomorrow - Monday, April 13th - to serve dinner. Meet in the church kitchen at 5:00pm if you'd like to join us!

APRIL SCHEDULE

- **April 12th:** Youth Group, 7:00-9:00pm
- **April 13th:** Serve at Family of God, 5:00-8:00pm (*Meet in the Kitchen*)
- **April 19th:** Youth Group, 7:00-9:00pm
- **April 26th:** Usher at 10:30am Service
- **April 26th:** Youth Group, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday Core Group - 6:00-8:00pm

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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

REGISTER FOR SCAMPER CAMP!

REGISTER TODAY FOR SCAMPER CAMP!

Kids ages 2 (by January 1st) thru 1st grade are welcome to sign-up for our summer program. Camps run Tuesday-Thursday for 7-weeks during the summer. We have a blast during our camp with playtime inside and out, a craft, story time, and we eat lunch together.



Questions? Contact Nicole Olds.
(nolds@redeemberirmingham.org).



UPDATED TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

40 GUESTS HAVE REGISTERED TO TRAVEL WITH US TO BEAUTIFUL LANCASTER & GETTYSBURG PENNSYLVANIA ON AUGUST 11-14, 2026!

This summer's tour will take us to the Landis Valley in Lancaster, PA, and we'll also visit the historic Gettysburg National Park with a guided battlefield tour. The trip will also be highlighted with the magnificent premier production of "JOSHUA" at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre.



There we will experience one of the Bible's most incredible stories live on stage! The story of "JOSHUA" will come alive with spectacular special effects and captivating music. Chosen by God, Joshua is called to face the mighty fortress and armies of Jericho! But those walls are wide and impenetrable. Despite the odds, Joshua had a "fortress of faith!" Joshua's obedience and his unwavering trust in God allowed him and His chosen people to prevail. Families, friends, and young and "young at heart" are welcome!

Additionally, as America celebrates its 250th Birthday, this tour will grant us the opportunity to reflect upon the blessed freedoms that we enjoy in our country that came with a heavy cost. There certainly will be moments of thanks and gratitude for all of God's grace and blessings upon this nation and her people.

AS MENTIONED, THIS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY HAS LIMITED AVAILABILITY AND IS ALMOST SOLD OUT! IF INTERESTED IN JOINING, CONTACT LESLIE WHITFIELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Details are posted on the Town Square bulletin board with sign-up sheet, and informational posters can be found around Redeemer. Itineraries are located at both the Chapel and West Entrances.

The bus has limited capacity (45) - registration and deposit are required to hold your spot!
Contact Leslie Whitfield (248-330-8685) with questions or for more information

ROAD TRIP!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026!

The excitement is building! The core committee for VBS started has begun the rewarding process of planning this year's VBS program, running **June 15-19**, and we are excited to announce our theme: **Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God!**

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR VBS!

Registration is now open for all kids attending VBS or anyone looking to volunteer their time and talents!

Use the QR Code or visit the church website to sign-up today - we can't wait to go on this adventure with you!



*Blessings from the 2026 VBS
Team: Megan Rettray,
Crissy Bienkowski,
Emily Imhoff, and Nicole Olds*



VOLUNTEER AT VBS!

Who doesn't LOVE VBS?! We are looking for people of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun.

We will need teachers, classroom helpers, craft leaders, kitchen sous-chefs, and more! Please consider volunteering!

Questions? Contact Nicole Olds.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Calling all bakers or anyone who loves to feed people! VBS provides a snack for the children attending... But the teens and adults that volunteer their time love a little something, too! Please consider providing a snack (bagels, baked goods, chips/pretzels, fruit/veggies, etc.) for our hard workers. Thanks for all your help!

Questions? Contact Nicole Olds.



PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of loved ones.

- For the family and friends of Lois, who was called to her heavenly home.

For those with health concerns:

- Terry Roberts
- Ryan
- Steve
- Kathy Lagoe
- Marilyn Staargaard
- Pat Nehls
- Bill Vanderhoef
- Ron Ging
- Barb Morrell
- Tina
- Jeannette and Jessica Zaza
- Margaret Loose
- Bob, friend of the congregation
- Janelle Thorne, friend of Donna Hollis
- Jim Zeer, friend of Myrna Orava
- Joe Lagoe

For those in hospice care:

- Bokran Yoon, mother-in-law of Rudy Becker
- Jackie
- Sharon McCaffrey

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.
- For Jaxon Walter-Conrad Hilpert, Rowan Clarke Kanka, and Jane Noelle Skrzypczak – all whom we welcome into the family of God this morning through the sacrament of holy baptism.

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

April 15
May 13

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

May 27



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

April 12

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

April 13

Joshua 7:16-9:2
Luke 16:1-18
Psalm 82:1-8
Proverbs 13:2-3

April 14

Joshua 9:3-10:43
Luke 16:19-17:10
Psalm 83:1-18
Proverbs 13:4

April 15

Joshua 11:1-12:24
Luke 17:11-37
Psalm 84:1-12
Proverbs 13:5-6

April 16

Joshua 13:1-14:15
Luke 18:1-17
Psalm 85:1-13
Proverbs 13:7-8

April 17

Joshua 15:1-63
Luke 18:18-43
Psalm 86:1-17
Proverbs 13:9-10

April 18

Joshua 16:1-18:28
Luke 19:1-27
Psalm 87:1-7
Proverbs 13:11

