

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 27, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

Theme: Ten Commandments

**As We Gather**

As we begin our new member series, it is the opportune time for both long practicing Christians and new Christians to reexamine their faith. The Ten Commandments, the Law of God, set our fundamental principles of how we are to treat God and how we are to treat our fellow human beings. The Law of God is sometimes seen as negative things we can’t do. In reality, the Law of God is an explanation of the character of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a guide for His dear children to follow as they walk in His ways. For centuries they were at the center of what Christians learned about their faith.

**Prayer Before Worship**

Good and Gracious Father, you created this good world and teach us how to live in it. But we confess that our desires are often sinful. Many times what we want is not what you want for us. We frequently want what we should not have: things that belong to others. Often we do not desire you and your good spiritual gifts as much as we should. Please forgive us. Give us a well-ordered heart and proper desires. Through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn

How Great thou Art

With Redeemer Praise

1.
- Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands hath made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder.  
Thy Pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

*Chorus:*

*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,*  
*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.

(Repeat Chorus Twice)

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

**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!**

*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.**

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1,7-18

(The Ten Commandments)

And God spoke all these words, saying, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off.

Epistle Reading

Romans 7:7-12

(The Law and Sin)

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

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

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

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

Gospel Reading

John 3:16-18

(For God So Loved the World)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn

Beautiful Savior

1.
- Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2.
- Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.
3.
- Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.

Sermon

Text: Exodus 20

“The Ten Commandments”  
Rev. James Greenwalt

(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:

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

Gratitude – Lake

Redeemer Praise

(Please rise for the Doxology)

**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**

**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 191** Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!  
*(favorite hymn of Robert Anderson, Ginny Schalm, Leslie Whitfield)*

- Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia  
Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia!  
Offer ye your praises meet, Alleluia!  
At the Paschal Victim’s feet. Alleluia!
- Christians, on this happy day, Alleluia!  
Haste with joy your vows to pay. Alleluia!  
“Christ is ris’n” today we cry; Alleluia!  
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!
- Hail, eternal Hope on high! Alleluia!  
Hail, Thou King of victory! Alleluia!  
Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored! Alleluia!  
Help and save us, gracious Lord. Alleluia!

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude** Rick Helderop, organist



*Sanctuary and Chapel altar flowers* were placed by the Becker family in memory of the two-year anniversary of Rudolf B. Becker being called to his heavenly home. *The Sanctuary lectern flowers* were placed by Fred and Jane Zehnder in thanks for all God’s blessings.

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

*Greeters*  
10:30 - The Kiriluk family

*Reader*  
9:00 & 10:30 - Mike Dundas

*Ushers*  
9:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel, Eric Rolf, Ron LaLone, Bryan Grattan, David Eberly  
10:30 - High School Youth

*Audio/Video Operators*  
9:00 -Jim Wingo  
10:30 - Mike Lapinski and Bruce Helmke

# The Ten Commandments

- You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey or anything the belongs to your neighbor.



April 27, 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.



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## 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 27, 2025**

## Happening TODAY

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

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal  
8:30a Coffee Hour  
10:30a Sunday School  
10:30am: RYG Ushers for Worship  
Service - Meet in the Sanctuary  
11:30a Young Adult's Luncheon  
in the Great Room  
11:30a Redeemer Brass Rehearsal  
3p Langsford Choir Rehearsal  
7:00-9:00pm: Youth Group  
Meet in the Youth Room

## ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GETTING A FLORAL LIFT

**Exciting New!** We have a new vendor for Altar flowers, so come take a look! Tiffany Florist is taking the reins. Check out the May lamp for details. As of May 1, there will be a slight increase for Altar flowers, but lectern flowers will be slightly less. The new rates are as follows:

- Sanctuary: \$75
- Chapel: \$55
- Lectern: \$35

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

## New Member Sermon Series starts TODAY!

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 the church office know and come to church and listen to the sermons. Once you let the church office know, they will provide you with *The Lutheran Small Catechism* which will help you along in your journey. You will also get new member intake forms. Don't worry 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: TODAY, May 4, 18, 25, June 8, 15**

## Coffee Hour Hosts:

### REDEEMER SUMMER KAMP



**JOIN US**

**for Fun and  
Fellowship!**

*Through These Doors* is our little book written by Redeemer members and friends. It is going to publish soon. Thank you for your submissions and wonderful stories about finding your way to Redeemer. It is a joy to read.

Please watch the announcements to find out when and where you can pick up your copy.



## 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.



Should you receive a phone call or an email from Pastor Randy requesting money, gift cards or valuable items, **PLEASE IGNORE IT!** Be sure to look carefully at the email address – if it does not come from

**rschlak@redeemberbirmingham.org**, it is **NOT** from Pastor Randy. **Please delete the email and AVOID RESPONDING.**

If you are unsure, kindly forward the email to or contact the Church Office, and we will look into it further for you.

## 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!!!**



## CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

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

### Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?

When an individual or congregation invests at CEF, they help to build churches and schools across Michigan. The invested money is used to make construction or renovation loans to churches, like the CEF loan Redeemer has, that made Sacred Space 2 possible. The interest paid back on those loans helps pay the interest on your investments. Your investment at CEF will build a church, school, or other ministry. When you invest at a bank, you will build another bank building. Your investment at CEF runs into eternity! It's a win-win for everyone! **For more information call Curtis Burstein at 248.320.5100, our Redeemer Representative.**

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



# 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

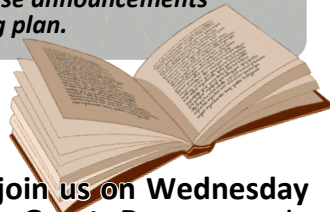
**Young Adults** - Michael Banerian's (3217 Maplewood, RO)  
6:30-8:00pm - 1st Thursday of Every Month

**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.

## COUNSELING

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

## Women's Bible Study

Just wrapped another wonderful series and thank you to Kaki Mammel for her wonderful lesson on the Abrahamic Covenant. She left us wanting more so we are now studying "The Early Church Becoming a Light in the Darkness." What happened when Jesus died? Real faith, real life. For Christians today, faith in God can sometimes seem to be a cerebral choice. For the early church it was the difference between life and death. In this next chapter of That the World May Know discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries. **Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 in the Great Room. Study runs five weeks and we will conclude on June 3.** (No study on May 27.)

## 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.

- 4/30 Cooking for FOG (meet in the kitchen)
- 5/7 Cooking for FOG (meet in the kitchen)
- 5/14 End of year party



# Thank you

Many thanks and pats on the back for Tom, Kathy Eley and their team of palm cross volunteers. The team made over 800 crosses this year and we only had a few left over. Those leftover crosses made their way to Westmaple Nursery School and the children loved them. Thanks everyone for helping to make these beautiful little reminders of the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem unfolding God's plan! We are grateful.

A HUGE Thank you to David Hamada for providing the wonderful spread of food on Easter Sunday.



## FAMILY OF GOD

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

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

## 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.**

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.

**Thank You**  
TO MARK LEONETTI  
FOR PAINTING THE  
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IT LOOKS BEAUTIFUL!



# national day of prayer

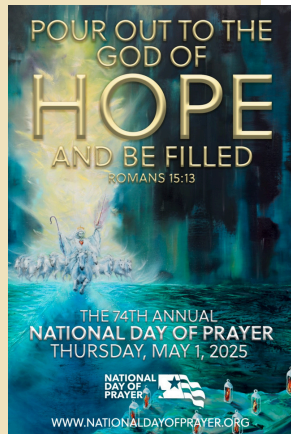
**POUR OUT TO THE  
GOD OF HOPE AND  
BE FILLED**

*"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.

We invite you to come listen to Westmaple kiddies sing and also take part in praying for the nation.

**JOIN US in the Chapel at 11:30am to PRAY with the Nation.**



# family night

Join us for a night of fun, entertainment, and baseball!

**FAITH NIGHT UNICORNS VS. MAMMOTHS - FRIDAY, JULY 18TH**  
**FIRST PITCH 7:05PM - GATES OPEN 6:00PM**

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER SUMMER PICNIC

### Group Perks Include:

- Game seating in party patio area
- Group photo on the field
- Welcome message on the scoreboard
- Kids Run the Bases after the game
- Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog
- Meet & Greet with a team mascot
- Free Parking

### Enjoy an All American BBQ!

Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies. *Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes.* Each guest will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.

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



## MUSIC

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

- **Saturday, May 10th** - 7:00pm: Tim Zimmerman and the 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)



### Mother's Day Men's Choir



If you are a man at Redeemer and you can sing, please plan to join in with several other men in our annual Mother's Day Men's Choir, as we honor our wives and mothers, and all mothers when we sing together on Sunday, May 12th. Rehearsals are from 7:30pm – 8pm every Wednesday night. See Lamp for more details.



### Come join the Redeemer Brass Band

to celebrate **Frühlingsfest** (Spring Oktoberfest) in May at Kuhnhehn, 5919 Chicago Rd, Warren. See Pastor Jimmy for dates, times and questions.

Check out [www.trinityutica.com/feud](http://www.trinityutica.com/feud) to attend Trinity Lutheran Family Feud Night on May 3rd at 5pm.

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND WORSHIP

All are invited to join us as we resume "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" on May 21, our 3rd Wednesday of the month gathering at 12 noon in the Great Room. We'll be serving a delicious meal. After the meal we'll move to the chapel at 1:00 p.m. for a brief worship service with Holy Communion. Please call the church office (248-644-4010) if you plan to join us for lunch. Also, if you are in need of transportation, let the office know and we'll do our best to assist. Questions?

Contact Gary Priskorn at the number above, ext. 123.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Chicks with Sticks meet every first and third Thursday afternoon of the month. Join us for conversation, company and creative ideas, new projects and the finishing of old ones.....we are knitters making hats, scarves, small blankets for the homeless through Family of God in Detroit. We love to knit, have lots of yarn here in our bins at Redeemer. All you have to do is come and join us in helping others.....or come to learn how to knit. Projects can go with you in the car, while you wait for and on others 😊, sitting alone in a sunny window! Make those needles click for someone in need. We will wait for you in the library at 1:00 on May 1 and May 15.



### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Women's Book Group meets on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:30 to review **Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution** by Li-Ji Jiang. This is NOT a book about the "big picture" of what happened in Communist China during the Cultural Revolution. Rather, it is a memoir of the lives of a young girl and her family and her friends' families. For the Chinese people, society's rules about what is good and bad were reversed, first when the Communists conquered China in 1949, and then the reversal was emphasized seventeen years later, when the Cultural Revolution began. The result was that families who, before Communism, had worked hard and intelligently and had prospered suddenly became national enemies. Even those who had chosen not to flee China, out of a strong sense of Chinese patriotism, like the author's parents and grandparents, were declared by the state to be "enemies of the people". Even worse, no way was allowed for such a family to "make up" for its past, and even the children who were born into Communism, like the author and her siblings and friends, were declared to be guilty of the "crimes" of their ancestors. Agonizing choices, sacrifice, fear and reprisal underscore this story of passage. We will be waiting for you in the Town Square.

## 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.*

## 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!



## CALLING ALL BAKERS!

*VBS provides snacks for the kiddos 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.

**Please sign-up online via the church's Sign-Up Genius to volunteer to bring something in. Thank you for your help!**



**WE NEED YOU!**

Who doesn't LOVE VBS?! We are looking for adults of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun! Teachers, classroom helpers, craft workers, and kitchen sous-chefs are all needed - please consider volunteering!

**Please sign-up online via the church's Sign-Up Genius to volunteer in the kitchen or craft area. Interested in teaching? Please reach out to Nicole Olds.**

*Thank you for making this week possible for our kiddos!*

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### 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.*



## 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 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).



## CONFIRMATION DATES TO REMEMBER

### YEAR 3

**Saturday, May 3rd at 10am:** Confirmation Day

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

## RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The RYG May schedule is:

**May 4th** - RYG 7-9pm (8th graders welcome!)

May 11th - NO RYG (Mother's Day)

May 12th - Family of God

**May 18th** - Senior Send-off (last Sunday night RYG of the school year)

Core Group will meet on **5/7, 5/14, 5/21,**

**5/28**  
**"redeemer\_youth"**

**ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES**



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



# HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

## 28 MON

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

## 29 TUES

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

## 30 WED

6:45a Men's Bible Study  
9a Positive Parenting -  
FOG  
9:15a Positive Parenting  
2p Family of God -  
Cooking  
6p Confirmation  
6p RYG Core Group  
6:30p Chancel Choir  
Rehearsal

## 1 THURS

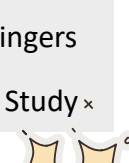
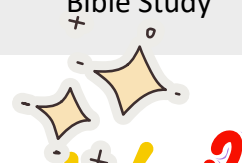
11:30a National Day of  
Prayer  
6:30p Redeemer Pickup  
Basketball  
6:30p Young Adult's Bible  
Study  
7p Redeemer Ringers  
Rehearsal  
7p Titus II Bible Study x

## 2 FRI

7p Confirmation  
Rehearsal

## 3 SAT

Confirmation Day  
- 10am Ceremony



## 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

### Redeemer's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – June 1, 2025

In just 7 days, 150 people have signed up to attend Redeemer's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Bash. So, what is this all about? Immediately following the 10:30 service, June 1, 2025, and after you have listened to Pastor Mark Wuggazer (a Redeemer kid born and raised in this church) we will celebrate with a delicious Nino Salvaggio brunch featuring salads, quiche, fruits, pastries, sandwiches, desserts, and a special consideration for our children .....a dino-nugget/mac and cheese bar complete with Ranch dressing. There will be table entertainment for the young ones and the rest of us will enjoy each other's company and conversation with a very short program, a few remarks and a lovely meal meant to bring us together in fellowship and celebration. Tables are for 8 people (maybe squeeze 9-but you have to let Kitty know!) You will need a ticket (free) to save a seat. Of course, we will always have room for one more but you will save the committee a last minute frenzy by signing up. I am in need of many helpers who will only be asked to serve a very short time just to get things rolling. Then, at the end of luncheon you will find me in the kitchen cleaning up, alongside YOU! (I hope!) This is a one-of-a-kind day and you won't want to miss it. Questions? Call or email Kitty. Tickets will be available until Sunday, May 18.

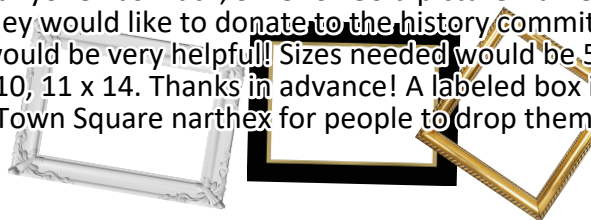
### HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS

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 Youth 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

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 grieving the loss of a loved one:

- For the family and friends of Reverend Ronald Farah, who was called to his heavenly home. Pastor Farah's service was yesterday here at Redeemer.
- For the family and friends of Leslie Toth, who was called to her heavenly home. Leslie's memorial service will be May 17, here at Redeemer.

### For those with health concerns:

- Baby Rosie
- Ryder Finkel, friend of the Calvanos's
- Sue Zimmerman
- Marcie, Bonnie Ernewein
- Laura, Friend of the Eley's
- Terry Roberts
- Elisabeth, family member of Sue Soltess
- Adam Camden
- Sam Kennedy, brother of Tim Kennedy
- Hugh Livingston, friend of Tom Boyce
- Midge Elkins
- Anita Manino
- Missy Mazur, friend of the congregation
- Ron Pflieger
- Sue Sack
- Norm and Barb Morrell
- Amy Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Carol Wargelin

### For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh

### 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 Alyson Braiser and Eric Sauber who were united in marriage on Saturday.

**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.

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

May 28  
July 23

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

May 14  
June 11

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

### April 27

Judges 7:1-8:17  
Luke 23:13-43  
Psalm 97:1-98:9  
Proverbs 14:7-8

### April 28

Judges 8:18-9:21  
Luke 23:44-24:12  
Psalm 99:1-9  
Proverbs 14:9-10

### April 29

Judges 9:22-10:18  
Luke 24:13-53  
Psalm 100:1-5  
Proverbs 14:11-12

### April 30

Judges 11:1-12:15  
John 1:1-28  
Psalm 101:1-8  
Proverbs 14:13-14

### May 1

Judges 13:1-14:20  
John 1:29-51  
Psalm 102:1-28  
Proverbs 14:15-16

### May 2

Judges 15:1-16:31  
John 2:1-25  
Psalm 103:1-22  
Proverbs 14:17-19

### May 3

Judges 17:1-18:31  
John 3:1-21  
Psalm 104:1-23  
Proverbs 14:20-21

