

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 16, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

Theme: Luck

As We Gather

St. Patrick is one of Ireland's patron saints and many Americans with Irish ancestry remember him on March 17. St. Patrick's Day is fixed on March 17, but may occasionally be moved by Catholic Church authorities. This happened in 1940, so that the celebrations would not fall on Palm Sunday, and in 2008 to avoid Holy Monday, the last Monday before Easter Sunday.

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

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.  
—St. Patrick

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 Cathy Hansen in loving memory of my very special dad, Joe, Happy Birthday!)

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

- Opening Hymn 245
- God Loved the World So that He Gave
1. God loved the world so that he gave, His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in him believe, Should everlasting life receive.

2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All that confide in him alone are built on this chief Cornerstone.

3. God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,  
His Spirit in the Word doth teach how man the blessed goal may reach.

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 - Confirmand Skit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:8-15

(Jeremiah threatened with death)

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the Lord had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! Why do you prophesy in the Lord’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the Lord and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord’s house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!” Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the Lord your God. Then the Lord will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

(Following Paul’s example)

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Verse

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

C: That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
(John 3:16)

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

(Repent or Perish)

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ “ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ”

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so:  
Little ones to Him belong: They are weak but He is strong.

Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! Loves me still, Tho I'm very weak and ill;  
That I might from sin be free, Bled and died upon the tree. -Chorus
3. Jesus loves me! He who died, Heavens gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. -Chorus

Sermon

Text: Luke 13:1-9

“Luck of the Irish or Bad Luck of the People”

Rev. Randall J. 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:

1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

(Please rise for the Doxology)

**Doxology**  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
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.***  
  
(Please rise for the Benediction)

**Blessing of the Mission Team**

**Irish Blessing**  
May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

**Benediction and Response:** Amen! Amen! Amen!

**Closing Hymn** Blessed Assurance  
(Favorite hymn of Sherry Higgins, Donna Hollis, Judy Mammel, Erin Rodenhouse, Betsy Ukrop)

- Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine;  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
  
Chorus:  
*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*
- Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
-Chorus
- Perfect communion - all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
-Chorus

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude** Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Terry and Jean Roberts in celebration of Terry’s birthday. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Cathy Hansen in loving memory of her dad, Joe. Chapel altar flowers were placed by the Burstein family.

Altar Guild  
Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift, Erin Springer, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp, Tracey Fish, Richelle and Liz Pedersen

Elders Assisting with Communion  
Brad Baldner, Eric Stein

Audio and Video Operators  
9:00 - Jim Wingo  
10:30 - Greg Merryman and Brian Fish

Children’s Message Skit  
Duke Kiriluk, Evan Yuhn, Meara SeGraves, Caleb Hurst

Greeters  
Grant Harper, James Burke, Meara SeGraves

Readers  
James Burke, Nick Mushovic

Acolytes  
Duke Kiriluk, Caleb Hurst

Ushers  
Luca Zuliani, JD Kamm, Nick Mushovic, Evan Yuhn

# 2025 Confirmands

@\_i c Bm̀`q

A\_jc` Fspqr

A\_k Dpg:bpqaf

Ct\_| W&f l

Bsi c l ggjsi

Ep\_| r F\_mcp

HB l \_k k

H\_k cq @sp c

Jsa\_ Xsjq l g

Kc\_p\_ QcEp\_t cq

Lgai Ksqf nt ga

HAPPY

## St Patrick's

DAY

March 5, 2023  
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.

**March 16, 2025**

## LENTEN MENU

**March 19, 2025**

### Lunch:

Chicken crunch, salad, rolls,  
and carrot cake

Sponsored by: Robin Swift,  
Karen Pridmore and crew

### Dinner:

Chicken parmesan, roasted  
redskins, large salad w/lots  
of veggies, baguette and  
surprise dessert

Sponsored by: Miss Kitty and her  
crew

## Happening TODAY

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

*Confirmant Led Services*

*Mission Trip Commissioning*

8a Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

8:30a Coffee Hour

10a Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:30a Sunday School

11:30a Confirmation Luncheon

11:30a Redeemer Brass Rehearsal

4p Mission Trip Meeting #3

7p RYG Bible study

## WHERE DOES THE UNSOLD RUMMAGE GO?

Goodwill Industries of Detroit provides personal and workforce development training programs to Metro Detroit residents who live with mental health challenges or developmental disabilities, returning citizens, and residents who have been under or unemployed. **Goodwill is grateful for receiving over 8,000 pounds of items leftover from our rummage sale, and our donations will go to one of Goodwill's 7 retail stores in our area!** The revenue generated at those stores will support many of Goodwill's programs by providing opportunities for individuals to learn and develop new life skills to assist with new employment, provide personal dignity and confidence, and offer hope for new beginnings. Without donors like us, Goodwill would not be able to provide these services to people in need.

## 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 HEARTFELT Thank You

To Michele Margosian,  
the Youth Mission trip  
families, and ALL those  
MANY, MANY, MANY  
hands who participated  
in the Rummage Sale.

**Just over \$18,000 was  
raised for the Youth  
and Sacred Space.**



**DEPOSITS are due now to Travel  
100TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION BUS TOUR  
AUGUST 12 - 15, 2025**

Bus Tour to picturesque Lancaster, PA.

Visit the SIGHT & SOUND MILLENNIUM THEATRE where we will experience one of the Bible's most incredible stories, NOAH, live on stage! Families, young & "young at heart" are welcome.

Questions? Contact Leslie Whitfield at 248-330-8685

# 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

### Youth Choir Rehearsals

Youth Choir will sing on **Sunday, March 30** with rehearsals being held in the Chapel from 10 - 10:30 on **March 16, 23**. Ages 7 and up are welcome! Contact [nancylesinski@gmail.com](mailto:nancylesinski@gmail.com) with any questions.



## 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!**

Sign up 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

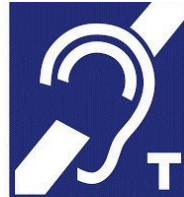
You can find the sign-up charts on the Town Square bulletin board or online under the "WAYS TO SERVE" box on the church website.



## 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.



Hearing Loop  
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

*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!!!**



Should you receive a phone call (even with his voice) from Pastor Randy asking for money, **PLEASE HANG UP!** Pastor Randy will never ask for money personally via email or phone!  
**IT IS A SCAM!!**

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

March 26  
May 28

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

April 9



# 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  
Moses and the Book of Exodus  
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.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00am** to study Moses and the book of Exodus with Andrea Schlak.

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

## Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the **Great Room** as we begin a **new study** for the rest of the month, meeting on **March 18th, and 25th (\*at 6:00pm)**, Join us then!

## 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March 19th:** Continue "The Power Pause" Discussion
- **March 26th:** NO CLASS - Spring Break

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



## CEF 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?

For more information call Curtis Burstein at 248.320.5100, our Redeemer Representative.

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

## REDEEMER 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

TIME to  
STUDY



## ATTITUDE CHECK!

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest message recorded in the gospels. His message brings to us a great deal of insight into our role in the Kingdom of Heaven. But He starts it all with the "Be Attitudes".

I must admit at one time the beatitudes sounded to me, "Today, life is hard. But, one day soon I will bless you!" yet, I have discovered that these sayings are powerful when viewed through a new lens. It's a prescription on how we are to live.

This Lent we will study the beatitudes as a way to live our lives as Be Attitudes.



## LENTEN MEALS

We need YOUR help with Lenten Dinners! The following dates are still available for lunch: March 26th or April 2nd; the dates available for dinner are March 19th and 26th. Grab your family or some friends and sign-up to host a Lenten lunch or dinner! You can sign-up via the church website or the Town Square bulletin board. Contact **Kim Davis (248.613.4200)** with questions or for more information. If you don't feel comfortable planning a whole meal, you can sign-up to be a helper!

## LENT SERVICES

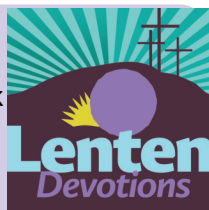


**Special Music Needed for Lenten Services!** If you sing or play an instrument, we are looking for individuals to provide special music during our 1:00pm and 7:00pm Wednesday services. Services run Wednesday, March 12th thru Wednesday, April 9th. Please contact **Steve SeGraves** if you'd like to offer your musical ability for one of these services.



**Hallelujah Chorus on Easter!** If you plan to attend worship at the 9:00am or 10:30am services on Easter Sunday, April 20th, 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.

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



IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME...

## ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!



**BY APRIL 1**

Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas (Blue & Pink), and Boston Ferns...Oh my!

These gorgeous flowers will add beauty to our Easter Sunday services. The flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter and remember or give thanks to someone or something special in your life. You may then take them home following our 10:30am service. Alternatively, you may donate them to a local nursing home for a wonderful surprise for those who need an uplifting gift on Easter. Order forms, with the option to pay online, are available on our website (click on the Lent/Holy Week box) or scan the QR code below. The order form can also be found around the building, or in the church office. **Please fill it out and turn into the church office along with your payment/check no later than Tuesday, April 1st.**

**\*Orders placed after this date are NOT guaranteed as the nursery has a limited supply\***

## Ways You Can Help?

We're looking for families/volunteers to take the donated flowers to a local nursing home immediately following the 10:30 Easter morning service! This is a great opportunity to spread God's love, and bring a gorgeous surprise to those who need it. You truly feel the gift of giving firsthand! If you're interested, please contact the church office!

Questions? Contact the church office  
(248) 644-4010

**ORDER FLOWERS HERE**



Join us during mid-week Lenten services, for LentenKidz! All children ages 3 to 5th Grade are welcome! Children go to church with their families and then, after the Children's Message, will go down to the Scheidt Room for lesson and activities. We hope you'll join!



**Palm Cross  
Workshop  
April 11th**

**Palm Sunday  
Worship and  
Children's  
Palm Parade  
April 13**

More Details coming soon!



## SEASON OF LENT & EASTER

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

This Lent we will study the beatitudes as a way to our lives as Be Attitudes.

**March 19 - Matthew 5:5**

*The Meek*

**March 26 - Matthew 5:6**

*The Hungry and Thirsty*

**April 2 - Matthew 5:7**

*The Merciful*

**April 9 - Matthew 5:8**

*Clean of Heart*

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

Each worship service is preceded by a meal:  
Lunch at 12:00 noon and Dinner at 6:00pm  
(5:30pm confirmants)

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

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

**Good Friday, April 18** - 1p and 7p - Sanctuary

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

**Easter Sunday Services, April 20**

7:30a with Holy Communion; 9:00a and 10:30a

Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter Sunday 10:30a service.  
Bring your Easter Basket!!

**\*all 7p Lenten services & the 10:30a Easter Service  
will be livestreamed**

### 100th Anniversary Concert Series!

stay tuned for additional concerts throughout the year!

**Sunday, April 6th - 3:00pm: Birmingham Concert Band**  
(Redeemer Sanctuary)

**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)

**Sunday, May 18th - 4:00pm: 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 \$20.00 per-person is requested or  
reserve a full table (8 people maximum) for a minimum  
donation of \$160.00. 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.**

## 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.**

**2025 Family of God Soup Kitchen Sponsor Sign-ups are  
available! (pay \$100 towards a meal) LOTS of spots  
available!!**



## 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**

## iZōsh Birmingham Spring Event

Friday, April 11

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

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

- ✓ Fund Micro-Loans in REAL Time
- ✓ Invite a Friend!
- ✓ Be empowered that YOU  
can change the world!

SAVE THE DATE!



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Abadir M. Ibrahim**

Associate Director of the Human Rights  
Program (HRP) at Harvard Law School

Sign up TODAY with QR code  
or in the Town Square



Learn More

Contact Us

izosh.birmingham@gmail.com



Visit Our Website:

[www.lcr.church/izosh](http://www.lcr.church/izosh)

**iZōsh**  
WOMEN INVESTING IN WOMEN

## COUNSELING

Redeemer offers Christian Counseling services here  
at Redeemer. Call Dr. Sandy for more information.

**Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D. - 248-568-6040**

# 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!**

Join us this summer when we take a closer look at God's awesome creation to discover how big and powerful He really is! We need kids from 3 to 99 to join us - you are never too old to come to VBS!

2025 VBS Registration opens tomorrow, Monday, March 17, 9am. Use the QR code to Register.



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Join us for another Men's Ministry event as we continue to celebrate Redeemer's 100th Anniversary



Beer and Soft Drinks; Bad Boy Chili and Fixin's; Games and Prizes; Center court Cornbread

Watch the NCAA Elite 8 Regional Playoffs! Signup in the Town Square so we can plan accordingly

Free-will donation requested - For further information, contact Gary Priskorn 248-644-4010 or Jon Duff 248-214-9037

The Parsonage is at 785 Westwood Drive, Birmingham

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

March 20th, 2025

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



### Women's Book Group

Join us for a discussion on "The Saints of Whistle Gove" by Katie Schuermann! After 150 years of preaching the Gospel, the little country parish of Whistle Grove has closed its doors for good, but the faithful Reverend Edmund G. Oglethorpe remains. There is the empty building and the crumbling cemetery to maintain, and who else will bury old Miriam Werth when the time comes? Told through the voices of generations past and present, "The Saints of Whistle Grove" follows the journey of a son in search of his mother, a daughter in need of connection, a family without a home, and the cemetery that brings them all together. Please join us Tuesday, March 25th at 7:30pm in the Town Square - we hope to see you there!

Gratitude and thanks for the women who served God and his church over the past 100 years and taught us by example! We celebrated with a fun, delicious coffee hour featuring quiche, scones with clotted cream and baskets for men, women and children to win! Thanks to the Women's Ministry Team who answered questions and urged our women to join up and join in the spiritual journey. Make a friend, review a book, study the Bible, go on retreat and many more wonderful opportunities await. One hundred years and still growing!

The winner of the Men's Basket is **Steve Walsh**! The winner of the Women's Basket is **Janet Kletzli** and the Children's Basket goes to **Elle Bienkowski**. Wish we could have had more winners, but we know those listed above will share! 😊

## 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!**

## RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



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

Please keep the Youth Mission group in your prayers as they prepare for their annual Spring Break mission trip to North Carolina from 3/22 to 3/29!

### ATTEND LENTEN SERVICES

RYG meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm  
Lenten Services at 7:00pm -March 19; April 2, 9  
Questions? Contact Gia or Eric!



## YOUTH CALENDAR

TODAY

4:00pm: Mission Trip Meeting #3  
Meet in the Great Room

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

**Saturday, March 22nd-Friday, March 28th:**  
North Carolina Mission Trip

**Sunday, March 30** - Mission Trip Reunion - 7-9pm  
**\*NO RYG THIS WEEK - HAPPY SPRING BREAK!\***



# HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

## 17 MON

St Patrick's Day  
7p Worship  
8p Al Anon  
8p Love of Life

## 18 TUES

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

## 19 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  
7:45p Chancel Choir  
Lenten Rehearsal

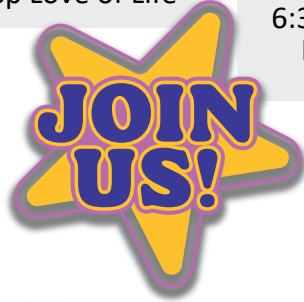
## 20 THURS

9:30a Community Bible  
Study  
1p Chicks with Sticks  
6:30p Redeemer Pickup  
Basketball  
7p Redeemer Ringers  
Rehearsal

## 21 FRI

## 22 SAT

Youth leave for  
Mission Trip



## 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### THIS MONTH WE ARE CELEBRATING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's Ministry has enjoyed gathering for Bunco for years now. But we now may have to put out a "Wanted" sign as the coveted "Biggest Bunco Loser Trophy" has gone missing! Be on the lookout for a gorgeous plastic vase with cartoon cupids on it and join us for Bunco on March 14th!



### SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

100th Anniversary Celebratory Church Service and  
Congregational Luncheon

We are honored to have Pastor Mark Wuggazer who will be guest preacher that morning, and Kitty Sweitzer, with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal!

*More information coming soon!*

### 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!*



### LET'S PLAY BALL!

Did you know that Pastor Duane Wuggazer was on our 1950's men's baseball team and was the star pitcher?! He was renowned for his blazing fast ball speeds!

*\*Thank you to our 100th Anniversary Committee for this fun tid-bit from our history!\**

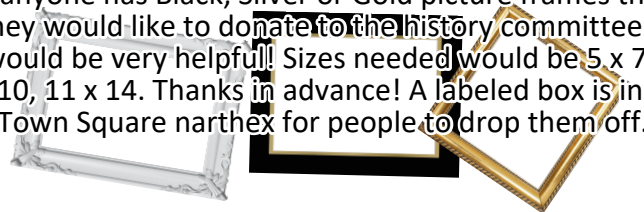


### HOLY HISTORY DISPLAY PANELS located in the Town Square!

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 Holy 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.



### 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).

## PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

### For those with health concerns:

- Amber Bergstrom, daughter-in-law of Jill and Dick Bergstrom who is having surgery
- Andrew Bergstrom who is having heart surgery
- Wayne Denniston & Carolyn, father/friend of Sharon Tylenda
- Matthew Warnicke
- Mark, friend of Donna Hollis
- Norm and Barb Morrell
- Asia Maeder
- Stasi, friend of Andrea Calvaneso
- Madelyn Hughes, granddaughter of Marty and Patty Schmidt
- Marion Smith, mother of Helen Herrington, who is having surgery
- Marilyn, friend of Ginny Schalm
- Marcie, sister of Bonnie Ernewein
- Bill, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- Amy Wargelin
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Joe Lagoe
- Kay Trombat
- Frank Rosenzweig
- Elaine Schultz, mother of Pam Tyndall
- Pat Nehls
- Carol Wargelin

### 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.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

# PRAYER

**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.

## STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

*email addresses ending with @ should include [redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:redememberirmingham.org)*  
**248-644-4010 with ext.**

### Senior Pastor

Rev. Randall J. Schlak  
 x119 - [rschlak@](mailto:rschlak@)

### Assistant Pastor

Rev. James Greenwalt  
 x117 - [jgreenwalt@](mailto:jgreenwalt@)

### Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Ron Farah  
 248-642-3137  
[rtfarah@protonmail.com](mailto:rtfarah@protonmail.com)

### Men's and Senior Ministry

Gary Priskorn (x123)  
[gpriskorn@](mailto:gpriskorn@)

### Church Fellowship

Kim Davis  
 248.613.4200

### Women's Ministry

Kitty Sweitzer (x111)  
[misskitty@](mailto:misskitty@)

### Westmaple Nursery School

Pat Raezler (x126)  
[westmaple@](mailto:westmaple@)

### Children's Ministry

Nicole Olds (x124)  
[nolds@](mailto:nolds@)

### Church Office - office@

Rose Kiehle (x116)  
[rkiehle@](mailto:rkiehle@)  
 Carrie Morris (x114)  
[cmorris@](mailto:cmorris@)  
 Jamie Thompson (x118)  
[jthompson@](mailto:jthompson@)

### Music Ministry

Steve SeGraves  
 734.259.8890  
[stevenssegraves@gmail.com](mailto:stevenssegraves@gmail.com)

### Church Accounting

Laura Jones (x110)  
[ljones@](mailto:ljones@)

### Family Life, Middle School, Confirmation & Outreach

Laura Vowell (x121)  
[laura@](mailto:laura@)

### Building Maintenance

Fred Suczynski (x113)  
[fsuczynski@etkinllc.com](mailto:fsuczynski@etkinllc.com)

### High School Ministry

Gia Scheidt (x120)  
[gscheidt@gmail.com](mailto:gscheidt@gmail.com)  
 Eric Wisniewski (x120)  
[ewisniewski@](mailto:ewisniewski@)

### Church Counseling

Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D.  
 248-568-6040  
[sandypourcho@gmail.com](mailto:sandypourcho@gmail.com)

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

### March 16

Numbers 24:1-25:18  
 Luke 2:1-35  
 Psalm 59:1-17  
 Proverbs 11:14

### March 17

Numbers 26:1-51  
 Luke 2:36-52  
 Psalm 60:1-12  
 Proverbs 11:15

### March 18

Numbers 26:52-28:15  
 Luke 3:1-22  
 Psalm 61:1-8  
 Proverbs 11:16-17

### March 19

Numbers 28:16-29:40  
 Luke 3:23-38  
 Psalm 62:1-12  
 Proverbs 11:18-19

### March 20

Numbers 30:1-31:54  
 Luke 4:1-30  
 Psalm 63:1-11  
 Proverbs 11:20-21

### March 21

Numbers 32:1-33:39  
 Luke 4:31-5:11  
 Psalm 64:1-10  
 Proverbs 11:22

### March 22

Numbers 33:40-35:34  
 Luke 5:12-28  
 Psalm 65:1-13  
 Proverbs 11:23

