

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 26, 2025 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Theme: The Law Read... and Heard?

As We Gather
It is hard to always understand everything about God. Today we hear about one group of people who did not know God’s Law and were anguished because they had been breaking the Law. We also hear about a group that did know about God’s Law, but did not follow it. They were angered that they were confronted about it. God has a plan: trust in Him and not yourself.

Prayer Before Worship
“Heavenly Father, in moments of doubt and uncertainty, I come before you seeking to strengthen my faith. Help me to trust in your plan, even when I cannot see the path ahead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, so that my belief in you may be unwavering and steadfast. Grant me the courage to face challenges with confidence, knowing that, with you, all things are possible. Renew my faith each day, and let my heart be filled with your peace and love. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Please rise for the Opening Hymn)

Opening Hymn 657
Beautiful Savior

- 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.
- 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.
- Beautiful Savior, Lord of the Nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

Order of Service
P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

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
(Ezra reads the Law)

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Epistle Reading
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
(One body with many members)

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading
(Jesus rejected in Nazareth)

Luke 4:16-30
He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked. Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’” “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.” All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith
The Apostles’ Creed
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.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn
It Is Well With My Soul

- When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Refrain
It is well, it is well with my soul, with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

- My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! -*Refrain*

- And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. -*Refrain*

Sermon Text: Luke 4:16-30

“They Get it! Or Do They?”
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 Like a River in My Soul – Osiek

Chancel Choir

(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

Closing Hymn 658 Onward Christian Soldiers
(favorite hymn of Ronald Beyer, Tom Boyce, Mary Jane Johnson, Pat Raezler, Stephanie Dettlinger, Lynn Mee Duerr, Christina Mee, Samantha Mee, Jacqueline Mee, Tom Gray, MaryAnn Perryman, Janet Harthen, Donna Hollis, Nancy Tar, Barbara Peterson, Alison Harrison)

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
2. Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
3. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never ‘gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ’s own promise, and that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Postlude Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Kristine Ortale in loving memory of Gene and Ella Vogel. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Ellie Gause for a birthday remembrance of God’s special gift to our family, Karen.

Altar Guild
Kathy Eley, Beth Greenwalt, Karen Pridmore, Theresa Schulz,
Stacie Millichamp, Marilyn Staargaard, Colleen Tafel, Laurie Krentz,
Joanne Greenwalt, Tracey Fish

Greeters
10:30 - The SeGraves Family

Ushers
9:00 - Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Peter Pridmore,
Cindy Grove, David Hamada, Ryan Jones
10:30 - Steve Ortale, captain; Carter Ortale, Paul Quasarano, Tim Fithian,
John Leonard, Don Jackson, Albert Madlangbayan, Blake Burstein, David Lychuk

Audio/Video Operators
9:00 - Greg Merryman
10:30 - Jim Endress, Brian Fish

Acolytes
9:00 - Nick Springer
10:30 - Giuliana Chioni, Sawyer Kiriluk

Reader
9:00 & 10:30 - Kaki Mammel



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1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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your community church

1800 West Maple Road Birmingham, Michigan 48009

Visit us at 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

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

January 26, 2025

Happening TODAY



HOST A COFFEE HOUR

in Memory of your favorite loved one!
Signup on the *Coffee Hour signup* under the
Ways to Serve option on the church website
or on the Town Square Bulletin board.

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

8:00am - Redeemer Praise Rehearsal

Redeemer Praise meet for their regular rehearsals in the Music Room.

NOTE: Pastor Farah's Bible Study is cancelled until further notice!

10:30am - Sunday School

11:30am - Redeemer Brass Rehearsal

7pm RYG

We still do... Saturday, February 8, 2025

A marriage reaffirmation ceremony for all Redeemer couples! The vow renewal ceremony will take place at 5pm in our Sanctuary followed by Dinner & Dancing at 6:30pm at the Auburn Hills Marriott.

\$150 per couple - The cost includes the ceremony, dinner, dancing, and photography. There will also be a cash bar and special rate for those who wish to spend the night.

Kindly RSVP by TODAY using the QR code.

Questions? Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberbirmingham.org).

REGISTRATION DUE TODAY



THROUGH THESE DOORS

How did you come to Redeemer? Tell your story!

You write the story, and we will print it in a beautiful book to be presented at our June 1 celebration. Pick up a form on the end cap in the Town Square and write your story. Send it to my email, misskitty@redeemberbirmingham.org and this keepsake will delight you with stories of searches that ended in joy at Redeemer. We hope to have at least 150 people respond with their stories. I know you will want to be part of a book that goes in the time capsule with a copy next to your favorite chair. **Questions? Contact Miss Kitty.**

→ Deadline is SATURDAY, February 1, 2025

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.org
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

COMMUNION NEWS: If you would like communion to be brought to you, please let an usher know before the service begins and they will be sure that you are accommodated.



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!



ALL paper sign-up sheets in the Town Square are located behind the coffee hour kitchen near the coatroom! Come see how you can get involved!

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



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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Spots in February available!

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. You can complete the dedication form and make payment directly online or follow the link in your email you receive to confirm your sign-up. Alternatively, you can email your dedication to the **Church Office**, drop off your check at the Church Office, or leave payment in the Sunday morning offering plate clearly marked "Altar Flowers."

Please remember to leave the flower liners for the following week when collecting your flowers! Sanctuary flowers can be picked up after Sunday's 10:30am service, and Chapel flowers after Monday's 7:00pm service. For assistance, please reach out to the **Church Office** for support.

**Sign-up links can be found on the church's website by selecting "WAYS TO SERVE" and then "Altar and Lectern Flower Sign-Up."*

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH...

27 MON	28 TUES	29 WED	30 THURS	31 FRI	01 SAT
<p>7p Worship</p> <p>8p Al Anon</p> <p>8p Love of Life</p>	<p>9:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study</p> <p>6p Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball</p> <p>7:30p Women's Book Group</p>	<p>6:45a Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:15a Positive Parenting</p> <p>2p Family of God - Cooking</p> <p>6p Confirmation</p> <p>6p RYG Core Group</p> <p>6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30p Board of Elders Meeting</p>	<p>9:30a Community Bible Study</p> <p>9:30a Rehearsal-The Birmingham Musicales Choral Ensemble</p> <p>6:30p Redeemer Pickup Basketball</p> <p>7p Redeemer Ringers Rehearsal</p>		<p>DEADLINE ↑ THROUGH THE DOORS SUBMISSION</p>

Sunday, January 26

DEADLINE FOR MARRIAGE RENEWAL

HOUSEKEEPING

**COMING
SOON**

REDEEMER'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

This will be a keepsake for you and others.
Is your information up to date?

TIME TO **UPDATE** YOUR MEMBER PROFILE so it is correct!

- Have you moved?
- Have you changed your phone numbers?
- Have your adult children moved away?
- Do you give online and not want to receive envelopes?
- Do you need your login credentials?
- Do you want to send in a photo for your family and individual profiles?

Please make sure you update your family membership information online in Shelby Membership OR send your updated information to office@redeemberirmingham.org.

You can also call the church office to make any changes to your family profile.

*****Please note, if you would like a printed copy of your family profile, we can email that to you so you can make updates.***

DONATION INFORMATION

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



THE SEASON OF LENT

SEASON OF LENT 2025 WORSHIP

Every Wednesday - March 5 - April 9, 2025

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 confirmands)

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday - April 17

Good Friday - April 18

Holy Saturday - April 19

Easter Sunday - April 20

WEDNESDAYS
during Lent



PREPARE a LENTEN MEAL
Signup in the Town
Square or online

COMMUNITY

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

women's retreat

March 01, 2025

9:30am-3pm

**Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
1345 Gratiot Avenue. Detroit, MI 48207**

Women of Redeemer

We are invited to attend "Spiritual Conversations" sponsored by Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 9:30-3:00. Featured speaker is Polly Gregali, Community Regional Facilitator of Lutheran Hour Ministry as she walks you through a strategy to help engage in fruitful spiritual conversation with others. Reservations are required and you will find forms in the box outside Kitty's door. Several of us are planning to attend but space is limited so make your reservation before February 21. Fee is \$25.00 and includes welcome beverages, pastries and a delicious lunch.

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Colossians 4:5-6 All glory to God as we celebrate 100 years of Redeemer history and the women who served before us!



For more
information and
to register,
scan QR code



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 are available around the building.***

MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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.**

Sign-up to help on the church website under the "Ways to Serve" box or on the Town Square bulletin board. If you have questions or need more information, please contact **Laura Vowell**.

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 in the Town Square!
LOTS of spots available!!

FAMILY OF GOD

RYG cooks and serves at Family of God Soup Kitchen the 2nd Monday of every month - join us in helping others!

February 10th

March 10th

***Meet in the kitchen at 5:00pm and bring money for dinner!**

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HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP - MARCH 23-29, 2025

Save-the-date for our upcoming Orientation Meeting for mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
4:00-7:00pm - GREAT ROOM

REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS!
ADDITIONAL MEETING DATE IS FEBRUARY 23



scan QR code to donate



CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF

Any donations made to help those impacted by the California fires will be matched by Redeemer up to \$3,000 and donated to Samaritan's Purse who mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of disasters. Please make checks payable to **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer** and put "California Fires" in the memo line, or pay online with the QR code. **NOTE: QR code will not be enabled until next week (mid-week)!**



Enrichment Series
Sunday, March 2, 11:45-12:45
in the Great Room

Do you have an elderly parent or friend who seems to be struggling with the reality of day-to-day living? Are you a current or potential caregiver looking for Eldercare resources, answers to caregiving questions, or are unsure of the signals and symptoms that may prompt concern and additional care? Then, please join us for our next Faithful Friends Enrichment Program.

Based on requests, Redeemer member and Eldercare Counselor and Gerontologist, Diane Johns, also an experienced caregiver, will again lead a discussion of recognizing the obvious, but also the "silent" signs and behaviors of the elderly that warrant attention, observation and care, as well as review available resources.

Please let any of the team know if there is a topic you are interested in learning more about for future programs.

Gary Priskorn, Marilyn Staargaard, Diane Johns, Pam Tyndall, Tracey Fish and Cheryl Carr

MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTED DURING COFFEE HOUR

During February, we will be highlighting the missions Redeemer has supported over the past century. Please take time to look at our historical display in the Town Square and visit the information tables of our current missions during coffee hours in February. Below is the schedule for Special Coffee Hours:

Grace Centers of Hope on February 2

CareNet on February 9th

Camp Restore + Family of God on February 16

Izosh on February 24th

PRIME TIMERS

PRIME TIMERS EVENT
SAVE THE DATE

WHY'S IT CALLED THAT?

February 16, 2025 from 2-5pm

Bailey Sisoy Moore,

Owner of Detroit Historical Tours

More Details Coming soon!

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. **Sign-ups will start in February - please contact Nicole Olds with any questions!**

Redeemer's Vacation Bible School 2025

VBS will take place **June 16-20!** All children in Preschool through 5th Grade are welcome to attend - teens, teachers, and parent volunteers will be needed to make the week fun for all! Contact **Nicole Olds** if you are interested in helping out this summer!

RYG-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

RYG Bible Study: January 26, February 2, 16, 23
7:00-9:00pm - Meet in the Youth Room

Core Group: January 29, February 5, 12, 26

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DROP OFF YOUR RUMMAGE ITEMS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 | 9AM-1PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 6 | 9AM-6PM

SHOP THE SALE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 | 6-8 PM (\$5 CASH ENTRY)
SATURDAY, MARCH 8 | 9AM-3PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 9 | 12-2PM
(50% OFF OR FILL A BAG FOR \$5)

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT SACRED SPACE AND
THE HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TEAM!**

WINTER RETREAT
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7-9, 2025

RYG USHERING
FEBRUARY 23, 2025

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

BIBLE STUDY:

First Thursday of Every Month

CHURCH LUNCHES:

Once a Month after Church

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

TEXT MICHAEL BANERIAN TO LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!
(248) 925-7125

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

On January 28th, Women's Book Group will review **Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon.

Chilly February brings our Women's Book Group an exciting book to read and review! ***Saving My Assassin: A Memoir*** (The True Story of a Christian Attorney's Battle for Religious Liberty in Romania) by Virginia Prodan. This memoir is written in a fast, matter-of-fact style that strives to show the love of Christ to the very people who persecuted her and how that attitude, coupled with the amazing power of God, paid off in astounding ways. The author did not have a plan for confrontation but rather let God's plan unfold in front of her and He gave her just what she needed when she needed it. The author takes us to her home country and gives us a personal view into what communism looked like in Romania and what Christianity looked like in response. Virginia Prodan is an international human rights attorney, an Allied Attorney with the Alliance Defending Freedom, and a sought-after speaker who because of her work and writings was exiled from Romania 1988, Come share, or come listen.....you are invited and welcome. **Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30** by the fire in the Town Square.



SOUP'S ON!

Cooking with Donna! Find your way to Redeemer's Great Room on Tuesday, February 11 for a round of instruction and soup tasting with our own Donna Hollis. Donna's plan includes two soups for your tasting pleasure, a gourmet salad and a few surprises as only Donna can promise. We begin promptly at 6:00 and will have some snacks to pacify your appetite while you wait for your soup. Finger dessert will follow. Please join us! A free will donation will be accepted at the door.

Woman of the Year Luncheon

Tickets for the Woman of the Year Luncheon can be purchased by going to *The Council of Lutheran Women's* website and finding the event code for Eventbrite. Then, go to the Eventbrite website and make your reservation for **Tuesday, March 25 at 11:00am** at Crystal Gardens, located at 16703 Fort Street, Southgate, Mi.



The Eventbrite link for the luncheon will be found on the Council's webpage. We have a table for 10 so get your ticket early to celebrate Erin Mortenson and her contributions to Redeemer and the community.



100TH ANNIVERSARY

FAMILY CAMPING FOND MEMORIES

BY JENNIFER DOBRING

Family Camping,
Always an adventure!
Ministering to our kids
In the company of other families
Learning about Jesus through devotions
Yogi Bear movies

Canoeing, kayaking,
Activities, games and slushy runs.
Many s'mores by the campfire!
Pitching tents and campers too
Incredible lasting memories
Nurtured friendships
Great Christian family fun!



Written for Family Life Ministry for the 100th Anniversary

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!*

NOAH

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BUS TOUR – AUGUST 12 – 15, 2025

Redeemer is hosting a 100th Anniversary Celebration Bus Tour to picturesque Lancaster, PA.

There we will tour the Dutch countryside and experience the Amish lifestyle, along with a visit to the SIGHT & SOUND MILLENNIUM THEATRE where we will experience one of the Bible's most incredible stories live on stage! The story of "NOAH" will come alive with spectacular and captivating music, special effects and I guarantee, one of God's most creative and unique "passenger manifests" imaginable! Families, young & "young at heart" are welcome. Details posted on the Town Square bulletin board with sign-up sheet & on posters around Redeemer. LAMP will have more detailed information. ***If interested, an informational gathering will be held on Sunday, February 2nd in the Great Room during coffee hour.*** This tour has limited capacity (52), early registration and deposit are encouraged. Questions? Contact Leslie Whitfield at 248-330-8685

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 Family Life Ministry.

Save The Date

Sunday, June 1st is our 100th Anniversary celebratory church service and congregational luncheon. We are honored to have Pastor Mark Wuggazer leading worship that morning and Kitty Sweitzer, along with her dedicated committee, organizing our fellowship meal.

OUR BUDGET WAS WHAT?!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that in 1940, Redeemer's annual budget was \$3,356.72?! It's amazing how much things have changed over the past 85 years!

We got a kick while reading the Annual Financial Report - hope you find it interesting, too!

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ... 1940			
RECEIPTS.			
Balance Dec. 31, 1939	346.08		
Regular envelopes	1712.99		
Plate Offerings	397.82		
Synod	198.09		
Subsidy	440.00		
Painting and repairs	225.32		
Special donations	141.00		
Centennial Offering	31.85		
Initial Offering	5.40		
Thanksgiving Offering	37.01		
Bank Dividend	5.25		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3618.81	3618.81	
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Pastor's salary	1428.00		
Car allowance	60.00		
Debt payment:			
Interest: 206.07			
Principal: 813.93			
TOTAL	1120.00		
Decorating parsonage	160.00		
Sewer repair	61.00		
Altar wine	6.00		
Water (church & parsonage)	34.25		
Offering Envelopes	9.58		
Financial record books	10.18		
Newspaper advertising	4.90		
Centennial offering	31.85		
Fuel oil	37.23		
Postage and printing	22.60		
Light	17.82		
Repairs at parsonage	25.13		
Mimeograph roller	2.88		
Choir music and collars	7.64		
Corp. & Sec. Commission	2.00		
Drain taxes	3.26		
Fire insurance	25.00		
Easter & Christmas folders	15.00		
Devotional booklets	21.17		
Convention & substitute	11.00		
Janitor	50.00		
Synod	188.09		
Cleaning supplies	2.14		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3356.72	3356.72	
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1940	182.09		
Church Debt	7077.66		
Building Fund	363.79		

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah - Romans
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
All-year after 9:00am Worship Service - Scheidt Room

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.

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

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Community Bible Study is back for the winter. 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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study: ***Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*** with Louie Giglio. Have you ever regretted not coming to a bible study and then thought you couldn't possibly attend because two or three sessions had gone by and you would be too far behind to catch up? Well this is not one of those studies. If you have not started this study and want to be part of a heart warming, soul strengthening adventure then come in on our second half! We loved the first lesson, gaining understanding of God's loving plan for us and want to share it with you. Tuesdays, February 4, 11 and 25. No study on the 18th. Can't make it? There will be a new study in March.....join us! Great Room, Tuesday nights at 6:30.

POSITIVE PARENTING

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 with one another. Positive Parenting meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45am in the Great Room. Nursery care is provided and is available on a drop-in basis for any younger children.

Each session stands alone, there is no need to purchase books, or read ahead of attending.

1/29: Cooking for Family of God, meet in the Redeemer kitchen

2/5: God's Design for Marriage

2/12: Valentine's Party

2/19: No Class (midwinter break)

2/26: Cooking for Family of God, meet in the Redeemer kitchen

3/5: Careers--The Power Pause



COUNSELING

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

Sandy Pourcho, Ph.D.
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**PATHWAYS REDEEMER'S GRIEF
AND LOSS RECOVERY GROUP**
**FEBRUARY 5, 1:00PM IN THE
TOWN SQUARE**



PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those with health concerns:

- Dorothy and Max
- Mark Leonetti - having thumb surgery on Tuesday, January 28th
- Midori, friend of Justin Sweitzer
- Andrea Swoyer
- Dale, Friend of the Eley's
- Amy Wargelin
- Hanna, Friend of the Johnson's
- Marilyn Staargaard
- Pastor Ron Farah
- Mike Gillette, friend of the Lagoe family
- Bill & Suzy Oberman, Christine Atesian & Andrea Calvaeso's family
- Tim Frost
- Myrna Orava
- Ron Ging
- Elaine Schultz, mother of Pam Tyndall
- Pat Nehls
- Rick & Carol Warnicke,
- George Bailey

For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia
- Doug Wuggazer

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.
- For all those suffering from the wildfires in California

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

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

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 and we will add you to our email list.



WESTMAPLE NURSERY SCHOOL NEEDS WRAPPING PAPER TUBES

Please donate wrapping paper tubes to repurpose for Westmaple projects. Donations will be accepted through **January**. A collection box outside the gym doors will be available to drop off your tubes.

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

January 26

Exodus 2:11-3:22
Matthew 17:10-27
Psalm 22:1-18
Proverbs 5:7-14

January 27

Exodus 4:1-5:21
Matthew 18:1-20
Psalm 22:19-31
Proverbs 5:15-21

January 28

Exodus 5:22-7:25
Matthew 18:21-19:12
Psalm 23:1-6
Proverbs 5:22-23

January 29

Exodus 8:1-9:35
Matthew 19:13-30
Psalm 24:1-10
Proverbs 6:1-5

January 30

Exodus 10:1-12:13
Matthew 20:1-28
Psalm 25:1-15
Proverbs 6:6-11

January 31

Exodus 12:14-13:16
Matthew 20:29-21:22
Psalm 25:16-22
Proverbs 6:12-15

February 1

Exodus 13:17-15:18
Matthew 21:23-46
Psalm 26:1-12
Proverbs 6:16-19

