

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

# THE LAMP

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

FEBRUARY

2026

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## FROM THE PASTOR

This Lent we are basing our Lenten series on Emma Robinson's book "Stories of Bible Victories" from 1907. These are accounts from the Old Testament, looking at the people God used to bring about His Kingdom.

"The history of God's chosen people is verily written in war stories, and the great steps in their national progress are read in the word Victory. But, as in almost every case, the real victories are not the ones achieved on the battle-field, but those won in the hearts and lives of leader and people; so in these stories, the aim has been to so portray the picture that the moral victory shall leave its impress on the life, and the battle-field be simply the medium for the implanting of the great truth."

- Emma A. Robinson 1907

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We will find in these stories application for us as well as we try to live out our faith in a world that can be so difficult to live in. May we all take extra time during the season of Lent to grow closer to our Lord and Savior.



Pastor Randy



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nurture people in their Christian faith,  
and equip people to bring the love of Jesus to others.*

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays - 8:00am (Chapel), 9:00, \*10:30am (Sanctuary)

Mondays - 7:00pm (Chapel)

*\*Livestreamed Service*

### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

1st & 3rd Sundays - 9:00am and 10:30am

2nd, 4th & 5th Sun./Mon. - Sun. 8:00am; Mon. 7:00pm

### DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Attendance Average	2025	2024
In person Worship	506	365
Online Worship	62	48
Bible Class	126	126
Sunday School	26	28
<b>Monthly Attendance Totals</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Communion	906	1037
Visitors	51	37
<b>Month: December</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Income and Expenses</b>		
Income received	\$272,978	\$268,443
Budget requirements	\$255,003	\$258,911
General fund expenses	\$185,358	\$188,427
YTD Fiscal-year income	\$817,998	\$833,470
YTD Fiscal-year expenses	\$753,409	\$747,558

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of love, the perfect, unending love that flows from You, the source of all goodness. As February brings days of focus on affection, remind us that Your agape love is the truest and most vital.

Strengthen our hearts to love You with all our being, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, as Jesus taught. Help us to be vessels of Your grace, extending kindness and compassion to everyone we meet, especially the lonely, hurting, or lost. May Your love fill us so deeply that it flows out of us, building us up in faith and hope. When we fall short, as we often do, step in with Your power and mercy. May our lives be a testament to Your perfect love, shining brightly in the world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

### PASTORAL ACTS

#### FUNERALS

12/27/25 - Amy Venae Silva

#### WEDDINGS

12/31/25 - Erica Elizabeth Dutton and  
Matthew Anthony Bitonti

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Donations made to the Memorial Fund in  
memory of Bob Smith

Donation made to the Sacred Space fund in  
honor of Rick Scheidt

A memorial is a gift given in memory of someone who has gone to be with their Lord. If you would like to donate to a specific ministry in memory of someone who has passed, you can use a memorial card located in the church office or specify on your check the ministry and the person whom you are memorializing.

If you would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one, please contact **Pastor Randy**.

Luther's Small Catechism is a magnificent tool. Joined with a well-used copy of the Holy Scriptures and an orthodox hymnal, and the Christian is well equipped to live a life of faithfulness to the Lord and service to the neighbor. First in German and now in English and just about any language known to man, this handy masterpiece has introduced generations of people to the central doctrine of justification by grace, through faith, on account of Jesus Christ. The Six Chief Parts have proven to be a faithful framework for a clear confession of the truth of the Gospel for nearly five hundred years!

But more than a textbook, the Small Catechism also serves well as a handbook for Christian living. As a part of its treasure, there is an element that teaches an extraordinarily strong message of stewardship. That hidden treasure that needs to be rediscovered is called the Table of Duties.

The Table of Duties is really nothing more than a categorized gathering of Bible verses. These verses are set apart for "various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities." Addressing pastors and people, government and citizens, husbands, wives, children, youth, workers and so many more, it very clearly lays out what faithful stewardship looks like. Even better, these assembled passages teach one important truth: we are stewards of one another!

The Table is much more than a "how-to" tool; it also lays out the interconnectedness that exists within the body of Christ. Pastors are described by what they are to be as stewards of the Word. 1 Timothy 3 highlights the characteristics of a faithful pastor. Even more, Titus 1 highlights the need for the pastor to be faithful for the sake of those under his care.

Those who hear the faithful preaching of the pastor are stewards of the pastor as well. 1 Corinthians 9 talks about the need for the people to support the livelihood of the pastor. Galatians 6 talks about how the hearers share in the good things that the pastor teaches. 1 Timothy 6 talks about the honor that is owed to the pastor, not because of WHO he is, but rather WHAT he is teaching! Hebrews 13 shows the impact of this stewardship on the pastor, that they perform their duties with joy. Joyful pastors and people are always going to be better stewards of the Gospel!

Outside the church this interdependent stewardship is on display as well. Romans 13 highlights the respect necessary for the governing authorities. As citizens, the faithful steward is called to pay taxes (Matthew 22), pray for their leaders (1 Timothy 2) and that they should be ready to serve in the civil realm (Titus 3), because they are in these positions by God's direction (1 Peter 2).

These steward duties are in the home too! 1 Peter 3 and Colossians 3 shape the husband steward. Ephesians 5 and 1 Peter 3 shape the wife steward. Ephesians 6 form parental stewards and child stewards.

The Table of Duties is a wonderful place for the individual steward to learn how much our stewardship is more than just a "me and Jesus thing!" In fact, it ends with these words: "Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well share fare." This is interdependent stewardship on clear display. As each learns stewardship in this way, the more faithful we will be as a family, congregations, communities and the church at large.

- LCMS Stewardship Monthly



Go to [www.redeembermirmingham.org](http://www.redeembermirmingham.org)  
and click the "GIVE" box  
or scan this QR Code to be taken to the  
giving page!

You can give once, or setup a  
reoccurring gift. See Shelby instructions  
on our website under the Giving tab.



# THE SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER

It's about that time...  
**ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!**  
**Easter Sunday - April 5th, 2026**

Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas, and Boston Ferns!



These gorgeous flowers will add beauty to our Easter Sunday services. The flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. You may either take them home following our 10:30am service or 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. The order form can also be found around the building, or in the church office. Please fill it out and turn it into the church office along with your payment/check no later than Monday, March 23rd.

**\*\*No orders are 100% guaranteed. Orders are based on Greenhouse availability.**

**The sooner you can order, the better chance to get your 1<sup>st</sup> choice.\*\***

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!

Any questions? Email Rose Kiehle at [rkiehle@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:rkiehle@redeemberirmingham.org)  
or call the church office (248) 644-4010.  
Thank you for your help and support!

## Stories of Bible Victories

Lent 2026

*Written in 1907 by Emma Robinson, these are accounts from the Old Testament looking at the people God used to bring about His Kingdom.*

### Lent Wednesdays:

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
Each Lent service is preceded by a meal:  
Lunch 12:00pm; Dinner 6:00pm  
(Confirmants 5:30pm)

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1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
Holy Communion at Both Services

April 3 - Good Friday - *The Triumph of Suffering*

1:00pm and 7:00pm - Sanctuary

April 4 - Easter Eve 5:00pm - Sanctuary

April 5 - Easter Sunday Services -  
*The Triumphal Procession*

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

## LENT AND EASTER MUSIC!

### Hallelujah Chorus on Easter!

If you plan to attend worship at the 9:00am or 10:30am services on Easter Sunday, April 5th, 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**.

### 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 February 25 thru March 25th. Please contact **Steve SeGraves** if you'd like to offer your musical ability for one of these services.



## PREPARING FOR LENT AND LENTEN MEALS!

**Lent begins on Wednesday,  
February 18th and we need YOUR help!**

Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, Redeemer will begin our observation of Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection.

Grab your family or a few friends and prepare and serve a meal for Lenten services! Help is needed with both lunch and dinner throughout Lent. Lunch is served at 12:00pm (noon) - preparation is needed for 20-30 people. Dinner is served at 5:30pm - preparation is needed for 125 people.

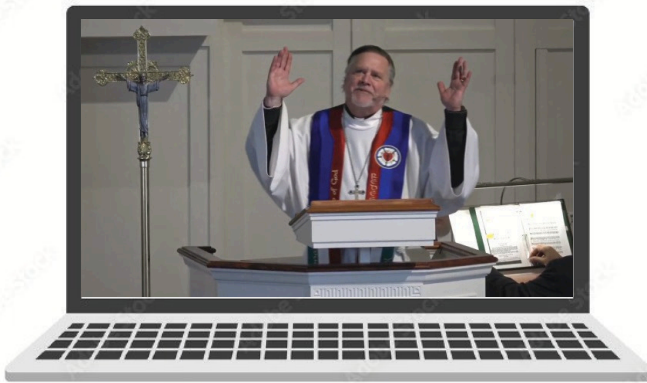
Sign-up on the Town Square bulletin board

- online sign-up on the Lent page

Contact Kim Davis with questions

or for more information. 248-613-4200

# PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP



## How do I watch Sunday Services LIVE online?

- Go to the church website.  
[www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org)
- Click the first *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
- Click on the video that has the **LIVE** indicator. *The indicator will appear when the service has starts.*



**WHEN VIEWING ON SMARTPHONE OR TABLET:** Right below the church description, select the word **VIDEO** to watch the current live video and **ABOUT** to learn more about Redeemer. You can watch **PAST VIDEOS** under the Showcase option.

## How do I watch past services or other videos on demand?

- Go to the church website.  
[www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org)
- Click the second *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
- This will take you to "Redeemer's Showcase" page where you can view all of Redeemer's past videos. Choose the category you'd like and select the video.



*Please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office if you encounter any difficulties viewing videos.*

**KINDLY NOTE:** If you are struggling to hear the audio on Vimeo, simply click on the closed-caption option to read the dialogue. The closed caption button is labeled CC (in a box) located at the bottom right of the screen.

## COMMUNION



If you are unable to receive communion at the Chancel, and 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.

## 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!



*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.*



## SECURITY CALLS

All exterior doors of Redeemer will be locked during business hours (Monday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm with the exception of school pickup and drop-off times). If you will be visiting the church during the week, you will be buzzed in by the Church office staff. Please use the intercom button in the Town Square Narthex or the Chapel side door (door on the east side of the building); Westmaple doors can be used for preschool families during school hours (9:00am-3:00pm). Doors will mainly be locked during evening activities, as well, but may vary based on the event or ministry. For more information on our new security protocol, please contact the Church Office.

## PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP



### VOLUNTEER AT REDEEMER



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

### FAMILY USHERING\*

Your family can help out the congregation by ushering on a Sunday morning! You will distribute bulletins and assist with passing the offering plates during the service. There will also be an usher from the church available during the service to support you along the way. You can sign-up under "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website or contact **Laura Vowell** for more information.

### ACOLYTING & CROSS BEARING\*

The Redeemer Acolyte & Cross Bearing Program is open to anyone who wishes to serve and is also a requirement for students in the Confirmation program. Crissy Bienkowski is our coordinator! You can sign up under "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website. Please contact **Crissy Bienkowski** with questions or for more information ([crissybienkowski@gmail.com](mailto:crissybienkowski@gmail.com)).

### BE A GREETER\*

If you can offer a friendly "good morning," a handshake, and a welcoming smile, and have an extra 15-minutes on a Sunday morning, you can play an essential role in outreach – GREETING! Redeemer is in need of volunteers to welcome attendees at the Town Square and Narthex doors before the 9:00am and 10:30am services. Bring along a friend, your family, and your kids for this wonderful opportunity to serve your community! You can sign-up for this rewarding experience under "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website or contact **Andrea Schlak** for more information.

### BE A READER\*

Would you be interested in reading the Old Testament and Epistle Scripture passages during worship? Readers of all ages, from 5 to 95, are welcome to participate in ALL worship services! You can sign up under "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website or reach out to the **Church Office** for more information.

### ALTAR FLOWERS\*

Tiffany Florist provides beautiful flowers to the church each week for worship, sponsored by our congregation members. Altar flowers include two vases of flowers and Lectern flowers include one planter of flowers. Sanctuary flowers are yours to take home following the 10:30 service on Sunday. Chapel flowers may be taken home after the Monday night worship service. Your cost to sponsor flowers are the following:

- Sanctuary Altar: \$75
- Chapel Altar: \$55
- Sanctuary or Chapel 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.

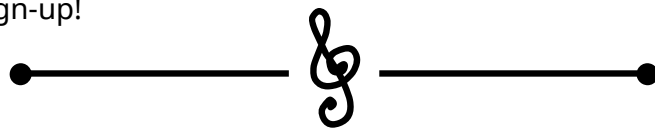
You can complete the dedication form and make payment directly online or you can email your dedication to the **Church Office**, drop off your check at the Church Office, or leave payment in the Sunday morning offering plate **clearly marked "Altar Flowers."**

**NOTE: Please remember to leave the flower liners and/or ceramic pot for the following week when collecting your flowers! There are disposable floral bags in the Sacristy you can use to place your flowers in.**



### HOST A COFFEE HOUR\*

We are looking for volunteers to host special "In Memoriam" coffee hours on Sunday mornings throughout our Anniversary year! We will provide simple instructions to help you set it up, and this is a fantastic opportunity to serve your congregation! Please contact **Andrea Schlak** with questions or to sign-up!



### MYSTERY PRELUDE

Have a song request? Sign-up to have our organist, Rick Helderop, perform your requested song during the Prelude at all Sunday services (8:00 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am)! To sign up, visit the church website homepage or scan the QR code below to go directly to the Request Form. The fee is \$10, and all proceeds contribute to our Mission Fund! Thank you for participating!

Scan to Request a Mystery Prelude:



# BIBLE STUDIES

## SUNDAY Bible Studies

### **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY -**

*10am (after 9am worship) - Scheidt Room*

Sunday morning adult Bible study, led by Kyle Chuhran, will be exploring the book of Hebrews. Come to learn from God's Word and from conversations with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS - Laura Vowell**

9am - 10am - Great Room

Next session will be in April.

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Nicole Olds**

During 10:30am Service - Lower-Level Classrooms

### **REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP (RYG - High School) -**

*Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski*

7pm - Youth Room

## TUESDAY Bible Studies

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Led by Pastor Jimmy**

*9:30am - Great Room - \*ZOOM Available*

Studying The Apocrypha/the Inter Testament Books (We will be using "The Apocrypha The Lutheran Edition with Notes Study Guide.")

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Led by Kitty Sweitzer**

*6:30pm - Great Room*

*Unoffendable* with Brent Hansen has proven to be a wonderful surprise! Dealing with a topic like anger would appear to most to be negative and disappointingly predictable with monologues about why we shouldn't express ourselves in a negative manner. Well, surprise! Brent takes this topic and turns it into a Godly search for the peace our Lord offers when we give to Him what He knows we can't handle. This topic turns out to be counter-cultural, counter-intuitive and just plain simple. We welcome you to come even if you have missed a couple of sessions. The dialogue is good, the discussion is insightful and scripture lights our path. Questions? [misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org).

**young  
adults**

**BIBLE STUDY: First Wednesday of Every Month**  
6:30 - 8:00pm

**CHURCH LUNCHESES: Once a Month after Church**

Contact Ryan Teahan for location  
and any questions @ (248) 977-8015

## MONDAY Bible Studies

### **MOMS IN THE WORD - Led by Crissy Bienkowski**

*9:15-10:45 - Library*

A space for moms to grow in faith together. Each week we will open our Bibles, explore the lives of people God used in powerful ways, and encourage one another in faith. We hope you'll join us.

Questions or want more information?  
Contact Crissy Bienkowski 989-450-3946  
[crissybienkowski@gmail.com](mailto:crissybienkowski@gmail.com)

## WEDNESDAY Bible Studies

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Led by Gary Priskorn**

*Year-round, 6:45-7:30am - Great Room \*ZOOM Available*

*The Study of Genesis* Guys of all ages are encouraged to join us on Wednesday mornings as we study the book of Genesis. In addition to our study and great fellowship among the guys, we enjoy some delicious goodies, juice and coffee. For Zoom Log-in details or for further information, contact Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010 ext.123).

### **POSITIVE PARENTING - Led by Victoria Ilitch**

*Weds, 9:15-10:45am - 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 with one another. We meet 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.

Please reach out to Victoria Ilitch  
([victoria.ilitch@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.ilitch@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Laura Vowell**

*6-8pm - various rooms*

### **RYG (HIGH SCHOOL) - Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski**

*6:00-8:00pm (Youth Room)*

## THURSDAY Bible Studies

### **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY - Led by Andrea Schlak**

*Thursdays, 9:30-11am - Great Room*

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - *Postcards from the Bible - Philemon*

A study of the entire book

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - *The Week that Changed the World* - a video presentation on Holy week with discussion to follow.

For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the **Church Office** for further assistance.

## 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.**



## MISSIONS

### Family of God

Serve one another, humbly in love. - Gal 5:13

**Can you shop? Cook? Deliver meals? or simply like to donate money?  
We need you!**

Family of God is a non-profit Lutheran ministry committed to bringing the transformative power of the gospel to the lives of those living in Southwest, Detroit by offering programs that support them in physical, spiritual, and emotional capacities. Redeemer partners with Family of God providing meals 2 times a month.

**There are many ways that you can help!**

**Shop?** Volunteers are needed to shop for ingredients and bring them to the church.

**Cook?** Prep a fresh or frozen meal in the church kitchen, your recipes or pre-planned.

**Deliver and Serve?** 3 hours to feed a hungry soul and have a life changing experience.

**Donate?** \$300 covers one meal but every dollar helps.  
Sponsorships are \$100.

Check out the missions page of the Redeemer website for more information and to get involved.

## RYG AND FAMILY OF GOD

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

***\*Meet in the kitchen at 5:00pm and bring money for dinner! We'll carpool to FOG then get dinner together!***

February 9  
March 9

April 13  
May 11



## FEBRUARY

**February 1**  
Youth Mission Trip  
Orientation Meeting

**February 5**  
Chicks with Sticks

**February 6-8**  
RYG Camp Skyline  
Winter Retreat

**February 7-8**  
Family  
Frankenmuth Fun

**February 11**  
Leadership Team  
Meeting

**February 12**  
Birmingham Musicales  
Concert

**February 14**  
Valentine's Day

**February 18**  
Ash Wednesday

**February 19**  
Chicks with Sticks

**February 24**  
Women's Book Group

**February 27**  
JAMS Game night

**February 28**  
Rummage Sale  
Intake Day

*Please visit the church  
website  
for a full list of events:  
[www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org)*



# Rummage Sale!



*Please consider supporting the Rummage Sale in one (or more!) of the following ways:*

**\*DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SALE:** We will be accepting clothing & accessories, electronics, housewares, pictures, décor, books, toys, working small appliances, sporting goods, furniture, and much more! Donations are tax deductible, and receipts will be available during intake upon request.

*You can drop off donations in the Gym at the following days/times:*

*Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> ----- 9am—1pm*

*Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> ----- 9am—7pm*

*We cannot accept non-flat screen televisions/computer monitors, mattresses/box springs, large household appliances, textbooks, large musical instruments, weapons, large games or play sets, hazardous materials, fax machines/old printers, medical supplies, outdated skis, large exercise equipment, cribs, car seats, large wall units/entertainment centers, or large/industrial metal desks.*

*We will be picking up large furniture items from homes on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any large furniture items that you would like to donate, but are unable to bring in yourself, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org, 248.644.4010 x121) by Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to be added to the pick-up schedule (exclusions may apply).*

*Please keep in mind that all donations should be in sell-able condition. When donating clothing, please help us by labeling the bags (i.e. women's, children's, etc.).*

**\*HELP WITH SET-UP:** Please consider stopping by to help on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (9am – 8pm)** and/or **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (9am – 4pm)**. Michele Margosian will be available to guide you to an area of need!

**\*SHOP AT THE SALE:** We have three great opportunities for you to shop at the Rummage Sale!

**EARLY BIRD SALE: Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 8pm** Get the first pick!

*Donation of \$5/adult will be received.*

**GENERAL SALE: Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm** Come find some hidden treasures!

**BAG SALE: Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 12pm - 2pm** \$5/bag of clothing and accessories  
+ HALF OFF all other items!

**\*HELP WITH CLEAN UP:** Join us for “POWER HOUR” (**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm – 3:30pm**) to help bag and box unsold items for pick up by Goodwill Industries of Detroit and clean up the rooms used for the sale! It's only ONE HOUR of your time!

**\*SPREAD THE WORD:** Please encourage family and friends to donate items and shop at the sale to help support our missions!

For any general questions or concerns, please contact Michele Margosian.  
(248.515.1282 – cell, 248.855.3694 – home, mmargosian@sbcglobal.net)



**Bags & Hangers for the Rummage Sale!**  
Save your bags (paper/plastic grocery bags, big shopping bags, etc.) and hangers! We need them for the Rummage Sale! If you have any that you'd like to donate, please put them outside Laura Vowell's office.



## LIBRARY LIGHTS

Happy February!

Welcome to the season of love, the beginning of Lent and the continuation of winter. No matter which event you are interested in celebrating, our library has many options for you.

Last month Sunday School started its Bible Buddy reading program. Children received a Bible reading plan and had the opportunity to adopt a Bible Buddy they can read to. If your child is looking for a new bible to read, the youth section has many options. One particular favorite is *The Action Bible*. *The Action Bible* is the complete bible in graphic novel (comic book) form. Illustrated by Sergio Cariello, best known for his work with Marvel and DC Comics, this bible contains all of the books of the bible in traditional order in a riveting and engaging comic book form.

Preschool aged children also have many Bible options available in our library. All third graders at Redeemer receive their own copy of *The Adventure Bible* to carry them through their remaining years in the Sunday School program as well as Confirmation class. Our library has *The Adventure Bible Storybook* written in the same easy to read format as *The Adventure Bible*, it also includes beautiful illustrations and "Adventure Discovery" and "Words to Treasure" sections that give background to each story and age appropriate memory verses.

For adults who are looking to delve deeper into the Bible with their kids, the bible study *The Path to the Cross Discovery Guide: Embracing Obedience and Sacrifice* is a great choice. This 11 volume series, led by Ray Vander Laan, includes a video and guided study book. Participants are taken on a tour through the land of the Bible and challenged to live as John the Baptist and other followers of God did—by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

As we approach the season of Lent consider deepening your relationship with Christ through his words. Our library has many bible studies, commentaries, books, devotionals and more to help you on your journey.

Happy Reading!



Churches rely on so many volunteers to make everything happen, and Tracey is truly one of our amazing behind-the-scenes heroes. Each week, she comes into the sanctuary to lovingly care for the space—cleaning the pews, sharpening pencils, and preparing the space for upcoming services.

Tracey stepped into this role about four years ago. As a member of the altar guild, she noticed that having one consistent person made all the difference in making sure everything was ready, and she willingly answered that call. Her connection to the altar guild runs deep. Watching her parents serve in that role when she was a child left a lasting impression, and serving there now reminds her of them.

There's also a special gift that comes with her work: quiet, sacred time with God each week in His house—the rare privilege of an empty sanctuary.

Thank you, Tracey, for your faithful service. We are grateful for you.



### Library Check Out Procedure

Fill out the name/date card from the pocket in the back of the item you wish to check out. Please include your first and last name and the date the item is due.

Place the check out card in the basket on the circulation desk.

Books - 2 weeks, Media (DVDs) - 1 week,  
Bible Studies up to 8 week

The card catalog can be accessed on-line at  
<https://luthernchurch.library.site/> (yes, it is spelled wrong)  
Questions? - [library@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:library@redeemberirmingham.org)

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### CHICKS WITH STICKS

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

Come join in with the fun! We are a really nice group of women and have enthusiasm to share on several projects as we currently support the communities surrounding us. There is always someone who would love to teach you the basics resulting in the first scarf you ever made which will be wrapped snugly around the neck of someone who needs to know there are people out there who care. We care! Join us!



**SAVE THE DATE**

### Seder Feast

with Rabbi Glenn Harris, Pastor Randy and Pastor Jimmy,

**Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00.** If you have never heard Rabbi Glenn share his faith as a Messianic Jew you will be overwhelmed with Old Testament knowledge and the "hidden" meanings of Passover for Christians. We share the Seder Meal and dialogue with Rabbi and Pastors. It is a real educational experience and we would love to share it with you. Registration is necessary. Free will donations joyfully accepted. Sign up on the Town Square bulletin board.

## PATHWAYS GRIEF GROUP

This month's meeting will be **February 17 at 1:00pm** in the Town Square. Come join us to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Dr. Sandy Pourcho (248-568-6040), Redeemer's Resident Counselor.

## YOUTH

### RYG HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### BELIZE 2026

The high school mission team is going to Belize March 28-April 3, 2026! Please pray for our preparations and stay tuned for ways you can help!

### RYG Calendar

- 2/1: Belize Mission Trip Student/Parent Orientation Meeting, 4pm in the Great Room
- 2/6-8: Winter Retreat at Camp Skyline
- 2/8: No youth group
- 2/9: Family of God, 5pm in the church kitchen
- 2/15: No youth group
- 2/22: Youth Group, 7-9pm
- 2/28: Rummage Sale Intake, 9am-3pm
- Core Group Wednesdays 6-8pm: 2/4, 2/11
- Starting Ash Wednesday, we will eat dinner with the congregation and attend Lenten services!

### JAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Save the Date!**

**JAMS POWER HOUR + Game Night**  
**Sunday 3/8 from 2:30pm - 6pm**



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ALWAYS CHECK  
INSTAGRAM  
FOR ANY SCHEDULE  
CHANGES

**Grab a friend! Come see what Redeemer Youth Group is all about!**

# A Wealth of Resources For Seniors

After the gleam and nostalgia of Christmas wears off, many senior adults may look upon the new year with twinges of apprehension, loneliness and even isolation. Family members go back to work and visits are less frequent, especially for those living alone or in assisted living facilities. Besides the emotional and mental health impact, isolation elicits many harmful medical issues such as: poor nutrition, heart disease, high blood pressure, weakened immune systems, cognitive decline, dementia and even death.

But aid and support are just a few miles away in our local communities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Troy, Berkley, Royal Oak, West Bloomfield, Novi, Rochester, Auburn Hills, and Clawson. These agencies offer bountiful types of assistance: social and enrichment activities, fitness classes, pool exercises, music and entertainment events, excursions, lunch programs, Meals on Wheels, and transportation services. Local communities offering Senior Service programs are listed below for more information and/or websites.

If you know of any senior adult in the congregation who could benefit from a friendly connection -- cards, phone calls, visits, please contact any member of the Faithful Friends Ministry: Gary Priskorn, Marilyn Staargaard, Diane Johns, Pam Tyndall, Tracey Fish, Cheryl Carr. There is always a need and if you find it in your heart to be a Faithful Friend, we would eagerly welcome your participation! Watch for our next Faithful Friends article on the topic of "Prayer". A new Prayer Ministry will be starting very soon. Details to come!

## LOCAL SENIOR SERVICE CENTERS:

- \*Bloomfield Township Senior Services Department – 248-723-3500
  - \*Birmingham Next – 248-203-5270
  - \*Berkley Senior Center – 248-658-3470
  - \*Clawson Senior Center – 248- 583-6700
- \*Royal Oak/Leo Mahany/Harold Meininger Senior Center – 248-246-3900
  - \*Troy Senior Center – 248-524-3484 – 248-346-3900
  - \*Rochester OPC Activity Center – 248-656-1403
  - \*Auburn Hills Senior Services – 248-370-9353
  - \*West Bloomfield Senior Connect – 248-451-1935
- \*Novi Older Adult Services at Meadowbrook Activities Center – 248-347-0414



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

# Lenten KIDZ

**LentenKidz starts February 18th!!**

Think Sunday School but on Wednesdays. We meet for the 6 weeks of Lent. 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 a Bible lesson and activities.



**Scamper Camp is back for another summer of fun! Exciting news this year we will be taking kids from age 2 until 1st Grade!! Registration will begin February 2nd at 10am. Keep an eye on the website for more information and to register.**

### Scamper Camp Themes

May 26, 27, 28 - Safari  
June 2, 3, 4 - Slumber Party  
June 23, 24, 25 - Stars and Stripes  
4th of July Week - No Scamper Camp  
July 7, 8, 9 - Book Worms  
July 14, 15, 16 - Wild West  
July 21, 22, 23 - Christmas in July  
July 28, 29, 30 - Construction Crew

Scan here  
to register



**VBS is Coming!**  
**June 15-19**



Last summer we magnified our love for God! What will VBS 2026 bring?? Planning starts soon but make sure you mark your calendars now for **June 15-19!!** No matter what the theme it will be a fun week of learning more about our faith and having fun with our friends! Watch your March Lamp for more information on how you can help! We need kids from 3 to 99 to join us. You are never too old to come to VBS.

## FAMILY LIFE



### Frankenmuth Family Fun!

**Friday, February 6th - Saturday, February 7th**

Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to join us for fellowship and fun at Zehnder's Splash Village for an overnight retreat! We'll play and swim in the indoor water park and learn more about God's Word together!

Go to the church website to sign up and book your room (which includes water passes!). We'll provide breakfast and lunch on Saturday, PLUS a Bible Study and other family activities!

Register by January 5th to get a **DISCOUNT** by using our special code!

Questions? Contact Dan Dobring  
([dan.dobring@gmail.com](mailto:dan.dobring@gmail.com)) or Laura Vowell  
([laura@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:laura@redeemberbirmingham.org)).

## COUNSELING CORNER



February is Valentine's Day month and is one that is filled with fond memories of those we love and have loved in the past OR a somewhat difficult month that can trigger a whole slew of negative emotions. I have discovered that redirecting this "Love" holiday with its accompanying emotions, to thoughts of our dear Lord in remembrance of the ways He has shown me His incredible love, has proven to be life changing to me. For me this redirect has made for a much more meaningful way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

This is not to say one should not celebrate Valentine's Day. But, simply a suggestion to enrich this holiday by acknowledging and meditating upon

John 15:13 where Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends, demonstrating the ultimate act of love by sacrificing Himself for humanity." You are my friends if you do what I command."

Jesus did this ultimate act of Love so that we would have eternal life with Him. How can this priceless act of love be topped? Impossible.

Jesus is our REAL valentine.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Dr. Sandy Pourcho

**Dr. Sandy Pourcho is available to address your counseling needs! Call to set-up an appointment soon! 248.568.6040**



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**REDEEMER FAMILY & FRIENDS WILL RETURN TO BEAUTIFUL PENNSYLVANIA THIS**

**JOSHUA**

**SUMMER**

**FROM AUGUST 11 - 14, 2026!**



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

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

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

Details are posted on the Town Square bulletin board with sign-up sheet, and informational posters can be found around Redeemer. Sign-up early to reserve your space on the bus. Itineraries are located at both the Chapel and West Entrances. The bus has limited capacity (45) - early registration and deposit are encouraged!

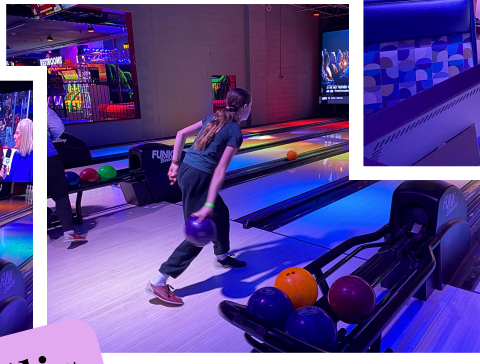
*Questions? Contact Leslie Whitfield (248-330-8685).*

# January happenings at Redeemer

## Young Adult Lunch



## JAMS at Zap Zone



## Knife Skills with Donna Hollis



# WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Welcome and please join us for a lot of conversation on Erin Bartels book - *We Hope for Better Things*

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**



When Detroit Free Press reporter Elizabeth Balsam meets James Rich, his strange request- that she look up a relative she didn't know she had in order to deliver an old camera and a box of photos--seems like it isn't worth her time. But when she loses her job after a botched investigation, she suddenly finds herself with nothing but time. At her great-aunt's 150-year-old farmhouse north of Detroit, Elizabeth uncovers a series of mysterious items, locked doors, and hidden graves. As she searches for answers to the riddles around her, the remarkable stories of two women who lived in this very house emerge as testaments to love, resilience, and courage in the face of war, racism, and misunderstanding. And as Elizabeth soon discovers, the past is never as past as we might like to think. We'll be sitting around the fireplace in the Town Square waiting for you!

## PATRIARCHS

Patriarchs is not a class or formal Bible study.  
It's a space for dads to show up with intention, speak honestly, and listen well.  
Conversation may touch on life, faith, marriage, and kids.  
The night starts with a short piece of scripture,  
then a simple prompt to get the conversation going.  
Come as you are. No sign-up needed.

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAYS  
7:30 PM**

## MARCH

**March 1**

Bible Buddies Bash

**March 3**

Chicks with Sticks

**March 5-6**

Rummage Sale Set-up

**March 6-8**

Rummage Sale

**March 8**

Jams Power Hour

**March 17**

Pathways Meeting

**March 19**

Chicks with Sticks

**March 27**

Palm Cross Workshop

**March 28 - April 3**

RYG Mission Trip

## Q&A



WITH  
**NICOLE  
OLDS**  
DIRECTOR OF  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



If all your clothes could be of only one color, what color would you choose?



My favorite color is purple!



What has God been teaching you recently?



Patience, for sure, and that He will always answer prayers but it will not be on your time but on His.



What's your go-to comfort food after a long week?



I love pizza whether it's a long week or not!



What's one thing you're grateful for right now?



I am grateful for my family, we need to remember to not take them for granted. You never know what will happen tomorrow. I am also grateful for Redeemer which has always been my happy place and now am proud to say I get to work here.

# Welcome New Members!

Redeemer is thrilled to welcome 67 new members to the congregation! They were officially welcomed into membership during the service on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Get to know this great group of people.



## **Paula Behr**

Paula is transferring from Cross of Christ. She started attending Redeemer with her son and daughter-in-law (Johnathan & Maria Behr) and was moved by the sermon messages and our community. Paula works as an engineer for General Motors. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, walking, puzzles, golfing, and time with family.

## **Deborah Bienkowski**

Deborah came to Redeemer with her son and daughter-in-law (Larry & Crissy Bienkowski), so now she worships with them on Sunday mornings, along with her two granddaughters (Hannah & Elle). Deborah is a retired cosmetologist who enjoys golfing, exercising, baking, reading, and crafting.



## **Jay & Lisa Blackburn**

### *Emma*

The Blackburns discovered Redeemer through a simple invitation – Nancy Baldner invited Lisa to a women's event. Lisa was unable to attend the event but had been looking for a new church since moving to the area. Jay and Lisa attended worship one Sunday and have been coming ever since! Lisa is currently volunteering as the President of the Village of Bingham Farms and Jay is a financial advisor. In their free time, they enjoy traveling, hunting, and visiting northern Michigan. Their daughter, Emma, is in the area working as a Corporate Travel Director.



## **Matt Briede**

Matt married one of our members, Kristina (Dobring) Briede, in April 2025. He has been worshipping with us since knowing Kristina and became an official member in November 2025! Matt is an engineer but in his free time he enjoys game nights with friends, kickboxing, traveling, and playing with his dog, Bamboo.

## **Tom Buley & Ann Jones - (not pictured)**

### *Madeline, Jacob, Sophie*

Tom and Ann came to Redeemer because it was highly recommended by their friends, Jeff & Megan Rettray. Tom works in purchasing and Ann works in marketing. When they aren't working, Tom enjoys hunting, fishing, and cars, while Ann likes to read, bake, and cook. They have three children – Sophie is an 11<sup>th</sup> grader living at home, Madeline is a freshman in college, and Jacob is in his first year of law school!

## **Rochelle Butland (not pictured)**

Rochelle is a baptized and confirmed Lutheran. She attends Monday night services with her son, Chris. Rochelle is a retired nurse and enjoys reading in her spare time.

### **Bailey Cougar**

Bailey's introduction to Redeemer started when she was only in preschool! She attended VBS as a child and then became very involved in our ministries as she grew up (Kamp, Youth Group, Scamper Camp, Jamaica Mission Trip). She met her husband, Jeffrey, through her involvement! Bailey works as an attorney but during her free time she enjoys tennis, boating, reading, cooking, and spending time outside.



### **Michelle Gregory**

Michelle came to Redeemer through a friend inviting her to Advent by Candlelight – she LOVED it and has been attending ABC for years! She also fell in love with Redeemer's community, kind people, ministry opportunities, and sermon messages. Michelle is a retired pharmaceutical representative and nurse. She enjoys reading, spending time with friends, international travel, sports, dogs, and football!



### **Dan & Susanne Guendelsberger**

Dan and Susanne were brought to Redeemer by Tom and Brenda Boyce! Dan grew up Catholic and Susanne grew up Lutheran. Dan works as an engineer and Susanne is retired. They enjoy sailing and hiking in their free time!



### **Jeffrey & Meredith Harrison** *Graham*

The Harrisons were looking for a church where they felt comfortable. When they visited Redeemer, they appreciated the beauty of Redeemer's building, as well as the kind nursery staff. They enjoy the worship services and love the welcoming atmosphere. Their son, Graham, attended Mom's Day Out and is currently attending Westmaple. Jeff works as a sales manager and Meredith stays home with Graham, but she is also an experienced elementary school teacher. In their free time, they love to read and spend time outside together as a family, especially riding bikes!



### **Linda Hauschulz**

Linda was looking for a church that was more Bible-based. She found Redeemer and liked our biblical teachings. She also enjoyed being part of our book club! Linda is a retired preschool teacher and now enjoys knitting, yoga and spending time with her family (including her 4 grandchildren!).

### **Dallas & Katelyn Hearit** *Harper*

The Hearits came to Redeemer through the Dobring family! Harper and Henry are in the same day care class. After moving to the area, they were looking for a church to raise their family through Christ and the Dobrings invited them to Redeemer. They now attend worship regularly and participate in almost every Family Life event! Dallas and Katelyn both work for Bloomfield Hills Schools – Dallas as a high school teacher and Katelyn as a speech-language pathologist. In their spare time, they like to watch sports, read, snowboard, camp, and taking family walks.



### **Laura Hessen**

Laura joined Redeemer through her husband, Jacob Hessen. She is a massage therapist and both she and Jacob work in the Air National Guard and work one weekend each month doing their military job in public affairs. In her spare time, Laura enjoys grilling, running, gardening, baking, photography, reading, and painting.



### **Jeff & Gloria Imhoff**

Jeff and Gloria started attending Redeemer with their son and daughter-in-law (Jacob & Emily Imhoff). After a few months of attendance, they knew that God wanted them here! They now worship regularly with their son's family, including their 2 granddaughters (Adeline & Charlotte). Gloria enjoys reading, cooking, and hosting. Jeff likes to garden, tackle home improvement jobs, and Detroit sports, especially the Lions and Tigers! They both love to travel and being grandparents!



### **Tim & Emily Johnson**

*Luke, Vance, Kate, Bobby*

The Johnsons were looking for a new church that aligned with their Biblical values. They came to Redeemer by a referral from friends and never looked back! Since starting to attend Redeemer, the Johnsons have taken the Family of God meal to Detroit several times. They also went shopping for the ingredients for one of the meals and Vance (high schooler) organized a winter gear collection for FOG this past November! Tim is an attorney and Emily stays home with the children, but she has teaching experience too. In their free time, the Johnsons love to spend time together as a family. The kids are all involved in different activities and sports too.



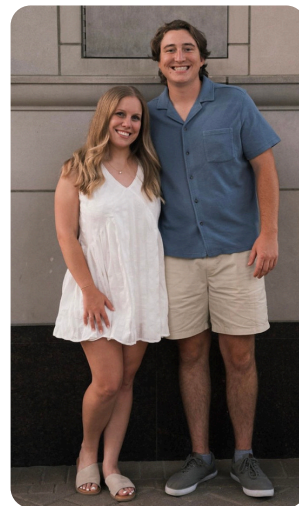
### **Chris Johnston**

Chris came to Redeemer through friendship with Ken & Cherrisse Baetz, Colleen Hartwig, and Walt & Kitty Sweitzer. She is a retired high school teacher and now enjoys volunteering with SAY Detroit programs. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, reading, exercise classes, water aerobics, and walking.



### **Ben Jones & Meghan Savel**

Ben and Meghan are engaged and planning to get married in June 2026! They were exploring new church options and Ben's mother recommended Redeemer. They visited and loved it! Ben works as a System Designer and Meghan works as a Student Success Liaison. When they are not working, they enjoy reading and watching football – Ben also likes to golf!



### **J. Edward & Nadia Keating**

*Elliot, Blair*

The Keatings found Redeemer after Nadia started attending Positive Parenting classes. They were looking to root themselves in a church body with sound leadership close to home. Nadia was also one of the 2025 Advent by Candlelight directors! Nadia is self-employed as a brand strategist but also stays home with Elliot and Blair. In her spare time, she enjoys writing, cooking, and finding new recipes to try. J. Edward likes to bike, ski, hike, and tinker with home projects.



### **Marci Kelkar**

*Kavin, Simren, Anika, Priya, Sachin*

The Kelkars found Redeemer through friends! Marci started attending Positive Parenting classes and her two oldest kids attended JAMS events. They started to attend worship (and the younger children participated in Sunday School). Now, Simren is taking Confirmation classes! They decided to also take the New Member classes and become official members! Marci owns her own business too, NEAT Method.



### **Ben & Dianna Kollsmith**

*Brooklyn*

The Kollsmiths found Redeemer through Moms Day Out – Brooklyn attended and loved the program! They started attending worship and liked the family-friendly atmosphere and the church nursery staff. Ben works as a Managing Director and likes to golf, run, watch sports (especially Detroit sports and college football), and doing house projects in his free time. Dianna stays home with Brooklyn and enjoys working out (especially barre classes) and spending time with other moms/kids.



### **Anthony & Callie Licavoli**

Anthony and Callie were looking for a welcoming, family-oriented, traditional church with an active Children's Ministry and found Redeemer! Anthony works as an accountant and Callie is paralegal.

In their spare time, Anthony and Callie enjoy gardening, baking/cooking, and reading.





### **Chris & Shannon Marcangelo**

We are so glad that Chris and Shannon decided to make Redeemer their church home! Chris is retired and Shannon works in sales. Welcome, Marcangelos!

### **Ryan & Erika Miller**

*Beckham, Cruz, Nora*

The Millers found Redeemer through Our Shepherd Lutheran School where the children attend. They enjoy family time (especially visiting Ohio family and up north cabin time!), sports, and shopping!



### **Devin & Katy Muldoon**

*Finn*

After moving to the area and having their son, Finn, Devin and Katy were searching for a church home. They found Redeemer and it quickly felt like the right fit! They are already so involved at Redeemer – in addition to weekly worship, Katy attends Positive Parenting classes, Finn attends Moms Day Out, and Devin is one of the leaders of The Patriarchs. In their spare time, the Muldoons love to play with their two dogs!

### **Paul Quasarano**

After being highly involved at Redeemer since 1985, Paul has made it official! He married his wife, Jane, at Redeemer in 1987 and then had two daughters, Katie and Sarah, who were baptized, confirmed, and very active in children's and youth ministry. Paul works as a beverage distributor, but in his free time he likes to cook and play golf. Paul also serves Redeemer as an usher!



### **Kathy Shohfi**

Kathy moved to metro-Detroit from New York to be closer to her son and his family. She needed a new church home and visited several churches in the area – she found Redeemer to be the most welcoming! Kathy enjoys cooking, reading, and Bible study!

### Ben Sinko

Ben moved to the area, attending a Redeemer worship service, connected with the young adults group, and has been involved ever since! He also serves as an usher! Ben works as an electronics engineer and in his free time he loves to be outdoors – hunting, camping, and hiking! He also enjoys fitness and motor sports.



### Ron Solar *(not pictured)*

Ron transferred his membership from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arcadia, California. He recently moved to Michigan to live with his daughter and son-in-law (Chris & Debbie Ingram) and started attending Redeemer with them!



### Greg & Molly Voutsos

*Victor*

Greg and Molly moved to the area from Chicago and wanted to raise Victor in a strong, Christian environment. They started to attend worship, and Molly joined the Positive Parenting classes. Greg and Molly enjoy walks, Detroit sports, wine, and cooking.



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All local churches are invited to register one four-person team.  
At least three players on each team must be a parishioner or staff member of that church.

**Space is limited!**  
Please register your team by calling 248-435-0660  
or by emailing [melanieneddow@lynchfuneraldirectors.com](mailto:melanieneddow@lynchfuneraldirectors.com).  
Registration fee is \$80 per team.  
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# FEBRUARY

## BIBLE READING PLAN

**1**

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

**2**

Exodus 15:19-17:7  
Matthew 22:1-33  
Psalm 27:1-6  
Proverbs 6:20-26

**3**

Exodus 17:8-19:15  
Matthew 22:34-23:12  
Psalm 27:7-14  
Proverbs 6:27-35

**4**

Exodus 19:16-21:21  
Matthew 23:13-39  
Psalm 28:1-9  
Proverbs 7:1-5

**5**

Exodus 21:22-23:13  
Matthew 24:1-28  
Psalm 29:1-11  
Proverbs 7:6-23

**6**

Exodus 23:14-25:40  
Matthew 24:29-51  
Psalm 30:1-12  
Proverbs 7:24-27

**7**

Exodus 26:1-27:21  
Matthew 25:1-30  
Psalm 31:1-8  
Proverbs 8:1-11

**8**

Exodus 28:1-43  
Matthew 25:31-26:13  
Psalm 31:9-18  
Proverbs 8:12-13

**9**

Exodus 29:1-30:10  
Matthew 26:14-46  
Psalm 31:19-24  
Proverbs 8:14-26

**10**

Exodus 30:11-31:18  
Matthew 26:47-68  
Psalm 32:1-11  
Proverbs 8:27-32

**11**

Exodus 32:1-33:23  
Matthew 26:69-27:14  
Psalm 33:1-11  
Proverbs 8:33-36

**12**

Exodus 34:1-35:9  
Matthew 27:15-31  
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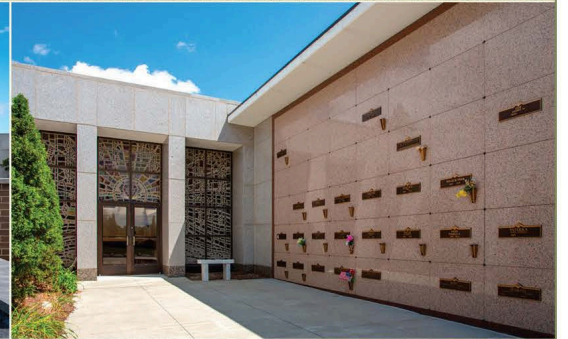
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Jay Kafarski  
Claire Laansoo  
Mike Murdock  
Lynda Nehan

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Lanie Burns  
Andrew Lumsden

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Sarah Quasarano

## February 6

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Rob Lavoie  
Arthur Poppert  
Stacie Schultz

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Samantha Mee

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Jennifer Dilley  
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Owen O'Neill  
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## February 9

Sheila Bonner  
Paige Curcio  
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Bob Meyer  
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