

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

THE LAMP

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH. PSALM 119:105

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FROM THE PASTOR

"Don't you think fathers deserve a place in the sun, too?"
-Sonora Smart Dodd

In 1972, President Richard Nixon's administration declared the third Sunday in June a day to honor the role of fathers in society. Mother's Day was first recognized in 1914. Why did it take so long to make it official?

American historian Timothy Marr wrote in American Masculinities: A Historical Encyclopedia that in the holiday's early decades, men "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products - often paid for by the father himself."

In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington was inspired by Mother's Day and said the above quote. She was 27-years old when she came up with the idea. She eventually convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a day for fathers. She proposed June 5 in memory of her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June. On June 19, 1901 the first Father's Day was celebrated.

Sonora's dad, William Jackson Smart, inspired her also. He was a farmer and Civil War veteran, and a single parent, after his wife Ellen died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. He would raise Sonora and her five brothers. Sonora finally got to see this holiday become a national holiday when Congress approved it in 1972; she was 90 years old at this time. She would die 6-years later. We have Sonora and the memory of her father to thank for this special day.

"Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it - wisdom, instruction and insight as well. The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him." - Proverbs 23:22-24

Happy Father's Day!

Pastor Randy



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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

APRIL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Attendance Totals	2025	2024
Worship	603	567
Bible Class	147	138
Sunday School	27	23
Monthly Attendance Totals	2025	2024
Communion	506	695
Visitors	85	79
Income and Expenses	2025	2024
Income Received	\$137,300	\$130,390
Budget Requirements	\$249,236	\$167,396
General Fund Expenses	\$181,995	\$162,169
YTD Fiscal-Year Income	\$1,569,668	\$1,572,427
YTD Fiscal Year Expenses	\$1,508,904	\$1,404,106

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (*Genesis 1:26-28*).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (*John 15*).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and **KEEPS** us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

**Credit LCMS Stewardship Newsletter*



IN REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION



In Memory...

GIVE A MEMORIAL GIFT

Donations made to the general fund in loving memory of Reverend Ron Farah

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.

Oftentimes, families would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one (i.e. paschal candles, benches, alter items, or trees - any items the church may need). For more information on this, please contact **Pastor Randy**.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the dads who have worked so hard to provide for their families and for all the grads who have worked hard to achieve their educational goals. We ask for your blessings to rest upon them as they move forward. For the graduates, we pray for wisdom, strength, and discernment as they navigate the next steps in their lives. May they always seek your guidance and follow your path. For the dads, we pray for continued strength and wisdom as they support their children and guide them on their journeys. We ask that you fill them with joy and peace, knowing that their children are growing into responsible and successful individuals. We pray for a future filled with blessings and grace for all of them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

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

Why Should I Invest at Church Extension Fund?

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

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

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PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

- 4/12/2025 Molly Jean Bowers
daughter of Zachary and Stephanie Bowers
- 4/12/2025 Zachary Darwin Bowers

WEDDINGS

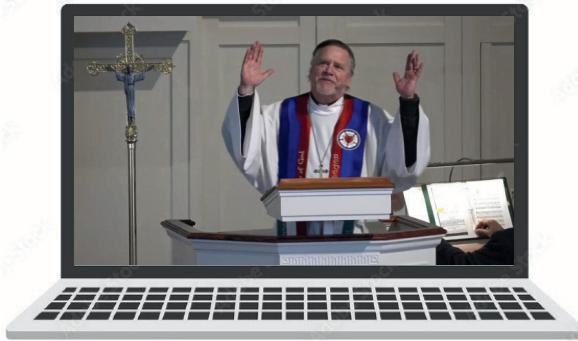
- 4/5/2025 Matthew Donald Briede and Kristina Lynn Dobring
- 4/26/2025 Erik Mark Sauber and Alyson Nicole Braisier

FUNERALS

- 4/26/2025 Reverend Ronald R. Farah



PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP



How do I watch Sunday Services LIVE online?

- Go to the church website.
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
- 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GETTING A FLORAL LIFT!*

EXCITING NEWS - we have a new flower vendor! Tiffany Florist, a landmark in Birmingham since 1973, is taking the reins. As of May 1st, there will be a slight increase for Altar flowers, but Lectern flowers will be slightly less. New rates are as follows:

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

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



Tiffany Florist - 784 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham, MI 48009

We are a real brick and mortar florist. We receive fresh flowers daily from around the world. We strive to source local whenever possible. We have partners with a small urban flower farm called The Flower Project for our local florals. We have been serving this area for many years and are known for high-quality, long-lasting flowers and a 100% satisfaction guarantee. We only carry premium roses and flowers that are known for their long vase life. We also strive to source local flowers whenever possible.



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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

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

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PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

VOLUNTEER AT REDEEMER



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

COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion in your pew during the church service, **kindly inform one of the ushers before the service starts**, and they will be sure to accommodate your request.

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.

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 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 **Laura Vowell** for more information.

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!



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!

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!

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 will return this year as our coordinator! You can sign up under the "WAYS TO SERVE" on the church website. Please contact **Crissy Bienkowski** with questions or for more information (crissybienkowski@gmail.com).



HOLY HOUSEKEEPING

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

June 11

July 9

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

July 23

September 24



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

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

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



DONATE YOUR STOCK TO REDEEMER

Did you know you're able to donate your stock to Redeemer through Charles Schwab?! If you would like to give to Redeemer in this way, here are the steps you'll need to take - printed directions are also available in the Church Office. Thank you for your contribution!

- Get in touch with your financial person and give them Redeemer's Account #, Tax ID, and DTC number, **all of which can be obtained in the Church Office or by Laura Jones, our accountant.**
- Your financial advisor will transfer the stock into Redeemer's Schwab account.
- Send an email to Laura Jones once the transaction is complete. This will notify her so she can liquidate the stock immediately.

****THIS IS HER ONLY NOTIFICATION OF THE TRANSACTION, SO THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!****

- The person donating will receive a letter/email confirming Redeemer has received the donation.

UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

Kindly log in to your ShelbyNext Membership, church database, to verify or update your family's profile information. For quick access to the church directory and calendar while on the move, download the **ShelbyNext Membership app** on your phone or smart device (the domain name is **redeemberbirmingham**). Alternatively, you can log in via the church's website on your desktop computer by selecting "CHURCH MEMBERSHIP."

If you would like assistance with updating your profile or need help with your login credentials, please reach out to the Church Office.

****Please be aware that we no longer send out printed directories since our online database is always changing. If you prefer a printed copy, kindly contact the Church Office, and we will happily provide you with the latest directory.***

NOTE: If your adult children have relocated to their own address, please inform us so we can update their details while keeping the family linked in our database. If they have moved and no longer wish to receive communications or are attending another church, we can remove them from our database.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP



****LAST CALL!*** If you are enrolling your child for the first time at Our Shepherd Lutheran School or Lutheran High Northwest and you'd like to find out more about sponsorship, you must make an appointment by mid-April to speak with **Pastor Randy**. Be sure to schedule your appointment as soon as possible!

Parents re-enrolling your children at either Our Shepherd or LHNW for the 2025-2026 school year, please inform Carrie Morris in the Church Office by June 10th.



HOLY HOUSEKEEPING

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Dear Members of Redeemer,

My family and I want to thank you for all the words of sympathy that you have sent in cards and said personally to us after the death of my husband, Reverend Ronald Farah. They have meant so much to us and we really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We also want to thank the Altar Guild, the Sunday morning Bible class, the Staff and Leadership Members for the beautiful flowers and plants that you sent in his honor. They meant so much to us and we know he would have loved them. Ron loved serving all of you, both in the Bible class and in other capacities.

Thank you for your kindness during this difficult time.
Talitha Farah and Family



LIBRARY LIGHTS



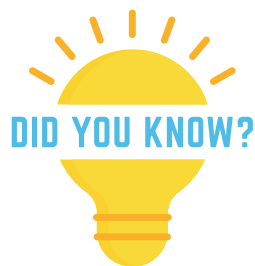
Summer is on the horizon, and that (hopefully) means more time for family, friends, relaxation, and hobbies - like reading! The Redeemer Library has everything from videos for entertainment, biography books, Bible studies, devotionals, and historical fiction... We have so much to offer!

In the Children's section we have a wonderful **DVD series** called **"What's in the Bible?"** by **Phil Vischer**, creator of VeggieTales. This wonderful 13 DVD series explains the tough questions like, "Who wrote the Bible? Why do we call it Christmas? What is faith?" With a creative mix of puppets, animation, and live action, this series will answer all those gnawing questions your kids (and you!) have always had about the Bible, who is in it, and why.

Our library also offers many helpful books and Bible studies for parents. Author, counselor, and public speaker **Gary Chapman**, widely known for his books on The 5 Love Languages (found in our library), has written a book titled **Growing Up Social: Raising Relational Kids in a Screen-Driven World**. Raising children in the digital age has many challenges, especially during the months of summer when kids have an abundance of free time. This book will help you recognize the signs of too much screen time in your kids, as well as how to create safe boundaries around screen time, accessing the on-line community, and social media.

School may be out for the summer, but this is the perfect time to learn something new! Our library has an abundance of devotional books and Bible studies in print as well as on DVD. **One amazing DVD Bible study series is titled That The World May Know by Ray Vander Laan**. This Bible study series has more than a dozen different volumes that each feature a video and study guide that are divided up into 5 different segments to dig deeper into the Bible. Ray Vander Laan's unique hands-on explanation literally takes you into the Holy Land as he shares biblical ideas and explains the history and life of those we've read about.

Whether you stop into the library on Sunday between services or a weekday afternoon while you're driving past the building, the library door is always open and you can check out materials at any time. Happy reading!



CALLING ALL PASTORS!

Pastors always have many calls to make - hospital visits and to homebound members. Pastor Duane loved to be on his boat on the Detroit River, which he named "On Calls." He named his boat this way so that he could answer honestly that he was out "on calls!"
How clever he was!

Thank you to our 100th Anniversary Committee for this fun tid-bit from our Pastoral Ministry's history!



June 1

100th Anniversary Celebration
Service and Brunch

June 9-12

Vacation Bible School Prep
Week

June 11

Leadership Team Meeting

June 16-20

Vacation Bible School

June 22

Congregational Meeting

*Please visit the church website
for a full list of events:
www.redeemberirmingham.org*



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



July 4

Happy 4th of July!

Church Office and Building Closed

July 9

Leadership Team Meeting

July 18

Jimmy John's Field Faith Night

July 23

Board of Elders Meeting

*Please visit the church website
for a full list of events:
www.redeemberirmingham.org*



LAND OF THE
Free
HOME OF THE
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HAPPY
4TH
of JULY

MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!



Join us this summer on Monday evenings for fellowship and dinner!

June 9th - August 25th

Fellowship includes light dinner, dessert, and refreshments.

Meet at 6:30pm outside the Chapel, and stay to worship at 7:00pm.

If you would like to host an evening, call the church office!



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

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

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Group Perks Include:

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

Enjoy an All American BBQ!

Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies.

Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes. Each guest will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.



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

KID KAT KAMP 2025

Kampers will ARRIVE on SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD
and LEAVE Kamp on SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH!



Redeemer Summer Kamp is a week-long sleepaway camp for kids entering 3rd-9th grade. We rent a beautiful camp facility in western Michigan each year where Kampers spend a week in a rustic outdoors setting, enjoying typical camping activities such as crafts, boating, fishing, hayrides, games, campfires, and more! Our program is combined with Bible study, worship, and singing which all take place in a safe, Christian environment. Please visit our website to read more about our Kamp mission, camp facilities, and staff.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO ALL!

Please invite family and friends to join you this year at Kamp!
Sign-up soon to secure your spot!

If you have any questions about Kamp, please review our Registration Page and Kamp FAQs on the church website. If you still have questions, please send us an email (redeemerkamp@gmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CELEBRATE OUR DADS AND GRADS!

JUNE 16, 2025

All 2025 high school and college graduates are invited to receive a blessing at our "Dads & Grads" celebration on Father's Day,

June 16th, at the 10:30am church service!

If you would like to participate, please contact the Church Office or Gia Scheidt (gscheidt@gmail.com - 248.520.6407) so we can include you in the bulletin!



READY YOUR RECIPES FOR OUR COMMEMORATIVE COOKBOOK!

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, Redeemer is creating a commemorative cookbook that will feature favorite recipes from you - our members! - as well as some vintage specialties from the archives. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be an enjoyable (and useful!) keepsake for us all.

Multiple recipes from all members will ensure that the cookbook is a success, so don't be shy! Feel free to submit 3-5 of your family's favorite recipes and be a part of this special occasion cookbook.

We have created an online recipe portal through Morris Press Cookbook to make the recipe-gathering process as easy as possible. However, if you prefer, you can also submit hard copies to the Cookbook Committee.

To ensure your recipes are included, please submit recipes online no later than September 12th so we can meet our deadline of early November.

To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to www.typonsave.com and click 'Login.'
- Enter the User Name: redeemercookbook
- Enter the password: potato096 and click 'Submit.'
- Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.

It should be pretty self-explanatory after that in terms of actual recipe entry. Under "Notes," we would love for you to include personal comments, such as "this recipe has been in our family for 50+ years" or "this is my kids' favorite meal!"

We look forward to creating this culinary collection with you!

- The Cookbook Committee

Beth Lanthier, Donna Hollis, Nancy Lesinski,
Sharilyn O'Boyle, Liz Pedersen, Richelle Pedersen



CAMP RESTORE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

JOIN CAMP RESTORE DETROIT ON THE THIRD (3RD) SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR A SERVICE DAY!

People of all ages are welcome - individuals, families, and groups - come by alone or gather your loved ones!

Some things to know before you come...

- Volunteers will serve from 9:30am-3:00pm.
- Bring a sack lunch and a refillable water bottle.
- Dress for the work and the weather - some projects may be outside.

For more information or questions, contact Tanya Karn (tanya@camprestore.org or 313-636-4422 ext. 1.)



THROUGH THESE DOORS

Through These Doors, our little book written by Redeemer members and friends, is going to publish soon! Thank you for your submissions and wonderful stories about finding your way to Redeemer. It is a joy to read. Please watch the announcements to find out when and where you can pick up your copy!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

VBS provides snacks for the kiddos attending, but the teens and adults that volunteer their time love a little something, too!

Please consider providing a snack (bagels, baked goods, chips/pretzels, fruit/veggies, etc.) for our hard workers.

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



WE NEED YOU!

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

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

Thank you for making this week possible for our kiddos!



SIXTH ANNUAL USHER AND ELDERS PARTY!

Please join us on Sunday, August 10th from 1:00-4:00pm!

All ushers, elders, and pastors are invited!

Lunch, drinks, and good cheer provided - be sure to bring your swimsuit if you want to take a dip!

Paul Quasarano's Backyard
31033 Franklin Road - Franklin

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Camp Restore
Restoring Faith, Home and Community

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Cancelled until further notice!*

NEW MEMBER CLASS - Laura Vowell

Annually in the Fall

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Nicole Olds

During 10:30am Service (Lower-Level Classrooms)

REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP (HIGH SCHOOL) -

Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski

School Year, 7:00-9:00pm (Youth Room)

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

In-home gatherings are people committed to growing together spiritually, caring for and ministering to one another, reaching others with the love of Jesus and, ultimately, sharing life victories and challenges.

Talk to **Pastor Randy** if you are interested in joining or starting a Small Group!

TUESDAYS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Pastor Jimmy

*Will resume in September - *ZOOM Available*

9:30am (Great Room)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Kitty Sweitzer

Will resume in September

*6:30pm (Great Room) - *4th Tuesday starts at 6:00pm*

WEDNESDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Gary Priskorn

*The Study of Genesis - *ZOOM Available*

Year-round, 6:45-7:30am (Great Room)

POSITIVE PARENTING -

Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson

Will resume in September

9:15-10:45am (Great Room)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Laura Vowell

Will resume in September

6:00-8:00pm (various rooms)

RYG & JAMS (HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL) -

Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski

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



EVENT SCHEDULE

*Redeemer
Young
Adults*

BIBLE STUDY: FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MONTHLY SOCIAL EVENTS AND OUTINGS

CHURCH LUNCHESES: FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AFTER 10:30 SERVICE

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

THURSDAYS

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY - Michael Banerian

First Thursday of Every Month - 6:30-8:00pm

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

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: REDEEMER'S PASTORAL MINISTRY OVER THE YEARS

*"One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts." - Psalm 145:4*

It's not often in a church's history that only 3 senior pastors can claim 94-years of its 100-year history. But Lutheran Church of the Redeemer proudly owns this faithful distinction.

The first origins of Redeemer began in 1924 when Pastor Luther Schuessler was assigned by the Michigan District Synod to canvass the young, rural town of Birmingham as a viable area for a new Lutheran church. By November 1924, he deemed there was indeed a need, and the first worship service of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church was held at Johnson-Shaw Hall on South Old Woodward. By May of 1925, we forged a new home not far away with a Chapel on Ann Street. Less than one year later in 1926, Pastor Scheussler took a new call, but we are forever grateful to God for this pastor's perseverance and forethought in making Redeemer not only an aspiration but truly a reality.

Reverend Ronald Scaer accepted Redeemer's call in 1926, setting his sights on growing the congregation. As Pastor Duane wrote upon our 50th Anniversary, "It takes a strong faith to start a church. And it takes a strong faith to sustain a church." The Lord saw the strength of Pastor Scaer's faith, and soon our congregation began to increase and flourish. When Reverend Scaer accepted another call in 1930, Reverend Theodore Wuggazer accepted our call to become Redeemer's third pastor.

As many would say, "The Wuggazer Dynasty" now began. Pastor Theodore was a third-generation Lutheran pastor, Pastor Duane, a fourth generation, and Pastor Mark, a fifth generation of clergyman in the Wuggazer Family.

Pastor Theodore, or "Pastor Ted," attended Fort Wayne Seminary, served at a church in Wyoming, then found a home in the small but faithful halls of Redeemer. In 1940, he earned a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Michigan with his thesis "The History of Protestant Churches in Birmingham, MI." Through the years, Redeemer catapulted at a mighty rate with attendance and ministries both soaring. As a result, Pastor Ted oversaw the building of our church on West Maple, with a forward vision of growth and faithful outreach to the community.

Pastor Ted's wife, Myrtle, was a wonderful compliment to his ministry. She pioneered the first Lutheran Preschool in the area, our beloved Westmaple, which boasts over 100 children in attendance. Myrtle was also invaluable in our Women's and Music Ministries.

As we know, the Lord sometimes allows His most endeared children to face struggling times, and in 1962, Pastor Ted suffered a major heart attack. But after his convalescence, he resumed his vigorous and faithful walk for his congregants. Unexpectedly, on September 22, 1966, after 36-years of faithful service at Redeemer, Pastor Ted finished his lifelong journey for the Lord and was taken home. Upon his passing, we still remember his inspiring words which follow each of us at the end of our own journey: "Put away the little things in life, your hopes, your dreams, your ambitions. It's time to come home." We honor him for his untiring efforts and the deep conviction which grew the congregation to over 2,200 souls.

After Pastor Ted's first heart attack in 1962, the congregation asked Pastor Ted's son, Duane to "come home" from his ministry in California to Michigan. That had to be a heart rendering challenge! But Duane loaded up his family and two collies, forsaking the short-sleeved shirts for parkas, and was installed as Assistant Pastor. Duane had always wanted to be a pastor. His mother, Myrtle, tells of Duane preaching from his crib when he was supposed to be napping! Duane was ordained in 1959 and was the "first son" of the congregation to become a pastor. It was Pastor Duane's dream to serve alongside his father in ministry, but the dream was bittersweet when after only three years, Duane became Senior Pastor in the wake of his father's unexpected death. Duane inherited the gift of preaching from his dad, but he added a new touch. In the bulletins, he included an



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outline of his sermon, which was a great boon for not only the confirmands, but for new and old members alike! Pastor Duane's sermons always spoke to the heart of the congregation addressing their deepest longings with real life applications people could glean from the pulpit.

Pastor Duane led Redeemer through a time of deep sorrow with Pastor Ted's passing, but he carried on, earnestly continuing the vision of his father. From 1966 on, the church continued to grow and thrive under his leadership. The building was bursting at the seams with exciting ministries and a spirit-led staff. It was indeed time for a youth wing and gym to be constructed, and Pastor Duane oversaw the construction of the first of many building projects enlarging the church and its capacity.

Pastor Duane's wife, Brenda, taught both Confirmation classes and at Westmaple, and was involved in many church ministries. She was also a great co-pilot for Pastor Duane.

Pastor Ted's dream was to have a library at Redeemer. In 1971, that became a reality when the church was expanded. The Walther Leagues and the Senior Choir commissioned a local artist to do an oil painting of our beloved Pastor which hangs as a faithful presence in the library today. The Theodore Wuggazer Memorial Library continues today as a resource for our members where Pastor Ted's dream and legacy lives on.

Pastor Duane was not without his own health concerns. In 1968, his eyesight began to fail, requiring several surgeries and treatments. Pastor Duane and the staff, as well as area Pastors, fought through with the strength of the Lord leading the way. During this time, Vicar Allan Mahnke came to serve our congregation and provided assistance to Duane. Michael Warner served as Vicar in 1969 and was also reliable and helpful. After 33-years of faithful service, Pastor Duane retired.

In 1970, Redeemer called Pastor Holger Cattau, as our Pastor of Visitation. Pastor Cattau brought 30-years of experience to many areas of our ministries. He took over the adult education programs, the Grand Group, Evangelism, and Visitation. We cannot thank Pastor Cattau enough for his abiding presence to our congregation.

In 1980, a second son of the congregation began his studies. Kevin Jones attended Concordia, Ann Arbor, and continued at St. Louis Seminary. When Brenda and Duane married, Kevin became Duane's stepson! Kevin was ordained in 1988. Today, Kevin serves as Senior Pastor at Immanuel, Bay City, MI. Kevin was very active in the Youth Group, Kid Kat Kamp, and played guitar at the 8:30am contemporary services.

A third son of the congregation, Steven Smith, entered the Seminary in 1983 and was ordained in 1990. Steve, the son of Eunice and John Smith, and brother of current member Carole Citron, now serves on the staff at Concordia, Mequon, WI.

The Redeemer Foundation/Endowment Fund was established in 1988 to advance the long-term goals of the congregation. Congregants may donate gifts to grant scholarships to Seminary students. Between 1988 and 1999, the foundation provided grants totaling well over \$ 100,000 to over 80 seminary students and helped pay the tuition of our seminarians.

Toby Joeckel was called to Redeemer as Pastor of Bible Study and Youth in 1985, when Bill Meinert retired. He left a lasting impression on the youth and was a large presence to the congregation, warming up to them with his wonderful sense of humor.

Cary Richert joined our Staff as the Minister of Discipleship in 1985. We were so blessed with him in that position for over 15-years. When Cary decided to attend the seminary, our 75th Anniversary Pledge Drive called "The Man, the Mission, and the Addition" supported his studies. Cary was ordained in 2001 and retired in 2017. He was a scholar of Martin Luther and a very caring, devout minister to our congregation and to our Lord.

Pastor "Emeritus" is a title for a Pastor who has retired from active ministry and is recognized for their dedication. Pastor Carl Mehl came to us as a Pastoral Assistant in 1972 and became Pastor Emeritus in 1998. Pastor Milt Schemm preached at Redeemer and was later Pastor Emeritus in the 1980s. Reverend Gordon Light came onboard from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church as a Pastoral Assistant in 1993, later becoming Pastor Emeritus after his illness in 1995. Pastor Duane gained the title in 2000. Pastor Ron Farah, Pastor Emeritus, was called to his Heavenly home on April 21 of this year. How fortunate we have been to have these stellar, spiritual men retire here at Redeemer!

Between 2006 and 2008, four young men from our congregation, who were part of our youth group and inspired by youth group director, Mark Wuggazer, entered the seminary and went on to become pastors in the LCMS. Reverend Dr. Geoff Boyle served a congregation in Kansas and is currently at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, where he is an Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions. Reverend Aaron Richert (son of Reverend Cary and Kathy)

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ministers at Grace Lutheran in Albuquerque, NM. Reverend C.J. Luttinen is the Senior Pastor at Risen Savior in Wichita, KS, and Reverend Mark Bushuiakovish (son of Carl and Leanna) is the pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church and Academy in Nashville, TN. Chad Speller also attended the Seminary and was ordained in 2010, and Freeland Goddard began his seminary work, but later suspended his studies.

The last in this group of six seminarians is our own fifth- generation Wuggazer, Mark. After a career in radio broadcasting, Mark heeded the call of the Holy Spirit and attended St. Louis Seminary. In 2009, Mark was ordained at Redeemer, with his father Duane as the ordaining minister, and accepted the call to Redeemer as Youth Minister. Mark continued to lead the youth group to new heights and was instrumental in the success of the Mexicali Mission Trips. As a boy, he had been a kamper and was found to be a great leader as Counselor, and Kamp Director at Kid Kat Kamp for many years.

One of Mark's favorite programs was the creation of the "Redemption" worship service. Once our gym was properly outfitted with a stage and great sound system as part of our Phase 1 remodel, "Redemption" was born. This series of Wednesday night contemporary worship services was especially tailored to the next generation Confirmation group. There was a rock band and contemporary sermons by Pastor Mark focused to the youth audience. He also has the gift of preaching! We are so excited to have Mark back at Redeemer to preach on June 1 as part of our 100th Anniversary hallmark event!

In 2017, Pastor Tyler Walworth joined our staff as Assistant Pastor. He had been the pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf which worshipped in our Chapel. In 2021, Pastor Walworth and his congregation moved to Beverly Hills, and Pastor Walworth is now at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dearborn, MI.

This brings us to our current Pastors! Our fifth senior pastor in 100 -years, Reverend Randy Schlak accepted the call to Redeemer in 1998 and became the Senior Pastor upon Pastor Duane's retirement in 1999. Pastor Randy came from a smaller church - St. John's in Mattoon, IL. With his lively sense of humor and tendency to tease those around him, it was easy to see why he was loved by Pastor Duane and others. Pastor Randy brought some levity to what a very serious and weighty atmosphere could be. He studied well under Pastor Duane who also had an open mind and a lively sense of life. He continues to guide us with his gift of Biblical wisdom. Pastor Randy has also been instrumental in greatly expanding our local, national, and international mission work. A plethora of mission trips helped rebuild and restore communities after hurricanes and floods, and feed and clothe people in impoverished countries. Randy also steered our Sacred Space I and II expansions, creating the Town Square, expanding lower-level classrooms, enlarging the sanctuary, and more. His phrase "That All May Find a Space at His Table" will continue to guide us into the future. For 26-years and counting, Pastor Randy has been a true gift to our congregation by guiding us spiritually and looking toward the future needs of our church.

Pastor Randy is joined by his wife, Andrea, who is also a prominent presence in the Sanctuary and halls of Redeemer. Andrea and Randy attended Concordia Seminary, Ann Arbor together, where Andrea earned her Teaching Degree. She taught Kindergarten at their first church, St. John's. Andrea also took over as Westmaple Director when Bonnie Meisel retired. Currently, Andrea teaches Community Bible Study, is involved quietly in countless ministries throughout the church, and is now directing the exciting yearlong 100 Year Anniversary Celebration! Andrea and Pastor Randy designed and gifted our Seminarians with special pastoral stoles. They contain all the names of Jesus and every name points down, but the name 'Redeemer' points up to remind them of where they came from.

James Greenwalt is another son of the congregation to become a pastor and was ordained in 2022. He was baptized by Pastor Duane! Pastor Jimmy assists Pastor Randy in Bible Studies, Confirmation, and preaching. His easy-going, friendly personality blends well with the staff at Redeemer.



MINISTRIES AT WORK

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMERTIME FUN!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Men's Ministry and the Prime Timers' Group has some fun in store for you this summer! Be sure to hold the following dates in your calendars! Stay tuned to weekly church announcements for more information as these date approach!



MEN'S GOLF OUTING AND BBQ!

Guys of all ages are invited to a great day of golf, followed by a delicious BBQ dinner!

Wednesday, August 20th
3:00pm: 9-Hole Scramble at Lincoln Hills Golf Course
6:00pm: BBQ at Beverly Park Pavilion

A DAY AT THE HOLLIS COTTAGE!

The Hollis Ladies are graciously opening their home again for our annual summer outing!

Thursday, August 7th
2:00-6:00pm

More details to come soon!

SENIOR'S MINISTRY



SIX YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF "FAITHFUL FRIENDS - A HEART FOR SENIORS"

Word can travel very fast or very slow throughout the hallowed hallways in a Church of God. For this very reason, the Faithful Friends Ministry Team would like to take you back a few years to the birth of this senior-focused program in 2018, and then on to its current status in this noteworthy 100th Anniversary of Redeemer.

Seven years ago, a longtime member of the congregation felt a calling from the heart to start a ministry for the elderly to connect with those who were homebound or living in care facilities and residences. Sensing the loneliness and isolation these loyal members must feel, the idea was presented to Pastor Randy, and with his blessing, a small committee of Redeemer members was formed. "Faithful Friends - A Heart for Seniors" was on its way ready for "post time". As the Lord would have it, those drawn to the Committee felt personal connections through their own experiences with elderly parents or relatives.

Ideas and activities came easily with an action plan assigning a volunteer Redeemer member as a "Faithful Friend" to a shut-in or care facility resident. With God's grace guiding, there was an immediate response of volunteers and seniors interested in the program. Personal visits, phone calls, cards, small gifts, devotionals, and prayers built a strong bond between the "Friends" – a Volunteer and their special Senior. When the Lord opens a window, the breeze of love, care, and a servant's heart gently opens many more.

Today, Faithful Friends graciously boasts over 25 Volunteers befriending nearly 30 Seniors. As the Faithful Friends Ministry grew, opportunities for fellowship, service, personal growth, and exchange of ideas for eldercare emerged. Three or four Educational/Enrichment Resource presentations are held throughout the year, with recent topics including: In Home Elder Care – "Seniors Helping Seniors" presented by Dawn Neally; "Estate Planning and Wills" presented by member David Mammel; and "Long-Term Care and Legal Rights" by member Erin Mortensen. Presentations are taped and online on the Redeemer website. In addition, we are also blessed to have an in-house expert on Eldercare, member Diane Johns. The Faithful Friends Ministry Team sends cards to all our Senior friends every holiday and birthday, plus one-year memorial cards to families of our departed friends.

Our primary mission and goal is to honor every elderly member of our Redeemer congregation with the love, joy, and comfort they deserve. We hope to celebrate many more anniversaries along with our church family, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. For more information on "Faithful Friends - A Heart for Seniors," contact any member of the Ministry Team. We hope to see you at one of our future events!

The Faithful Friends Committee
Gary Priskorn, Marilyn Staargard,
Diane Johns, Tracy Fish, and Cheryl Carr

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4

MINISTRIES AT WORK

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Chicks with Sticks

Chicks and Sticks will be taking the summer off, but we hope you will continue to knit and crochet wonderful and necessary scarves and hats for the homeless people of Oakland and Wayne Counties! We will meet again on **Thursday, September 4th** to kick-off another wonderful year together. Thanks for all the good work and generous spirit you have shared with so many. Happy summer to all!

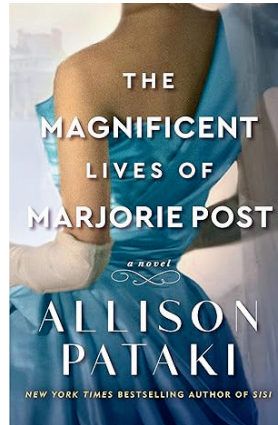
Women's Bible Study

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study will pause our meetings for the summer months and will return in the fall on **Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the Great Room**. Over summer we will be checking out the studies that are rich in content and bring understanding of God's great word. Join us, please!



"Love isn't love until it's given away."
Stay tuned for more mission projects and fellowship opportunities dedicated to our 100th Anniversary!!

Women's Book Group



Women's Book Group will meet on June 24th at 7:00pm to in the Town Square to review Allison Pataki's book The Magnificent Life of Marjorie Post: A Novel.

This is an absolutely terrific novel, and if you would like to know more about the 20th-

century, it's all here...! If you want to be inspired by a brilliant, gorgeous, and powerful woman, then Marjorie Post fits will fill the bill. Pataki manages to make every chapter in this long and complicated life fascinating. Marjorie's power-filled life is as enthralling as it is heartbreaking. She never admits defeat and ultimately embodies the ideal of a true American hero. Bestselling and acclaimed author Allison Pataki has crafted an intimate portrait of a larger-than-life woman, a powerful story of one woman falling in love with her own voice and embracing her own power while shaping history in the process. We hope you'll join us!



MINISTRIES AT WORK



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



THE VBS TEAM IS WORKING HARD TO PREPARE FOR THIS YEAR'S AMAZING WEEK - COME EXPLORE WITH US JUNE 16-20!

"MAGNIFIED! DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS!"

Registration has now officially closed, but there are still ways you can help! Be sure to check the Weekly Announcements for any donations we might need. We can't wait to go on this new adventure with you!

*Blessings from the 2025 Team:
Andrea Calvaneso, Heather Calvaneso, and Megan Rettray*

**Interested in volunteering at VBS?
See Page 9 to learn about opportunities!
Contact Nicole Olds with any questions!**



CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

Confirmation will break for the summer and begin again in September. **Classes for 6th-8th grade students will occur every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm.** If your child is in the 6th grade - or if they're older - and you would like to enroll them in Confirmation, please contact **Laura Vowell**, and she will get you all set-up!

SUMMER IN THE SPIRIT



MOMS AND CHILDREN - JOIN US FOR

SUMMER IN THE SPIRIT!

ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL BIBLE STORY TOGETHER WITH OUR CHILDREN FOLLOWED BY FUN ON THE PLAYGROUND!!

**Mondays starting June 23rd
2:00-3:30pm
ALL SUMMER LONG!!**

Meet in the Lower Level Fellowship Room!

*If you have any questions, call
Crissy Bienkowski (989.450.3946) or
Andrea Calvaneso (248.703.8289).*

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL START JUNE 22ND!
If you are interested in helping out by teaching,
you can sign-up on the church website!**

Summer is a time for slowing down and enjoying fellowship, so we have a lesson and then head to the playground for popsicles and play during the 10:30am service. I have the lesson and any supplies you might need. It is a great way to meet the kids of the congregation and show them how important God is to the young and old!

Contact Nicole Olds to sign-up or with questions.



MINISTRIES AT WORK

RYG HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

JAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER JAMS & RYG

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm ALL SUMMER LONG!

Join us starting **Wednesday, June 25** - we'll continue to meet each week throughout the summer - NO COST! Everyone meets outside on the playground for a pizza dinner. Afterward, JAMS will go in the Gym to play games and RYG will go to the Youth Room for Bible Study! Parents, you can drop your high schooler and middle schooler off at the same time so that they can have Christian fellowship and some time to grow in their faith! **Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.**

JAMS & RYG GO TO CEDAR POINT!

Students going into grades 6-12 are invited for a day of fun on the roller coasters of Cedar Point on **Wednesday, August 13th!** The cost is \$65 and includes admission, roundtrip travel, breakfast, and a water bottle for the day. Grab a permission slip from outside Gia/Eric's office, Laura's office, or download one from the church website.

Forms and money are due on Sunday July, 27th!
LIMITED QUANTITY OF SPOTS!
Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.



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ALWAYS CHECK INSTAGRAM
FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES

WELCOME TO RYG!

ARE YOU A NEW CONFIRMAND OF REDEEMER?
WILL YOU BE ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL NEXT FALL?

WELCOME TO RYG - WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

All recent Confirmands and incoming high school students are welcome to start coming to Youth Group! From Sunday night gatherings to Wednesday Core Group - cooking for FOG and everything in between, we look forward to you joining us!

Grab a friend and come see what Redeemer Youth Group is all about - we can't wait to meet you!



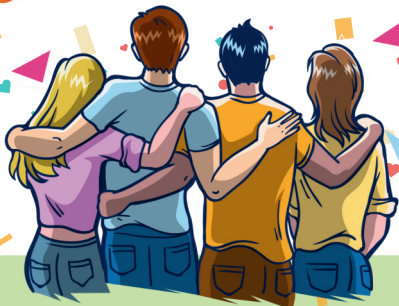
FAMILY OF GOD

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

June 9th

July 14th

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



MINISTRIES AT WORK

MUSIC MINISTRY

All the wonderful music ministry groups at Redeemer are in full swing!
Redeemer's Music Ministry offers a place for everyone - experienced or novice, choral or instrumental.
If you're interested in singing or playing for the glory of God, please join us!

CHANCEL CHOIR: ADULT ONLY

The Chancel Choir sings at our Sunday morning worship services and seasonal festival services to enhance the worship experience. The Chancel Choir provides opportunities for those who enjoy singing everything from classic anthems to modern settings in a traditional, contemporary, spiritual or gospel style. The Choir practices each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00pm in the music room.

Steve SeGraves - stevensegraves@gmail.com

REDEEMER PRAISE

The church's praise team, Redeemer Praise, sings and plays on the third Sunday of the month at the 9:00am and 10:30am worship services and during summer 10:30am services. It provides opportunities for those who enjoy singing or playing wonderful arrangements of contemporary Christian music. The Praise team meets Sunday mornings from September to May at 8:00am in the sanctuary, and in the summer at 9:00am in the Choir Room.

Steve SeGraves - stevensegraves@gmail.com

REDEEMER BRASS

Our Brass Ensemble plays on the second Sunday of each month at the 9:00am and 10:30am services, and on special Sundays throughout the year. Participation is open to any brass player who can play easy to moderately challenging pieces. Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 11:30am after the 10:30am worship service.

Pastor Jimmy Greenwalt

REDEEMER RINGERS: ADULT BELL CHOIR

This group brings the unique and beautiful sound of bells to our worship services, sometimes joining with the Chancel Choir, Redeemer Brass, or other featured instrumentalists. The Redeemer Ringers usually play on the fourth Sunday of each month and they rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the hand bell room.

James Compton (248.396.7635)

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir is made up of children ages 6-14 years of age. These musical children sing on special events during the church year, mainly at Christmas time and generally at the 10:30am worship service. Rehearsal information to be announced.

Nancy Lesinski (248.709.3040) or Nicole Olds



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Whether you sing or play an instrument, we would love to use your vocal or instrumental talent to provide special music for a 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer! Summer special music will be needed beginning on Sunday, June 8th, and all the way through Labor Day weekend. Individuals will be needed to help provide this important ministry at Redeemer. If you are interested, please contact Steve SeGraves.



100TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SERIES

Redeemer is hosting a variety of musical performances this summer through next fall to help commemorate our special year - all performances will take place in the Sanctuary. We hope you'll join us!

- **Friday, September 12th - 7:00pm: Five Lakes Silver Band Concert** (Redeemer Sanctuary)
- **Sunday, October 19th - 3:00pm: Detroit Lutheran Singers Fall Concert** (Redeemer Sanctuary)
- **Friday, November 7th - 7:00pm: Detroit Youth Choir Concert** (Redeemer Sanctuary)



MINISTRIES AT WORK

JOIN THE REDEEMER FAMILY!

REDEEMER'S SPRING NEW MEMBER SESSION WILL BE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THIS TIME AROUND...

Instead of traditional classes with teachers in a classroom, we will have a special **Sermon Series** that will review the Lutheran doctrine! All you have to do is *let us know* you'd like to become an official member of Redeemer by **contacting Gary Priskorn or the Church Office**, then attend church this spring and listen to the sermons.

If you miss coming to church, you can watch the recording via Vimeo on the church website.

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU CAN JOIN US ON THE LISTED DATES!

- Sunday, April 27th: Ten Commandments
- Sunday, May 5th: Apostles Creed
- Sunday, May 18th: The Lord's Prayer
- Sunday, May 25th: Baptism
- Sunday, June 8th: The Lord's Supper
- Sunday, June 15th: Confession and Absolution

WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE REDEEMER FAMILY!

New member paperwork will be collected this spring and summer. All spring new members will be recognized during next fall's New Member Brunch.

COUNSELING CORNER

June is always such a wonderful time of year - especially for those with children. I remember it was so much fun getting in the car and heading Up North in the summer. We all seemed so much more relaxed with nothing scheduled except how early do we all want to get up and go jump off the dock to swim!

May I encourage you to make a real effort to cut back on your commitments this summer and just enjoy the blessings God has given you right here in your backyard? I hear far too many kids wanting to "just stay home!" "Fear of missing out" is overrated and quite daunting for many, from what I am hearing. Kids are continually on the go throughout the school year. Letting them sleep in, having pancakes (okay fine - you can use almond flour!), taking a walk in the neighborhood with the dog, play catch or kick the soccer ball with them in the yard. These things are getting back to the basics of what summer is all about. Vacations are fine, but may I suggest that you also spend some good time at home this summer. Let them just chill in their rooms, outside, having friends over, etc.

Check your Redeemer bulletin to find out about local activities the church is involved in where you can bring your kids along! One really special way to impact someone's life is to serve others while the kids are helping, too. Taking a meal (let the kids share in the food prep!) or flowers to someone who is in need (let them present the flower to them at the door!) is a wonderful way to model Christ to the kids and the recipient.

Neurological science, academic research, and thousands of years of human history confirm that achieving meaning, fulfillment, and happiness in life comes from acts of giving and making others happy. Giving provides an opportunity to make an impact, however small, in our community and world.

Matthew 25:40 states that "Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Serving others is also a great antidote for depression, grief, or sadness. It takes our mind off of ourselves and the things that are affecting us, when we are serving others.

Dr. Sandy Pourcho



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