

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

# THE LAMP

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



**MARCH 2024**

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We are in the midst of Lent, yet Easter arrives at the end of March. It is time once again to celebrate Christ's victory over sin, death, and the Devil.



We know that the early church was so amazed at the resurrection that they changed the Sabbath day which was Saturday and started meeting on Sunday, "The first day of the week" (John 20:19). For the early Christian, each Sabbath day became a day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is why the 40 days of Lent don't count Sundays.

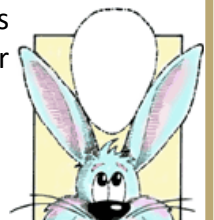
We know that around the year 160 the Christian community had adopted a single, annual day to celebrate Easter. In the second and third centuries there was much dispute on what day Easter should be observed. At the Council of Nicaea controversy came to an end. The council decreed in AD 325 that Easter would be on the first Sunday after the paschal moon, which could not precede the vernal equinox. That is why Easter is on any one of the 36 days between March 21 and April 25.

Originally in early Christianity, the term Easter was not used. Early Christians called it Pascha, the Greek term for the Hebrew word pesach, or Passover. The term "Easter" comes from a pagan holiday centered on the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre, representing spring and fertility. Pope Gregory 1 in a letter written to Saint Bede the Venerable suggesting that in his missionary work he should synchronize the pagan holidays with the Christian calendar.



As we celebrate once again Christ's victory, let us be reminded His victory is ours also. With saints above and saints on earth let us bring our praise to our risen Lord and Savior.

Happy Pascha, *Pastor Randy*



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*Our mission is to faithfully communicate the love of God, 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

### Stewardship Report

Month: January	2024	2023
<b>Weekly Attendance Averages</b>		
Worship	348	363
Bible Class	116	117
Sunday School	15	27
<b>Monthly Attendance Totals</b>		
Communion	731	625
Visitors	42	42
<b>Month: January</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Income and Expenses</b>		
Income received	\$172,986	\$207,968
Budget requirements	\$209,391	\$195,136
General fund expenses	\$191,356	\$158,210
YTD Fiscal-year income	\$970,106	\$1,005,320
YTD Fiscal-year expenses	\$863,084	\$834,255

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

### Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God's fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God's purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from



my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and

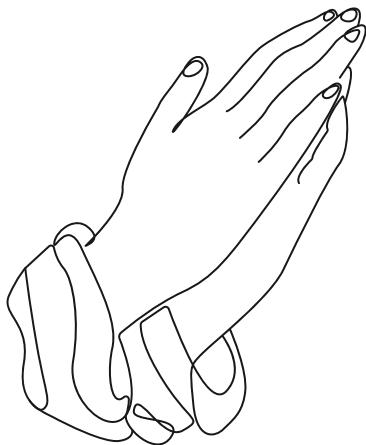
open-handed generosity.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
LCMS Stewardship Ministry  
[lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)  
Newsletter Article – March 2024

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord, as we gather together as family and friends; we invite you once again into our lives. May the hope of your resurrection color our days. May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives. May the love you revealed to us shape our giving.

Amen



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

March 13 (after worship)  
April 10

### BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS

March 27



*Donations were made to the Memorial and the Music Fund*

**\*\*Please note:** We are no longer printing the names of donors who donate to the memorial fund in memory or honor of someone. If you do donate, you will still receive notification, and your donation will be on your Shelby statement.

### GIVE A MEMORIAL GIFT

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.

Often times, families would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one, (ie. paschal candles, benches, altar items, trees...any items the church may need). For more information on this, please contact Pastor Randy, the senior pastor.



## How do I watch Sunday Services LIVE online?

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



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** 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?

1. Go to the church website  
[www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org)
2. Click the second *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
3. 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 feel free to call the church office if you are having trouble viewing any videos.*

**NOTE:** If you are having a difficult time hearing the audio on vimeo, press the closed-caption option to **READ** what is being said. The closed caption button is the CC (in a box) on the lower right of the screen

## Mystery Prelude

Our very own Rick Helderop will play one of your favorite/meaningful songs in the Prelude spot at all the Sunday Services for that day (8am, 9am and 10:30am). It doesn't have to be a hymn! It can be your wedding song, a song that reminds you of a loved one, or even a catchy tune you just LOVE! Your name and the significance of your selection will be printed in the bulletin and the song will be revealed in the announcements. Sign up for one of the available Sundays on the front page of the website or scan this QR code to be taken directly to the form. It is \$10 and ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR MISSION FUND! Thank you for participating!



## Flower Sign-ups Available!

Sign up now for either Altar or Lectern flowers in the Sanctuary or the Chapel. (Sanctuary/\$55; Chapel/\$50; Lectern/\$45) **(Please leave the flower liners behind for the next week’s flowers!!!)** The sign-up charts are up on the Town Square bulletin board and are also available online via sign-up genius (links found on the front page of the website [www.redeemberbirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberbirmingham.org) by clicking the “Ways to Serve” box then the “Altar and Lectern Flower Signup” box). Once you sign-up, you will be contacted about a dedication/payment a month before your date OR you can fill out your dedication form and pay online with a link in the flower chart signup. If you need assistance, please contact the front office at 248-644-4010 or [office@redeemberbirmingham.org](mailto:office@redeemberbirmingham.org) and we would be happy to assist you!



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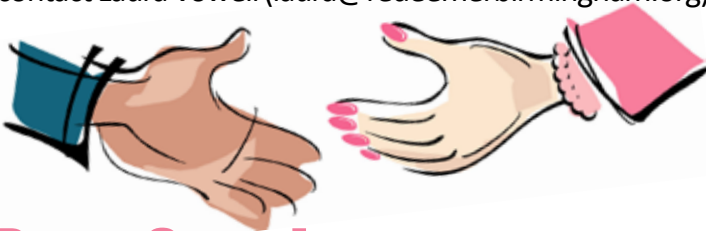
# PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

## Be a Reader\*

Would you like to read the Old Testament and Epistle Scripture verses during worship? We need readers ages 5-95 for ALL worship services! You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website or by contacting the church office (office@redeemberirmingham.org).

## Family Ushering

Your family can help out the congregation by ushering on a Sunday morning! You'll be handing out bulletins and passing the offering plates during the service. The job is easy enough that kids can help too... PLUS there will be an usher at the service with you to help you every step of the way! Sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box on the church website or contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).



## Be a Greeter\*

Can you say "good morning"? Can you shake hands and smile? Do you have 15 extra minutes on a random Sunday morning? Are you looking for an easy way to service your church? Then YOU can do a very important outreach job... greeting! Redeemer is looking for volunteers to help greet at the Town Square doors before the 9am and 10:30am services. Grab a friend or your family! This is a great, easy way to get kids involved with serving the congregation. You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website or by contacting Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).



Scan QR code to go to **Redeemer's website** click on the **WAYS TO SERVE** box to sign up to **VOLUNTEER**

*\* signup are also available on the Town Square bulletin board*

## Host a Coffee Hour\*

We need volunteers to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings throughout the year! It doesn't have to be anything fancy, and we'll give you easy-to-follow directions on how to do everything! Grab some friends and do it together! What a GREAT way to serve your congregation! You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website or by contacting Kim Davis (248-613-4200).



## Acolyting & Crossbearing

The Redeemer Acolyte Program is a service requirement for students in the Confirmation program in grades 6-8, and open to all who wish to volunteer. We welcome new director Crissy Bienkowski who will replace our amazing, long-time director Pam Lucas. Welcome Crissy, and thank you Pam for your hard work and service. The new schedule is up if you'd like to sign up. You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website. If you have any questions, contact Laura Vowell at laura@redeemberirmingham.org.

# BIBLE STUDIES



## SUNDAYS

### **Sunday Bible Study** - after 9am service

Rev. Ronald Farah - **Study of Romans**  
all year long on Sundays, (Scheidt Room)  
No class on 3/3, 3/31 and 4/6

### **New Member Class** (fall only)

Sundays, 9-10am (Great Room)  
contact Laura Vowell if you are interested in  
becoming a member or just brushing up on your  
Lutheran knowledge

### **Children's Sunday School**

Nicole Olds - Sundays, 10:30am  
(lower-level classrooms)

### **Redeemer Youth Group (High School)**

Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski - Sundays, 7pm  
**check instagram for updated information.**



## SMALL GROUP

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 at 248-644-4010 ext. 119

## Men's Bible Study

Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, morning, 6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Great Room or via Zoom, as we begin the study of the book of Acts. The emphasis of this important book is literally the fulfillment of the Great Commission, describing the founding of the Christian Church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire. You are invited to join us each Wednesday morning for fellowship and spiritual growth – and some coffee cake, juice and coffee! Contact Gary Priskorn for further information – 248-644-4010 ext.123.

## TUESDAYS

### **Adult Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30am

Pastor Jimmy - **Study of James**  
(Great Room)

### **Women's Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 6:30pm

**check page 19 for more information**  
(Great Room)



## WEDNESDAYS

### **Men's Bible Study** - 6:45-7:30am

Gary Priskorn - **Study of Acts**  
\*Zoom available - all year long  
(Great Room)

### **Positive Parenting** - 9:15-10:45am

Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson-see next page  
for more information  
(Great Room)

### **Core Group (High School)** - 6-8pm

Gia Scheidt - (Youth Room)

### **Confirmation Classes** - 6-8pm

Laura Vowell - (various rooms)



## THURSDAYS

### **Young Adult Bible Study**

*1st Thursday of every month*

Michael's house (3217 Maplewood Ave. in  
Royal Oak) text Michael Banerian to RSVP  
(248.925.7125)

**For more information on a particular study,  
contact the names indicated, check the  
bulletin announcements, or call the church  
office at 248-644-4010 for more specifics.**

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

JOIN US  
**YOUNG ADULTS**  
**BIBLE STUDY**

March

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH  
 6:30PM

3217 MAPLEWOOD AVE  
 ROYAL OAK, MI 48073

RSVP  
 TEXT MICHAEL BANERIAN  
 (248) 925-7125

Join us the first Thursday of every month as we  
 dive into scripture together and enjoy good  
 fellowship over pizza and drinks

REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

Saint  
 Patrick's  
 Day  
 Party

MARCH 17TH, 2024  
 4:00PM

3217 MAPLEWOOD AVE.  
 ROYAL OAK, MI 48073

RSVP  
 Text Michael Banerian  
 (248) 925-7125

## POSITIVE PARENTING

Positive Parenting would love to have you join-in for any of our March sessions. We are looking forward to a cozy month of fellowship as we study parenting strategies, analyzed through the lens of our Faith and scripture.

Our wonderful Redeemer nursery is available for your younger children at no charge on Wednesday mornings when we meet, *with no advance sign-up required*. Please stop-in, we meet weekly in the Great Room from 9:15 - 10:30 on Wednesdays. Please reach out to Kristin Thompson (kethompson1@gmail.com) or Victoria Ilitch (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with any questions!

Redeemer  
 Young  
 Adults

EVENT  
 SCHEDULE

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

## COME GROW

With us





# STOCK DONATION

Redeemer no longer has an Ameritrade account, it is now Charles Schwab.

These are the instructions for a Stock Donation. They can be found in the front office.

1. Get in touch with your financial person and give them Redeemer's Account #, Tax ID and DTC number. (those numbers can be obtained in the church office or by Laura Jones, our accountant).
2. Your financial advisor will transfer the stock into Redeemer's Schwab account.
3. PLEASE, send an email to Laura Jones at (billing@redeemberirmingham.org) when the transaction is complete. This will notify her so she can liquidate the stock immediately. **\*\*THIS IS HER ONLY NOTIFICATION OF THE TRANSACTION, SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT\*\***
4. The person donating will receive a letter/email confirming Redeemer received the donation and what it was sold for.

## TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

Please make sure you login to **ShelbyNext Membership** to confirm/update your family's profile information OR send your updated information to office@redeemberirmingham.org. (If you need your login credentials for ShelbyNext, reach out to the front office). You can download the **ShelbyNext Membership app** on your smart device (**redeemberirmingham** is the domain name you enter) to have access to the directory and church calendar on the go (EVEN PASTOR RANDY IS USING THE APP!) or you can login to ShelbyNext Membership on your desktop computer from the front page of our website.

***\*\*Please note, we no longer mail a printed directory because the information in our online directory is always current. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the church office at office@redeemberirmingham.org and we can print the most current directory.***



### Lenten Kidz

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

## PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

All you faithful cross makers who spend your morning making these memorable little crosses for us to take home are so appreciated. Anyone who wants to learn how to do this (it's easy) is invited to come on **Friday, March 22 at 9:00** in the Great Room and hunker down to make approximately 800 crosses and then feast on a delicious lunch from a grateful congregation! Sign up on the Town Square bulletin board and bring a towel and sharp pair of scissors. Tom and Kathy Eley are your chairmen and very suited and talented in the cross making department.







## ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

Easter is Sunday March 31, 2024, it is time to think about Easter flowers! These Spring flowers will add beauty to our Easter Sunday Services. We will use your flowers to decorate the church, then you may take them home or deliver them to a friend or loved one after the 10:30 service. Or if you like you can donate them to one of our shut in's or to a nursing home. Order forms will be available on our website or order forms can be found around the church. Fill it out and turn it in to church office along with your check no later than Sunday, March 3rd.

## CAN YOU HELP WITH FLOWER DELIVERY?

We're looking for volunteers to take the donated flowers to Redeemer Shut-ins or nursing homes immediately following the 10:30 service on Easter morning. If you're interested, please contact the church office! Thank you for your help and support!



## LENTEN MID-WEEK SCHEDULE "The Red Letters of Jesus"

### Wednesday Worship Services

**March 6** - Serving Christ

**March 13** - Generosity

**March 20** - Going for Christ

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

*Each worship service is preceded by a meal:  
12:00 noon and 6:00pm (5:30pm confirmands)*

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday, March 28** - Dining with Christ

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

*Holy Communion at both services)*

**Good Friday, March 29** - Dwelling with Christ

*1:00pm and 7:00pm - Sanctuary*

**Easter Eve, March 30** - 5:00pm

**Easter Sunday Services, March 31**

*7:30am with Holy Communion;*

*9:00am and 10:30am*

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

*\*all 7pm services & the 10:30am Easter Service  
will be livestreamed*



# MISSIONS



## ARE ON A MISSION!

Check out **page 18** to see the amazing work the Chicks with Sticks are contributing to the *Detroit Street Mission* and *Troy Corewell (Beaumont) Infusion Center!*



## LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA

**Prep Day - April 17**

Check out **page 19** for more information on Little Dresses and Detroit Street Mission!



## Calling ALL YOUTH!

See **page 15** for details on the **YOUTH Jamaica Mission!**










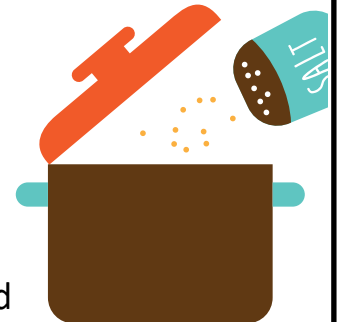
## Diaper Drive

Westmaple is hosting a diaper drive to help families with infants and toddlers in MiSide's Early Years program including Head Start/Early Head Start/ disability program and children's mental health program. Diapers will also be given to families struggling to afford this necessity. We are accepting new or open packages of diapers for children of any age. If you have any to donate please bring them to the table in the Westmaple hallway Drive **through Sunday, March 10**, and know how grateful we are for your support!

## Feed the Homeless!

Redeemer partners with Family of God (FOG), a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! YOU can help provide these meals in MANY different ways:

-  meal plan
-  shop
-  prepare a hot meal
-  deliver/serve a meal
-  prepare frozen meals
-  make bagged lunches
-  donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals



*Signup to help online or on the Town Square bulletin board. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).*

## LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS

If you are enrolling your child for the first time at Our Shepherd Lutheran School or Lutheran High Northwest, you must make an appointment by mid-March to speak with Pastor Randy. Please schedule your appointment as soon as possible! Parents re-enrolling their children at either Our Shepherd or LHNW for the 2024-2025 school year, please inform the church office as soon as possible.



# SAVE THE DATE



Women of all ages are invited to our Spring Event:

April 26, 2024 - 6:45pm  
Redeemer's Great Room



## The Mandate

www.themandate.com

The Mandate's Mission is to break the stronghold of poverty globally by providing basic care, education, and commerce for the helpless. Through this, the love of Christ will be tangibly realized in such a way as to draw others into relationships with Him.

- Education
- Widows and Orphans
- Clean Water
- Women's Health
- Evangelism

### What does this look like?

The Mandate supports the following: education through teacher salary assistance, school fees, and supplies for students; health education and hygiene supplies for girls and expectant mothers; widow care that includes home repairs, solar lighting kits, and supplemental food; nutrition and farming opportunities for the villages; prison ministry; employment opportunities through adult trade training; drilling wells for clean water; and Bible teaching for adults and children every Sunday, and so much more. Each of these touchpoints brings opportunities to share the love and salvation of Jesus Christ.

### Our SPEAKER:



Jennifer Cummings  
Managing Director,  
The Mandate



To Register for our Event!

## JOIN OUR TEAM Empower Women Worldwide!

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

### To achieve our goal, we need YOUR help!

If you want to get involved with the mission of iZōsh, we're always looking for **enthusiastic volunteers** to join us. Most critically, we are in need of people to assist with various **communication needs** that are crucial to our cause.

#### COMMUNICATION VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- ◇ Craft engaging emails
- ◇ Boost attendance by promoting in the community
- ◇ Assist with post-Event write-ups
- ◇ Document stories of impact and success

#### OTHER VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- Education Team (*Finding Speakers*)
- Hospitality Team (*Event Setup/Cleanup*)
- Day of Event Support  
(*Greeter, AV Tech, Baker*)

#### CONTACT US:

[izosh.birmingham@gmail.com](mailto:izosh.birmingham@gmail.com)

#### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook and Instagram

Christie Hurst ▪ Therese Scheidt

Rose Kiehle ▪ Leslie Baranowski ▪ Stacey Rolf

## ATTENTION

### REDEEMER RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING IN MARCH!

# SAVE YOUR STUFF!



**Intake Day: Saturday, March 2, 2024**  
**Sale: March 8-10, 2024**

## KAMP 2024: JULY 28-AUGUST 3

**Campers will ARRIVE on SUNDAY JULY 28 and LEAVE Kamp on SATURDAY AUGUST 3!**

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

**March 1, 2024: Registration is open to Redeemer members and returning Kamp families ONLY!**

**APRIL 1, 2024: Registration is open to everyone!** If you have any questions about Kamp please review our Registration Page and Kamp FAQs at [www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberirmingham.org). If you still have questions contact us at [redeemerkamp@gmail.com](mailto:redeemerkamp@gmail.com).

## ITEMS NEEDED!



**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.



## JAMS Power Hour & Game Night!

Sunday 3/10 – 2:30pm to 6pm

All middle schoolers (& their families) are invited to this event to help SERVE and have FUN! Join us for a POWER HOUR of cleaning up from the Rummage Sale... many hands make light work so we have a goal to get at least 50 PEOPLE to sign up! After we swoop in and finish cleaning, we'll have a Game Night! We'll do all of the usual things – Aliens in the Church, open gym, pizza, ice cream sundaes, and MORE! If middle school families come to help, siblings are welcome to stay for Game Night! Younger siblings can get a glimpse of how awesome JAMS is and older siblings can stay and enjoy their favorite JAMS pastimes! Sign up via the church website.



Contact Laura Vowell with any questions or concerns.



It's BACK! Redeemer's  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
is just around the corner!  
Proceeds will benefit the  
high school mission trip to  
Jamaica & Sacred Space!

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

1. **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.

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

- **Saturday, March 2nd 9am—1pm**
- **Thursday, March 7th 9am— 6pm**

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, exercise machines, cribs, car seats, large wall units/entertainment centers, or large metal industrial desks.

We will be picking up large furniture items from homes on **Saturday, March 2nd**. 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](mailto:laura@redeemberirmingham.org)) by **Tuesday, February 27th** to be added to the pick-up schedule (exclusions may apply).

Please keep in mind that all donations must be in sell-able condition. When donating clothing, please label the bags (i.e. women's, children's, etc.).

2. **HELP WITH SET-UP:** Please consider stopping by to help on Thursday, March 7th (11am – 8pm) and Friday, March 8th (9am – 4pm). Michele Margosian will be available to guide you to an area of need!
3. **SHOP AT THE SALE:** We have three great opportunities for you to shop at the Rummage Sale!
  - **EARLY BIRD SALE:** Friday, March 8th from 6pm - 8pm Get the first pick!  
*Donation of \$5/adult will be received for Early Bird Sale.*
  - **GENERAL SALE:** Saturday, March 9th from 9am - 3pm Come find some hidden treasures!
  - **BAG SALE:** Sunday, March 10th 12pm - 2pm \$5/bag of clothing and HALF OFF all other items!
4. **SPREAD THE WORD:** Please encourage family and friends to donate and shop the sale!  
For any general questions or concerns, please contact Michele Margosian.  
(248.515.1282 – cell, 248.855.3694 – home, [mmargosian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmargosian@sbcglobal.net))

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The excitement is already building!! The core committee for VBS started meeting a few weeks ago and began the rewarding process of planning this year's VBS program. I am very excited to announce that our theme is SCUBA – diving into friendship with God. Watch the bulletin for more information. **Registration will be online this year and will open March 4th.** Can't wait to go on this adventure with you! Blessings from the 2024 VBS team: Victoria Ilitch, Courtney VanderWerp, Andrea Calvaneso, Heather Calvaneso, and Nicole Olds



## Be a VBS Volunteer!

Who doesn't LOVE VBS!?!?! We are looking for people of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun. We will need help in ALL areas including:

- Teachers
- Classroom helpers
- People in the craft area
- Kitchen sous-chefs
- Drama lovers
- Teen helpers
- Music efficianados
- ....and many other areas.

Please consider volunteering. **Sign-ups will be available online by the end of March.** Watch the bulletin for more information. Questions contact Nicole Olds.

## SCAMPERS is coming!

Scampers camps are during the summer for 2-5 year olds. Each week is a new theme and runs *Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday* from 9:30 to 1 with extended day option until 2:30. We will explore the rainforest, make music, become superheros, and so much more! Information and online registration is available on our website [www.redeemberirmingham.org](http://www.redeemberirmingham.org) under Children's Ministries. Questions contact Nicole Olds.



**ALWAYS**  
CHECK INSTAGRAM  
FOR ANY  
SCHEDULE CHANGES



## FAMILY OF GOD - feeding the poor

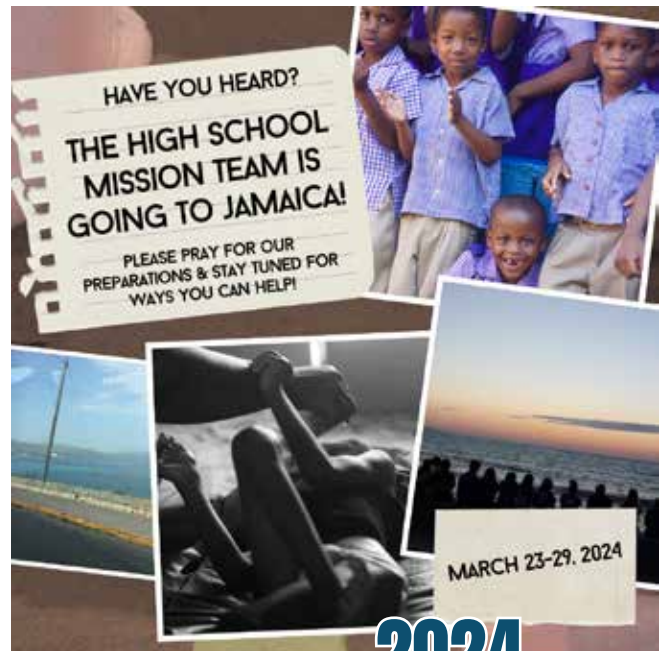
RYG cooks and serves on the 2nd  
Monday of the Month

**MARCH 11**

**Come join us to help others**

### RYG MARCH Calendar *Sunday's from 7-9pm*

- March 3rd: RYG 7-9pm*
- March 10th: Rummage Sale - no RYG*
- March 11th: Family of God*
- March 17th: RYG 7-9pm*
- March 24th: Mission Trip - no RYG*
- March 31st: Easter - no RYG*
- JAMAICA MISSION TRIP - March 23-29th*



# 2024

## Mission Trip!

MISSION MEETINGS

**Sundays**

**4:00-7:00pm**

**Meeting #2**

March 3

**Meeting #3**

March 17

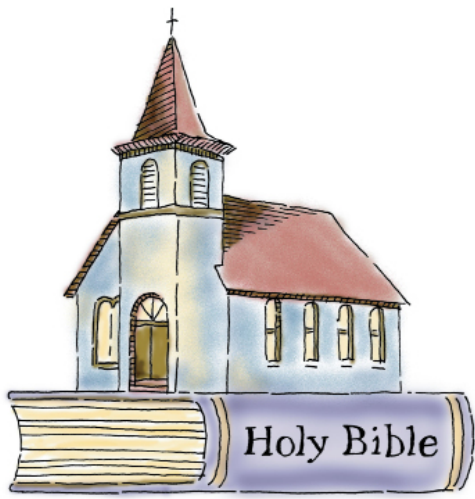
In A  
RELATIONSHIP  
with GOD 

### Attend LENTEN Services with us - 7:00pm

RYG meets - 6:00-8:00pm  
in the Youth Room

**MARCH 6, 13, 20**

Questions? Contact Gia or  
Eric.



# Pastor EMERITUS

Rev. Ron Farah will be preaching on  
Sunday, March 10th.

His Sermon Topic is:

**“May It Never Become  
HO-HUM”**



## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms

1/14/2024

Griffin Brink Brockberg  
*son of Matt and Erica Brockberg*

1/14/2024

Charlotte Rose Palmer  
Henry Tennent Palmer  
James Richard Palmer  
*children of Tim and Catherine Palmer*

### Funerals

1/6/2024

Patricia Varterian

1/13/2024

Jacquelin Winifred Steigerwald



## Wednesday Lunch & Worship – April 17

All are invited to join us as we resume “Wednesday Lunch & Worship” on **April 17th, our 3rd Wednesday of the month** gathering at 12 noon in the Great Room. We’ll be served a delicious meal, again graciously prepared by Michele Margosian. After the meal we’ll move to the chapel at 1:00 p.m. for a brief worship service with Holy Communion. Please call the church office (248-644-4010) by April 15th if you plan to join us for lunch. Also, if you are in need of transportation, let the office know and we’ll do our best to assist. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn at the number above.

WEDNESDAY



LUNCH & WORSHIP





This month we'll take a look back at **Women and Men's Ministries** and their upcoming celebration in March 2025

### Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry has always been a vital, vibrant part of Redeemer. Back in the 20's and 30's, whenever the church was in desperate need of money, the women always came through. They would sew and sell their products and make jams and jellies, some of which were sent to Eloise Mental Hospital! They also held rummage sales to help make the mortgage payments. In 1935, the rummage sale netted \$27.15, and by the 1980's, it netted \$25,000 – 28,000!

The Women's ministry also ran the Book Nook (thank you Carol Romeo!), which sold books, Bibles, and crosses. The Library Staff and Altar Guild have also provided vital services for the members of Redeemer.

### Men's Ministry

Did you know that we had a baseball diamond in our parking lot? Originally built as the Birmingham Little League baseball diamond, our men's softball team would practice there. Redeemer Men's softball team had several championships. In 1980, we had a 15-3 season, led by the Helmke brothers and "Home Run Walt"!

Since 2002, Gary Priskorn has taken the helm of Men's Ministry. Through weekly Bible studies, Saturday morning breakfasts, yearly bocce ball tournaments and mission outreach, Gary has kept the men of Redeemer connected to each other and to the church.

### Women and Men's Ministry Edition

Can you name couples that have met and married here at Redeemer? We can think of at least 5 couples. Can you name them?

The first couple that I can think of is my own aunt and uncle, Marie Bernier and Fred Meinberg. They met in Walther League (Youth Group) in the fifties!

*If you can think of some couples, feel free to email me (bethlanthier@yahoo.com) and we will name them next month.*



## MARCH EVENTS

### March 2

Rummage In-take day

### March 3

Young Adult Lunch  
Prime Timer's Event  
Mission Trip Meeting #2

### March 6, 13, 20

Lenten Lunch, Dinner and  
Worship

### March 7

Young Adult Bible Study  
Chicks with Sticks

### March 8-10

Rummage Sale

### March 10

Daylight Saving Time Begins

### March 17

St Patty's Day  
Requiem Performance  
Mission Trip Meeting #3

### March 21

Chicks with Sticks

### March 22

Palm Cross Workshop

### March 23-29

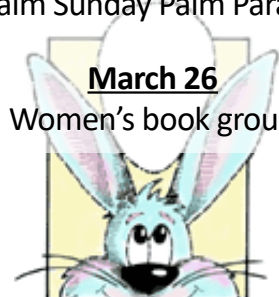
Youth Mission Trip

### March 24

Palm Sunday Palm Parade

### March 26

Women's book group



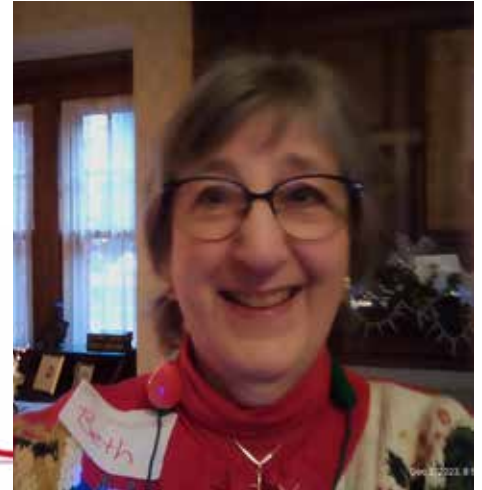
# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## CHICKS WITH STICKS

Chicks with Sticks will meet on **Thursday, March 7 at 1:00 in the library.** We are making all kinds of things for the homeless and those who live just making ends meet.....hats, mittens, and other cozy things....and yes, we will continue to knit for the next winter when people will need the warmth of a gift and a message of hope. Come anytime and sit in. If you don't knit you can help sort or bring a project to work on and enjoy the fellowship. We also crochet and love to share our enthusiasm! Meetings are typically the first and third Thursday of the month, with some variation at times. Please check the schedule or call the church office.

**March meeting dates: March 7, 21  
in Library at 1:00pm**



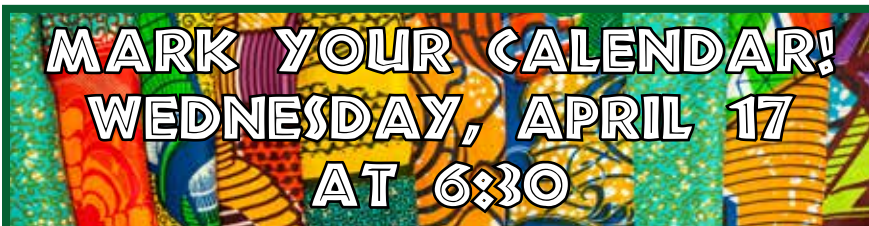
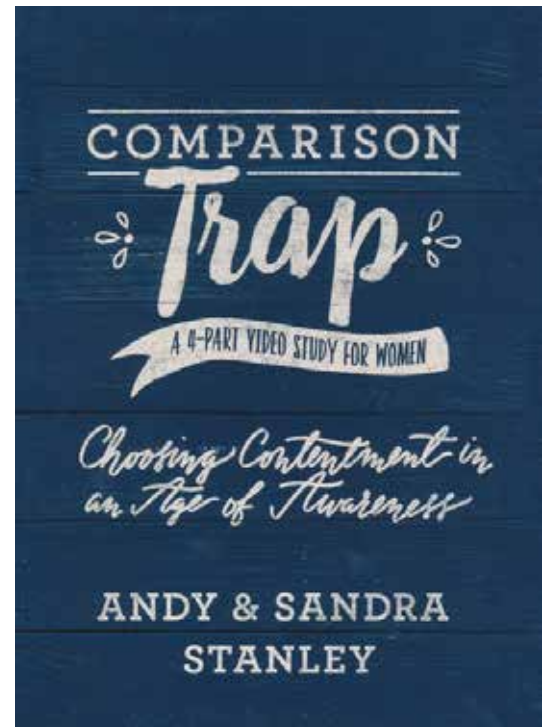
Our fearless leader, Beth Hamada is an encourager, cheerleader, and teacher, over the past few months and deserves a big hug for wrangling our group. *Thank you, Beth, for your big heart!*



The Chicks with Sticks group made 16 chemo hats which we are donating to the Troy Corewell (Beaumont) Infusion Center. We attached a Bible verse to each hat. The Bible verse is "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*" Philippians 4:13.

I CAN DO  
ALL THINGS THROUGH  
*Christ*  
WHO STRENGTHENS ME  
Philippians 4:13

**Women's Bible Study** will continue study on Andy Stanley's "The Trap." Comparison is never-ending and exhausting. The temptation to compare is as near as your next chat with a friend, trip to the store, or check-in on social media. And whether you come out on top or come up lacking, there is simply no win in comparison. It's a trap. We began our study in late February and want you to know that each lesson stands alone and you won't have to catch up to us. Just come on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 in the Great Room. See you then. More information? Email Kitty at [misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org](mailto:misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org). We are awaiting The Chosen, Season 4 which is due on DVD in May. Stay tuned! **(There will be NO study on March 5)**



## *Woman of the Year Luncheon*

Tuesday, March 19 in Clinton Township when we will honor Kathy Eley and other women from metro-Detroit for the loving, compassionate work they have done in His name. If you have ordered a ticket and not paid for it please do so asap. Tickets are no longer on sale.

*We will have a great day with Kathy!*

Women's Ministry will hold a workshop to prep Little Dresses for Africa and backpacks for the women of The Detroit Street Mission. We will prepare kits for our women/and friends to pick up and sew at home and need all hands on deck to cut material, select trims, attach patterns and begin the process of providing necessities for women and children in need. For those brave enough to bring their machines, some sewing will take place that night.

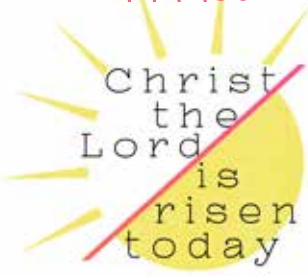


**Women's Book Group** will read *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream and meet on **Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30pm**. People unfamiliar with Scripture often assume that women play a small, secondary role in the Bible. But in fact, they were central figures in numerous Biblical tales. It was Queen Esther's bravery at a vital point in history which saved her entire people. The Bible contains warriors like Jael, judges like Deborah, and prophets like Miriam. In *The Women of the Bible Speak*, Fox News Channel's Shannon Bream opens up the lives of sixteen of these Biblical women, arranging them into pairs and contrasting their journeys. From the shepherdesses of ancient Israel who helped raise the future leaders of the people of God, to the courageous

early Christians, the narrative of the Bible offers us many vivid and fascinating female characters. In their lives we can see common struggles to resist bitterness, despair, and pride, and to instead find their true selves in faith, hope, and love. In studying these heroes of the faith, we can find wisdom and warnings for how to better navigate our own faith journeys.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## HALLELUJAH CHORUS ON EASTER!



If you plan to attend worship at the 9:00am or 10:30am services at Redeemer on Easter morning (March 31st) and you have sung the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, we invite you to come up and sing it with the Chancel Choir, Rick Helderop our organist, Redeemer Brass and other members of the congregation during the service. You will be provided with a copy of the music in the service, or a copy can be obtained in advance by contacting Steve SeGraves (stevensegraves@gmail.com).



## DINNER AT REDEEMER APRIL 27TH!

Redeemer's own Steve SeGraves has conducted the Farmington Chorus for 34 years. On Saturday, April 27th at 7pm, our church will get a chance to hear wonderful music from this group and other guest artists, along with the opportunity to enjoy a delicious Italian-themed dinner, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.

The Cabaret starts at 7pm in Redeemer's Gym. A minimum donation of \$20.00 per-person is requested. You may reserve a full table (8 people maximum) for a minimum donation of \$180.00. The chorus is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Disney with our music selections, so each of the 12 round tables will be decorated with a Disney them. Bids will be accepted for beautiful centerpieces, and door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. When making your reservation please indicate any special dietary requirements.

Reserved seating tickets may be purchased in advance (credit card or check) by calling Sally Flayer at 248 613-2623, or e-mailing her at saflayer@comcast.net. Reserved seats will be sold on a first come first served basis. So, please order your tickets early!

The Farmington Chorus is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

## MOTHER'S DAY MEN'S CHOIR



If you are a man at Redeemer and you can sing, please plan to join in with several other men in our annual Mother's Day Men's Choir, as we honor our

wives and mothers, and all mothers when we sing together on **Sunday, May 12th**. We will all prepare one song (Praise God in All His Glory) for the 9am and 10:30am services that day. Music is available in the choir room. Rehearsals will be from 7:30pm – 8pm every Wednesday night, beginning the Wednesday night after Easter. We will also have one extra rehearsal on Sunday, May 5th after the 10:30am service in the choir room. Rehearsal tracks will be made available. No experience necessary...just the ability to carry a tune, and a desire to pay tribute to our wonderful mothers.



# Bible Reading Plan

1

Leviticus 24:1-25:46  
Mark 10:13-31  
Psalm 44:9-26  
Proverbs 10:20-21

2

Leviticus 25:47-27:13  
Mark 10:32-52  
Psalm 45:1-17  
Proverbs 10:22

3

Lev 27:14-34  
Num 1:1-54  
Mark 11:1-26  
Psalm 46:1-11  
Proverbs 10:23

4

Numbers 2:1-3:51  
Mark 11:27-12:17  
Psalm 47:1-9  
Proverbs 10:24-25

5

Numbers 4:1-5:31  
Mark 12:18-37  
Psalm 48:1-14  
Proverbs 10:26

6

Numbers 6:1-7:89  
Mark 12:38-13:13  
Psalm 49:1-20  
Proverbs 10:27-28

7

Numbers 8:1-9:23  
Mark 13:14-37  
Psalm 50:1-23  
Proverbs 10:29-30

8

Numbers 10:1-11:23  
Mark 14:1-21  
Psalm 51:1-19  
Proverbs 10:31-32

9

Numbers 11:24-13:33  
Mark 14:22-52  
Psalm 52:1-9  
Proverbs 11:1-3

10

Numbers 14:1-15:16  
Mark 14:53-72  
Psalm 53:1-6  
Proverbs 11:4

11

Numbers 15:17-16:40  
Mark 15:1-47  
Psalm 54:1-7  
Proverbs 11:5-6

12

Numbers 16:41-18:32  
Mark 16:1-20  
Psalm 55:1-23  
Proverbs 11:7

13

Numbers 19:1-20:29  
Luke 1:1-25  
Psalm 56:1-13  
Proverbs 11:8

14

Numbers 21:1-22:20  
Luke 1:26-56  
Psalm 57:1-11  
Proverbs 11:9-11

15

Numbers 22:21-23:30  
Luke 1:57-80  
Psalm 58:1-11  
Proverbs 11:12-13

16

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

17

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

18

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

19

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

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

21

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

22

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

23

Num 36:1-13;  
Deut 1:1-46  
Luke 5:29-6:11  
Psalm 66:1-20  
Proverbs 11:24-26

24

Deut. 2:1-3:29  
Luke 6:12-38  
Psalm 67:1-7  
Proverbs 11:27

25

Deut. 4:1-49  
Luke 6:39-7:10  
Psalm 68:1-18  
Proverbs 11:28

26

Deut. 5:1-6:25  
Luke 7:11-35  
Psalm 68:19-35  
Proverbs 11:29-31

27

Deut. 7:1-8:20  
Luke 7:36-8:3  
Psalm 69:1-18  
Proverbs 12:1

28

Deut. 9:1-10:22  
Luke 8:4-21  
Psalm 69:19-36  
Proverbs 12:2-3

29

Deut. 11:1-12:32  
Luke 8:22-39  
Psalm 70:1-5  
Proverbs 12:4

30

Deut. 13:1-15:23  
Luke 8:40-9:6  
Psalm 71:1-24  
Proverbs 12:5-7

31

Deut. 16:1-17:20  
Luke 9:7-27  
Psalm 72:1-20  
Proverbs 12:8-9



# SENIOR MINISTRY

## Enrichment Event – Planning a Funeral

On Sunday February 11th we had a group of 30 people gather to listen to Pastor Randy talk about planning a Christian Funeral. He shared a lot of information with us

as well as provided a wonderful packet of handouts on what services Redeemer can offer for someone planning a funeral or memorial service. Some of the funeral homes also donated some info to share.

Pastor Randy told us the difference between a Funeral (when a body is present) and a Memorial Service (typically takes place at a later date, and a body is not present). He told us about and walked us through how his typical funeral works. The packet he handed out included a guide for planning a Funeral that you can use for yourself or a loved one. This guide gave suggestions on hymns, readings, and even had a place for putting your own wishes in writing and having it read at your service. It also included a planning sheet for a Funeral service, information on writing an obituary and a checklist of things one should know about the deceased person. We learned that Redeemer has the capabilities to create memorial cards, bulletins, and even a picture video. Our church is also fortunate to have a wonderful space for visitations and funeral luncheons. This is great because family and friends can gather in a comfortable place and not have to travel to another venue.

Group discussion involved questions on the topics of communion at funerals, necessary paperwork for military honors, different options for eulogies, and columbarium/committal services.

Funerals are not something we all get excited to think about but if desired wishes are shared and recorded, it can make things a little easier for loved ones. We video recorded this informative talk and you can view it on the Vimeo (Watch archived services or video) section of Redeemer's website. It will be found in the Faithful Friends Showcase on Vimeo, or you can use the website to view it. <https://vimeo.com/912313431>

Also please reach out to Pam in the church office or Gary at x123 if you would like a copy of the handouts. Thank you Pastor Randy for this enlightening and beneficial talk!

We, the Faithful Friend committee, are excited to offer these educational workshops throughout the year. Be on the lookout for information on our next event. Please reach out to anyone on the committee if you have a topic you would like us to cover. Faithful Friends Ministry is a unique ministry dedicated to reaching out to our special Senior members who are homebound or reside in an assisted living complex and to offer support and guidance to caregivers. We like to match up seniors with members in the church who could send them a card, visit or give them a phone call. If you are interested in becoming a Faithful Friend for one of Redeemer's Seniors let one of the committee members know. We would love to have you! If you would like to hear a presentation on a certain topic, please let one of the committee members know.

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Pam Tyndall	<a href="mailto:ptyndall@redeemberirmingham.org">ptyndall@redeemberirmingham.org</a>	248-644-4010 x118
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Diane Johns	<a href="mailto:jdns.johns@yahoo.com">jdns.johns@yahoo.com</a>	248-217-0396

*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**

# Faure Requiem on Sunday March 17th, 2024!



This coming March, your Redeemer Chancel Choir and soloists, along with professional orchestra and joined by the Concordia

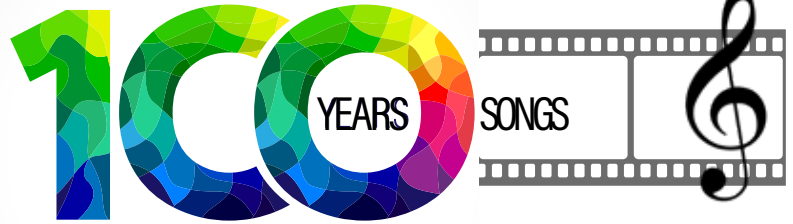
University Choir will present the Requiem by French Composer Gabriel Faure' at the 9am and 10:30am worship services. Faure' (1845-1924) has been described as "the most advanced composer of his generation in France." His music is timeless in its depth and beauty.

If you are interested in adding your voice to the choir to sing this beautiful work, you are invited to join the Chancel Choir in our Wednesday night choir rehearsals starting in mid-January, as we prepare the work for the services on March 17th (the Sunday before Palm Sunday). We will set aside the last half-hour of each choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights (7:30pm – 8pm) to learn the Requiem. Listening tracks will also be made available to help you learn the work. Auditions for the Soprano and Baritone solos will be open to anyone who is interested. Audition dates and times TBA. If you've done this work before, we'd love to have you sing it again here at Redeemer. If it is new to you, we predict that it will become one of your favorites.

*Come join us!*

**Communion Schedule Change for March 17th**  
Due to the Requiem taking place at the 9 & 10:30am services, communion will be offered at the 8am & 7pm services that weekend instead.

# MEN'S MINISTRY



**"100 YEARS – 100 SONGS"**

## A LOOK BACK IN FILM AND MUSIC!

The Prime Timers group has planned another evening of fun and fellowship on **Friday, April 19th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room**. The evening begins with a delicious meal prepared by Michele Margosian. Following the meal we'll be entertained by Stuart Johnson as he shares the **"Best of All Time"** lists of movies and songs that made them great! He takes some of those songs and presents them in both slides and videos from the film itself...like Gene Kelly singing and dancing in the rain, John Travolta showing his disco moves to "Staying Alive", Judy Garland "going over the rainbow" and much more! Should be a fun and memorable evening – we'd love to have you join us! A freewill donation will be received. Sign up on the Town Square bulletin board by April 15th. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn – 248-644-4010.

## Fellowship Breakfast

*Hosted by Men's Ministry  
April 27th*



Men and women of all ages are cordially invited to join us for our next Fellowship Breakfast hosted by Men's Ministry on **Saturday, April 27th, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Great Room**. A hearty breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. and the program begins at 8:45 a.m. We will be privileged to have as our guest presenter, Pastor Dave Davis, the new District President of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (that's us!). It promises to be an informative and interesting morning. A freewill donation will be received. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the Town Square or call/email Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010X123/ gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org)

# APRIL EVENTS

## April 4

Young Adult Bible Study  
Chicks with Sticks

## April 4-6

Confirmand Retreat Y3

## April 7

Confirmation Led Worship  
Young Adult Lunch

## April 11

Birmingham Musical Concert

## April 14

Birmingham Concert Band

## April 17

Wednesday Lunch and  
Worship  
Little Dresses Prep

## April 18

Chicks with Sticks

## April 19

Prime Timers Event

## April 20

Women's Workshop

## April 21

Westmaple Open House

## April 23

Women's Book Group

## April 26

Izosh Spring Event

## April 27

Men's Breakfast  
Community Chorus Cabernet  
Dinner and Concert



# Counseling Corner

Recently, I read of a research project where 40,000 people ages 8-80 were surveyed about their Bible reading habits. "As they compiled the results, they made a profound discovery they were not even looking for when they originally planned the survey" Center of Bible Engagement. (CBE)

They found that people who read their Bible 1-2X a week had negligible change in their life. Three times a week people might see a bit of an uptick, "something moved in the behavior of the person engaging in Scripture." The eyeopener happened when Bible engagement reached at least 4X per week. The astonishing findings included the following statistics:

1. Feeling lonely drops 30%
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3. Bitterness in relationships drops 40%
4. Alcoholism drops 57%
5. Sex outside of marriage drops 68%
6. Feeling spiritually stagnant drops 60%
7. Viewing pornography drops 61%
8. Sharing your faith jumps 200%
9. Discipling others jumps 230%

I thought how timely to get into a new positive habit for the New Year. I would like to invite all of you/us who are reading this article to start today by reading your Bible 4X+ a week and observe how your life changes? You may start by reading a few verses a day and then contemplate them through-out the day. If you're not sure, ask the Lord where to begin. I personally love the Psalms and Proverbs.

May the Lord touch your soul during this Bible reading challenge.

Dr. Sandy Pourcho



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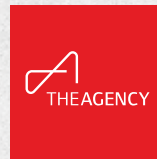
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